

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 6 November 2019

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. G. Herbert - Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair	County Cllr. M. Whiting
	Cllr. A. Cavanagh	PCSO Lee Fennell
	Cllr. P. England	PCSO John Cork
	Cllr. E. England	PCSO Kirsty Ling
	Cllr. N. Clare	Mr. and Mrs Dewar-Whalley
	Cllr. G. Randall	Borough Cllr. C. Woodford
	Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown	7 Parishioners
	Cllr. L. Major	

The Chair welcomed Duncan Dewar-Whalley, a former Bobbing Parish Councillor. He advised that for services rendered during his long stay with the Council, it had been agreed to award Duncan the ‘Freedom of the Parish’ in recognition of his hard work and behind the scene endeavours. The ‘Freedom of the Parish’ is the highest honour a Parish Council can bestow on anybody and to the Chair’s knowledge Duncan is the first person in Bobbing to receive this honour in the 125 years that the Parish Council has been in existence.

The Chair then handed Duncan a framed copy of the Scroll. Duncan stated it was wonderful surprise and was very grateful to receive it.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from, Borough Cllrs. Clark and Hunt and the Community Warden.

2. Visitors/Public Time

- Residents** – Residents again raised with County Cllr. Whiting that both they and the Parish Council had not been advised of the removal of the yellow lines in Sonora Way and surrounds. Nor was the Parish Council made aware of the proposed 20 mph for The Meads, even though part of this area falls within Bobbing. Another resident raised concern that traffic cones and heavy rocks had been placed on the verge outside Demelza. He was worried that the rocks would not be visible when dark and would be a danger to vehicles. He was trying to find out who gives permission for this? Clerk to approach KCC. He mentioned that large amounts of fly tipping were regularly being dumped near the Pylon in Coldharbour Lane, could this area not have CCTV to catch the culprits. Clerk to ask Swale Borough Council if this is possible. **Action: Clerk**

- County and Borough Councillors** –Written report from County Cllr. Whiting – again referred to proposed gas main repairs on the A2 and proposals concerning Lorries. Reported that new speed signs are now in place along the A2. The 20mph zone covering The Meads is due to be installed soon. The priority for cars using Rook Lane has now been reversed; cars coming off the A2 have priority.

Borough Cllr Woodford is following up the issues with stones/cones placed on the highway to the front of Demelza and fly tipping in Coldharbour Lane.

- Community Warden/PCSO** – Written report received from the Community Warden - Made presence known in area, checked fly tipping and been standing outside Bobbing School observing parking and spoke with the school regarding his views. Helped school get the key for flashing lights on 20 mph sign. Reported a sign knocked over and it was repaired. Introduced himself to shops in Grove Park and will

visit Grove Park School soon. Cllr. P. England suggested the Clerk contact the Community Warden regarding fly tipping in Coldharbour Lane. **Action: Clerk**

PCSO – Bobbing – Not too much to report, area fairly quiet. Poaching along Sheppey Way, didn't catch anyone. Tablets found on the pavement near Quinton Road, not sure what they were. The Meads - report of nuisance youths in Sonora/Archers Park/Argent Way. Cllr. P. England has been monitoring over the Halloween period; he was advised the Police were en-masse on Sonora to try and deal with issues. Cllr. P. England asked if something could be put in place for next year; the PCSO responded that this has been done. She advised it doesn't help though residents reporting things on Facebook; over the Halloween period they only received two calls by phone. Cllr. P. England suggested arranging a meeting before Halloween next year when he will advise residents that they should report any incidents to the PCSO/Police for action to be taken. Grove Park – this comes under PCSO John Cork.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

4. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Randall declared an interest in Item 9.3.

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

1. **Sheppey Way (near Bobbing Apple) – Alterations to road layout and bollards** – Cllrs. Ball and Herbert had a meeting with a KCC Highways Officer. Regarding the junction with the Bobbing Apple, there are two ways forward; one is expensive – a roundabout and the other inexpensive – lines. It was interesting to learn that KCC have a crash reduction budget. The other issue raised during the meeting was parking on Sheppey Way; bollards were mentioned but these are expensive. It would appear that Swale is the worst area for lorry parking and to try to alleviate this, lorries are permitted to park on Crown Quay Lane and an area on Sheppey. The Officer has promised to investigate these two matters and report back. Keep on Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Parish Councillor Vacancies** – The Chairman welcomed the two new Councillors; Nikki Clare and Roger Morgan-Brown to the meeting. Both duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. **20 mph Grove Park** - County Cllr. Whiting will pay for two/three speed surveys. Cllrs. Clare and Cavanagh to send details of the roads to the Clerk. It was emphasised that to proceed there would be a need to demonstrate community support. **Action: Cllrs. Clare/Cavanagh**

6. **Councillors' Report**

Cllr. Clare would like to look towards obtaining a Flagpole Christmas Tree for the Grove for next year, if feasible.

Cllr. Cavanagh attended the KALC Dynamic Councillor Course. Chased Daniel Gooch regarding the pond, he is hoping Swale Borough Council will do something and suggested leaving it to them. Railway fencing; she has been informed that Network Rail need planning Permission for this? Cllr. Clare advised that she had asked for higher fencing and this might be the reason. Slippage; Network Rail will remove this once the fencing has been done.

Cllrs. P. England mentioned the 20 is Plenty Committee and asked to carry on; he is hoping to take up the banner.

Cllrs. E. England, Major, Ball, Morgan-Brown, and Randall – nothing to report.

7. **Correspondence**

1. **Kent County Council Budget Consultation 2020-21** – Agreed Councillors to respond individually.

Action: All Councillors

8. Planning Applications

1. **18/500257/EIFUL** - Land adj. Quinton Farmhouse, Quinton Road, Sittingbourne – Members noted the meeting held between Swale Borough Council Councillors and representatives from the Parish Council and agreed to respond as follows:

Following the meeting on Tuesday with Swale Members and tonight’s meeting of the Parish Council, Members have taken everything into consideration and write to inform that all of the Parish Council’s objections, as previously notified, still stand. Further concerns which were raised on Tuesday and last night are Schools, these need to be built first and not come last as usual, and the difficulty in obtaining/lack of Doctors.

2. **19/505077/FULL**: Erection of a two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension; Norwood Walk West Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1QF – Agreed to object on the following grounds:
 - That the proposed development, its size and bulk, will be out of character with the existing street scene.
 - The proposed development would not be served by adequate car parking spaces and would possibly give rise to vehicles parking on the highway (the property itself is not located adjacent to the highway but on a pedestrian walk through).
 - The Parish Council requests that a site visit be undertaken to understand the full implications of this application.
 - See SW/08/0684 - 17 Norwood Walk, which was refused on similar grounds.

9. Finance

1. **Conclusion of Internal Audit 2018/19** – Internal Auditor’s report noted and accepted.
2. **Interpretive Board, The Meads** – Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Donation Request – Sittingbourne Christmas Lights Association** – Cllr. Randall thanked the Parish Council for the £50 donation. The Lights will be lit this year on the 16 November.
4. **Dynamic Councillor** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. P. England; agreed Cllr. Morgan-Brown to attend at a cost (including VAT) of £75. Clerk to book. **Action Cllr. Morgan-Brown/Clerk**
5. **Christmas Tree Festival, Bobbing Church** – Bring back to the December meeting. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Yellow Lines, Sandford Road** – Clerk advised that she has been informed that there will be no cost for extending the lines.
7. **Websites** – Place on the December Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Major and seconded by Cllr. E. England, agreed accounts to the 31 October 2019 and the following Cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
02.10.19	0683	Cancelled	Made out to PKF Littlejohn – paid twice in error	£240.00p
06.11.19	0686	L. Fisher	Expenses: Telephone, Office Use, Stationery, 12 Ink cartridges, first and second stamps - October	£80.98p
06.11.19	0687	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due for October	£85.40p
06.11.19	0688	Steve Wakeling	Grass Cutting October	£120.00p
06.11.19	0689	Shaw & Sons Ltd	Digital Scroll and Frame	£252.00p
06.11.19	0690	David Buckett	Internal Audit 2018/19	£254.95p
06.11.19	0691	Sittingbourne Christmas Lights Association	Donation – S.137	£50.00p
06.11.19	0692	A. Cavanagh	Travelling Expenses	£3.40p
Eight Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

Wages - salary October	£341.98p	Paid by Standing Order
Invicta IT Solutions – Mailboxes & 365 Oct	£52.32p	Paid by Standing Order
Invicta IT Solutions – Mailboxes & 365 Nov	£52.32p	Paid by Standing Order

Paid in:

Precept – 2nd Instalment	£9903.00p	Paid by BACs
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10. **Any Other Matters Arising** – None.

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 4 December 2019, 7.30 p.m. in Bobbing Parish Hall’s small Committee Room.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____