

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 19th May, 2015

Present: Cllr. G. Herbert
Cllr. R. Ball
Cllr. L. Major
Cllr. P. Paige
Cllr. R. Bartlett
Cllr. M. Palmer

Cllr. G. Randall
Cllr. P. England
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Ian Henderson, PCSO
County Cllr. Nicholas Hampshire
7 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr. Dewar-Whalley; County Cllr. Baldock and the Community Warden.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st April, 2015, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

3. Public Session

Residents again expressed concern regarding a property being used for business use, involving waste and vehicles, in Bobbing Hill. Another resident referred to the Key Street roundabout and the difficulty in trying to cross this road. Clerk to see if the Highways Authority will install 'rumple strips' on the approach roads to slow traffic down and to place this matter on the June Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

Sue Samson advised that work has commenced on renovation of the WW1 Memorial.

The PCSO commented that crime seems to have dropped in the area. Travellers are on the Nicholls site in Sheppey Way. Parking on the pavement at the bottom of Bobbing Hill is causing a problem. Residents commented that Lorries and trucks are parking on the pavements in the lower part of Bobbing Hill, which leaves them no alternative but to walk in the road to pass the vehicles. This parking is also causing problems as the vehicles obstruct the view of the road; PCSO to check the area. Cllr. Ball mentioned groups of kids gathering under the A249 underpass; cars and motorbikes are involved; PCSO to monitor.

The report circulated by the Community Warden was noted. Nick has dealt with roadside car sales; fly tipping hotspots were visited; carried out Predictive Policing in the Gadby Road area; A.S.B. parking; litter and a water leak!

4. Declarations of Interest - None.

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

1. **Bobbing Hill – Travellers** – No further update from KCC who are awaiting responses from utilities; Clerk to keep pushing and ask which utility company is holding up this project. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Bollards – A249** – Cllr. Ball and the Clerk met with an Officer from KCC to look at the various issues outside the school/Sheppey Way; in addition to monitoring parents collecting their children at the end of day he also spoke to the Lollipop Lady who advised that at times she feared to step out into the road. The Officer also suggested 'dog bones' which are put across drives and deter people parking across them. Clerk to chase KCC to keep this progressing. **Action: Clerk**

3. **Network Rail/Simpsons Crossing** – Cllr. Randall asked if the pathway under the cattle arch bridge is going to be resurfaced and joined up with the pavements. Network Rail commented that they were not

informed of the Watermark development but according to the planning conditions the developer should have contacted them to ask for permission to resurface under this bridge. Clerk to check with Swale Borough Council to see if this is correct. **Action: Clerk**

4. **Parking in The Meads** – Cllr. Ball had a meeting with James Hunt; the people who run the shops and surgery and gone back to Marshgate; the M.D. has now agreed to meet the Parish Council and Borough Councillor in a private meeting, which Cllr. Ball has agreed to. The M.D. is going to come back with some dates but only for a morning session. Quartz Way has now been opened all the way through and people are parking both sides of the road. Cllr. Ball has been advised that the Council are refusing to adopt an area of the road and Marshgate are negotiating with the Council at the present time. The Jenny Wren car park is a general car park and Marshgate have put a sign up to this effect. Bollards will be put in on the chicane but this won't stop people from parking there. **Action: Cllr. Ball**

5. **Parliament in the Making programme** – Cllr. Paige reported that this should be been organised at least a year ago. No groups seem to have been notified of this, nor is Swale Borough Council aware. It is far too late to organise anything.

6. **Councillors' Report**

Cllr. England as Chairman of the Meads Association received complaints from parishioners about the noise from commuters in the morning at the Pearl Walk bus stop. He will e-mail the Clerk with the location and she will contact Kingsferry coaches regarding this. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Paige referred to Sittingbourne Rugby Club's proposed expansion at Gore Court and the e-mail received from a worried resident which the Clerk circulated, who expressed concerns regarding already problematic parking in the area, which will only get worse if this proposal goes ahead. Members agreed to write to Graeme Tuff, Swale's Green Spaces Officer expressing the same concerns. **Action Clerk**

Cllr. Palmer informed that the refuse collectors are refusing to empty the communal bins attached to Gemstone Court (20 flats) because of people not from the flats dumping waste in them. Clerk to check with Swale Cleansing on how to overcome this. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Ball – Commented on the meeting with a KCC Officer to look at parking outside the School – see Item 4.2 above. The Clerk had a response from McDonalds and an invitation to meet a Manager at the Bobbing site; this did not occur but another meeting will be arranged. Residents have asked if a sign indicating there are shops on The Meads can be installed; he understands there is a problem with Swale Borough Council and is hoping to raise this with Marshgate. The Council has been approached by the newspapers regarding collection of the Parish Precept from residents on The Meads; he understands this collection did not take place and was caused by the Planning Department not advising the rating section of this at the time the planning application that properties were in Bobbing Parish.

Cllrs Randall, Bartlett and Major: nothing further to report.

7. **Correspondence**

1. DCLG Consultation on Local Government Ombudsman & Larger Parish Councils – Noted.
2. My Community Rights Programmes 2015-16 – Noted.
3. Pilot Local Warden Support Officer Scheme – Agreed Members to forward comments to the Clerk to form a response. **Action: All Members/Clerk**
4. Submission of Bearing Fruits 2031: The Swale Borough Council Local Plan; Part 1 to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government – Submission noted.

8. **Planning**

5. **15/502555/ADV** - Advertisement - Refurbishment of existing free-standing sign on 11m pole by removal of existing moulded "Golden Arch" and replace with new internally illuminated flat panel acrylic section on metal frame - McDonalds Sheppey Way Bobbing ME9 8RZ – No objections.

6. **15/502978/FULL** - Single-storey side and rear extension - 8 Rooks View Bobbing ME9 8GB – No objections.
7. **KCC/SW/0105** - Phased extraction of brickearth over 4 summer campaigns, storage and transportation of materials to nearby brickworks throughout the year, creation of a new vehicle access and the phased restoration of land back to agricultural use - Orchard Farm, School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8QH – Agreed to respond as follows:
 - A traffic assessment has been carried out but does not include the Solar Farm and the Lorries associated with this development, nor does it include other projects going on at the same time.
 - The Parish Council strongly requests that as part of any conditions traffic uses a route via Basser Hill, through Funton and Rasperry Hill to link up with the A249 near the old Kingferry bridge end and is not allowed through Bobbing Village. By using this route it will also not have an impact on Iwade Village. If this request is ignored and the contractors still use Stickfast Lane then we would ask that as part of the planning condition the applicant has to upgrade Stickfast Lane, improving the surface and passing points because at present it is a very uneven narrow route with unmade up passing points.
 - If Stickfast Lane is used a further condition needs to be included that states traffic will not use the Sheppey Way, via Bobbing, during 8.15 to 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 to 4.00 p.m. weekdays, due to the parents dropping off and picking up children from Bobbing Village School.

9. Finance

1. **Bobbing in Bloom** – Sue Crawford has agreed to manage this; £200 has been set aside in the current year’s budget. Agreed to ask the Parish Correspondent to place an article in her newspaper column.
Action: Clerk
2. **Quotes for installation of Bollards – A249 Viaduct** – no information has been received from ex Parish Councillor Keith Johnson; Clerk to ask again.
Action: Clerk
3. **Insurance Renewal 2015/16** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Bartlett, all agreed to accept the Aon renewal of £511.64p.
4. **External Hard Drives** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Randall, all agreed to purchase two external hard drives and protective wallets up to a cost of £85.
5. **KALC Subscription 2015/16** – Proposed by Cllr. Paige and seconded by Cllr. Ball; agreed to renew the subscription at a cost of £576.26p.
Action: Clerk
6. **New Councillor Induction** – Members agreed to KALC carrying out joint induction sessions for Bobbing, Borden, Iwade and Tunstall Parish Councils in September, at a cost of £20 per head. Clerk to arrange with KALC.
Action: Clerk
7. **CCTV The Grove** – Bring back to the June meeting.
Action: Clerk
8. **Noticeboard The Grove** – Cllr. Randall to look for suitable sites and report back to the June meeting.
Action: Cllr. Randall.
9. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Bartlett, the accounts to the 30th April, 2015, were agreed and the following cheques were agreed and signed -

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
19.05.14	0453	L. Fisher	Expenses April – Tele, Use of Office, Refreshments, Stationery	£25.26p
19.05.14	0454	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due April 2015	£46.40p
19.05.14	0455	Steve Wakeling	Grass Cutting - April	£100.00p

19.05.14	0457	William Giles	Quarterly Payroll Preparation to March, 2015	£54.00p
19.05.14	0457	Aon Limited	Insurance Premium Renewal 2015/15	£511.64p
Five Cheques in total				

Payment: Wages - £186.08p - salary April 2015

Paid by Standing Order

Income: SBC Precept 2015/16 1st Instalment - £6937.50p

Paid by Direct Debit

10. Any Other Matters Arising - None

11. Next Meeting(s)

The next monthly Meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd June, 2015, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 11.45 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____