

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 2 January 2019

Present: Cllr. G. Herbert – Chair
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair
Cllr. N. Clare
Cllr. P. England
Cllr. E. England
Cllr. A. Cavanagh
Cllr. G. Randall

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Borough Cllr. M. Baldock
Borough Cllr. N. Hampshire
County Cllr. M. Whiting
5 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Major and Dewar-Whalley; Borough Cllr. Hunt, the PCSO and the Community Warden.

2. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Residents** – No comments.

2. County and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Whiting, at the Parish Council's request, is seeking for bollards to be installed to stop lorries parking on verges along Sheppey Way, work is due to start today near the Bobbing Apple pub. With regard to improving the junction near MacDonald's, has spoken with Highway officers and they are currently examining the safety record to determine what the best course of action is. Regarding the possible creation of a new access road from Bobbing Hill to properties along Keycol Hill, having looked at a variety of options, Optivo do not think it viable or possible to undertake any works, even if the land is gifted by KCC. The only alternative would be for the homeowners to work directly with KCC, however, the cost of the required works would represent a considerable outlay for them and Cllr. Whiting is not hopeful of getting the necessary legal and financial agreements in place. He has again chased the chairperson of the Joint Transportation Board regarding yellow lines in Sandford Road. First wrote about this in July and was disappointed that it was not been brought to the September or December meetings. He understands Highways England is now talking to Network Rail regarding the use of the A249 Bridge to create a pedestrian bridge to replace Simpson's Crossing, and await news from Highways England on the lights on the footpath under the road bridge. Has written to Highways England again requesting they sort out the potholes on the A249 between Grovehurst and Stockbury.

Borough Cllr. Baldock advised that Swale's Councillors attended a presentation on Air Quality in December and Key Street Roundabout was not included. Newington has already exceeded levels. Vehicles from 30,000 new homes over the next 20 years will contribute to this. Parish Councillors expressed concern that when the last two applications near Rooks View appeared before Swale's Planning Committee air quality in the area was raised, but the high levels were completely ignored.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – No reports.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Randall, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5 December 2018 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. **Network Rail Temporary Fencing, Hilton Drive** – County Cllr. Whiting had agreed to approach Network Rail – no update. Cllr. Cavanagh has contacted them but is awaiting a formal response to her queries – bring back to next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Clare/County Cllr. Whiting**
2. **Bus Shelter** – Could obtain 50% of cost via a KCC grant. Swale still awaiting responses from some utilities regarding services underground. Clerk to discuss this with the relevant Officer. **Action: Clerk**
3. Agreed to write to DHA stating that this has been discussed again and in the first instance, the Parish Council feels that they should have an exhibition in Bobbing Village Hall for the residents; after that the Council will decide whether it should have an individual meeting with DHA. Clerk to stress that it is important that the public exhibition is held in Bobbing. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Sheppey Way (Nr. Bobbing Apple) – Alterations to road layout and bollards** – See County Cllr. Whiting's comments under 2.2 above.

6. Councillors' Report

Cllr. Ball reminded of the traffic issues around McDonalds – County Cllr. Whiting is dealing with this and the need for bollards to stop Lorries parking on nearby verges. He advised McDonalds employ someone to carry out regular litter picks, the area covered is up to the bridge, around the Hotel, down Sheppey Way and past the School.

Cllr. Cavanagh mentioned the plight of Bumble Bees and the importance of surface water; she suggested creating a pond in The Meads woodland area – see projects 9.1. below.

Cllr. England again raised the issue of litter around The Meads – Borough Cllrs Hunt/Hampshire dealing with this.

Cllrs. Clare, E. England and Randall – nothing to report.

7. Correspondence

1. **Yellow Lines Sandford Road** – Proposed by Cllr. Clare and seconded by Cllr. Ball; agreed £500 towards the cost of the TRO.
2. **Community Awards** – no recommendations have come forward as a result of advertising this on the Bobbing/Grove Facebook pages.
3. **Air Quality Consultation 2018** – Clerk delegated to respond on behalf of the Council. **Action: Clerk**

8. Planning Applications

1. **17/505711/HYBRID - Land at Wises Lane Borden Kent ME10 1GD** – Agreed to respond that the Parish Council's previous objections still stand.
2. **18/506469/FULL - 53 Bobbing Hill Bobbing Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8NY** – no comments.

9. Finance

1. **Projects 2019/20** – Cllr. Ball to try to obtain quotes for clearing an area of land to the bottom of Keycol/Bobbing Hill. Cllr. Cavanagh to investigate further the provision of a pond in The Meads Woodland area. Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Cllrs. Ball/Cavanagh**
2. **2018/19 National Salary Award** – noted the 3% increase, to come into effect from the 1 April 2019.
3. **Budget and Precept 2019/20** – Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Ball, agreed 2019/20 Budget and no increase in the 2019/20 Precept, which equates to a Band D property rate of £19.95p, the same figure as for 2018/19. **Action: Clerk**

