

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 4th February 2009 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bullen, Edwards, Major and Nappey.
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.
 Mike Baldock – Labour rep for Grove Ward attended.

- 1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Dewar-Whalley, Stowe and Ward Cllr Randall.
- 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 informed council that the potholes at Keycol Hill had been filled and that the question of parking in this area had been brought to his attention. According to title deeds there should be no parking in this area but residents had been able to use this land. Kent Highways have admitted responsibility for the area. Parking in general in Keycol Hill was discussed as there are houses that do not have any parking available and if this area was to be closed to them more cars could be parked on the hill causing traffic problems. Mike Baldock also had been approached by residents of The Meads concerned at the speeding traffic along Sonora Way. This is usual in summer but because of the adverse weather conditions has been getting worse. These problems will be progressed and he will keep us informed.
- 4.0 Declarations of Interest:**
 None declared.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT THIS POINT.

- 5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**
 5.1 Another meeting of the Meads Steering Group has been held with some progress reported.
- 6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
 6.1 Clerk & Councils Direct renewal due. Cllr Nappey proposed this was renewed with Cllr Major seconding. All in favour.
 6.2 Sittingbourne Regeneration Update received.
 6.3 Parish/Town Council Allowances received from Swale Borough Council.
 6.4 Survey by ACRK – completed by 1st March 2009. This was completed at the meeting.
 6.5 A thank you letter was received from Ellenor Lions Hospice for their donation.
 6.6 Swale Borough council wrote to invite comments on their Gypsy & Traveller Corporate Policy 2009. This can be done on the website www.swale.gov.uk/ldf. Comments by 28th February 2009.
 6.7 NHS invites council to the local roadshow which will be held at The Alexander Centre Faversham 17th February 9.30am-12.30pm.
 6.8 Swale Borough Council is preparing a Core Strategy and comments are invited. Once again this can be completed on line www.swale.gov.uk/ldf
- 7.0 Councillors Reports:**
Cllr Edwards: Informed council that two residents to her knowledge had been approached by Swale Borough Council to undertake a survey regarding the area and their housing. These were older ladies living on their own so it seemed a little suspicious. The visits went well and all seems above board. The clerk was asked to write to SBC to ask if we could be informed about this so any wary resident could check with the clerk.

Cllr Major: Asked if the clerk has received any more information regarding the proposed sale of the land at the bottom of Keycol Hill. The clerk has heard nothing more.

Cllr Ball: Spoke about the parking problems in the area and asked if council could be proactive. There seems to be some pockets of land that could be used for car parks. After discussion it was decided not to pursue this as the land may be used for other purposes. Cllr Ball also spoke about the new website which Cllr's Ball and Stowe had designed. This was not receiving the hits and he proposed that this be taken down. Cllr Nappey seconded this with all in favour. Council will now concentrate on the KCC website. The clerk has been to the training day and content for the site will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. It was also spoken about new software that would be advantageous that the clerk used such as Word 2007. The clerk informed council her machine as 5 years old and wondered if it could be used on it. It was also decided that the clerk should purchase an external hard drive which would be used to back up all the council work. This will be discussed again. The KCC website needs to be advertised to parishioners. The clerk will write to East Kent Gazette about this.

Cllr Nappey: Gave a report on the presentation held in Sittingbourne regarding finds made on the Meads estate. This was very informative and interesting. There were many people in attendance so another one is planned in due course. This should be advertised in the local papers.

Cllr Herbert: Asked the clerk to contact enforcement regarding the advertising between Bobbing Hill and Keycol Hill. There are now two large banners/signs there which are a distraction to motorists.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/08/1321 Case 19483 Variation of condition 2 of planning permission to allow the storage of fruit grown on Kent as well as grown on farm at Howt Green Farm Bobbing. No comments to be made.

SW/08/1107 Case 14030 Change of roof line for first floor rear extension at 12 Keycol Hill. No comments to be made.

8.2 Planning Notifications.

SW/08/1099 Case 08404 1 Layfield Cottages Sheppey Way Bobbing has been granted permission for new double garage/utility and upper games room.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

Bobbing Village Hall (6 months hire)	£200
CommuniCorp (annual Subs)	£40

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th February 2009 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____

