



BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 7th January 2025

Present:

Cllr. G. Randall - Chair	Sarah Poole - Clerk
Cllr. A. Cavanagh	Cllr L. Blake-Knowles (arrived 19.08)
Cllr. M. Bencych	Cllr. P. French
Cllr. R. Richardson (Vice Chair) (arrived 19.20)	
Cllr. J Hunt	

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Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr A. Gladwin and PC Clements is on holiday.

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Public Session as per our Standing Orders 3 f, g & h and shall not exceed 30 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. An individual member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.

None Present.

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To receive any report from Borough Councillor Cllr. Mike Baldock, Cllr Ann. Cavanagh, Cllr. Lloyd Chapman, Cllr. Roger Clarke and Cllr. James Hunt.

Cllr. Hunt reported that parishioners have asked for bollards on the verges again in Archers Park due to the dangerous parking and the mess it causes on the verges.

Cllr. Hunt reported that KCC will be having a meeting on the 9th January to discuss the future of KCC and Borough Councils within Kent.

Cllr. Hunt will look into why the bins have not been installed outside Bobbing School as they were due to go in, in December.

Cllr. Cavanagh reported that she has attended various meetings, and also she attended a meeting with Jacksons on the 11th December 2024, regarding Key Street roundabout which they are starting later this meeting, if anyone wants to join the newsletter to know what is going on they can email KeyStreet@jackson-civils.co.uk

Cllr. Cavanagh talked about the devolution that is going to happen in the next few months depending on the meeting tomorrow with KCC.

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To receive any report from County Councillor Cllr. Mike Baldock

Nothing

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To receive any report from Community Warden Jack Gilbey **and PC** Philip Clemens/**Sgt** Ryan Chase.

Nothing.



BPCM24/25 – 153 **For Members to make or receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests in regard to any items on the agenda under the Council's adopted Code of Conduct**

Cllr. Richardson has declared an interest in item BPC24/25 – 159 d as his company does work for one of the owners of Fernham Homes, so will not be participating in this part of the meeting. Cllr. Cavanagh also would like to abstain from this item encase she is on the planning committee substituting.

BPCM24/25 – 154 **Approval and Adoption of Minutes from the previous meetings Minutes of the Council Meeting on 4th December 2024.**

The minutes were all circulated before the meeting. These were proposed by Cllr. Richardson and seconded by Cllr. Bencych. All agreed. **Resolved: Accepted.** The Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

BPCM24/25 – 155 **Matters arising from the minutes not covered by other agenda items.**

None

BPCM24/25 – 156 **Community Engagement**

i. **Photographs for Meet the Parish Councillors on the website and ID Badges**

The Clerk will take pictures after the meeting and make ID Badges for the next meeting, and add something on the website.

ii. **Disappearance of the Christmas Light Tree at Archers Park**

The Clerk has been in contact with PC Clements regarding various avenues to try and find out how the tree got stolen between the evening of the 4th December and the afternoon of the 5th December, unfortunately the CCTV they have checked did not cover this particular location, Cllr. French has reported that the school CCTV does and will contact them tomorrow and update the clerk.

It was discussed in great detail about if to replace the Christmas Light Tree, and it was decided to put it to the parishioners, in the next newsletter and a poll on facebook if they would like a real tree if this was allowed by KCC, lights further up the street column or another Christmas Light Tree.

BPCM24/25 – 157 **General matters raised by Parish Councillor's Reports for discussion.**

- a. Cllr. Baldock update on 2 chat benches to help combat Social Isolation and Loneliness. No update as not present.
- b. Cllr. Baldock report on the project: Swale West Community www.swalewestcommunity.org.uk No update as not present.
- c. Cllr. Bencych reported that he has been out a lot over December with Sittingbourne Christmas Lights Sleigh run.
- d. Cllr. French reported that there is still speeding on Sonora Way.
- e. Cllr. French reported that there is some sort of fencing around the post box, Cllr. Hunt reported that he has at various times reported this and will try to find out what is going on.



BPCM24/25 – 158 Financial Statement and Authorisation of Payments

Schedule of payments and bank reconciliation with Scribe, Cllr. Richardson has seen these on the system. This was proposed Cllr. Randall and seconded by Cllr. Richardson all agreed. **RESOLVED. Accepted**

Bobbing Parish Council

8 January 2025 (2024 - 2025)

PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

This report includes one or more cost centres that have been marked as confidential. This means that only the totals are shown without any further detail.

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
		Salary/Employers Contribution 06/12/2024 - 11/12/2024				Confidential			1,030.97		1,030.97
88	2j - Office Stationery	08/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank	88	Lanyards	Printer Pros UK Ltd	X	45.00		45.00
84	Printing	08/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank		Bobbing Reporter	Swale Borough Council	Z	558.00		558.00
79	Section 137	11/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank	79	Freedom of the Parish	Shaws	S	256.95	51.39	308.34
81	2b - Working from home Allowi	11/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank	81	Expenses - Clerk	Mrs Sarah Poole	X	26.00		26.00
81	2t - Travel Allowance	11/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank	81	Expenses - Clerk	Mrs Sarah Poole	X	65.63		65.63
78	6a - Cutting (Sheppey Way/Vill	11/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank	78	Gardner	Horticultural Direct Solutio	S	200.00	40.00	240.00
87	2p - ICO	31/12/2024		Unity Trust Bank	87	Data Protection	ICO	X	35.00		35.00
86	2l - Website - Hugofox	01/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank	86	Gold Subscription	Hugofox	S	29.99	6.00	35.99
90	Section 137	01/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank	90	Donation	CDS Community Driving Sc	X	150.00		150.00
89	Subscription Scribe	01/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank	89	Scribe Accounting	Scribe	S	31.00	6.20	37.20
91	2r - Training Clerk	08/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank	91	Training - Clerk	SLCC	S	120.00	24.00	144.00
92	2b - Working from home Allowi	08/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank	92	Expenses - Clerk	Mrs Sarah Poole	X	26.00		26.00
92	2j - Office Stationery	08/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank	92	Expenses - Clerk	Mrs Sarah Poole	S	26.65	4.65	31.30
92	2j - Office Stationery	08/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank	92	Expenses - Clerk	Mrs Sarah Poole	S	5.42	1.08	6.50
92	2j - Office Stationery	08/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank	92	Expenses - Clerk	Mrs Sarah Poole	S	2.83	0.57	3.40
92	2j - Office Stationery	08/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank	92	Expenses - Clerk	Mrs Sarah Poole	S	6.71	1.34	8.05
92	2t - Travel Allowance	08/01/2025		Unity Trust Bank	92	Expenses - Clerk	Mrs Sarah Poole	X	109.43		109.43
Total									2,725.58	135.23	2,860.81

The Clerk confirmed the bank balance was before payments of the 8th January 2025.

Barclays Savings Account £31,773.88

Unity Trust Account £46,275.40

This was proposed Cllr. Richardson and seconded by Cllr. Blake-Knowles all agreed. **RESOLVED. Accepted**

It was proposed by Cllr. Bencych and seconded by Cllr. Randall that we would buy 7 subscriptions. **All Agreed.**



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Planning Application – viewable on: Swale:
<http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/onlineapplications>;

- a. Planning Application Ref. No: 24/505131/FULL **Demolition of existing garage/home office and erection of 1.no 3-bedroom self- build dwelling, with associated parking and landscaping works.** Land At Pigeon Farm Cottage Cold Harbour Lane Bobbing Kent ME9 8NN

It was discussed and no objection would be made, this was proposed by Cllr. Randall and Cllr. Richardson, all agreed. **RESOLVED, accepted.**

- b. Planning Application Ref. No: 24/504989/FULL **Minor alterations within church graveyard - landscaping works to add to the existing Memorial Garden. Erection of a wedding arbour with paving slabs. Alterations to existing children's garden including erection of a 200mm log wall, log pile, bug hotel and landscaping. Siting of a memorial stone, circle and rectangular bases for wheel chair turning circle and benches including new black tarmac access paths.** St Bartholomews Church Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent ME9 8PL

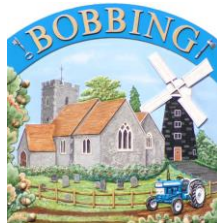
It was discussed and no objection would be made, this was proposed by Cllr. Richardson and Cllr. Randall, all agreed. **RESOLVED, accepted.**

- c. Planning Application Ref. No: 24/504990/LBC **Listed Building Consent for minor alterations within church graveyard - landscaping works to add to the existing Memorial Garden. Erection of a wedding arbour with paving slabs. Alterations to existing children's garden including erection of a 200mm log wall, log pile, bug hotel and landscaping. Siting of a memorial stone, circle and rectangular bases for wheel chair turning circle and benches including new black tarmac access paths.** St Bartholomews Church Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent ME9 8PL

It was discussed and no objection would be made, this was proposed by Cllr. Randall and Cllr. Bencych, all agreed. **RESOLVED, accepted.**

- d. Planning Application Ref. No: 24/504121/HYBRID **Hybrid application consisting of: Full application for the erection of 90 residential dwellings together with associated access, open space, landscaping, drainage and infrastructure works. Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for employment development, including general industrial (B2), storage uses (B8), use classes E (a, c, e, f, g)) and sui generis use including drive-through/hot food takeaway).** Land At Grove Farm Bobbing Hill Bobbing Kent

It was discussed and the Parish Council strongly objects to this proposal and a letter has been written by the Planning Working Group which was read out to all councilors and this was proposed by Cllr. Bencych and Cllr. Randall, Cllr. Cavanagh Abstained and Cllr Richardson also Abstained all others agreed. **RESOLVED, accepted.**



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Correspondence

The Clerk read out a Thank you letter from CDS for the funding for the family funday in August 2025.

The Clerk circulated information from Jacksons regarding the Grovehurst Roundabout closures.

The Clerk circulated information from KCC regarding various funding for Active Kent and Medway.

The Clerk circulated the proposed signs from KCC it was agreed that these should be installed, as this was part of the HIP programme.

The Clerk informed that we have 20 brochures coming from KCC regarding the Kent Care Services, 10 will be placed in the hall and 10 will be given to the Church.

The Clerk circulated information from Citizens Advice with the latest information for 2025.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that a Parishioner had been in contact from Olivine Close regarding yellow lines, she has passed this to Cllr. Hunt as that area is not currently with Bobbing Parish Council.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the next Area Committee will be on the 13th February at 19.00 at Rodersham Village Hall.

The Clerk informed councillor of the issues with the calendar on the website, Cllr. Randall will look into this with the Clerk.

The Clerk circulated the draft newsletter and asked for all information by the 17th January so it can go to Swale for printing the following week.

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General matters raised by Councillors for discussion.

None.

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Recommendations to next Full Council

None

CLOSED SESSION

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Dates of Next Meeting

5th February at 19.00 Bobbing Village Hall

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Closure of Meeting

The meeting closed at 20.34

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

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____