

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 1 November 2017

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Herbert - Chair
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair
Cllr. L. Major
Cllr. G. Randall
Cllr. P. England
Cllr. E. England
County Cllr. M. Whiting.
Borough Cllr. M. Baldock
Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
1 Member of the Public

Prior to the meeting DHA Planning and Development Consultants gave a presentation on Demelza House plans for development opposite Rook View.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Dewar-Whalley and Clare, Borough Cllrs. Stokes and Hampshire, Community Warden, PCSO and the Clerk. No apologies received from Parish Cllr. Bartlett.

2. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Residents** – A resident from The Meads raised concern at issues on Halloween night and issues connected to the woodland area by the Community Hall. Borough Cllr. Hunt and the PCSO will be attending a meeting in the Community Hall on the 26th November and this will be raised.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting reported as follows:

Meadowfield School – has written supporting the expansion.

Junction 5 – KCC oppose Option 12a. Highways England has now acknowledged this and will be reviewing thoroughly before publishing their preferred option for further consultation in January/February next year.

30 mph Zones – Bobbing Hill and Keycol Hill progressing; new signage on Sheppey way to be installed in the next couple of months.

Lighting in Railway Tunnel to Woolett Road – have raised this and am awaiting a reply from KCC.

Footpaths – work is in hand to sort out the barbed wire along Footpath ZR13; works will take a maximum 10 weeks. KCC has written to Bobbing Apple Pub regarding the broken stile on Footpath ZR112 and the realignment of the footpath, which is shown as running through the pub.

Borough Cllr. Hunt advised that the Archers Park landscaping issues have now been resolved.

Borough Cllr. Baldock referred to parking on pavements; met with the local press and is trying to highlight the issue. He mentioned Swale Borough Council's Christmas parking arrangements; Parish Councillors did not think they were very helpful.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden – written report received - visited residents in the Bobbing area who had experienced communications with the bogus Police scam gave them reassurance and information about postal, telephone and internet scams plus a leaflet on dealing with Doorstep Callers. Checked fly tipping in outlying areas in Bobbing

PCSO – written report received - issues discussed on Facebook but not reported to Kent Police. Incidents need to be reported via 101, Police can then gauge the issues and have evidence for any extra support/resources, if it is not reported it appears it did not happen.

There have been a small number of garage breaks in the area, could residents please make sure their garages are secure and where possible alarmed.

There have been regular patrols in the community woodlands trying to deter anti-social behaviour and disrupt possible drug taking/dealing. Only two reports received from the same person in the last 6 months (October); again, there appears to be discussion via chat groups on Facebook but no reporting to Kent Police. Police do not monitor Facebook and do not have the facility to do so. Ring 101.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Major and seconded by Cllr. Ball the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 18 October 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Randall declared an interest in Item 9.6

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

1. **Speeding and Parking on Grove Park Estate** – Bring back to December meeting. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Loneliness** – Cllr. Baldock raised concerns about those suffering from loneliness and asked if the Parish Council would act with other Agents to form a common action plan. Members acknowledged that this is an important issue but in light of constraints there was not really anything the Parish Council could do; those who become aware of someone suffering should contact the appropriate person/authority.

6. **Councillors' Report**

Cllr. P. England raised concern about the number of cars parking on the roads in The Meads. He also mentioned Halloween issues and suggested that perhaps next year there is more community policing.

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

7. **Correspondence**

1. **DCLG Consultation - Planning for the right homes in the right places** – Chair delegated to prepare response. **Action: Cllr. Herbert/Clerk**

2. **KALC Community Awards Scheme 2018** – No proposed candidates.

3. **Kent County Council - Budget Consultation 2018** - Noted.

4. **Swale Borough Council, Draft Statement of Community Involvement 2017** – Noted

5. **2018 Boundary Review of parliamentary constituencies** – Agreed to respond that Sittingbourne and Sheppey should remain as a Parliamentary Constituency.

8. **Planning Applications** - None

9. **Finance**

1. **Noticeboard – Gadby Road** – Place on December Agenda. **Action: Cllr. Clare/Clerk**

2. **Grass Cutting** – Bring this item back to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

3. **CCTV** – Bring back to December meeting. **Action: Cllr. Clare/Clerk**

4. **Bobbing Christmas Tree Festival 2017** – Cllr. Herbert to decorate tree and submit to the Church for inclusion in the festival. **Action: Cllr. Herbert**
5. **Pet Scanners** – Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. E. England; agreed to spend £50 on this equipment for use by the Community Wardens. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Donation to Sittingbourne Christmas Lights Association** – Proposed by Cllr. Major and seconded by Cllr. P. England, agreed to donate £50 under S.137. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Litter Bin Replacement – Bobbing Hill** – Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Community Projects:** The Chair advised that he needs a list of community projects by the end of November, for inclusion in the 2018/19 budget. **Action: All Councillors**
9. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Randall;, agreed accounts to the 31 October 2017 and the following cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
01.11.17	0588	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone, Use of Office - October	£13.77p
01.11.17	0589	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due November 2017	£60.00p
Two Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

Wages - salary November 2017 £239.55p Paid by Standing Order

10. Any Other Matters Arising - None

11. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 6 December 2017, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the small meeting room at Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.35 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____