



## **BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Present:**

Cllr. G. Randall	Sarah Poole - Clerk
Cllr. R. Richardson	Cllr. M. Bencych
Cllr. N. Twardochleb	Cllr. S. Chapman
Cllr. P. French	

1 Parishioner in attendance and  
PC Richard DIVERS 3070 (left 20.31)

**BPCM25/26 – 1**

**Welcome and Apologies for Absence, Vacancy due to Non-attendance for 6 months**

Cllr. Randall explained that due to the previous meeting over running this meeting started at 19.37.

Cllr. Randall explains that due nonattendance for 6 months for Cllr. Gladwin this has now resulted in her leaving the Parish Council and he proposed that we should send a card and flowers to her and thank her for her time on the Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr. Bencych. All agreed. **RESOLVED** accepted.

Apologies from Cllr. Blake-Knowles. The Parish Council has resolved to waive Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 (Vacation of Office by Failure to Attend Meetings) for Cllr. Lewis Blake-Knowles due to family matters. Under Section 85(1) of the Act, a member of a local authority who fails to attend any meeting for a consecutive six-month period ceases to be a member unless their absence is approved by the authority before the expiry of that period. As this is a matter for the Parish Council and not Swale Borough Council or the Monitoring Officer, the Council has resolved to approve Cllr. Blake-Knowles absence on the grounds of emergency family matters, ensuring he retains his position while these family matters are present. This resolution **RESOLVED** accepted. Proposed by Cllr. Richardson and seconded by Cllr. Bencych All agreed. It was also proposed by Cllr. Randall that we send a card and flowers to Mrs Blake-Knowles, and this was seconded by Cllr. Richardson all agreed **RESOLVED** accepted.

Cllr. Baldock, Cllr. Cavanagh, Cllr. Hunt and P.C. Clemens, also sent in their apologies.

**BPCM25/26 – 2**

**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.**

Nothing



**BPCM25/26 – 3**

**To receive any report from Borough Councillor Cllr.. Baldock, Cllr.. Cavanagh, Cllr.. Chapman, Cllr.. Clarke and Cllr.. Hunt.**

Cllr. Baldock apologised he is not here tonight due to the full council meeting at Swale Borough Council; there is nothing more to report from the last meeting Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr. Cavanagh gave a detailed report which was read out and distributed to all Councilors via email.

Cllr. Hunt apologised he is not here tonight due to a full council meeting at Swale Borough Council; there is nothing more to report apart from moving things forward with the woodland group.

**BPCM25/26 – 4**

**To receive any report from County Councillor Cllr. Palmer - Reform**

Cllr. Palmer is not here tonight due to holiday, but he is arranging a meeting with KCC Highways. He asked if we had any concerns to let him know, Councillors felt that the further details regarding the highways issue near McDonalds and also if the Garden Village goes through.

**BPCM25/26 – 5**

**To receive any report from PC Philip Clemens.**

PC Richard DIVERS 3070 attended due to PC Clements not being available tonight, PC Clemens has sent in a report which has been circulated to Councillors.

Matters arising from the councillors:

- Fires on Quinton Estate
- Cannabis – Archers Way,
- Drug Dealing - Stickfast Lane area, possible drug dealing, PC Richard DIVERS 3070 asked if possible and safe to get time, dates, locations, registrations and description of people and report to 101 or online
- <https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-us>
- Quad Bikes around The Meads/Gore Court
- Seat Belts more people are not wearing these it was noted, around Sittingbourne area.
- Speeding on The Meads and the Pelican Crossing – cars are not stopping on The Meads
- Jumping Lights at Staplehurst Road
- Allegations of criminal activities at Pigeon Farm

Cllr. Richardson advised the PC about the 2 community days that are coming up and the Bobbing Reporter and flyer was given to PC Richard DIVERS 3070 to feedback to the team.

PC Richard DIVERS 3070 suggested that maybe a Speedwatch group could be set up, the Clerk will do an article in the next Bobbing Reporter asking for volunteers. The Clerk will ask PC Alex Watson from Speedwatch to come in and give a talk.



PC Richard DIVERS 3070 advised that all public should get signed up to My community voice sign up: this is how they can register.

<https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/Content/Pages/Register> he also advised that the more people that phone/email/report then that will enable to get more police officers in the area as if you do not report then the police believe the area is good and will deploy officers to higher crime/anti-social behaviour areas.

Cllr. Randall thanked PC Richard DIVERS 3070 for giving us detailed information on what is going on and spending 50 minutes with us going through all the Parish issues he left at 20.30

**BPCM25/26 – 6**      **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**

None

**BPCM25/26– 7**      **Approval and Adoption of Minutes from the previous meetings Minutes of the Council Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

These were all circulated before the meeting all agreed. Cllr. Richardson proposed, and Cllr. Bencych seconded all agreed. All agreed. **Resolved: Accepted.** The Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

**BPCM25/26 – 8**      **Matters arising from the minutes not covered by other agenda items.**

**i.      KALC Award Presentation**

Cllr. Randall present Cllr. French the Community Award for KALC for the hard work and dedication he gives to his community from Litter Picking, looking after the community woodland and as a Trustee of Bobbing Village Hall, Cllr. French thanked everyone for nominating him and was speechless.

**ii.     Benefits of AI – Cllr. Bencych**

Cllr. Bencych introduced the topic of Artificial Intelligence (AI), specifically focusing on how tools such as ChatGPT could significantly enhance the productivity and efficiency of the Parish Council's administrative functions.

Cllr. Bencych emphasized that this level of efficiency and support could directly benefit the Clerk's workload and streamline common tasks he described AI as a "powerful assistant" and highlighted the positive impacts.

Cllr. Bencych formally proposed that the Council approve the purchase of a one-year subscription to ChatGPT Professional to be used for Council-related tasks, with the generic email of [newsletter@bobbingpc.gov.uk](mailto:newsletter@bobbingpc.gov.uk) this was seconded by Cllr.. Randall. All Agreed, RESOLVED Accepted.



**iii. Feedback on VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> May Cllr. Richardson**

Cllr. Richardson gave feedback and reflection on the **VE Day 80 commemorations** held on **Wednesday, 8th May**. Cllr. Richardson noted that, although the whole event was respectfully carried out, it suffered from a low turnout from the general public.

In the morning it was largely limited to parents of the children participating in the flag-raising ceremony, the following Cllrs. came to watch the flag be raised, Cllr. Richardson, Cllr. Randall, Cllr. Chapman, Cllr. French along with the Mayor of Swale raising the flag with the children for the 3 parish schools Bobbing Primary School, Grove Park Primary School, Aspire Primary School.

Despite this, the morning and evening events were carried out successfully and with great spirit. The clerk and councillors expressed disappointment that no church representatives attended the morning event, despite their involvement in the working group planning the event.

The evening service was hosted and led by the church as a formal thanksgiving ceremony, following the service, a Lamp of Peace was lit in a symbolic act of remembrance. The lamp lighting was carried out by two children one primary school and one senior school the children were representing the parish Children; they were also accompanied by Cllr. Bencych. A misunderstanding earlier in the evening day led to the band “Loose Connections” being turned away by the church, even though they were booked to do entertainment while the BBQ was being served before the lamp of peace. Cllr. Blake-Knowles attempted to intervene remotely but was unable to resolve the matter, with the church, so Cllr. Blake-Knowles later invited the band to perform at the VE Day Country Fair on Sunday, 8th June in an effort to restore goodwill and inclusivity. Cllr. Richardson, Cllr. Chapman, Cllr. Bencych and Cllr. Twardochleb attended the evening activities along with the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Watson and Swale Borough Cllr. Ann Cavanagh

All councillors agreed that, while the events had their logistical challenges, the commemorations were successfully delivered with respect and community spirit. The Clerk expressed hope that church representatives would attend and support the VE Day Country Fair on 8th June, having played a key part in the working group discussions.

**iv. Loneliness Project 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 proposed to change time to 10.30-12.30pm**

The Clerk extended sincere thanks to the following councillors who helped make the 31st May session a success: Cllr. Twardochleb, Cllr., Chapman along with Cllr. Baldock, and Cllr. French, who all assisted with welcoming guests, and several helped serve tea, coffee, and cake, creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere.



The Clerk has designed a new poster to raise awareness and increase attendance, the front side: Focuses on the Loneliness Project, inviting individuals who may feel isolated or are seeking friendship and company, and the reverse Side: Promotes the event as a Friendship Pop-Up Café, designed to be a welcoming, informal social space where residents can enjoy tea, coffee, cake, and conversation – all provided free of charge by Bobbing Parish Council.

**v. Repair Café 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Cllr. Richardson confirmed the launch of a new monthly Repair Cafe initiative, to begin on Saturday, 12th July 2025, at the Village Hall, with monthly sessions scheduled for the second Saturday of each month. This will be 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM the format will be a mix of repair sessions and social drop-in, following a similar format to the Friendship Café, with teas, coffees, and light refreshments available to attendees.

The project is being led by Cllr. Blake-Knowles and Cllr. Richardson. A new volunteer, Mr Ivan Woolard, has joined the team and will focus on electrical repairs alongside existing repairer Uwe.

The group is awaiting formal registration with the national Repair Café network. Cllr. Chapman has arranged access to various unwanted items from Maidstone Hospital, which is currently undergoing a ward clearance. Items will be collected where suitable for repair or repurposing. The Clerk has also received a donation of tools and equipment from a lady whose husband passed away. These items will be stored securely at the Village Hall for Repair Cafe use. Uwe is also asking for additional tools and electrical components (e.g. vacuum cleaners, sockets, wiring, skyboxes, radios, diodes). It was discussed about creating a storage solutions including labelled boxes to help organise incoming equipment and parts. Improvements are being made to the storage cupboard at the Village Hall to accommodate tools and materials.

Cllr. Blake-Knowles has attempted to connect with other Repair Cafés for knowledge exchange but has not yet received responses. The Clerk will follow this up while Cllr. Blake-Knowles is off. The Clerk reminded everyone that Maidstone Repair Café scheduled for Saturday, 7th July.

Cllr. Chapman proposed a boot sale-style fundraiser, selling repaired donated items to generate funds for: Replacement tools, Consumable supplies, General operating costs of the Repair Café. The team continues to seek additional volunteers with skills in repairs (e.g. sewing, woodwork, electronics).

Councillors are asked to help with spreading the word and collecting useful household items, tools, or repairable electronics.



**vi. Adopt free speech protections for Councillors and Clerk.**

Cllr. Randall proposed a motion to adopt a formal protection of free speech for parish councillors and the clerk, by amending the Council's Code of Conduct to explicitly include the right to lawful free speech as a foundational principle of democratic governance.

The proposal mirrors similar motions passed by other local authorities, including Bromley Council, reflecting growing concerns around restrictions on expression and the cultural climate where individuals may face undue criticism for exercising lawful speech.

The following text was proposed to be included in the Council's Code of Conduct: *"The right to free speech under the law is the basis of democracy and will be upheld at all times and there is no right to be offended by any lawful speech."* Cllr. Randall proposed and Cllr. Bencych seconded this all agreed, **RESOLVED** accepted.

**vii. Working Group for Community Governance – Consultation**

Cllr. Baldock, asked for this to be on the agenda tonight although he is unable to attend the meeting, it was discussed that a working group is to coordinate a Community Governance Consultation, which would lead to submitting a formal request to Swale Borough Council for a Community Governance Review (CGR). The aim is to consider boundary adjustments or structural reforms to local governance, ensuring future arrangements are resilient, representative, and community-led—especially considering potential changes through local devolution. This would look at why the whole of The Meads is not covered in the Parish along with Grove Park, in all existing Bobbing Parish boundaries. Cllr. Randall had been looking at old records from the 19/18<sup>th</sup> century which shows it may have included: Broad areas of agricultural land, Villages and hamlets that have now become residential estates such as The Meads and parts of Grove Park, Settlements along routes like the A2 corridor and around Gabriel's Hill, Urban expansion and administrative restructuring gradually narrowed the formal boundary. However, we have 4 councillors that do not actually live within Bobbing and these areas are unparished and the sense of community would help with the overlapping school networks, shared infrastructure, and common social spaces.

The intention is to ensure that local governance arrangements are appropriately scaled, inclusive of emerging and established residential areas, and reflective of modern community identity.

Cllr. Richardson acknowledged that public interest may initially appear low, but it was discussed, and it was felt that a transparent consultation process must be carried out to capture feedback from all affected areas.

Councillors felt that taking no action would be a disservice to the community. Conducting a formal consultation will show due diligence and a proactive





approach. This would also mean that the Bobbing Reporter that only goes to part of the houses in The Meads and Grove Park would instead go to all of them and residents would know what is going on within the local area. It would also strengthen the logic of inclusion and shared representation.

The Clerk also pointed out that some of the people that attend community activities such as the Friendship Café and Loneliness Project already attract participants from outside Bobbing's official boundaries, reflecting the functional connectivity of the wider area.

It was agreed that a working group of Cllr. Baldock, Cllr. Randall, Cllr. French and Cllr. Bencych create a Community Governance Consultation will be established before the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## **BPCM25/26 – 9**

### **Community Engagement**

#### **i. VE Day Celebration of Peace 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Cllr. Richardson updated everyone that the Live music will alternate between: Annie Love (vocalist) and Loose Connections (local band) Matt Stephens will be providing PA system support, with speakers set up indoors and outdoors to ensure full coverage.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council has purchased some scones from Chefs Pantry as we has written to local bakery Boyce Bakery and had not heard until yesterday, they have now donated 100 scones and are extended thanks to Boyce Bakery for kindly supporting the VE Day 80 Country Fair on Sunday, 8th June, any surplus will be frozen for the next Loneliness or Friendship Café session. The Clerk still needs to buy the jam and clotted cream.

The head teacher at Grove School has confirmed that all 3 schools have produced displays, which will be set up in the small hall, also in the small hall along with the competition of exhibits HRGS have confirmed their attendance with four representatives. They will show "Wheel of Time" historical display, have an information table as well as on the TV screen presentation featuring World War II survivors from Wales

The Clerk reminded everyone the event is 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Deputy Mayor has confirmed attendance and will assist with public engagement and judging activities, along with Mrs Windiate.

Cllr. Bencych and Cllr. Twardochleb – will be overseeing activities, including bouncy castle, fish and chip van, drinks and ice cream vendors, Cllr. Baldock responsible for parking coordination, Cllr. Cavanagh and Cllr. French will be responsible for the children's activities, Cllr. Chapman and the Clerk will look after tea, coffee, and scones service, Cllr. Richardson is responsible for health and safety, including risk assessment and first aid, Cllr. Randall will deliver a formal speech during the event



Cllr. Twardochleb has designed a photo selfie pod, which will feature the Bobbing Parish Council logo and themed poppies and soldier silhouettes. After photos are taken, a custom “newspaper-style” which will be available for download and will be produced for attendees as a keepsake.

Councillors have distributed nearly 7,000 flyers across the community, including locations such as McDonald’s, Asda, Tesco, Co-op, Jenny Wren, Premier Inn, and residents. Leaflet delivery is ongoing, and visibility has been noted in key community spaces. The Clerk has contacted Morris’s dancers to attend but was unsuccessful in securing their participation.

Cllr. Richardson recognised the extensive teamwork, and planning involved in preparing the VE Day 80th Celebration and Country Fair.

## **ii. Community library at the Village Hall**

Cllr. Richardson asked as part of Bobbing Parish Council’s ongoing commitment to community engagement and inclusion, would the Parish Council establish a Community Library on the outside of Bobbing Village Hall.

Cllr. Richardson explained that the library will be a free, informal resource where residents can access books, magazines, and other reading material at their leisure. Cllr. Richardson explained it will be unmanned and self-service, operating on a trust-based “take a book, leave a book” model. A range of donated books will be accepted from the public and councillors to create a starter collection, with a focus on fiction, non-fiction, children’s books, and community-interest topics. The book donations will be regularly reviewed to ensure quality and relevance.

Cllr. Richardson felt that this would be a good project for the start of the repair café.

## **iii. Bobbing in Bloom Judge’s and Date**

The Clerk confirmed that the judges for Bobbing in Bloom 2025 have now all confirmed their attendance: Cllr. Cavanagh, the Mayor Cllr. Watson and Candy have all confirmed attendance, the Clerk will drive everyone around on Saturday 5th July 2025, between 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

This year’s competition will include the following categories:

1. Front Garden Award
2. Small Front Garden Award **(NEW for 2025)**
3. Window Box / Hanging Basket Award
4. Wildlife Garden Award

## **iv. Bobbing in Bloom Awards Night**

The Clerk confirmed that the Bobbing in Bloom Awards Night will take place on Wednesday, 6th August 2025. The mayor has been invited and has confirmed attendance to present awards to the winners. All trophies have been ordered and are included in this meeting’s payment schedule for approval.





A new additional trophy has been ordered for the new category, as agreed, and includes the engraved Bobbing Parish Council logo, once winners are confirmed, their names will be engraved on the appropriate trophies and will be ready for collection a week before the presentation by the Clerk.

In addition to the main trophies which will be presented they will then receive smaller awards which will be allowed to take home and keep, the original cups/trophies will be displayed in the Small Hall in a permanent or semi-permanent display cabinet, which may be custom-built by the Repair Café.

#### **BPCM25/26 – 10**

#### **General matters raised by Parish Councillor's Reports for discussion.**

Cllr. French stated that all items within his intended report are already reflected in the Police Report submitted and reviewed earlier in the meeting.

Cllr. Chapman made a proposal for a Christmas Day Meal for Isolated and Homeless Residents to come under the branch of the Loneliness/Friendship Project this would be extended to include a Christmas Day meal, hosted at Bobbing Village Hall, for residents who may be lonely or without companionship during the festive period. Cllr. Chapman suggested a charge of £5.50 will be requested from attendees, apart from the homeless residents, the meal will be provided free of charge, funded by Bobbing Parish Council.

This initiative aims to provide warmth, food, company, and a sense of celebration to those who may otherwise spend Christmas Day alone. Cllr. Bencych noted that the kitchen facilities at the Village Hall are currently inadequate for a large meal service and require upgrading, and the kitchen must be reviewed for HACCP compliance. All food safety and hygiene regulations must be fully met prior to planning or promotion. The Clerk will contact Swale Borough Council's Environmental Health Team to request a site visit and formal guidance on what work is needed to ensure compliance.

Cllr. Richardson confirmed that he would like to help on Christmas Day, based on previous experience with similar events. Cllr. Chapman proposed a boot fair-style fundraiser, in collaboration with the Repair Café, this will involve: Sale of new clothing with labels and other donated goods. All profits reinvested into the Community Loneliness Project and specifically the Christmas Day Meal.

Councillor Richardson proposed that the Village Hall could accommodate up to 100 people for the meal, pending setup and fire regulations. Cllr. French suggested approaching Morrisons for support (donations, supplies, or promotion). Cllr. Richardson also recommended contacting McDonald's, which has expressed interest in increased community involvement. Both these businesses can be approached for potential sponsorship or supply support (e.g. food items, takeaway packaging).

Cllr. Chapman suggested that some snack packs to be handed out at the end of the meal, including sandwiches, a drink, and snacks for guests to take home for the evening meal.



Cllr. Chapman asked if we could do something in the next newsletter like a Public Survey, inviting residents to express interest or suggest guests who may benefit.

The Clerk will put this on the next agenda.

*Cllr. Randall proposed a suspension of standing orders to extend the meeting by an additional 30 minutes, allowing the session to continue until 10:00 PM. This was Seconded by: Cllr. Richardson. All agreed. **RESOLVED** accepted.*

Cllr. Bencych reported that he has been focusing on VE Day event preparations, working closely with the Clerk on the event organisation and he has also attended the recent AI training sessions, which he described as informative and relevant to the council's community service efforts.

Cllr. Twardochleb, reported that she is continuing to help the Clerk with the Loneliness Café Project, working in partnership with the Clerk and Cllr. Chapman, she will be away for the next Friendship Café session and encouraged other councillors to assist the Clerk with greeting duties and general support on the day.

Cllr. Richardson's asked if the Parish Council would support two projects. The first being buying the TV for the Village Hall as it will be mainly used by the Parish Council and Borough Council.

Cllr. Richardson also proposed another project a Business Networking Proposal. Gravesham Borough Council are already doing one and I've approached Swale Borough Council and as we have a large number of businesses within Bobbing as well as home businesses would the Parish Council like to support this project and Cllr. Richardson believes there is a lack of recognition for the smaller business within the Parish and a lack of business-to-business or council-to-business workshops in Swale, which has been an ongoing concern. Bringing this *business network model* into Swale, ideally under parish council support. Potential to form a "business integration group" within the parish.

## **BPCM25/26 – 11**

### **Financial Statement and Authorisation of Payments**

The Clerk presented the financial statement for the current financial year using the Scribe accounting platform, both on screen and as a printed summary attached to the minutes. Schedule of payments and bank reconciliation with Scribe, Cllr. Richardson has seen these on the system.

Some payments have been made under the delegated powers of the Clerk/RFO and to seek approval of any additional payments as necessary

This was proposed Cllr. Randall and seconded by Cllr. Richardson all agreed.  
**RESOLVED. Accepted**

The Clerk confirmed the bank balance was before all of the above was paid.  
The Unity Trust Account now stands at £93,193.76.



Cllr. Bencych requested clarification on whether the 11% spend referred to the calendar year or financial year. The Clerk confirmed that the budget spend refers to the financial year.

The Clerk noted that payment instructions were ready in the bank and requested that Cllr. Ross Richardson and Cllr. Gareth Randall log in to authorise them by the following evening.

The clerk conformed that the Bank Signatories forms have now been all signed and will now await Unity Bank to write to everyone. So, the following are now all on the bank:

Cllr. Randall, Cllr. Richardson, Cllr. French and now Cllr. Twardochleb, Cllr. Bencych, Cllr. Chapman, Cllr. Blake-Knowles

**i. Insurance**

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's annual insurance policy for the current year is being processed. While the payment is not included in this month's authorisations, it will be ready for review and approval prior to next month's meeting.

The Council noted the importance of maintaining continuous coverage and accepted the update.

**ii. Repair Café Insurance**

Cllr. Gareth Randall raised the question of whether separate insurance is required for the new Repair Cafe initiative, particularly in the context of product liability for repaired items.

The Clerk advised that she had not yet spoken to the Council's insurer regarding specific Repair Cafe, so this was deferred to a future meeting.

It was discussed in great detail as it was not expected that issues will arise, but clarity and liability protection are necessary if items repaired at the Repair Cafe are later found to be faulty. It was felt that given that similar repair cafés operate across the UK, councillors agreed that appropriate insurance is available and should be secured. Repairs are carried out by volunteers, with items returned to the owners for continued use. This could create a potential risk exposure that must be formally addressed.

But it was decided that in principle, the Parish Councils seeks to arrange appropriate liability insurance for the Bobbing Repair Cafe project. This was proposed by Cllr. Randall and seconded by Cllr. Richardson

Cllr. French suggested a donation box be provided at Repair Cafe sessions for any attendees wishing to contribute following successful repairs.

It was clarified that no items would be formally sold, only offered in return for voluntary donations. The Parish Council agreed this approach helps avoid triggering retail liability and maintains the charitable nature of the event.



**BPCM25/26 –12**      **Planning Application – viewable on: Swale:**  
**<http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/onlineapplications>;**

- a. 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.
- b. Planning Application Ref. No: 25/501604/FULL [Erection of a single storey agricultural building to be used as a workshop.](#) Demelza House Rook Lane Bobbing Kent ME9 8DZ

The Parish Council discussed, councillors felt there was no objection to this application. This was proposed by Cllr. Randall and seconded by Cllr. Bencych. Cllr. Richardson & Cllr. French were against. Agreed RESOLVED. Accepted. **No objection resolved and accepted.**

**BPCM25/26 –13**      **Appeals:**

None

**BPCM25/26 –14**      **Consultations**

None

**BPCM25/26 –15**      **Correspondence**

- i. KALC launches training package on local government reorganisation.
- ii. Swale Borough Council Local Government reorganisation (LGR) workshop Cllr. Bencych and Cllr. French will be attending with the Clerk at Swale House 5<sup>th</sup> June at 19.00
- iii. Citizen's Advice
- iv. Swale Borough Council Local Plan Consultation.

**BPCM25/26 –16**      **Reports from representatives**

- i. **Village Hall Committee**  
No meeting since the last meeting the next one is 30<sup>th</sup> June 19.00



**ii. KALC Area Committee –**

The AGM was on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 @19.00 but unfortunately Cllr. French was not able to attend, and the Clerk was on holiday.

**iii. Friends of Rose Hill - Cllr. Baldock**

No meeting that the Clerk is aware of.

**iv. The Meads Community Woodland - Cllr. French**

No meeting.

**v. Joint Transport Board**

The next meeting is on 30<sup>th</sup> June at 17.30 this can be seen online, or you can go to Swale House.

**vi. Western Area Committee**

The Clerk reported that the next meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 19.00 Bobbing Village Hall, Cllr. Richardson is the rep, but this is open to all councillors and members of the public and as this would normally be a Parish Council evening it would be good to see everyone here.

**BPCM25/26 –17      Recommendations to next Full Council**

- a. Christmas Dinner
- b. Raising funds for loneliness café/friendship café
- c. Working Group for Community Governance – Consultation
- d. Repair Café Insurance

**CLOSED SESSION**

**BPCM25/26 –18      Clerks Hours – Cllr. Richardson**

A separate note will be recorded as it contains confidential information.

**BPCM25/26 –19      Dates of Next Meeting:**

5<sup>th</sup> June Local Government Reform Swale House 19.00-21.30  
8<sup>th</sup> June VE Day 80 County Fair 11.00-17.00  
14<sup>th</sup> June Local Government Reform Swale House 09.30-12.00  
19<sup>th</sup> June KALC Extraordinary General Meeting - Ashford International Hotel 13.30-16.00  
20<sup>th</sup> June Planning Conference 09.30-15.30  
28<sup>th</sup> June Loneliness Café 10.30-12.30  
2<sup>nd</sup> July Western Area Committee Meeting 19.00  
8<sup>th</sup> July Full Council Meeting 19.00



**BPCM25/26 –20**

**Closure of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 22.00

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

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_