

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bennett, Dewar-Whalley, Edwards, Major, Nappey and Stowe.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

One member of the public was in attendance.

**1.0 Apologies: None.**

- 2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were amended at 7.0 to thank those who helped deliver the survey for Cllr Nappey, agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.

CLOSED SESSION at 7.35pm

RECONVENED at 7.50pm

**3.0 Public Session:**

Eileen Savage of Grove PACT attended and gave details of their recent meeting and promises that had been given to them. The graffiti near the Premier Inn will be removed as will the rubbish in the same area. The proposed car park at the Marshgate site was discussed although this surprised council as there was no knowledge of this on the original plans. Also Grove Park School is proposing to use the private area at Gore Court for parents to park and walk their children the rest of the way to school. A new crossing had been mentioned at the railway bridge end of Staplehurst Road. These are all projects that she is pursuing. Ms Savage was thanked for attending and reporting to council.

**4.0 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Dewar-Whalley declared an interest in planning applications so will take no part in these discussions and also in PACT.

**5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**

- 5.1 Open Afternoon June 15<sup>th</sup>. This afternoon was declared a success although it would have been more beneficial had more parishioners been able to attend. The points raised by attending parishioners were each discussed and the clerk informed council that Swale had promised a bin along Parsonage Lane. It was also decided to write to the school and the hall user for the auction to request no parking on the pavements. Cllr Stowe had reported this problem and requested attendance by the traffic enforcement officers. Cllr Dewar-Whalley will also take this forward to the Borough Council. Another open afternoon will be held later in the year.
- 5.2 The grass around the village sign is growing vigorously. Various contracts or volunteers and purchasing a sit on mower were discussed. It was decided to include the village hall grass in this also. Cllr Ball proposed to obtain a quote from Nice and Stripy for mowing on an 'as and when' basis at the moment. Seconded by Cllr Bennett with all in favour. The clerk to action.
- 5.3 Sittingbourne Local Engagement Forum meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July agenda had been received with Sittingbourne proposed new Town Centre comments listed.

**6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**

- 6.1 KALC Parish news received. No-one at present wishes to attend the councillors training day.

- 6.2 Govt office for the South East – Partial review for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. Comments to be made by 1<sup>st</sup> September. The chair will review this document.
- 6.3 Age Concern- leaflets received.
- 6.4 KCC acknowledged receipt of our letter to Cllr Ferrin regarding a new crossing at the Old Sheppey Way.
- 6.5 The clerk reported that Cllr Stowe had kindly set up the back up device and all was functioning well.

## 7.0 Councillors Reports:

**Cllr Nappey:** Attended the recent PACT meeting and reported the survey results. 69 out of 1004 replied. 64 have a problem with traffic in Sonora Way of which 31 requested speed bumps. KCC will place tubes down to monitor the problem. Members of the public have been asked to note the car type and colour and if possible part of a vehicle reg number which can be reported to the police. There was also talk about moving a set of traffic lights along the B2006. Some members of council will be travelling to Essex for the village hall proposals. Also advised that a car for sale had been reported and the police attended. The owner was advised not to do this again on the estate. They were thanked for their action particularly as it was the day that the PC was killed on the A249. Cllr Dewar-Whalley requested the clerk write to Kent Police to express their regret regarding this accident and condolences to his family.

**Cllr Stowe:** Advised council that Nice and Stripy had donated a £20 gift voucher towards the Bobbing in Bloom competition which was gratefully received. Cllr Stowe had reported many faults on the KCC website and some have been actioned or are being progressed. Cllr Stowe wished it to be minuted that Mr Chapman had been requested to sent his list of complaints/problems to council but had failed to do so despite e-mail messages saying he would. Cllr Stowe requested the clerk to write to McDonalds to thank them for their recent litter picking but request this be done more frequently. It appears the builders at the care home have inadvertently cut Japanese Knotweed which could have spread this around.

**Cllr Ball:** Highways again seem to have cut the Knotweed at the bottom of Bobbing Hill. This was reported to Highways but the clerk has not heard back.

**Cllr Dewar-Whalley:** Reported glass at the underpass which could have been cleared recently. He also saw McDonalds litter picking but they didn't seem to cover a large area.

**Cllr Edwards:** Attended a PCT meeting regarding the proposed new doctor's surgery which is now phase two approved. The clerk was requested to ask for plans when they are at Swale. It is a good sized surgery which will be well equipped. Bobbing in Bloom needs more judges which will be done on either the 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> July. The presentation will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September.

**Cllr Major:** Thanked Cllrs Dewar-Whalley and Nappey for their help in getting bollards placed along Staplehurst Road. It is hoped these will do their job.

**Cllr Bennett:** Reported that Taylor Wimpey had not come back regarding the missing gates. Cllr Dewar Whalley is also angry as he has not been called back by them.

## 8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

- 8.1 To consider new planning applications:

**SW/098/1263 Case 19774** Erection of four bed detached dwelling at 9 Bobbing Hill. This is a retrospective application as the previous bore no resemblance to the original plans so another application was made. No comments were made except council couldn't understand how Swale had allowed this to happen.

**SW/09/0475 Case 05334** Rear conservatory at 63 Sandford Road, Bobbing. No comments on these plans to be made.

Lambert & Foster wrote regarding council's objections to the fruit store at Howt Green. Traffic flow and movements were provided and in the light of these council will withdraw their objections to these plans.

Pre-planning consultation regarding a proposed sustainable energy plant at Kemsley Paper Mill, Kemsley. Council will comment on the Highway access with the small roundabouts that large lorries will need to negotiate.

8.2 Planning Notifications.  
None received at present.

**9.0 Finance:**

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:- proposed by Cllr Dewar Whalley  
seconded by Cllr Ball with all in favour.

KALC (new Charles Arnold-Baker)	£59
Mrs S Crawford (back up device)	£123.11

9.2 A VAT refund of £99.35 had been received.

**10.0 Other Matters Arising:**

**Meeting closed at 10.15pm**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm  
in Bobbing Village Hall.**

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

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

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