

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm**

### MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

One member of the public attended.

- 1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Dewar-Whalley and Ward Cllr Randall.
- 2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were amended to include the date of the next meeting as 2<sup>nd</sup> September, agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.
- 3.0 Public Session:**  
No issues were raised.
- 4.0 Declarations of Interest:**  
None declared.
- 5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**
- 5.1 Village sign: The clerk had circulated an e-mail from Signs of the Times regarding a quote for a replacement village sign. The sign was well received by all councillors although the Welcome Signs were considered too expensive. Discussion followed regarding the design and it was decided to ask them to come up with a design based on the elements we wish to include. The clerk was asked to contact SBC and KCC regarding the welcome signs. These should also have anti vandal paint or surfaces.
- 5.2 The Chairman asked council if he should apply for free trees for the parish. It is a lottery on whether we would be successful but council agreed we should apply. A map of the planting places has to be provided in due course. It is believed the Woodland Trust is also giving grants for trees.
- 6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
- 6.1 Various issues at Rooks View – The gates have not been replaced and Matt Freeman e-mailed regarding lack of action. Cllr Dewar-Whalley is pursuing this matter and it was not sure what else the parish council was able to do. Other issues raised were the NHS smokers leaving litter by the attenuation pond. The clerk will contact Southlands regarding this and the possibility of having bin provided there. Also a family has been causing disturbances regularly which are upsetting the residents. The council suggested contacting SBC Environmental Services to see if they could help.
- 6.2 The Kent Messenger had contacted the clerk regarding the proposed crossing at Key Street roundabout by Mr Law. There are petitions in various businesses and this will be presented at a later date.
- 6.3 The resident of Rooks Lodge contacted the clerk regarding the dogs there. She acknowledged there was a problem and they are addressing this. PC Justin Law also rang the clerk but it was thought a visit would be inappropriate at the moment.
- 6.4 Swale Settlement Study was sent by SBC and completed during the meeting.
- 6.5 Swale Open Spaces Strategy meeting is to be held at Teynham Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am.
- 6.6 SBC sent details of where to find the street cleaning schedules on its website.
- 7.0 Councillors Reports:**
- Cllr Edwards:** Has received many complaints about the skip lorries parked in Bobbing Hill. This issue has come up time and time again. It seems a skip lorry must be parked on a flat surface in case of tipping. The clerk will speak to Kent Police regarding this

area again. There are also rumours that drugs are being dealt in Bobbing Hill. The clerk was also requested to report this to the Neighbourhood Watch Office. Bobbing in Bloom has been judged and letters inviting winners will be sent out. The clerk will buy the prizes and plaques.

**Cllr Ball:** Has recently had trouble with an ambulance trying to get to his house and being unable to the parking problems in Bobbing Hill. The clerk will contact the police and make them aware of this problem.

**Cllr Nappey:** There have been broken windows on the new development at the Meads which has resulted in security being increased. The next PACT meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Gore Court Club house. There has also been two police scramble bikes and cars on The Meads estate over the summer.

## **8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:**

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/09/0662 Case 16005 New Doctors surgery on land at The Meads. Much discussion followed regarding these plans as the parking seems inadequate for the buildings needs. It is reliant on the public parking and also will spill into the residential areas as visitors will not be able or chose not to walk from the parking areas. The design of the surgery was acceptable although it was felt to be quite a high structure. Council will make comments regarding the parking.

SW/09/0736 Case 23768 Advert consent for the 'Jenny Wren' public house at The Meads. Council were happy with most of the signs except the one 'j' which is the tallest sign along Staplehurst Road. The clerk will write with these comments.

8.2 Planning Notifications.

SW/09/0306 Case 16005 Erection of public house at The Meads has been granted permission.

## **9.0 Finance:**

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

None required.

## **10.0 Other Matters Arising:**

The clerk had reported the arrival of the traveller family along the old A249 and had received some response. She has also spoken with Mr Daynes regarding keeping the gate shut at Pigeon Farm. The clerk also brought to the attention of the council that in this week's East Kent Gazette there was an application for keeping two goods vehicles at Pigeon Farm.

There will be a Lions quiz night on 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm £5 entry with ploughman's and two bottles of wine per table. Tables are 6,8,or any!

The WI would like to ask Cllr Dewar-Whalley for money to purchase a big teapot, cups and saucers and chairs. The clerk will contact him regarding this.

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<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: \_\_\_\_\_

