

## **BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Held on Wednesday 1 September 2021**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Cllr. R. Ball – Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown – Vice-Chair	County Cllr. M. Baldock
	Cllr. G. Herbert	Borough Cllr. C. Woodford
	Cllr. L. Major	Borough Cllr. N. Hampshire
	Cllr. G. Randall	7 Residents
	Cllr. N. Clare	
	Cllr. L. May	

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

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Borough Cllr. Hunt, PCSOs, Lee Fennell, Jake Marsh and Kirsty Linge and Helen Binning the Community Warden.

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

- Residents** – Residents attended to hear if there had been any updates on the closure of the Public Right of Way across Simpsons Crossing from Network Rail or Kent County Council.
- County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Baldock advised he has been appointed to the Regulation Committee (which deals with the registration of Village Greens and Common Land, and illegal land activities) and is also on the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee. He mentioned that the KCC Full Council Meeting for September has been cancelled, and the October one postponed until November, both due to Covid. Swale is looking into the Planning Department, to make it more efficient. He advised there are major problems across Kent regarding enforcement and a shortage of Officers. Regarding the Parish Council's requests for 'Brown Signs' this is with Visit Kent, who are not responding to emails, he will take this up with the KCC Cabinet Member. Simpsons Crossing; he is still pushing to resolve this (the Teynham crossing is also closed). A resident mentioned that there has been no public consultation, Cllr. Ball advised that the problems go back about twenty years.

Borough Cllr. Woodford mentioned a cesspit which is exposed and quite near to the road outside 'Webbenditch', this has been reported and she will update the Parish Council.

#### **3. Community Warden/PCSO – Community Warden – No report.**

PCSO Reports\_- Bobbing - Crimes of note: Lead was stolen from the school roof; the suspect came back several times and caused a huge amount of damage. The suspect was arrested, and the investigation is ongoing. A stolen vehicle was recovered by police from Sheppey Way after being reported by a member of the public. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: None of note.

The Meads - Crimes of note: Public Order, female verbally abused shop staff in One Stop, she has been issued with a community resolution. Theft from One Stop – crime report currently under investigation. Taxi driver threatened by passenger, who refused to pay. Attempted Burglary in Emerald Crescent, currently under investigation. 18/08/21 and 23/08/21 – Thefts from One Stop. – Crime reports have been filed pending identification of the suspect. Post boxes broken in to at Carnelian House, Diamond Close. Crime report is currently under investigation. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Suspicious person seen hanging around in the early hours of the morning outside an address in Emerald

Crescent. Patrols attended but was unable to locate anyone. Suspicious event, person banging on resident's door in the early hours of the morning. Patrols attended but was unable to locate anyone. Vehicle causing an obstruction in Amber Rise, Patrols attended and moved vehicle.

The Grove - Crimes of note: Between 3 am and 4 am on the morning of the 18th of August a male was spotted with a torch shining it towards people's properties on Key Street. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: None.

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

Proposed by Cllr Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. Herbert, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4 August 2021 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

### 4. **Declarations of Interest** – None.

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

1. **Water Leak – Grove Park** – Still no update, keep on Agenda. ***Action: Cllr. Clare/Clerk***
2. **Bobbing Apple Junction** – No further updates, in the process of arranging a meeting with KCC to discuss this. Leave on the agenda. ***Action: Clerk***
3. **Simpsons Crossing** – See County Cllr. Baldock's comments under 2.2 above.

### 6. **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Herbert advised of damage to the grass verge opposite the Bobbing Apple, tractors have been using it as a car park to visit McDonalds. He advised rubbish has been dumped in Parsonage Lane and the wind has strewn it across the fields; Clerk to report this and the tractor parking. ***Action: Clerk***

Cllr. May reported fly-tipping behind the shops in Gadby Road; Clerk to report. ***Action: Clerk***

Cllr. Randall attended the Western Area Committee; he advised the Parish Council of 'Changing Places' toilet grants and that there is a deadline for applying. He also raised the issue of charging electric vehicles and the difficulties in siting EV charging posts for properties abutting the highway.

Cllr. Clare raised the issue of litter on the entry and exit M2 slip roads; Clerk to report. She asked if artificial LED Christmas trees (the same as in Iwade Village) can be located in The Grove (as you turn into Sandford Road); Archers Park (on the corner near to the new School) and on the green opposite the Bobbing Apple; Clerk to obtain quotes. ***Action: Clerk***

Cllr. Morgan-Brown asked the Clerk to report the litter on The Meadows Community Woodland. ***Action: Clerk***

Cllr. Major nothing to report.

### 7. **Correspondence**

1. **National Resilience Strategy Call for Evidence** – noted.

### 8. **Planning Applications**

1. **21/504232/FULL**: Section 73 - Application for variation of conditions 4 (hours open to the public) and 9 (maximum height of vehicles stored on site) Pursuant to appeal decision for 18/502358/FULL for Change of use of land to allow the parking, storage and sale of used cars and light commercial vehicles in connection with MOT service Facility: Car Park Storage Rear of Unit 2-4 Stickfast Farm Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent ME9 8QP – Members agreed to respond:

The Parish Council has looked at this application and would draw the Officers and Planning Committee's attention to the following comments made by the Planning Inspector:

Appeal Ref: APP/V2255/W/19/3221646 - Decision date: 27th June 2019 - Land rear of Unit 5, Stickfast Farm, Sheppey Way, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8QP: Conditions:

14. The Council suggested a number of planning conditions which I have assessed taking into account the tests as outlined in paragraph 55 of National Planning Policy Framework. Where appropriate, I have amended the conditions in the interests of precision and necessity.
15. Planning permission is granted subject to the standard three-year time limit condition. It is necessary that the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans, for the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of certainty. I have therefore imposed a condition to this effect.
16. In the interests of the living conditions of occupiers of nearby properties, and the peaceful enjoyment of the countryside and nearby public footpath, it is necessary to impose a planning condition relating to the hours of use of the site by visiting members of the public. In the interests of ensuring that there is appropriate control in terms of use of the site from a living condition and countryside impact point of view, there is exceptional justification for confining the permission to only the use as applied for.
17. In the interests of the character and appearance of the area, planning conditions are necessary in respect of landscaping, lighting, and the maximum height of vehicles to be stored/parked on the site.

## 9. Finance

1. **Defibrillator – Gadby Road site** – Clerk to chase Southern Co-op as a response has not been received from the Franchise Business Manager. Agreed to keep on the agenda. **Action: Cllr. Clare/Clerk**
2. **Defibrillator, The Meads** – Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. Herbert, agreed to pursue the HEMs site option Archers Park). Clerk to ask an Electrician to visit the site to give an accurate quote for the necessary electrical work. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Snooker Table Disposal** – agreed to look at disposal of the table in the small meeting room; a resident volunteered to investigate this on behalf of the Parish Council.
4. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Herbert and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown, Members noted the budget figures, agreed the accounts to the 31 August 2021 and the following payments were agreed. Cllrs. Morgan-Brown and Clare to log into Unity Bank to authorize the payments.

EXPENDITURE				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
01.09.21	BACs	L. Fisher	Expenses August: telephone, use of home	£21.00p
01.09.21	BACs	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due for August	£93.80p
01.09.21	BACS	Steve Wakeling	Landscape Maintenance and clearing Hogweed from Hall	£195.00
01.09.21	SO	Staff Salary	August	£375.05p
01.09.21	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£52.32p
01.09.21	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99p
INCOME				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payment From	Reason	Amount

10. **Any Other Matters Arising**

A resident asked if the Council could investigate having a bus shelter installed on Sonora Way, outside Quartz Way pathway. Clerk to see if KCC grants are still available. Place on next Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 13 October 2021, 7.30 p.m. in Bobbing Parish Hall's main hall.

**The meeting closed at 21.17 p.m.**

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

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

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