

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 1st April 2009 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Dewar-Whalley (who arrived later due to other commitments), Major, and Nappey.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

Ward Councillor Gareth Randall and Mike Baldock Grove Ward Labour candidate attended.

- 1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Bennett and Stowe.
- 2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.
- 3.0 Public Session:**
Mike Baldock apologised for not attending recent meetings and he is hoping to progress items soon. Also commented on the demise of SEERA.
- 4.0 Declarations of Interest:**
None declared.
- 5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**
- 5.1 Information regarding the proposed regeneration of Sittingbourne Town Centre and associated improvements was distributed to all councillors. There is a display in the town and comments are most welcome.
- 5.2 The chairman had been made aware of a person who had received a call saying that they were behind with their BT direct debit and requested a card number which was given. Luckily the person realised and contacted BT and their bank but please be aware of this type of call.
- 6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
- 6.1 SBC- Public Consultation – regarding developer contributions
- 6.2 Grove Park School – thank you for donation.
- 6.3 Lions Hospice – donation please? It was decided not to give at present.
- 6.4 Citizens Advice – thank you for donation.
- 6.5 KCC- Commons Acts Seminar 14th May at County Hall 10am-4pm
- 6.6 Parish News received.
- 6.7 KALC- Swale Area minutes.
- 6.8 KALC – subscriptions due £529.16 – renew? It was proposed to renew this by Cllr Nappey and seconded by Cllr Ball with all in favour.
- 6.9 Meeting with contractors – re landscaping. Only one quote has been received so far which council thought very promising. The area with the Japanese Knotweed cannot be touched for around 18 months but at least prices were given. Discussion arose about the use of community sentencing or the prison service to undertake this work. The clerk will action this.
- 6.10 KCC Councillor grant. Bill Ronan had written to confirm that Bobbing and Borden Parish Councils had been allocated £3000 for landscaping. The letter has to be returned before 22nd April so the clerk will liase with Borden regarding this.
- 7.0 Councillors Reports:**
Cllr Ball: Attended the funding meeting held in Newington Village Hall together with the clerk. Only one other person was in attendance but he felt that the advice offered was invaluable. Information regarding funding for parish plans and how they work and can help a parish was given. An open meeting to allow parishioners to meet their councillors and also to ask their views on the parish was considered a very good idea. This will take

place on 14th June 2009 in the small hall from 2pm-4pm. This will be advertised nearer the time.

Cllr Nappey: Dog bins are urgently required on The Meads despite its unadopted status. Cllr Randall will chase this issue and the clerk will contact Swale Borough Council. Redrow will soon be removing the concrete rings as part of the hand over to Swale Borough Council. It is hoped other measures will be put in place to deter the travellers.

Cllr Herbert: Gave an update on the proposed hall on the Meads site. It is hoped a questionnaire will be sent to all residents for their views in the very near future.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/09/0169 Case 08371 To alter status to include widow or widower at High Oak Hill Farm, Newington. No comments to be made.

SW/09/0194 Case 10616 Change of use of land for storage etc in connection with works at High Oak Hill Works Newington. No comments to be made.

SW/09/0224 Case 23583 Replace old lean to with UPVC conservatory at 25 Bobbing Hill. No objections to be made.

8.2 Planning Notifications.
None received at present.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

KALC – annual subs	£529.16
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9.2 The audit notice has been received and is advertised. The bank statements are due so the clerk will send out copies as soon as she is able. The internal auditor is willing to look at the books for this year and this will be done when the audit sheets are ready.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall. This meeting will combine the monthly parish council meeting, the annual parish council meeting and the annual parish meeting.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____