

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 3 July 2019

Present:

Cllr. G. Herbert - Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair	Borough Cllr. M. Baldock
Cllr. L. Major	Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
Cllr. P. England	Borough Cllr. R. Clark
Cllr. E. England	5 Parishioners
Cllr. G. Randall	
Cllr. A. Cavanagh	

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from County Cllr. M. Whiting, Borough Cllr. C. Woodford, the PCSO and the Community Warden.

2. **Visitors/Public Time**

1. **Residents** – No comments.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – Written report from County Cllr. Whiting – is chasing the improvements to the "McDonald's" junction and getting a price for a roundabout. They will put lines down and signs but have no money for a roundabout. Met with the new Swale Council Leader and the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss fly tipping. KCC has put £250,000 into a fund to assist the Borough and the police in catching and prosecuting fly-tippers and stress to householders and small businesses that they are responsible for their rubbish if it is fly tipped by unauthorized people, both they and the fly tippers are liable to large fines. Swale has been good at prosecuting the criminals who fly tip and a recent combined agency operation in East Kent seized vehicles, leading to several arrests.

Borough Cllr. Hunt has been dealing with Quartz Way, the drain breaking down and the road around. He has done land searches and Abbey own the area. The person dealing with this at Abbey has to go back to the senior management to resolve it. Abbey own land and transferred some to KCC (in March) but it is not on the plan of the land transferred. More litter bins installed but the management company is only emptying them once a week, on a Thursday. The Environment Warden has been down to check and will take further action if it is not sorted out. Cllr. Ball mentioned the work to the highway by Redrow to provide access for the new school, which has not had planning permission yet. Cllr. Hunt advised it is part of the 278 works agreed by KCC. This work should be finished by 27 July.

Borough Cllr. Baldock mentioned full Council agreed to 'beef' up air quality standards and other environmental issues that affect the Borough. The new Council is hoping to get more Parish Council involvement. He advised that Parish Councils have a right to speak on planning matters that affect their area, i.e. abuts the boundary. Cllr. P. England mentioned air quality monitoring and asked about this being set up outside Sittingbourne Railway Station – Cllr. Baldock will put this forward.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Written report from Community Warden - Checked shops and Grove Park recreation ground; checked fly tipping hot spots. Carried out a reassurance visit to a resident who had become the victim of a scam. Lee Fennell, the PCSO, sent a written report – Bobbing - More reports of graffiti naming someone supposedly selling drugs to school children – these incidents have cropped up all over Sittingbourne, however, the person concerned has no idea who is doing this or why. If any members of the public see further incidents, please report to police on 101. Fuel stolen from vehicle parked on Bobbing Hill overnight – crime report taken. The Meads - Burglary of the Community Centre, unclear what was taken at time of report. Police investigating. Window broken at property on Agate Court – crime report taken.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Cavanagh, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5 June 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript, with the following amendment – under Item 6 – Councillors' Reports – Cllr. Major mentioned fly tipping, not Cllr. P. England.

Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. P. England, the Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on the 5 June 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**

1. **Sheppey Way (near Bobbing Apple) – Alterations to road layout and bollards** – Cllr. Whiting still has not dealt with the bollards. **Action: Clerk/County Cllr. Whiting**
2. **Bus Shelter, Crematorium** – Cllr. Ball still looking at prices. Clerk now has the landowner's contact number bring back to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Ball/Clerk**
3. **Parish Councillor Vacancies** – Agree to place in the Bobbing Reporter, Clerk to give Cllr. Randall the vacancy closing date. **Action: Cllr. Randall/Clerk**
4. **Newsletter** – Cllr. Randall to liaise with the Clerk as regards the vacancies. Cllr. Ball thought it would be a good idea to have a future newsletter dedicated to the history of the Parish and the Parish Council. He suggested each Ward Member could write an article for the special newsletter. Perhaps add something about the history of the village hall. A quote of £91 for printing was agreed.
5. **August Meeting** – Cllr. Ball advised that Bobbing is one of the few Parish Councils that has an August meeting. After deliberation, agreed to carry on with the August meeting.

6. **Councillors' Report**

Cllr. Ball raised the issue of litter and parking on the Sheppey Way. This area is used as a toilet; there is toilet tissue everywhere. He asked the Clerk to push County Cllr. Whiting to sort out bollards for this area. He mentioned Highways England putting a stop on development. Borough Cllr. Hunt advised that Highways England have stated no further development is to come forward until they know one hundred per cent that Junction 5 is happening. He understands Highways England are looking for £120m for Junction 5 and £40m for Keycol Roundabout.

Cllr. Cavanagh attended a KALC meeting at which James Freeman, Planning, Swale Borough Council informed that they advise developers to go to Parish Councils with their proposals; Community Villages expect a decision by the end of the year. She also commented on the amount of litter in Grove Park.

Cllr. Randall advised of graffiti under the A249 Bridge, Clerk to ask Swale Borough Council to clear. He referred to McDonald's Litter Pickers and though they deserved a letter of thanks for their work; Clerk to send one. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. P. England has received correspondence from residents regarding the development at Quinton and the Sonora Way access; Borough Cllr. Hunt has heard nothing regarding this. Sonora Way does not have a 7.5 tonne limit, so Lorries using this route will cause issues. He advised that vehicles are again parking under the bridge; this is supposed to be an area for emergency vehicles; a notice advising of this is being ignored. Clerk to advise PCSO. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Major raised the issue of refuse bins left close to the highway, with the possibility of ending up on the busy A2, at Keycol Hill. This was previously raised with Swale Borough Council and did improve, but it has now regressed. Borough Cllr. Clark to sort this out. **Action: Borough Cllr. Clark**

Cllr. E. England – nothing to report.

7. **Correspondence**

- 1. **Wildflower Verges** – A resident asked for this to be discussed. Members thought the idea was good but due to the verges in Bobbing being maintained by KCC and the difficulty to get the contractors to cut to prolong the life of the wildflowers it was agreed the option was not possible.
- 2. **Draft Car Parking SPD** - Members felt it does not really improve problems with parking that exist within the Borough; there is insufficient parking for properties and Members believe it should be one space per bedroom and a flat two spaces per property. **Action: Clerk**

8. **Planning Applications**

- 1. **19/502707/FULL**: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension: Galena Close Sittingbourne Kent ME10 5GA – no comments.

9. **Finance**

- 1. **Church Memorial Bench** – bring back to August meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- 2. **Scrolls** – proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. E. England, agreed a budget of up to £300.
- 3. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. P. England, agreed accounts to the 30 June 2019 and the following Cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
03.07.19	0668	L. Fisher	Expenses: Telephone, Office Use, Refreshments June	£18.25p
03.07.19	0669	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due for June	£85.40p
03.07.19	0670	Swale Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation S.137	£100.00p
Three Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

Wages - salary June

£341.98p

Paid by Standing Order

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

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 7 August 2019, 7.30 p.m. in the Bobbing Parish Hall’s small Committee Room.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____