

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 7 October 2020

MEETING HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Present: Cllr. G. Herbert – Chair
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair
Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown
Cllr. N. Clare
Cllr. G. Randall

Cllr. P. England
Cllr. E. England
Lynda Fisher, Clerk

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the Zoom video conferencing meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllr. Major, Borough Cllr. Baldock, County Cllr. Whiting, the PCSOs (who could not attend due to Kent Police not supporting the use of Zoom because of security) and the Community Warden.

2. **Visitors/Public Time**

Residents, County and Borough Councillors, PCSOs and Community Wardens were advised that they could attend as normal but public speaking time might be limited; they were also invited to forward reports/questions to the Clerk beforehand.

1. **Residents** – None attended, and nothing raised.
2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting – no report. Borough Cllr. Baldock wrote advising: Area Committees - there was bit of confusion over the role of Parish Councils going forward - legislation prevents Parish Councillors having voting rights on council Committees which have decision making powers - which Area Committees do. We envisaged Parish Councils sending delegates to the Committees who can sit as members without voting rights. This was made difficult by the Covid restrictions and the need for Skype meetings as there are potential PDRC difficulties. To get round this, we are going to ask each Parish Council to nominate someone to act as their delegate on the committee, and then see if we can give them access to the IM facility on Skype so they can indicate when they want to speak at the meeting in the same way a Borough Councillor can.
3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden – is now covering both Swale and Thanet areas, thus his presence in Bobbing will not be as visible.

PCSO – Bobbing – Lee Fennell Crimes of note: tools stolen out of a van parked on Keycol Hill. Crime report submitted. Report of youths on Keycol Hill looking suspicious. No other reports and no offences disclosed. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Another speed check was conducted on Sheppey Way (near Parsonage Lane). Three vehicles were recorded as being over the speed limit during the 30-minute check. Results sent to the Speedwatch website.

PCSOS The Meads – Kirsty Linge – No Report. The Grove – Thomas Green – No Report.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. E. England and seconded by Cllr. Clare, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 September 2020 were agreed and the Chair will sign as a true transcript.

4. **Declarations of Interest** – None

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes and Last Month's Meeting

1. Sheppey Way (Near Bobbing Apple) – Clerk to see if the KCC Officer is willing to attend a site meeting. **Action: Clerk**
2. Restrictive Parking front of garages entrance near to 42 Hilton Drive – Swale advised the work has been done. As well as the usual formal consultation process of placing notices on site and in local newspapers, and on the consultation page of their website, also posted individual letters to those properties in close proximity to the proposals as was conscious that the site notices may not be seen by those people following the Covid guidance around minimising time outside of properties.
3. Sandford Road Yellow Lines/Bollards – Swale has installed double yellow lines.
4. Government consultations on reforming the planning system – The Chair advised that this is focussing on formalizing the process; on design and sustainability of development, improved infrastructure delivery and to ensure more land is available for housing. The Chair passed the Council's response to the Clerk to submit on-line. **Action: Clerk**

6. Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Clare advised there has been quite a few break-ins on the Estate. Youths are causing problems throwing things and targeting houses on the Estate; PCSO's assistance has been brilliant.

Cllr. P. England expressed concern that shoppers were not wearing face masks in 'The One Stop'; he asked the Clerk to contact the PCSO to see if she can do anything. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Ball has been in discussion with the Enforcement Officer and Fire Brigade regarding issues in Bobbing Hill. He has asked the Fire Brigade to do a familiarization journey because of vans and lorries parked in Bobbing Hill. Build-up of litter on Sheppey Way, ask Swale Borough Council to clear. **Action: Clerk**

Cllrs. E. England, Morgan-Brown and Randall nothing to report.

7. Correspondence

1. **Informative: Air Quality Management Area at Keycol Hill & St Pauls Street** – Noted.

8. Planning Applications

1. **20/504249/FULL**: Erection of a part single storey, part two storey side extension with 2no. front dormers, roof garden to rear, associated landscaping: Bobbing Place Cottage Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent ME9 8PP – no comments.
2. **20/503431/ADV**: Advertisement consent for the installation of 1no. replacement illuminated fascia sign: Axminster Power Tool Centre Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent ME9 8QP – no comments.
3. **18/502190/EIHYB** - Phase 1 North - Erection of 91 dwellings accessed from Grovehurst Road, public open & amenity space (including an equipped children's play area) together with associated landscaping & ecological enhancement works, acoustic barrier to the A249, internal access roads, footpaths, cycleways & parking, drainage (including infiltration basins & tanked permeable paving), utilities & service infrastructure works. Full Planning Application - Phase 1 South - Erection of 257 dwellings (including 35 affordable dwellings) accessed from Quinton Road, public open & amenity space, together with associated landscaping & ecological enhancement works, internal access roads, footpaths, cycleways & parking, drainage (including infiltration swales, ring soakaways, & permeable paving), utilities & service infrastructure works. Outline Planning Application - for up to 852 new dwellings (including 10% affordable housing, subject to viability), a site of approximately 10 ha for a secondary & primary school, a mixed use local centre, including land for provision of a convenience store, public open & amenity space (including equipped children's play areas), together with associated landscaping & ecological enhancement works, acoustic barrier to the A249, internal access roads, footpaths, cycleways & parking, drainage (including a foul water pumping station & sustainable drainage systems),

utilities & service infrastructure. All matters reserved. Land North Quinton Road Sittingbourne Kent ME10 2SX: Agreed to respond - Bobbing Parish Council requests that the Secondary School and Primary School are built at the beginning of the development and not at the end; with all the house building going in Swale and in particular this area, there is a shortage of school places (particularly Secondary School places) and the local schools are all full. Hence it is important that these schools are built in advance. It is also important that other promised infrastructure comes forward at the beginning and not left until the end of the development, as so often happens.

9. **Finance**

1. **Internal Audit 2019-20** – a successful internal audit noted and accepted.
2. **Wildflowers & the Bee Plan** – Cllr. Clare advised that there are areas in The Grove that would benefit. However, because of the issues with wildflowers it was agreed to instead look at Daffodil bulbs. Agreed Members to put forward possible sites and Clerk to look at purchasing two nets of daffodil bulbs.
Action: All Members/Clerk
3. **Annual Finance Conference 14 October** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. P. England, agreed Cllr. Clare to attend at a cost of £60.
Action: Cllr Clare/Clerk
4. **Grove Park Donation** – Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Randall: agreed the donation of £70 to assist with purchasing prizes and other items for the Grove Halloween event.
5. **Pay Award** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. P. England, noted the cost of living rise, backdated to the 1st April, and agreed advancement on the salary Scale to point 21 from the same date.
6. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. Clare, Members noted the budget figures, agreed the accounts to the 30 September 2020 and the following cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
07.10.20	0733	L. Fisher	Expenses September – telephone, use of home	£21.00p
07.10.20	0734	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due for September	£85.60p
07.10.20	0735	K.A.L.C.	4 copies of The Good Councillor Guide	£15.70p
07.10.20	0736	K.A.L.C.	Annual Finance Conference – Cllr. Clare	£60.00p
07.10.20	0737	Steve Wakeling	Grass Cutting	£140.00p
Five cheques in total				

Paid by Standing Order:

Staff Salary – August 2020:	£341.98p	Paid by Standing Order
Invicta IT Solutions – Mailboxes & 365 August	£52.32p	Paid by Standing Order

10. **Any Other Matters Arising**

Cllr. Ball thought it was important for new Members to undergo in-house training and to bring them up to date on historical items. He expressed concern that nothing has been heard about the Wises Lane Appeal.

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 4 November 2020, 7.30 p.m. venue depending on Covid-19 situation.

The meeting closed at 9.21 p.m.

These minutes are certified to be a true and just record.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____