

## **BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015**

**Present:** Cllr. G. Herbert – Chair  
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair  
Cllr. L. Major  
Cllr. T. Wright  
Cllr. P. Paige

Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
County Cllr. M. Baldock  
Richard Palmer, UKip Candidate  
7 Residents

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Johnson, Dewar-Whalley and Bartlett and the Community Warden.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March 2015, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

3. **Public Session**

Mrs. Sue Crawford (Village Hall Secretary) informed the meeting of her impending resignation. The Parish Council Members expressed their disappointment that this was her intention especially in view of her 15 years voluntary service in running all aspects of the Village Hall.

County Cllr. Baldock referred to a spate of anti-social behaviour in the Gadby Road area and asked if the Parish Council would consider the installation of CCTV. The Police are aware of the situation. Clerk to speak to Newington Parish Council, who have already installed CCTV and to place this on the May Agenda. Cllr. Paige to liaise with County Cllr. Baldock on this. **Action: Cllr. Paige/Clerk**

Cllr. Ball mentioned the noticeboard planned for The Grove and asked a resident to send details of location and size to the Clerk.

Sue Samson asked about the painting of the disabled bays outside Bobbing Church; Clerk to chase Swale Borough Council. **Action: Clerk**

The report circulated by the Community Warden was noted. Nick has dealt with roadside car sales; graffiti tags, fly tipping, carried out predictive policing in Gadby Road, amongst other things.

4. **Declarations of Interest** - None.

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

1. **Bobbing Hill – Travellers** – KCC have advised that the scheme is currently being drawn up and they will send details of the proposal out to the statutory undertakers for comments. They hope by the end of the month that all responses will have been received. A resident who was prepared to pay for some blocks/bollards has not had a response to his offer from KCC.

2. **Bollards – A249** – Clerk has received a response from KCC stating that they have allocated some funding for a school safety scheme in Bobbing this financial year (2015/16) which will also look to address the issue raised about the parking on the footway. The traffic engineer responsible for the scheme will contact the Parish Council once they have completed programming their resources for this financial year.

3. **Parking in The Meads** – Cllr. Ball had a meeting last month with all the interested parties; a petition has been raised by the residents. The Jenny Wren has accepted the fact that their car park is a general car park, not just for them; although Cllr. Ball is concerned that if the Jenny Wren places time restrictions on this facility it will affect workers in the nearby shops. The Health Centre opened two weeks ago and so far there have not been many problems. Of concern is that the yellow lines could be enforced by Marshgate, who will be retaining ownership of this road. Gordon Henderson, M.P. has written to the Chairman of Marshgate and it is hoped a meeting can be arranged with them in May.
4. **Consultation on future delivery of Library, Registration and Archive services in Kent** – Agreed Members to respond to this individually. **Action: All Councillors**
5. **Swale Automatic Number Plate Reader (ANPR) Camera Project** – A response Swale Borough Council, regarding questions raised by Members has been circulated. Agreed to respond that the Parish Council does support this, but not necessarily on a monetary basis. Members also feel that this should be on a Borough wide basis. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Bus Shelter, Key Street** – County Cllr. Baldock volunteered to look into this; Clerk to place item on the June Agenda. **Action: County Cllr. Baldock/Clerk**
7. **May Parish Council Meeting** – noted this meeting will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, due to the Elections.

## 6. **Councillors' Report**

Cllrs. Ball referred to car sales in the Sheppey Way layby; Clerk to chase Swale Borough Council to see what is being done as regards the Road Traffic Order. He has received complaints about litter coming from McDonalds; Clerk to write to the company. He has noted the 'bund' on the grassed area at the bottom of Keycol Hill has not been cut again; Clerk requested to chase KCC. He referred to an e-mail from a resident in The Grove concerning Simpsons Crossing and concerns that now people are moving into the new housing on the Watermark, footfall on this crossing will increase; Clerk to contact Network Rail again pushing for action to be taken. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Paige referred to the presentation last month and as a result of it has had a look at Rose Hill, which was very interesting. There will be an event on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 10.00 to 14.00 'An introduction to Community Woodlands'.

Cllrs Wright and Cllr. Major: nothing further to report.

## 7. **Correspondence**

1. **Parliament in the Making programme** – Cllr. Paige to investigate and bring back to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Paige.**
2. **Swale Borough Council - Draft Tree Policy Consultation** – Noted.

## 8. **Planning**

1. **15/501477/FULL**: 1 Gibbons Road Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1PS - Single storey side extension including the removal of rear door and changes to fenestration – No objections.
2. **14/504127/FULL** - New A/C Unit Installation - Co-op Grove Park Shopping Centre Gadby Road Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1TH – Agreed to respond that Members raised concerns at noise impact on properties in close proximity to the air conditioning unit. The Parish Council to also query whether all adjacent or nearby properties had received consultation letters.
3. **14/506167/OUT** - Outline application for the erection of 42 dwellings, with all matters reserved for future consideration - Floplast Ltd Howt Green Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent ME9 8QX - Transport Statement – Agreed to respond that Members discussed the Transport Statement and concluded that it does not change the views previously put forward and therefore the Parish Council's previously submitted objections still stand.

9. **Finance**

1. **Quotes for installation of Bollards – A249 Viaduct** – Clerk to approach Cllr. Johnson for update, contacts and any quotes; bring back to the May meeting. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Renovation of WW1 War memorial** – Proposed by Cllr. Paige and seconded by Cllr. Wright; agreed to pay the requested 50% deposit for the renovation work of £1137.
3. **Appointment of Auditor 2015/16** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Paige, agreed to appoint David Buckett as the Internal Auditor for 2015/16.
4. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Paige and seconded by Cllr. Wright, the accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015, were agreed and the following cheques were agreed and signed -

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
01.04.15	0447	L. Fisher	Expenses March – Tele, Use of Office, Refreshments, 9 ink cartridges; 12x1 <sup>st</sup> & 12x2 <sup>nd</sup> Stamps	£30.76
01.04.15	0448	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due March 2015	£46.40p
01.04.15	0449	Steve Wakeling	Grass Cutting - March	£100.00p
01.04.15	0450	Age U.K.	Donation 2015	£50.00p
01.04.15	0451	Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation 2015	£50.00p
01.04.15	0452	Set in Stone	WW1 War Memorial Renovation – 50% Deposit	£1137.00p
Six Cheques in total				

Payment by Standing Order: Wages - £186.08p - salary March 2015

Income: Received SBC Grant for Restoration of WW1 War Memorial – Borough Cllr. Dewar-Whalley £400; Borough Cllr. Randall £100 – total £500 towards the project.

10. **Any Other Matters Arising** - None

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

Due to the Elections, the Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council and the Monthly Meeting will now take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Bobbing Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 08.45 p.m.**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_