

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 4 August 2021

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. R. Ball – Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown – Vice-Chair	County Cllr. M. Baldock
	Cllr. G. Herbert	PCSO Lee Fennell
	Cllr. L. Major	PCSO John Cork
	Cllr. G. Randall	PCSO Jake Marsh (New - The Grove)
		1 Resident

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Clare and May, Borough Cllrs. Hunt and Clark, PCSO Kirsty Linge and the Community Warden.

2. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Residents** – No comments.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Baldock mentioned the Village Hall applying for the Brexit Fund, applications need to be made to him. He also suggested considering installing a Defibrillator in the Village Hall.

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

PCSO's – The Officers gave an update on their duties – they cover anti-social behaviour issues, crime scenes, checking crime reports made by residents and are pulled to various areas to assist the Police. There are difficulties with Police staff shortages, new recruits are being taken on but they do not cover the shortage left by those who have left the service. PCSOs are quite often pulled away for their normal coverage areas at short notice to assist due to these shortages.

PCSO Reports - Bobbing - Crimes of note: Disturbance near Demelza House beginning of July. Patrols attended and later discovered it was a domestic incident. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: There was another incident of a male trying to sell photos of people's property taken from a drone. This is not an offence, but Trading Standards can be contacted for further information. There are various issues in connection with Happy Pants ranch near Newington. The borough council have taken enforcement action, and I have been in touch with the owners. A report of a burglary in progress in Rooks View was attended by a patrol; the owner of the property who was trying to get into their house. After a report of a property being damaged on Keycol Hill, a patrol found that this was due to a domestic issue and that no damage had occurred. Report of a shot fired from a vehicle in Parsonage Lane in the early hours. As there were no other reported incidents, and no details of the vehicle were provided, this was just recorded for information. The Meads - Crimes of note: A group of young males damaged a vehicle in Anastase Close. The males were known to the victim and a crime report was taken. A registration plate from a vehicle in Jacinth Drive was believed to have been cloned, leading to the victim receiving a parking ticket when his vehicle was not in the area. Victim was referred to Action Fraud. A disturbance between neighbours in Pearl Walk was attended by police. A crime report for assault was taken. Eggs were thrown at a property on Galena Close. A crime report was taken as the egg caused damage. 11 incidences of shoplifting have been reported by the One Stop store over the past six week. Crime reports have been taken for each. Report of a robbery on Balas Drive where a member of the public saw older children take a phone from a younger person. Neither the victim nor the suspects were known. This is currently being investigated. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: A suspicious male visited a property asking to service the boiler. When challenged, he left. There were no other reports of similar incidents. A

group of youths were playing their music loudly in Onyx Drive. A patrol attended and spoke to the group, who agreed to turn the music down. There were no further reports. After a disturbance was reported near Feldspar Close, police attended but there no-one was found. Report of noisy youths around the Jenny Wren pub late one night. No patrols were available at the time, but there were no further reports after this. Smell of drugs coming from neighbour's residence reported. This is currently being investigated. The Grove - Crimes of note: Kenilworth Court van broken into tools taken. Sandford Road Shed broken into, and bicycle taken.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr Herbert and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22 June 2021 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr. Morgan-Brown declared an interest in Item 8.1.

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

1. **Water Leak – Grove Park** – No update, keep on Agenda. ***Action: Cllr. Clare/Clerk***
2. **Bobbing Apple Junction** – Has now been designated a critical area by KCC, which hopefully will bring forward funding. Awaiting further details on any scheme. Leave on the agenda. ***Action: Clerk***

6. **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Herbert advised repairs to two manhole covers at the bottom of Keycol Hill had not been carried out. Clerk has reported, will report again, and send a copy of the reports to County Cllr. Baldock. ***Action: Clerk***

Cllr. Morgan-Brown, Randall and Major nothing to report.

7. **Correspondence**

1. **Swale Borough Council - Welcome Back Fund – Call for Ideas** – noted.
2. **Consultation on Draft Scrap Metal Dealers Policy 2021 – 2024** - noted.

8. **Planning Applications**

1. **21/503121/FULL:** 28 Galena Close Sittingbourne Kent ME10 5GA: Erection of single storey side extension to existing detached garage – Agreed to respond that Bobbing Parish Council would normally not object to this type of application, but because of concerns over land ownership and the Public Right of Way, it would draw the Planning Committee/Officer's attention to the comments raised by the KCC's Public Rights of Way Officer and the neighbour.
2. **20/502715/OUT:** Bobbing Car Breakers Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent: Outline application for the redevelopment of the site for residential use (All matters reserved) – Agreed to respond that Bobbing Parish Council's previous comments still stand, and Councillors would again draw attention to the following:

The proposed development either side of the existing dwellings and commercial buildings would completely remove this sense of openness which is currently experienced along this section of Sheppey Way. This would be in direct conflict with LP policies E6, E7 and SH1 which seek to protect the countryside and SLP policy ST3 in so far as it sets out that development proposals outside of built-up areas should enhance the intrinsic value, landscape setting, tranquillity and beauty of the countryside and;

There is no dispute that the site is located in an area that is identified as an important local countryside gap within the LP policy E7 and SLP policy DM25. The aim of the countryside gaps is to prevent settlement coalescence. LP policy E6 also seeks to protect the quality, character, and amenity of the countryside. This is consistent with an aim of the Framework which is to the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside.

These comments are also relevant to this application, which falls within the important local countryside gap between the settlements of Bobbing and Iwade.

3. **21/503697/FULL:** Erection of a rear conservatory: 23 Bobbing Hill Bobbing Kent ME9 8NY – no comments.
4. **21/501740/FULL:** Land at Hill Farm Rock (should be Rook) Lane Keycol Hill Bobbing Kent: Erection of a nurse accommodation building, car park and outdoor event space for Demelza. Erection of 30 private residential dwellings, together with associated access, parking, highway works, drainage, and landscaping: Agreed to respond that Bobbing Parish Council's previous objections/comments still stand.
5. **21/503588/FULL: Section 73 -** Application for Minor Material Amendment to approved plans condition 1 (revised drawings showing the inclusion of three dormer windows to the front elevation and five skylights to the rear) as approved under 21/502917/NMAMD, pursuant to 20/501884/FULL for - Demolition of existing dwelling, outbuilding and garage, and erection of a replacement four bedroom dwelling with detached double garage and gym, including creation of a new vehicle access: Webbenditch Cottage Cold Harbour Lane Bobbing Kent ME9 8NN – No comments.
6. **21/503786/LBC:** Listed building consent for insertion of 4no. replacement rear timber framed casement windows: 14 Keycol Hill Bobbing Kent ME9 8ND – No comments.

9. Finance

1. **Defibrillator – Gadby Road site** – Still investigating, keep on the agenda. **Action: Cllr. Clare**
2. **Defibrillator, The Meads** – Clerk to obtain a third Electrical work quote. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Document Destruction** – Proposed by Cllr. Randall and seconded by Cllr. Herbert, agreed the quote of £80, plus VAT for on-site confidential shredding. Clerk to approach Iwade Parish Council to agree to pay 50% of the cost. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday** – Proposed by Cllr. Herbert and seconded by Cllr. Major; agreed the sum of £30 for the wreath and a donation to Royal British Legion. **Action: Clerk**
5. **KCC Covid-19 grants - safe reopening of community venues** – Proposed by Cllr. Major and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown; agreed to apply for new doors for the Village Hall; Village Hall Committee to obtain the necessary quotes. **Action: Cllr. Herbert/Clerk**
6. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. Herbert, Members noted the budget figures, agreed the accounts to the 31 July 2021 and the following payments were agreed. Cllrs. Morgan-Brown and Ball to log into Unity Bank to authorize the payments.

EXPENDITURE				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
01.07.21	BACs	K.A.L.C.	Dynamic Councillor Event	£60.00p
01.07.21	BACS	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax June	£93.60p
04.08.21	BACs	L. Fisher	Expenses June & July: telephone, use of home	£42.00p
04.08.21	BACs	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due for July	£93.80p
04.08.21	BACs	Invicta IT Solutions	2 Year Renewal of Domain Name: bobbing-pc.gov.uk	£138.00p
04.08.21	BACs	KALC	Delivering Neighbourhood Planning for Local Councils Event	£60.00p
01.07.21	SO	Staff Salary	June	£375.05p
01.08.21	SO	Staff Salary	July	£375.05p
01.07.21	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£52.32p

01.08.21	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£52.32p
01.07.21	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99p
01.08.21	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99p
INCOME				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payment From	Reason	Amount
08.06.21	BACs	H.M. Revenue & Customs	VAT refund 2020/21	£11903.07p

10. **Any Other Matters Arising** – None.

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 1 September 2021, 7.30 p.m. in Bobbing Parish Hall's small Committee Room.

The meeting closed at 21.40 p.m.

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

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____