

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 7 March 2018

PRESENT:	Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair	L. Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. N. Clare	County Cllr. M. Whiting
	Cllr. L. Major	Borough Cllr. N. Hampshire
	Cllr. G. Randall	PCSO Claire Croucher
	Cllr. P. England	1 Member of the Public
	Cllr. E. England	

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Vice-Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Herbert, Dewar-Whalley, Borough Cllrs. Hunt, Stokes, and the Community Warden. No apologies received from Parish Cllr. Bartlett.

2. Visitors/Public Time

- Residents** – Sue Samson advised that the Church is waiting for the Diocese to come back regarding the garden and still looking at the WW1 event. A resident attended to put forward his concerns with the Demelza proposal. The Vice-Chair advised that Swale's Enforcement Officer has investigated the Burger van using Axminster's car park and it looks as though there might not be a planning breach.
- County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting advised that Key Street Roundabout redesign is being looked at. Waiting for TROs for the 30 mph and 40 mph areas. The Vice-Chair mentioned the issues in Bobbing Hill, parked cars and the sheer volume of traffic are causing blockages. Cllr. Whiting suggested writing to residents to see if they will support double yellow lines. Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Randall, agreed to send out a letter. **Action: Clerk**
- Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden – monthly report circulated. Checked shops and Grove Park recreation ground; fly tipping and reported abandoned mattresses along Sheppey Way. During the snow, a Warden checked on vulnerable residents in Grove Park and The Meads.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Major and seconded by Cllr. E. England the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7 February 2018 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Declarations of Interest – none.

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

- GDPR** – clerk circulated the latest bulletin from NALC, which includes the GDPR Toolkit. She advised that she is investigating costs for a firm to take on the role of Data Protection Officer and assist with the new regulations. Agreed that the Clerk will look into encrypted external hard drives/data sticks as an alternative method for Councillors to store data. Proposed by Cllr. Randall, seconded by Cllr. Clare; agreed to pay 50% of the subscription cost (£88.50p) for the membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks. **Action: Clerk**

6. Councillors' Report

Cllr. Clare raised the issue of litter on the A249; Clerk to take this up with Swale Borough Council and Cllr. Ball to speak to McDonalds. **Action: Cllr. Ball/Clerk**

Cllrs. E. England, P. England, Randall, Major and Ball – no comments.

7. **Correspondence**

1. **Local Government Ethical Standards – Stakeholder Consultation** – Noted.

8. **Planning Applications**

1. **18/500583/FULL:** Timber clad enclosure to house Air Conditioning Plant and equipment: The Meads Medical Practice 29 Quartz Way Sittingbourne Kent ME10 5AA – no comments.
2. **18/500258/FULL:** The provision of a 3 unit accommodation building, car park and outdoor event space, the erection of 20 private residential dwellings, together with associated access, parking, highway works, drainage and landscaping: Land At Hill Farm Bobbing Hill Bobbing Kent ME9 8NY – Agreed to respond as follows:

The Parish Council has always supported Demelza Hospice and has been proud to have such a resource in the Parish. However, it objects to this planning application for the following reasons:-

- The Site is not allocated as part of the Local Plan.
 - The site is not on previously developed land, indeed it is agricultural land Grade 1 which should enjoy significant protection from development.
 - Access to public transport is poor.
 - The impact of this development on the infrastructure as far as traffic is concerned would be considerable. Traffic leaving or accessing this development would either use the A2 or Bobbing Hill. Currently at peak times both the A2 to Keycol roundabout and Bobbing Hill access to the Keycol roundabout are virtually gridlocked. Although there has been an accident assessment the Parish Council are aware of numerous incidents of a minor nature both at the junction of Rook Lane with the A2 and on the Keycol roundabout. These are not reported to police and, therefore, do not figure in statistics.
 - Pre application meetings with Swale Council (see Statement of Community Involvement) would indicate that the original plans were for a much larger development and that the Council suggested a small scale of up to 20 dwellings. This in itself, if approved would set a precedent and even with assurance by Swale Council that no further development would be allowed this could be contested at a later date.
 - This application should not be considered in isolation to the site in question. Within a short distance planning approval has been given to five detached houses (currently under construction). Also Planning Application 17/506010 for an 80 suite Care Home next to Demelza is currently being considered and should be decided before this applications. Should the Care Home be approved then the whole area around Rook View is in danger of being transformed from one of rural character to being over developed without the infrastructure to cope with this.
 - Fund raising events currently held at Demelza could be held at venues with more appropriate facilities.
 - Concern that the application states the Head Planning Officer for Swale and the Borough Councillor with responsibility for Planning both support this development without having heard comments from Statutory Consultees and local residents.
3. **18/500561/FULL -** Retrospective consent for existing garage conversion to dining room - 34 Galena Close Sittingbourne Kent ME10 5LB – no comments.

9. **Bobbing Reporter**

Cllr. Randall to amend, circulate to Members once complete and confirm cost.

Action: Cllr. Randall

10. **Finance**

1. **Action for Communities in Rural Kent Renewal** – agreed no action
2. **Clerks and Councils Direct Subscription** – Cllr. Clare to look at another method of circulating this, if not possible agreed to renew at a cost of £36. **Action: Cllr. Clare**
3. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Randall and seconded by Cllr. Clare, agreed accounts to the 28 February 2018 and the following Cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
07.03.18	0602	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone, Use of Office, Refreshments Feb, 15 Canon Ink Cartridges	£29.25p
07.03.18	0603	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due March 2018	£59.80p
07.03.18	0604	Greenbarnes Ltd	Noticeboard for Grove Park	£1303.00p
07.03.18	0605	Iwade Parish Council	KALC GDPR Training – reimbursement of 50% share of cost	£15.00p
Four Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

Wages - salary February £239.55p Paid by Standing Order

11. **Any Other Matters Arising** - None

12. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 4 April 2018, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the small meeting room at Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.25 p.m.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____