



## **BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Present:**

Cllr. G. Randall - Chair	Sarah Poole - Clerk
Cllr. G. Herbert	Cllr. A. Gladwin
Cllr. P. French	Cllr. R. Richardson
Cllr. A. Cavanagh	Cllr. M. Baldock (Left 21.45)

Borough Cllr. J Hunt (Left 22.15)

2 Parishioners in attendance (left 21.45)

**BPC23/24 - 114      Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. R. Clark, PC Chittim. **Resolved: Accepted.**

**BPC23/24 - 115      Minutes silence for Larry Major who died on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

Cllr. Randall read out correspondence from Shaun Major who has advised that Lawrence Major died on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 11.10am, he will be in contact regarding the funeral but at present they do not have a date as it has had to go to the coroner's office. Cllr. Randall requested to stand for a minute's silence in remembrance to Lawrence Major who served on the Parish Council for a number of years.

**BPC23/24 - 116      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.**

2 Parishioners who look after the Church reported that they are trying to get permission to install a path around the memorial garden which will help disabled people to have better access to the Memorial which represents the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> world war soldiers that lost their lives. This is a community project where the Royal British Legion, Guides, Community Payback have all got involved, the Diocese of Canterbury have approved the application, but they are having trouble with Swale Planning Department, Cllr. Baldock has advised the Parishioners to talk to Cllr. Chapman as he has previously done work with the church.

**BPC23/24 - 117      To receive any report from Borough Councillor**

Cllr. James Hunt, reported that his area is very small in The Meads which is parished has nothing to report.

Cllr. Baldock, reported there has been several vehicle crashes around Sonora Way due to ice on the roads, he reported this to the gritters and they went out the next day to do the roads.

Cllr. Baldock reported that he has stepped down as Deputy Leader due to various reasons, and he will now be able to spend more time carrying on with his ward work.



Cllr. Baldock reported that the Heritage Day will be looked at in 2024, the delay has been due to the Heritage staff being unwell. Once this has been finalised it will be in the public domain, which means some areas which would not normally qualify will be in recognised, i.e. Mile Stones. Cllr. Baldock is pleased that the Parish Council is looking into a Heritage Trail Map for Bobbing.

Cllr. Baldock reported that the budget is soon to be discussed and this will be a tight year for all boroughs, they will also be discussing what state the borough will be in depending on what is happening with KCC and Medway Unitary Authority, as the County might be divided up, this means that half of Kent or a third of Kent could become Unitary, which will be hard for towns and parishes, so it is important that as a Parish we have as much power as possible. Cllr. Baldock said the main elections that take place in 2025 will be a difficult one as they need to make sure the Council can survive the next 4 years, Cllr. Baldock said this will be clearer in the next 18 months.

Cllr. Ann Cavanagh read out her report and reported that she attended the Remembrance Day with Cllr. Richardson at Bobbing Church, and offered help with the memorial garden project and give them some feedback, after consulting with Swale Borough Council.

#### **BPC23/24 - 118**

#### **To receive any report from County Councillor**

Cllr. Baldock reported that he attended the meeting regarding the proposed change of the footpath at Simpsons Crossing and he believes this is a sad decision from the KCC Regulation Committee on allowing the change of the diversion for the footpath. This now has to go to formal consultation.

Cllr. Randall reported that several people attended the meeting with the Regulations Committee, it was felt by some of the Parish Council, that it was believed that the proposed Simpsons Crossing was the best outcome for the Parish due to the previous way of crossing with children, prams, and bikes, was closed due to the amount of safety issues, it was proposed to cross the A249 and was taken to the Secretary of State but was then blocked by Highways England, which is why it was felt this was the last option to agree, even though it would be slightly further away it was felt if we did not accept this then we would have no crossing at all. Network Rail have agreed to pay for this.

Cllr. Hunt has asked Network Rail if they will push National Highways on the work to be done to make sure it is safe for people to use.

Cllr. Baldock reported about the road chaos, as KCC Highways had shut roads and alternative routes were also closed. Cllr. Baldock has now received confirmation from KCC Highways that the works will be carried out under lights.

Cllr. Baldock reported that a lot of works have now been put off until next year.

Cllr. Baldock also reported that the information from Streetworks keeps changing as soon as it is released so it is hard to keep up to date with the information we are putting out to residents.

Cllr. Baldock has asked Network Rail regarding the crossing at Simpsons Road with regards to putting a light there, KCC have said they will not install one, a discussion was had, and it was suggested maybe the Parish Council could write to Network Rail and look at a solar light to be installed. Cllr. Hunt advised there might be some funding



through Network Rail for artwork, and a solar motion light to light the artwork up, however when it was consulted on with the residents it was felt this would increase unsocial behaviour if the light was always on. It was discussed and it was felt that the Parish Council could pay for a solar motion light to be installed if Network Rail will not pay for it and are happy to have it installed at no cost to themselves. The Clerk will write to Network Rail.

**BPC23/24 - 119     To receive any report from Community Warden**

Jack Gilbey. No report, but the Clerk has reminded Cllrs. that Adam McKinley advised that if Bobbing Parish Council has any issues you think a Warden can help with, we should let him know, and report this as it is the only way we will keep our Wardens.

PC Jez Chittim, sent in his report and reported that there was an incident regarding poaching on the 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Cllr. Cavanagh asked were the police not suppose to attend a meeting every 3 months, the Clerk reported this should be happening and will chase this up with the Police.

**BPC23/24 - 120     For Members to make or receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests in regard to items on the agenda under the Council's adopted Code of Conduct**

Cllr. Baldock has declared an interest in item BPC23/24 - 124 because he is the Chairman of the Borough Council Planning Committee and advised he will leave the meeting when this is being discussed.

Cllr. Gladwin declared an interest with regards to item BPC23/24 – 124d as this is a neighboring property, however, this does not influence her view, and she is not precluded from taking part in the discussion and decision-making process.

**BPC23/24 - 121     Approval and Adoption of Minutes from the previous meetings Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023**

**All Agreed. Resolved: Accepted.** The Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

**BPC23/24 - 122     Matters arising from the minutes not covered by other agenda items.**

**BPC23/24 – 98b     Adopt Policies and Procedures from the working group.**

It was proposed that all of the following Policies and Procedures which were agreed at the Policy and Procedure Working Group be accepted and signed.

- (i) Policy and Documentation List
- (ii) Child Protection Policy
- (iii) Customer Care Policy
- (iv) Equality and Diversity Policy
- (v) Training Statement
- (vi) Vacancy for Parish Council Notice
- (vii) Co-Option Application Form
- (viii) Community Engagement Statement
- (ix) Communication Protocol
- (x) Code of Conduct
- (xi) Annual Leave Form



Cllr. Randall reported these were all circulated before the meeting, and hard copies have been produced for this meeting. The Clerk explained that these are the model Policies and Procedures which NALC produce and the only things that are changed are directly relating the Parish Council, these have been thoroughly gone through at the Policy and Procedure Working Group meeting. **All Agreed. Resolved: Accepted.** The Clerk has also produced a folder for all Councillors which include the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Policy and Procedures which are above.

**BPC23/24 – 98c**

**Adopt Precept from the working group.**

Cllr. Randall reported that the Finance Working Group has produced a budget sheet which has been produced for this meeting. The Clerk explained that we have had to use reserves this year for items, as well as ongoing costs increasing. It was proposed that we increase the precept to £44,764.06, it was felt that this did not include the promised legal fees, which should have been ring fenced in 2023/2024 of the £5k which might be needed for the proposed Bobbing Garden development as well as the £6k which has been spent from the reserves this year, it was felt that the Parish Council should increase this by £7k and for the next 2 years to increase by another £2k a year to get back to the reserves we had at the beginning of 2023. 6 Councillors voted on the increase of £7k and 1 abstained, **Resolved: Accepted.** The budget was then agreed at £51,764.00. This was agreed by 4 Councillors, and 3 abstained. **Resolved: Accepted.** The Clerk will report back at the next meeting how much it will be for Band D property per year, month, week, day. **Resolved: Accepted.**

**BPC23/24 – 99**

**Training**

Cllr. Cavanagh is attending the first part of Communicating with your community Part 1: Engaging with your community on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, through KALC, Cllr. Richardson is not able to attend with her, but hopefully they will both do Part 2 on 16<sup>th</sup> January together.

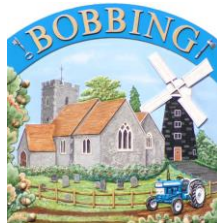
Cllr. Richardson updated on the Asbestos on highway, this was removed after being reported to Cllr. Hunt, who has been in touch with Swale Borough Council who investigated the area and were unable to identify where it had come from.

The Clerk reported that Microsoft has been removed from all Councillors and now has signed up to Microsoft Office for the Clerks laptop only for 1 year at a reduced fee of £105.00.

Cllr. Herbert suggested that everyone is to sit on the HIP Working group. The Clerk will circulate some dates for early January, if people are unable to make it then as long as there are 3 Councillors who can make it then it should go ahead.

Cllr. Richardson attended the Remembrance Day on behalf of the Parish Council, and laid the wreath, and spoke to some of the congregation who are trying to put a path around the memorial garden. Cllr. Richardson reported that the church was full of parishioners attending the service.

Cllr. Randall reported that he needs to catch up with Cllr. Herbert and Cllr. Baldock regarding access to emails, but everyone else should now be able to receive the Clerks emails she sends out.



The Clerk reported that the interim Internal Auditor took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, we are awaiting the report to be sent. The Auditor spent around 2.5 hours going through everything, the next audit is May 2024.

The Clerk reported all the Christmas Lights are on and look lovely, we signed up with 100Green for the supply of electricity. The Clerk reported it was lovely to see the Sittingbourne Lights Santa Sleigh posing next to the lights with Santa on Social Media, Cllr. Gladwin reported to the Clerk that some of the lights have been staying on and some having been turning off. The Clerk reported that after conversations with Gala lights they are being investigating but they think the timer box must be faulty.

*Standing Orders were suspended* at 20.41 for 20 minutes for refreshments.

*Standing Orders were resumed* at 20.59. Cllr. Randall thanked the Clerk for organising the refreshments.

**BPC23/24 – 123     Resignation of Cllr England**

Cllr. Randall read out Cllr. England's resignation and thanked him for contributions.

**BPC23/24 – 124     Election of new Vice Chair**

Cllr. Randall asked for nominations for Vice Chair, Cllr. Baldock nominated Cllr. Richardson and this was seconded by Cllr. Cavanagh, all agreed, Cllr. Richardson accepted the position.

**BPC23/24 - 125     General matters raised by Parish Councillor's Reports for discussion.**

Cllr. Richardson reported that he attended the Carbon Literacy Action Day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, this was very well attended by Borough and Parish to help to understand the Green Agenda and how we can effectively lead by example, Key facts are the government have signed up to a Climate Agenda, and they gave advice on how to engage with Parishioners, they talked about flood maps, Bobbing is not in a flood area but the rest of Sittingbourne is, they talked about the different gases that are produced and the big one at present is Carbon but it is the least polluting one, S Gases are the ones that they have used to replace CFC gases, we need to look at how we can lead by example.

Cllr. Richardson reported the good news is that the UK has spiralled down on the use of Carbon in the last 20 years as China has grown quickly in the last 20 years.

Cllr. Gladwin attended the Joint Transport Board; they announced that the Junction 5 roadworks the lane closure will be lifted on the 18<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas period. The site will close on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December for Christmas and there will be no more road closures before Christmas.

Cllr. Gladwin reported that there has been no support for a footbridge at Stockbury. Cllr. Gladwin reported about the Grovehurst Roundabout roadworks, 95% of vegetation has now been cleared and they are looking at alternative traffic management for this which will be announced at the end of this week.

Cllr. Gladwin reported that the JTB Board have asked Jacksons to do the same social media posts as the company are doing for Junction 5 as this has worked very well, in getting the information out to the public. Jacksons reported that they use Twitter at present. They are also looking at reducing the speed limits from 50MPH to 30MPH to



and from the Isle of Sheppey, a public meeting will be taking place for schools and businesses.

Cllr. Gladwin reported the next meeting will be March 2024.

Cllr. Gladwin reported that Key Street has now gone to procurement and will start in May 2024.

Cllr. Herbert reported that there are advertising signs that have appeared on Key Street roundabout and Keycol Hill regarding small businesses which are working from home, Cllr. Herbert asked if Swale Borough Council can take action, Cllr. Baldock reported yes you can report these to Swale Borough Council or KCC.

Cllr. Herbert reported that on the news recently it is reporting that they are talking to Parish Councils regarding Junction 5 in Stockbury, Newington and Hartlip but they are not talking to Bobbing Parish Council who are more affected with the roadworks. The Clerk did confirm that they do inform us of road closures which everyone should get from One.Network, the Clerk asked if you are not receiving these please let her know.

Cllr. Herbert read a letter that he has received from a resident in Bobbing Hill. Cllr. Baldock asked for this to be reported to Swale Enforcement Team, the Clerk will share the letter with them. Cllr. Herbert asked if the Parish Council could write to all householders in Bobbing Hill advising them to complain to the Enforcement Team and copy in the Parish Council as the Borough Council has the Powers to act. The Clerk will draft a letter after speaking to the Enforcement Team.

The Clerk reported that she attended some training on the 8<sup>th</sup> November regarding "Internal Controls", 9<sup>th</sup> November "Budget Training", after the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November with KALC, the Clerk reported this back to Cllr. Randall and they both then attended the training session on 21<sup>st</sup> November about "Neighbourhood Plans", the Clerk has printed off a copy of the Local Plan "Bearing Fruits", also some of the neighbouring Parishes Neighbourhood Plans, Parish Action Statements and Design Plans this needs to be looked at by all Councillors to understand the importance of this, there is £18k of funding available to help create our own. The Clerk also joined in online to the JTB meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Randall, Cllr. Richardson and herself meet Dean Wild on the 25<sup>th</sup> November regarding the grass cutting and the areas he cuts for the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that she attended the Clerks meeting in Faversham on the 29<sup>th</sup> November which was interesting to meet other Clerks and what they are doing at present, the next one will be in February at Queenborough Town Council office.

The Clerk reported the next meeting for the KALC meetings is on the 12<sup>th</sup> December and all are welcome to attend, Dr Hillary Newton will be talking about CPRE and how they can help Parishes.

Cllr. Richardson reported that a Parishioner has asked if we could give some financial help for a Christmas Tree on Grove Park, Cllr. Richardson does not know how much financial help is required, this was discussed, and it was felt that this needs to be officially asked in writing asking for a grant but was too late for this year.

Cllr. Randall reported that he has done a draft for the Bobbing Reporter and welcomes any feedback before it is printed early in the new year.



Cllr. Baldock reported that Norwood Walk is on the Planning agenda for tomorrow night's meeting at Swale.

The Clerk expressed that Swale are now sticking to the 21 days for planning application comments with no extensions, if planning applications come in between meetings and are due to run out can people please respond by email to the Clerk, so they can be sent in, and then they can be ratified at the next meeting. All Agreed, **Resolved: Accepted.** The Clerk also stated that when we put in comments, we really need to object with Policy reference not just a comment.

**BPC23/24 - 126** **Planning Application – viewable on: Swale: <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications>:**

- a. **Conversion of existing garage to new bedroom with ensuite under stairs.**  
**Planning Application Ref. No: 23/503736/FULL 57 Balas Drive Sittingbourne Kent ME10 5AS**

The Parish Council discussed this and felt there was no objection to this application.  
**No objection**

- b. **Conversion and reinstatement of an agricultural building to a single dwelling house, including alterations, rebuilding works and associated parking (resubmission 22/505001/FULL).**  
**Planning Application Ref. No: 23/502191/FULL Nethertoës Sheppey Way Bobbing Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8QP**

The Parish Council discussed this and felt there was no objection to this application.  
**No objection**

- c. **To allow occupation of 16no. existing mobile homes between the 1st March to 30th November and the year round occupation of the remaining 16no. existing mobile homes by seasonal agricultural workers.**  
**Planning Application Ref. No: 23/504857/FULL Staff Accommodation Howt Green Sheppey Way Bobbing Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8QP**

The Parish Council discussed this and voted on this as these were not new buildings, these are existing buildings, 4 Councillors had no objection, 1 had an objection and 1 abstained but by resolution there was no objection to this planning application. **No objection**

We also noted that this is a profitable farm which will not want to sell their land for a housing estate.

- d. **Replacement of principle elevation windows with alterations to single storey projection from hip to gable roof and provision of a glazed gable elevation.**  
**Planning Application Ref. No: 23/505183/FULL 31 Galena Close Sittingbourne Kent ME10 5LB**

The Parish Council discussed this and all agreed there was no objection to this planning application. **No objection**

- e. **Section 73 - Application for variation of condition 28 (BREEAM Standard) pursuant to 17/506010/FULL for - Erection of a 74 suite Care Home (use class C2) with associated car parking, refuse and external landscaping.**



**Planning Application Ref. No: 23/505050/FULL Southlands Rook Lane Bobbing Kent ME9 8DZ**

The Parish Council discussed this in great detail and wishes to object due this being decreased on the energy efficiency requirements should remain Very Good and not be lowered to Good in the standards.

The Policy is that those types of buildings require it to be very good and not good. It was all agreed **the Parish Council Object to the variation of condition 28**

**BPC23/24 - 127 Financial Statement and Authorisation of Payments**

Schedule of payments and bank reconciliation **agreed, RESOLVED: Accepted**

Date	PAYEE	Amount	VAT	Total
04/12/2023	Clerks Salary	£234.83	£0.00	£234.83
04/12/2023	Defibshop	£140.00	£28.00	£168.00
04/12/2023	Verbo Computers	£103.32	£20.66	£123.98
	Hugofox	£29.99	£6.00	£35.99
	S Poole Expenses Travel	£79.13	£0.00	£79.13
	S Poole Expenses Working from home	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00
	Amazon	£31.62	£6.33	£37.95
	Amazon	£30.82	£6.17	£36.99
	Amazon	£21.66	£4.33	£25.99
	Amazon	£14.16	£2.83	£16.99
	HMRC	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00
	Carbon Literacy Action Day	£95.00	£0.00	£95.00
	Cloud Next	£44.80	£8.96	£53.76
	KALC Planning Training Cllr Randall	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
	Unity Bank	£18.00	£0.00	£18.00
	Dean Wild	£210.00	£0.00	£210.00
	Hugofox	£29.99	£6.00	£35.99
	KALC Planning Training Cllr Richardson	£37.00	£7.40	£44.40
	Monthly Total	£1,596.32	£106.68	£1,703.00

The Clerk explained that various payments above have had to be paid personally by the Clerk and then to reclaim the money, due to not having a Debit or Credit Card for the Parish Council, Cllr. Richardson asked if we can put this on the agenda for next month, and Cllr. Cavanagh agreed that the Clerk should not have to pay this personally from her own account.

The Clerk confirmed what is in the bank at present before any of the above payments are made.

Barclays Savings Account £31,344.14

Unity Trust Account £32,216.98

These are the figures before the above payments are to be made. This was agreed.  
**Resolved: Accepted**



The Clerk reported that Barclays still will not give authorisation to talk to her despite the letter that was signed by Cllr. Randall and Cllr. Herbert some months ago, they have asked for Cllr. Randall to call them, which the Clerks has given him all the details.

**a. NEST update**

The Clerk reported that due to the previous Clerk's having set up 2 NEST accounts, she is trying to shut down one of these accounts down. This hopefully will be resolved by the next meeting.

**b. Adopt Pay Scales from KALC/SLCC for 2023-2024, E01-23 – 2022/23 Local Government Pay Agreement 2023**

The Clerk has previously circulated all the pay scales for 2023/2024, which came out on the 7<sup>th</sup> November,. Cllr. Randall explained that this was agreed with SLCC and NALC and we are encouraged to adopt the new pay scales which will be backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. **All agreed. Resolved: Accepted.** The Chairman duly signed a letter to the Clerk.

**c. Request from Previous Clerk**

The Clerk explained that if previous Clerks ask for their backpay we are encouraged to pay this, the Clerk has received a letter from the previous clerk Mrs Samantha Gray who has requested backpay from April to June, a letter has been written from the Chairman. This was discussed and agreed to pay this. **All agreed. Resolved: Accepted.** The Chairman duly signed a letter to Mrs Samantha Gray.

**BPC23/24 – 128 Working Group Heritage Trail – Map**

It was discussed that the next meeting with Cllr. French, Cllr. Richardson, Cllr. Gladwin, Cllr. Herbert and Cllr. Cavanagh will be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**BPC23/24 - 129 Working Group Bobbing In Bloom/Christmas Lights for 2024 Projects**

Cllr. Richardson and Cllr. Randall spoke to Dean Wild about putting some more bulbs and doing a wildflower area at the side of the Village Sign just off of Sheppey Way. This will be after the Daffodils have flowered in 2024 as it was discussed that we need to see where bulbs are already placed.

**BPC23/24 - 130 Working Group for trying to engage with Parishioners.**

Cllr. Baldock, Cllr. Richardson and Cllr. Gladwin will form a working group with the Clerk, the Clerk will send out some dates to meet in January.

**BPC23/24 - 131 Reports from representatives**

**a. KALC Area Committee next meeting**

Cllr. French reported that the Clerk and himself attended a meeting in Iwade on the 14<sup>th</sup> November which was all about Planning and Transportation with the speaker being Alison Eardley who is a planning consultant, it was to advise Parishes of the general rules of planning, and to show material planning applications, the Clerk reported that this emphasised the need to get in place the Neighbourhood Plan, Parish Action Plan and the Parish Statement.



b. **Western Area Committee**

Cllr. Richardson reported that he attended the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, Rebecca O'Neil was seeking support for Childrens Services but it was felt this was the wrong committee to be asking as it does not have funding. Cllr. Richardson also suggested she speaks to individual parish councils but will need actual data on how many they are going to benefit in the parish itself, also Cllr. Richardson suggested she spoke to local Business as many have a Charity they support.

Cllr. Richardson also reported that there was a Community Safety Workshop, where councillors were split into groups to discuss community welfare, anti-social behaviour etc. and this would enable them to talk to others and start an action plan and a focus group, Cllr. Richardson reported this does normally take a while to come through.

Cllr. Richardson reported that Cllr. Baldock has suggested some community mapping but the map that has been produced is incorrect on who owns which areas, for example the Aspire School is still showing as a green space owned by Swale Borough Council.

Cllr. Richardson reported that Cllr. Baldock has asked for information on Conservation Areas and how we can implement the Conservation Areas and explain what Article 4 is, again the information that was received was not accurate. So, this has been put back on the Agenda for February 2024, Cllr. Richardson believes it will be very relevant for Bobbing to have this in place.

Cllr. Baldock explained that you can have Article 4's in areas that you don't have a conservation area, as some areas do not qualify for a conservation area but do qualify for an Article 4 directive on, this suspends permitted development rights and it recognises an area of historic value but is not big enough to put a conservation area on, Cllr. Baldock believes that the area by the Church, which would enable micro conservation areas, the idea is that Parish Councils and Ward Councillors can identify areas that might suit an Article 4. The Clerk will talk to Jhilmil Kishore the Senior Conservation & Design Officer- Projects Conservation & Design Team from Swale to see when she is available to talk to the Parish Council regarding this, the Clerk will also circulate some information to members about it as well.

c. **Swale West Parish Group**

Cllr. Herbert reported that he attended the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> November, the speaker was Rebecca O'Neil who works for Swale and Ashford KCC services, she announced that KCC will be axing over a millions pounds worth of support for youth services, and the youth services are helping the 16-25 year olds, to keep out of trouble in school holidays etc, she was asking if Parishes could help in anyway with some money to keep their service going.

Cllr. Baldock reported that to do one session is £3k in the Swale West Area, they also do 39 weeks per year to co inside with term time, these sessions cost £7.5k a year, they currently do a session at Iwade and Newington, it was discussed could some of the youth in Bobbing could they go to Iwade for sessions, and if the Parishes could contribute to transport to take them. Cllr. Baldock said they need to identify how many people need this support.



**BPC23/24 - 132 Correspondence**

KALC Community awards have now been circulated if we know of anyone who we think should be nominated.

**BPC23/24 – 133 General matters raised by Councillors for discussion.**

Cllr. Randall thanked the Clerk for getting the scrolls organised so that Larry Major could see this before he passed away.

Cllr. Randall would also like to thank the Clerk and Cllr. French for sorting the defibrillator organised as it was used last week in an emergency and helped saved someone's life.

**BPC23/24 – 134 Recommendations to next Full Council**

Bobbing Reporter

**BPC23/24 - 135 Dates of Next Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 19.30**

**BPC23/24 - 136 Closure of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 22.29

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

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