

## **BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**

**Present:** Cllr. R. Ball – Chair, Cllr G Herbert,  
Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown – Vice-Chair, Cllr P French,  
Cllr N Clare Sarah Poole - Locum Clerk

**County and Borough** Cllrs M Baldock  
**Borough** Cllr C Woodford Cllr J Hunt  
Cllr N Hampshire Cllr R Clarke

1 resident from Arches Park

#### 1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from PCSO Kirsty Linge. No apologies received from Cllr. Major and Cllr G Randall.

Cllr P Walton has also resigned from immediate affect; the Monitoring Officer will be notified. **Action: Clerk**

#### 2. **Visitors/Public Time**

##### a. **Parishioners**

The Parishioner in attendance asked if the Parish Council can do anything to do with the parking on Arches Park, especially during the daytime. They stated that businesses in Conqueror Court are not parking in the designated bays. Cars are also being parked in dangerous positions on pavements and junctions. This has been reported to both the Companies and Police. The Parishioner was asked if they have a Residents Association as this was promised. It was reported that Redrow has not handed this over and have kept themselves as Directors to the Management Company. The Parish Council asked for a map of where there were parking issues. It was noted that parents park on the estate while they take their children to school. It was also noted that residents are not parking in their allocated areas. The Parish Council agreed to raise the issue when doing their Highways Improvement Plan (HIP). A consultation would need to be held with residents on Archers Park before a formal consultation is done with KCC.

#### 2. **County and Borough Councillors**

- \* County Cllr Baldock advised that the busing issues have now been pushed back to KCC following a Full Council meeting. They have voted again for subsidy cuts which means that routes 8 and 9 will be reduced if not stopped. Parishioners could be severely affected by this. As a Borough Cllr he advised that the Western Area Committee have pushed for cycling and walking routes which should be of benefit to all.
- \* Borough Cllr N Hampshire advised that any Community Projects currently in progress or being planned within the next six months could be eligible to grant funding.

Applications have to be in before the end of January 2023. The Governments Budget could possibly impact Council and Parish Council funding.

- \* Borough Cllr J Hunt advised that he is still dealing with the outstanding planning conditions with Redrow. The changes to the roundabout B2006 Sonara Way have been delayed by KCC. New plans should be submitted shortly.
- \* Borough Cllr R Clarke raised the problems of traffic on Bobbing Hill. He was advised by the Chair that there have been numerous meetings with KCC Highways going back many years to no avail. It will be in the Parish Councils HIP and will be raised yet again in our next meeting with Kent Highways.
- \* Borough Cllr C Woodford advised that she has been informed that a business within the Parish would be subject to enforcement action with regarding to breaching the Borough Councils Planning Regulations. At the Western Area Committee meeting funding was agreed for five youth organisations which includes outreach work at the Meads. This will last three months in a hope to stop some of the anti-social behaviour. Parishioners will also be able to access the Swale Food Bank who agreed a conditions that the funding they are given will only be spent on our wards. Monitoring equipment has been set up on Parsonage Lane to discourage fly-tipping

### 3. **Community Warden/PCSO**

- a. Community Warden – no report received.
- b. PCSO Linge’s report advised that she is currently covering six parishes. At this time there are very few PCSO’s and with a Neighbourhood Policing review ongoing these numbers could reduce further. Unless problems are reported via 101 or the Kent Police website they will unable to deal with them due to limits on time and resources. She requested that people not contact her via her mobile phone number. If a matter is not urgent then it can be reported to her by email and she will reply when next on duty or next available.

Crimes, Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

22/10/2022 – A249 under Key Street Roundabout – Driver had car window smashed by an unknown person throwing a rock from the bridge. Crime report created. Offenders unknown.

11/10/2022 – Sheppey Way – Horse loose on road near to the crematorium. Patrols attended but were unable to locate the horse.

11/10/2022 – Sheppey Way – RTC involving 2 vehicles. Passengers of the vehicle were taken to hospital for treatment.

14/10/2022 – Stickfast Lane- RTC between 2 vehicles, officers attended and spoke with both parties. No offences.

14/10/2022 – Keycol Hill – Van drove into a parked car causing damage and blocking the pavement. Officers attended the location, but the van had left.

### 3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr Herbert, the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

- 4. **Declarations of Interest** – none received.

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

Nothing arising.

6. **Parish Councillors' Reports**

- \* Cllr Morgan-Brown attended the KALC meeting in Faversham, with Cllr French. Minutes of this meeting have already been circulated to members.
- \* Cllr Herbert reported concern about speeding on A2 Keycol Hill. Cllr Woodford suggested the possibility of forming a speed watch committee to monitor this.
- \* Cllr French has been in contact with the Ombudsman as there has been no consultation with the Parish Council about the belisha beacons to pedestrian crossings.
- \* Cllr Ball has had calls from Parishioners regarding advertising boards on Keycol roundabout. These were refused - Planning application 22/501250, but are still in situ. Cllr Hunt advised that this matter is on the Enforcement Portal. Members were asked to keep the Clerk up to date so she can write to the Enforcement Officer if needed.

7. **Correspondence**

1. **Civility and Respect Project**, NALC has invited all Councils to take the Civility and Respect Pledge. The Clerk explained why the Council should take this pledge because there is no place for bullying, harassment, and intimidation within our sector. Councillors were asked if they would sign up to the pledge. It was proposed by Cllr French, seconded by Cllr Morgan-Brown and agreed by all so to do. The Clerk will sign the pledge on line and print a copy for the Chair to sign at the next meeting. A copy with details of the pledge will be available on the Parish Council website.
2. **Sittingbourne Christmas Lights and Sleigh Rounds.** – A request for a grant of £200.00 had been submitted by Cllr Randall. It was proposed by Cllr French and seconded by Cllr Clare and agreed by all to make this donation.
3. **Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (the Plan)** Consultation period ends 4th December 2022. It was decided that individual Councillors should complete consultation form.
4. **Email from Borough Cllr Hunt.** Cllr Hunt reported that he had contacted Project Manager Sophia Ram regarding Grovehurst and Key Street Junctions Improvements Scheme. She will be in contact to discuss plans.
5. **Kings Coronation is set for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023.** Borough Cllr Baldock advised there maybe changes to local elections because of closeness to coronation. He also advised that voters will need ID for these elections due to the possibility of fraud.

8. **Planning Applications**

**22/504600/FULL** - Change of use of open land associated with rural employment hub to B8 use and siting of 6no. secure storage shipping containers with associated parking and access.

ADDRESS: Pigeon Farm Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent ME9 8PD  
 COMMENTS DUE BY: 1 November 2022

**Comments:** The Council discussed this at great length, and it was decided that we will be objecting against this proposal. This is due to a variety of reasons as listed below:  
 This was due to the amount of traffic already on Sheppey Way, Bobbing Hill, and Rock Lane, the access of lorries, deliveries attending the units (shipping containers).  
 It looks like some ground works have all ready started.  
 They do not mention welfare facilities for the shipping containers.  
 The containers and parking is close to the railway line which has had previous landslips.  
 It does not mention landscaping the area.  
 It is outside the built up area boundary of the Swale Local Plan  
 The proposed area is in open countryside and adjacent to the Swale Local Plan countryside gap  
 This is not an employment location and the area has not been previously developed on.

9. **Finance**

Proposed by Cllr Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr Clare. Members noted the budget figures and agreed the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. The following payments were agreed. Cllrs Ball and Morgan-Brown to log into Unity Bank to authorise the payments. **Action: Cllrs Ball/Morgan-Brown.**

EXPENDITURE				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
05.11.22	BACS	SLCC Locum Clerk	Salary and Fees	£1,112.68
05.11.22	BACS	S Poole – Expenses	Card, Milk, Flowers for S Gray	£42.63
02.11.22	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	9 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£54.58p
08.11.22	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99p

11. **Reports from Representatives**

**KALC Area Committee:** Cllr Morgan-Brown and Cllr French attended the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> October at The Alexander Centre in Faversham along with 16 other members and listened to Southern Water and the issues they had on Isle of Sheppey in the summer, this was caused by the main pipe collapsing.

**Western Area Committee:** There has been no meeting since September and the next meeting is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

**Swale West Parishes Meeting:** Cllr Ball and Cllr Herbert attended the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October along with Cllr Baldock. Cllr Ball reported that a discussion was had regarding the bullying that goes within the Parish Councils, also from Parishioners to Parish Councillors. It was recommended that an answerphone should be used in these cases, or VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) be used to screen the calls. Cllr Ball is concerned regarding the next elections as there are already 2 vacancies for Councillors and there are at least 3 members that will not be re-standing, this is not just Bobbing Parish Council but Parish Councils across the board. Cllr Baldock suggested that KALC might be able to help with the recruitment drive, the Clerk to follow this up. Rebecca Hodges from KCC came along to discuss the Highway Improvements Plan Scheme, and how important it is to keep them up to date, the minutes of that part of the meeting has been circulated to members. Since this meeting we have found she is moving department so will no longer be able to help us. Mrs Poole suggested help writing the HIP with Cllr Morgan-Brown and Cllr Clare, they will advise some dates for a meeting.

12. **Any Other Matters Arising**

Cllr Hunt asked if Community Woodland Group could be put on the agenda for future meetings so an update can be given, the next meeting is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November at the Jenny Wren.

Cllr Baldock asked if Rosehill could also be put on future agendas. Cllr Clare will attend the next meeting.

Mrs Poole chased the Poppy Appeal on Monday as the wreath hadn't been received, this has now been received and Cllr Ball asked if anyone could put the wreath down, Cllr Hunt has agreed to put the wreath down on behalf of the Parish Council.

Mrs Poole has now confirmed that the Facebook page is set up, with access authorised to Cllr Randall and Cllr Clare has just got to confirm the request to become Admin, Mrs Gray has also got full access to the page, at the moment the Clerk is putting the streetworks information on the page, Mrs Poole asked members to actively publish the Bobbing Parish Councils page on their social media and on groups they belong to in the area.

13. **Next Meeting(s)**

Monthly Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 7.30 p.m. at Bobbing Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 21.43**

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

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_