



To: All Parish Councillors, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972, you are hereby summoned to attend the next meeting of Bobbing Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 1st April at 19.00

The meeting will be at:

The Village Hall, Sheppey Way, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8PL
Sarah Poole Clerk and RFO to Bobbing Parish Council FSLCC 27.02.26

AGENDA – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - In accordance with Standing Orders

Meetings are recorded as per Standing Orders

At the start of the meeting the Chairman will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being audio recorded. The whole of the meeting will be recorded, except where there are confidential or exempt items.

- BPCM25/26 – 213 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**
Cllr. Blake-Knowles personal reasons. Cllr. N. Twardochleb maternity leave.
- BPCM25/26 – 214 Councillors Vacancy**
- a. *Consider the Co-option of Uwe Koepsel for vacancy of Cllr Peter French*
- BPCM25/26 – 215 Public Session**
as per our Standing Orders 3 f, g & h and shall not exceed 30 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. An individual member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.
- BPCM25/26 – 216 To receive any report from Borough Councillor**
Cllr. Mike Baldock, Cllr Ann. Cavanagh, Cllr. Lloyd Chapman, Cllr. Roger Clarke and Cllr. James Hunt.
- BPCM25/26 – 217 To receive any report from County Councillor**
To receive a report from Cllr. R. Palmer (Kent County Councillor – Swale West).
- BPCM25/26 – 218 To receive any report from:**
PC Topham (covering Borden and Grove Park)
PC Skye Williams (Iwade and Bobbing)
PC Jacob Boosey (Archers Park and The Meads)

Mrs Sarah Poole - Clerk - Bobbing Parish Council
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- BPCM25/26 – 219** For Members to make or receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests in regard to any items on the agenda under the Council’s adopted Code of Conduct
- BPCM25/26 – 220** Approval and Adoption of Minutes from the previous meetings Minutes of the Council Meeting on 4th March 2026.
- BPCM25/26 – 221** Matters arising from the minutes not covered by other agenda items.
- a. ***Kitchen quote – Bobbing Village Hall***
Update to be provided by Cllr. R. Richardson
- BPCM25/26 – 222** **Community Engagement**
- a. ***Feedback on Repair Café and Friendship Café***
Repair Café held on 14th March 2026 (second Saturday of each month, 10.00–14.00) which we had KCC Environmental and Circular Economy Officer present.
- b. ***Report on Loneliness Project (Friendship Café)***
- c. Session held on 28th March 2026 (10.30–12.30); project continues on the last Saturday of each month, trailing new timings 10.30-14.30
- d. ***Bobbing in Bloom Awards night 30th July @ 19.00***
- e. ***Annual Parish Meeting Date 13th May @ 19.00***
- f. ***Annual Parish Council Meeting Date 6th May @ 19.00***
- g. ***Newsletter information***
Which areas have been distributed to.
- h. ***Allotment Project***
Report on project 14th March 2026
- i. ***Litter Picking Project***
Feedback from the litter pick on the 21st March with St Bartholomew Church.
- BPCM25/26 – 223** **General matters raised by Parish Councillor’s Reports for discussion.**
- BPCM25/26 – 224** **Financial Statement and Authorisation of Payments**
- a) The Clerk will make payments under the delegated powers of the Clerk/RFO and to seek approval of any additional payments as necessary.
- BPCM24/25 – 225** **AGAR**
- a. Update from Internal Auditor.
- b. Sign off Annual Governance Statement 2025/26
- c. Sign off Accounting Statement 2025/26



BPCM25/26 – 226 Planning Application – viewable on: Swale:

<http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/onlineapplications>;

- a. **Report on the planning meeting 26th March:** Application No: 22/503654/EIOUT
Location: Land To The West Of Bobbing Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8QL Proposal:
Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for a mixed used development comprising up to 2,500 dwellings, a 5.21 ha commercial employment zone including doctors' surgery, a 4.35 ha sports hub (and sports pitches), 3FE primary school, community facilities, local retail provision, public open space, children's play areas and associated parking, servicing, utilities, footpath and cycle links, drainage, ground and other infrastructure.

BPCM25/26 – 227 Appeals:

BPCM25/26 – 228 Consultations

Local Government Reorganisation in Kent and Medway, Government ministers are consulting on proposals to replace existing councils in Kent and Medway with fewer, larger unitary authorities delivering all services in each area.

Residents are invited to respond via:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-kent-and-medway/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-kent-and-medway>

The consultation closes at 11.59pm on Thursday 26 March 2026.

BPCM25/26 – 229 Correspondence

- a) *Report on the Swale CVS – Loneliness Community Champion Training*
- b) *Bobbing Parish Council Website*
- c) *A249 Traffic Management*
- d) *Key Street Newsletter – March 2026*
- e) *The Circuit – Defibrillator check at Grove Park*
- f) *Kent Resilience Team – Proposal to establish a Parish Council working group*
- n) *Update information of the request for funding for the Village Hall from Cllr. Randall and Cllr. Richardson*

BPCM25/26 – 230 Training Reports

Reminder that all councillors should complete basic training within 6 months of taking office.



BPCM25/26 – 231 Reports from representatives

- a) Village Hall Committee – 30th March
- b) KALC Rural Parishes – Date to be advised
Cllr. N. Twardochleb and the Clerk
- c) Friends of Rose Hill – Cllr. M. Baldock
- d) The Meads Community Woodland – Report if available
- e) Joint Transportation Board – 9th March 2026 (Cllr. S. Chapman)
- f) Western Area Committee – Date to be advised
Cllr. R. Richardson, Cllr. M. Bencych
- g) Swale Liaison Forum – Date to be advised

BPCM25/26 – 232 Recommendations to next Full Council

BPCM25/26 – 233 Dates of Next Meeting:

- a. *Annual Parish Council Meeting Date 6th May @ 19.00*
- b. *Annual Parish Meeting Date 13th May @ 19.00*

BPCM25/26 – 234 Closure of Meeting