

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> August 2009 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Bennett, Bullen, Major and Nappey. Cllr Ball arrived later.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

Ward Councillor Gareth Randall attended.

- 1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Ball, Dewar-Whalley, Edwards 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:**  
Cllr Randall had explored the possibility of creating parking spaces along the A2 near Ladyfields Close. This was discussed in depth with Cllr Randall awaiting a reply from Highways regarding ownership of the land. Cllr Randall will keep council informed of progress.
- 4.0 Declarations of Interest:**  
Cllr Bennett declared an interest in discussions regarding Rooks View.
- 5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**
- 5.1 The chairman had returned comments regarding the Minerals consultation.
  - 5.2 The Gypsy and Travellers Draft consultation comments had been sent.
  - 5.3 KCC Getting Involved leaflet had been studied.
  - 5.4 Copies of the 'Speaking at Council Meetings' were distributed to councillors and these will be placed on the website with copies available at future meetings.
  - 5.5 The clerk was requested to obtain further quotes to progress the new village sign.
  - 5.6 The grass cutting around the village that has been done recently was praised. It is hoped, funding permitting, to have a yearly contract for this.
- 6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
- 6.1 Reply from Highways regarding proposed crossing at Key Street roundabout.
  - 6.2 A request from Mr Matt Freeman 'I would like to request a formal comment from Bobbing Parish Council' regarding the missing gates at Rooks View. Cllr Dewar-Whalley especially has worked tirelessly on this and the clerk has also reported to the various bodies involved. A comment will be sent by the clerk and copied to the councillors.
  - 6.3 Sittingbourne Local Engagement Forum –Each SBC Cllr to have £2000 to allocate. The clerk was unsure how this was going to work as forms have to be sent via Swale Borough Council and not to the councillor in question. Cllr Dewar-Whalley has requested he be kept involved with this.
  - 6.4 SBC – Revenue Budget & Capital Programme 2009-2010.
  - 6.5 Subsidiarity – items proposed by Cllr Ball. Cllr Ball unfortunately was not in attendance when this issue was discussed but an e-mail had been sent outlining projects for this money. All of these fall in the earmarked items. The village sign has not progressed so the clerk was requested to obtain quotes for signs using resin similar to Newington Village sign. This estimate is about £5000. The footpath is £9000 and the clerk was requested to obtain quotes for a bench erected opposite McDonalds. These together with a yearly grass cutting contract will total the monies to be used.
  - 6.6 KALC Parish news received
  - 6.7 SBC Gypsy & Traveller Corporate Policy was adopted on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009 – this can be viewed on the website [www.swale.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.swale.gov.uk/ldf)
  - 6.8 The clerk had spoke with Swale Borough Council regarding the Japanese Knotweed who were unaware that KCC were to fund this eradication programme. They also

informed the clerk that it was KCC contractors who were responsible for cutting this recently. The clerk will e-mail to see where this programme as got to.

- 6.9 The clerk reported that the new Charles Arnold-Baker had been received.  
 6.10 The clerk from Borden parish council had e-mailed requesting details of the sign makers for the heritage sign at Key Street roundabout. The council were happy for details to be passed on.

## 7.0 Councillors Reports:

**Cllr Nappey:** Had a meeting with the head of Grove Parks School regarding the parking problems and how the school can help solve the parking issues. There is a gate near to Rose Woods that children can use to access school. The Children's Centre had written in the latest newsletter that there are no parking spaces for parents in the school. Cars need to be parked outside school which could cause problems. This Centre has an open day on 25<sup>th</sup> August 11am-2pm. Work has started on the siting of the mobile classroom for the nursery/before school/after school club.

Cllr Nappey also contacted PCSO Henderson regarding training for radar gun use. Dog bins are desperately needed on The Meads estate. The clerk will contact Anne Ryman at Swale. Redrow have removed the Milton pipes and replaced the fencing in the area where the hall is due to be built.

**Cllr Bullen:** Is concerned that overgrown vegetation is hiding signs in the parish especially along Rook Lane. The clerk will report this. Parking is still an on-going problem in Bobbing Hill.

**Cllr Bennett:** Lots of parishioners have been having trouble with the dogs living at Rook Lodge. These dogs are running loose in the road a access road and make people feel intimidated as they are large dogs. The clerk will write to the residents and copy to the authorities.

## 8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

- 8.1 To consider new planning applications:  
 SW/09/0547 Case 16005 Change of use from use B1 (vacant offices) to use class D1 (Administration and training facilities) at 1 & 2 Conqueror Court, Watermark
- 8.2 Planning Notifications.  
 SW/09/0386 Case 19483 Variation of condition to allow the storage of fruit grown in Swale has been granted permission.  
 SW/09/1263 Case 19774 Erection of 4 Bedroom dwelling at 9 Bobbing Hill has been granted permission.  
 KCC wrote asking for comments regard in stopping up Quinton Road Bobbing where the travellers used to park. This would be very welcomed by council. The clerk to write with these comments.

## 9.0 Finance:

- 9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-
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| Audit Commission   | £135.00 |
| Possibilities (UK) Ltd (NicenStripy)                         | £295.00 |
| Possibilities (UK) Ltd (NicenStripy) (for village hall work) | £355.00 |

## 10.0 Other Matters Arising:

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall. The Bobbing in Bloom awards will be presented before the meeting starts.**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_