

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 6 February 2019

Present: Cllr. G. Herbert – Chair
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair
Cllr. L. Major
Cllr. P. England
Cllr. E. England

Cllr. A. Cavanagh
Cllr. G. Randall
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
4 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Clare and Dewar-Whalley, County Cllr. Whiting, Borough Cllr. Hampshire and the Community Warden.

2. Visitors/Public Time

- Residents** – A resident raised concerns over traffic from the proposed Bramblefield developments using Sonora Way as a cut through. Borough Cllr Hunt advised the developer has pushed the majority of traffic to go to the North. KCC has raised no issue with the Redrow development using Quinton Road.
- County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting written report – awaits news of further bollards down Sheppey Way towards Key Street and an update on improving the junction near MacDonalds. Liaised with Sgt Jason Hedges, Kent Police, regarding complaints of buses parking along Sheppey Way; Sgt Hedges asked that people email him photos of any buses that appear to be causing an obstruction. The lights in the footpath tunnel under the A249 are now working and Highways England will regularly inspect.
- Community Warden/PCSO** – Written report submitted - Checked fly tipping, reported large incident in Bramblefield Lane (Sheppey Way end). Between midnight and 5 am 14 January, a front room windowpane smashed at Wentworth House, Wentworth Drive. Between 21 and 24 January, a Blue Mobility Badge stolen from a property in Hobart Gardens. Between 6:30 and 6:40pm on 25 January, a second burglary attempt made at a property in Wentworth Drive.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. P. England, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 January 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Declarations of Interest - None

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

- Network Rail Temporary Fencing, Hilton Drive** – County Cllr. Whiting had agreed to approach Network Rail – no update. Place on next Agenda. **Action: Cllr. Clare/County Cllr. Whiting**
- Bus Shelter** – Proposed by Cllr. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. P. England, agreed to take no further action.
- Sheppey Way (near Bobbing Apple) – Alterations to road layout and bollards** – See County Cllr. Whiting's comments under 2.2 above.

6. Councillors' Report

1. Cllr. Randall raised the subject of re-opening of laybys on the A249 – Cllr. Ball noted cones placed on verges near to laybys, presumably to stop Lorries damaging them. Cllr. P. England would prefer Lorries not to use laybys; these are really for cars. Cllr. Cavanagh thought there should be more lorry parks. Lorries could park at the Nichols site and Gas Road. Swale has the worst record of Lorries in Kent. Agreed to wait until after the end of March (Brexit) and bring back to the April meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Cavanagh mentioned the Forum bus stop; due to change of layout there is only room for two buses, she asked if this is a temporary measure. Borough Cllr. Hunt advised there would be more than two spaces when the work is complete, but he will find out what is happening and will advise the Clerk. She asked when will work start on the School? Cllr. Hunt advised of planning approval by Committee but conditions need approval; this is going to a meeting next week.

Cllr. Major raised concern over vehicles parking so close to the entrance to Reynolds Gym; they obstruct sightlines of vehicles existing the car park. He also raised the issue of bad language used by contractors working on the footpaths in the High Street – Cllr. Hunt will have a word regarding this.

Cllr. P. England asked Borough Cllr. Hunt to try to obtain a new post box outside the shops or have another relocated there. He referred to the state of the Balas Drive play area; Cllr. Hunt is dealing with this. He mentioned emergencies and provisions for – S.E. 4x4 are a voluntary group who do assist.

Cllrs. Ball and E. England – nothing to report.

7. Correspondence

1. **Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30; Mineral Sites Plan and Early Partial Review** – Clerk delegated to respond. Agreed to put forward concerns relating to the transport of waste impacting on already congested roads in Swale (citing Brick earth extraction, Hartlip, which will operate for 20 years); air pollution (suggest questioning quality of HGVs used and ensure they meet clean standards) and the need to encourage the transport of waste and minerals by rail.

8. Planning Applications

1. **19/500227/FULL: Conversion of integral garage to living accommodation and insertion of windows to front elevation: 5 Hilton Drive Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1PU** – no comments.

9. Finance

1. **Land bottom of Keycol/Bobbing Hill – quotations** – Cllr. Ball advised to clear trees and level the ground will cost in the region of £3500. Surfacing, e.g. honeycomb matting suitable for private cars, to provide materials and lay would be about £12000. A response from County Cllr. Whiting relating to KCC owned land is pending – bring back to next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Ball/Clerk**
2. **Provision of Pond, The Meads Woodland** – Cllr. Cavanagh to pursue this with Graeme Tuff and Borough Cllr. Hunt and report back when further details to hand. Agreed to take off the Agenda until information is to hand. **Action: Cllr. Cavanagh/Clerk**
3. **Clerks and Councils Direct Subscription Renewal** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Cavanagh agreed the renewal subscription of £12. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. E. England, agreed accounts to the 31 January 2019 and the following Cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
06.02.19	0647	L. Fisher	Expenses: Telephone, Office Use - January	£16.66p
06.02.19	0648	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due February	£77.80p
Two Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

Wages - salary February

£310.98p

Paid by Standing Order

10. **Any Other Matters Arising**

Cllr. Herbert would like to hold a meeting to explain the way forward with the village hall. This needs to be a closed meeting due to discussing confidential information relating to received tenders. Clerk to seek dates from Councillors. **Action: Clerk**

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 6 March 2019, 7.30 p.m. in the Bobbing Parish Hall's small Committee Room

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____