

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 5 August 2020

MEETING HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Present: Cllr. G. Herbert – Chair
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair
Cllr. G. Randall
Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Borough Cllr. R. Clark

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the Zoom video conferencing meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Major, Clare, P. England and E. England, and the PCSOs (who could not attend due to Kent Police not supporting the use of Zoom because of security).

2. Visitors/Public Time

Due to the restrictions on Zoom time, residents, County and Borough Councillors, PCSOs and Community Wardens were advised that they could attend as normal but, on this occasion, would not be able to speak; they were also invited to forward reports/questions to the Clerk beforehand.

1. **Residents** – Nothing raised.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting’s report advised - Key Street roundabout. Phase 1 work to improve flows of traffic has now almost finished. This was a prerequisite of the current local plan. Phase two will be more substantial and final designs have to be agreed between KCC and Highways England. This will involve a new slip road off Chestnut Street. There will also be major improvements at the Grovehurst roundabout. Both projects, totalling some £38m, will be paid for by Government. Once the final works at Key Street and Newington are complete, I hope to see the remainder of the A2 resurfaced, the stretch between the Medway border and Key Street.

Have distributed hand sanitiser and face masks to each parish to deliver to their vulnerable residents and volunteers. I am very grateful for the Parishes in their help in ensuring these reach the right people. Am working with parishes to introduce 20mph zones, as I have in The Meads and Mungore Lane, Borden, and have used my Member grant to pay for speed surveys to assist parishes in making their case.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden - no report.

PCSO – Bobbing – Lee Fennell - Crimes of note: report of an item thrown from a vehicle on Sheppey Way which hit another vehicle, causing damage to the bumper. No one was injured, luckily. A crime report was submitted. Reports of a vehicle parked in Bobbing Hill smelling of cannabis. However, vehicle moved on soon after the call was made, with no licence plate given. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: report of an abandoned vehicle in Bobbing Hill. Caller advised to contact the local authority, as they would put a notice on it before possible removal. Speed checks on Sheppey Way (near Parsonage Lane) completed by me and a colleague. Over an hour we monitored around 330 vehicles, with the average speed being 33 miles an hour. The complete results will be sent to the Speedwatch website.

The Meads – Kirsty Linge – Crimes of note: Galena Close, Wiper blades were taken from the vehicle. Report has been filed as there are no further lines of enquiry. Gemstone Court, paint was thrown over the bonnet and window screen of a vehicle. The report was filed pending any new evidence. Onyx

Drive, bikes were stolen from an outbuilding. Currently awaiting further information from the victim. The report has been pending new evidence. Peridot Walk, bike stolen, CCTV was viewed, report was filed pending ID of the offenders. Peridot Walk, Attempted break. Offenders did not gain entry. No suspects identified. The Meads Community Centre, a wire was set causing damage to the fence and play equipment at the nursery. This report is currently under investigation. Emerald Crescent, vehicle was broken in to and a tracker was stolen. The report was filed pending any further evidence. The Meads Community Centre, an unknown person/person smashed one of the windows on the building and destroyed a CCTV camera. No offenders were identified. Officers requested any images of offenders caught on CCTV. Report has currently been filed pending suspect identification. Bismouth Drive, a number of vehicles were damaged by what appeared to be stones being thrown at them. No offenders identified. Report has been filed. Onyx Drive, Car window smashed, report is currently being investigated. The Meads Community Centre, report is currently under investigation. Amethyst Drive, Conservatory window has been smashed. Report was filed pending further evidence. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Nuisance Vehicle (Bike) in and around Raite Green. Officers attended however the bike wasn't located. Nuisance Vehicle (Bike) Amethyst Drive and surrounding roads. Nuisance Youths in Moonstone Square, group of youths kicking over bins and climbing on vehicles. Officers attended and could not locate the youths. Males trying the back doors of an address in Jacinth Drive. No entry gain and males left the area. Nuisance vehicle (Bike) driving around Raite Green and surrounding areas. Area attended by officers; bike not located. Nuisance vehicle (Bike) no plates, driving alone Quinton road into Sonora Way. Officers attended but was bike was not located. Nuisance vehicle (Bike) being driven along the green between Sonora and Quinton. Officer attended and bike made off. Quartz Way, vehicle speeding. Nuisance youths at the Community Centre. Groups left the area before patrols attended. Were abusive to a member of the public when asked to leave. Reports of nuisance youths placing obstructions in the road. Officers attended within 5 minutes of getting the call. No youths were located, and no obtrusions were found in the area given. Youths fighting in Argent Way. Unfortunately, no officers were able to attend. Items of good work: Several Youths suspected of causing ASB in the area have been identified and visits were carried out to the homes. Them and their parents were spoken with by Officers and strong words of advice were given. Speed checks were carried out on Sonora Way. A high number of vehicles were going above the 20 MPH limit. Many of whom lived on the Estate. They will be receiving warning letters. Further checks and enforcement will be carried out in the coming months.

The Grove – Thomas Green – Off Sick – no report.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1 July 2020 were agreed and the Chair will sign as a true transcript.

4. **Declarations of Interest** – None

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

The following March items will be rolled over to the next meeting due no movement because of the Covid Pandemic and Lockdown - Sheppey Way (Near Bobbing Apple) – Alterations to road layout and bollards; Restrictive Parking front of garages entrance near to 42 Hilton Drive and Sandford Road Yellow Lines/Bollards; Foxchurch Development. **Action: Clerk**

6. **Correspondence**

1. **Consultation from LGA on member code of conduct** – Agreed Members to respond individually.

Action: All Councillors

2. **Consultation letters** – No comments.

3. **Anti-Idling Campaign** – Members felt this will be difficult to police because there are so many possible areas. Suggested areas to put forward – Keycol Hill, Key Street Roundabout and outside Sittingbourne Railway Station. **Action: Clerk**

4. **Visitor Economy Framework Action Plan – Consultation** – Agreed to bring this back to the September meeting. Action: Clerk
5. **Ponds and Hedgerows** – Agreed to put forward the pond behind the Cricket Ground, North-East of the Solar Farm (behind Rook Wood). Relating to hedgerows, the Chair mentioned Heritage Maps on the KCC Website, which give views from 1871 until the present time and will certainly show hedgerow shrinkage. Identified from these maps can be seen the hedgerow that goes from Keycol Hill, down the side of No. 51 towards the Tudor Rose. There is also a hedgerow behind Bobbing Village Hall, adjacent to the public footpath that leads up to where the storage buildings are; agreed, in conjunction with checking on the Heritage Maps, these two hedgerows are worth looking at. Action: Clerk

7. Planning Applications

1. **20/502559/FULL:** Erection of 4 stables on concrete base and open ménage measuring 40m x 20m: Land Adjoining The White House Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent ME9 8QP - Agreed to respond that Bobbing Parish Council Members have the following concerns with this application:
 - The proposal would tend to lead to harm to the significance of the adjacent listed buildings and be detrimental to the wider setting and views.
 - There is a major pipeline in close proximity to the site.
 - Increase of traffic on the narrow track leading to the site.
2. **20/502949/FULL:** Erection of a single storey rear extension: 11 Vellum Drive Sittingbourne Kent ME10 5BB – no comments.
3. **20/502730/TPOA:** TPO application to fell 2 x (T3 and T6) Scots Pine trees: 14 Rooks View Bobbing Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8GB – no comments.

8. Finance

1. Citizens Advice – request for funding – Proposed by Cllr Ball and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown; agreed the S.137 donation of £100. Action: Clerk
2. Kent Air Ambulance – request for funding – Proposed by Cllr Ball and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown; agreed the S.137 donation of £100. Action: Clerk
3. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Randall and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown, agreed accounts to the 31 July
4. 2020 and the following Cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque		Details	Amount
05.08.20	0722	L. Fisher	Expenses July – telephone, use of home, ink cartridges underpayment from last month & RB, Webcam	£78.02p
05.08.20	0723	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due for June	£85.40p
05.08.20	0724	Kent Association of Local Councils	Underpayment owing	£60.00p
05.08.20	0725	HugoFox	Custom Build Website	£359.10p
Four cheques in total				

Paid by Standing Order:

Clerk's Salary – July 2020:	£341.98p	Paid by Standing Order
Invicta IT Solutions – Mailboxes & 365 July	£52.32p	Paid by Standing Order

Paid in:

HMRC - 2019/20 VAT Repayment	£674.84p	Paid by BACs
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9. Policies

1. Updated GDPR Inventory and disposal Policy – agreed and adopted.

2. Updated Data Inventory – agreed and adopted.

10. **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Ball – has received a number of telephone calls regarding Key Street Roundabout, complaining about the new layout and that the pedestrian crossing is on the wrong side of the road – you have to cross over the A2 at the bottom of Bobbing Hill and then cross the slip road to go into Sittingbourne. The Parish Council thought that the pedestrian crossing was going to be on the Sheppey Way as it had suggested. It was never consulted on this, despite KCC knowing that we had concerns. Agreed Clerk to write to the Cabinet Member for Highways at KCC pointing this out and asking for his comments. **Action: Clerk**

Cllrs. Morgan-Brown and Randall – nothing to report.

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

12. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 2 September 2020, 7.30 p.m. venue depending on Covid-19 situation.

The meeting closed at 8.59 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____