

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7th October 2009 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

One member of the public attended.

Bobbing in Bloom

The Bobbing in Bloom awards were presented by Swale Lions president Neil Hamilton, Ward Councillor Duncan Dewar-Whalley and Mrs Barbara Wileman to the winners and runners up in each category. There were some wonderful examples in Bobbing especially given the dry weather. It is hoped to run a 'cabbage patch' award next year for back gardens or vegetable plots.

- 1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Ball, 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:**
The new gates have been installed at Rooks View which need painting but at least they are installed. It seems Swale Borough Council is unable or will not give an answer as to why the development has not been adopted. Council explained that this could be for a variety of reasons but Cllr Dewar-Whalley will take this matter up.
- 4.0 Declarations of Interest:**
Cllr Dewar-Whalley declared an interest in planning matters and will refrain from voting.
- 5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**
5.1 Nothing to report.
- 6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
- 6.1 Rooks View items – Cllr Bennett asked the clerk to request a dog bin for Rooks View and to have the bin there emptied on a regular basis. The clerk has spoken to Anne Ryman and this is being investigated. The sightline at the A2 junction is causing problems. There is not enough vision to be able to use this junction safely. The clerk will contact Highways regarding this. The gates have been hung recently at Rooks View and Cllr Bennett thanked Cllr Dewar-Whalley for all his dedication on this matter.
- 6.2 KALC Parish News received.
- 6.3 Village sign – draft drawings have been received and were highly praised. Council decided to go with the street scene with a few amendments. It is hoped to have this sign erected in the not too distant future.
- 6.4 Petition from Mr Law re crossing at Key Street roundabout. Cllr Dewar-Whalley received the petition from Mr Law and has passed this to Keith Ferrin KCC Cllr to present to Highways and KCC. It will be discussed at the Joint Transportation meeting on 14th December.
- 6.5 KCC wrote regarding staffing on mobile libraries. It is thought these could operate with just one member of staff. Council wished to object to this on safety especially on child protection measures.
- 6.6 The clerk has received the hard copy of the toolkit for parish councils from Swale. This is full of useful information regarding parish councils.

- 6.7 A parishioner had e-mailed regarding the locked gate on the railway crossing near the Premier Travelinn. The clerk has spoken to South East Rail who will investigate and come back. It is thought work on the line may be to blame. The clerk was also asked to point out the dangerous raised design on this crossing.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Nappey: Thanked the local police for their strong presence on The Meads estate. Various arrests and a car had been seized so it is hoped the anti-social behaviour will decrease. It is thought the shops have not suffered anymore broken windows. The new shop is opening on Thursday. There is a Hawkeye camera in Balas Drive and the next PACT meeting is 19th November at 7.30pm. There was a lorry causing parking problems but Cllr Nappey phoned the haulage company and it moved!

Cllr Edwards: Bobbing in Bloom went well even though it was a very wet evening. She attended the recent WI Harvest Supper. The new doctor's surgery has received permission with a few provisions.

Cllr Dewar-Whalley: Reported broken glass and rubbish along the footpath by the railway next to the Premier Inn. Also the footpath that has been causing a parishioner a problem on The Meads is due to go ahead but this may in due course be the subject of an application to have it moved or closed. The Local Community Engagement grant deadline has been extended until 19th October 2009 for this round.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

- 8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/09/0767 Case 23258 Demolition of dwelling and replace with 4 dwellings at 23 Key Street, Bobbing. Council wished to object to these plans on Highway safety issues. Also the other gardens in the area may attract attention for the same reason.

SW/09/0864 Case 16005 New signs for the One Stop shop at The Meads local centre. Council wish to make no comments on these plans.

SW/09/0873 Case 23808 ATM machine and security bollards at One Stop Shop. Council wish to make no comments regarding these plans as both are already in place.

- 8.2 Planning Notifications.

SW/09/0736 Case 23768 New signs for The Jenny Wren public house have been granted with the exception of sign I which was refused on height grounds.

9.0 Finance:

- 9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mrs S Crawford (Bobbing in Bloom vouchers)	£110
Mrs S Crawford (Petty cash £135.36 Tel £20)	£155.36

- 9.2 Second part of the precept £5,150 has been received.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

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

The clerk had spoken to Laurence Young regarding the Subsidiarity budget and will be meeting with him on Friday 16th October.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____