

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

- 1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Dewar-Whalley, Bennett 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:**  
No one attended.
- 4.0 Declarations of Interest:**  
None declared.
- 5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**
- 5.1 The Bobbing Reporter had been printed and given to Cllr Nappey and the clerk. All available copies were distributed with some of the Grove, Sheppey Way and Keycol Hill still to be done. More copies were given to the clerk at the meeting.
- 6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
- 6.1 DVD Tick Tock – This gives clear and practical advice on handling requests for information under FOI and EIR. This will be retained by the clerk.
- 6.2 Accident on Sonora Way 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009. Cllr Stowe and Cllr Nappey gave an account of this accident and actions taken since. The lack of action by the police with regard to the gun and speed was commented on. A survey will be distributed this weekend by Cllr Nappey and opinions sought from the residents.
- 6.3 Equality and Human Rights Commission – reminder about our duties.
- 6.4 Insurance renewal- This was proposed to be accepted by Cllr Nappey with Cllr Stowe seconding- all in favour.
- 6.5 Footpath estimate £7000. This was ridiculed as too expensive and the clerk was asked to request a breakdown in price from Highways and also to see if alternative contractors can be used.
- 6.6 Proposed youth club for Bobbing. This was deemed a good idea. Cllr Stowe knew the church was setting up this type of group and wondered if this could be a joint venture. Storage at the hall is a problem and also availability is limited to Monday or Tuesday. The clerk was asked to write with these comments in mind and also a reminder that scouts/explorers were another possibility.
- 6.7 There is another Charles Arnold-Baker due to be published soon. Cllr Stowe proposed council purchase one through KALC. This was seconded by Cllr Ball with all in favour. The clerk to action.
- 6.8 Southern Water sent their business plan 2010-2015.
- 6.9 A presentation will be held at Teynham Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> May 6-8pm. Details of local area speed limits will be given then. Cllr Stowe and Cllr Ball hope to attend.
- 6.10 KALC Parish News received.
- 6.11 The clerk had met with Mr Stanley regarding the village sign. Various pictures were shown and discussed. After much discussion it was decided to request an open top tractor, the key, a black cap windmill, church and to incorporate an apple into the design in some way.

**7.0 Councillors Reports:**

**Cllr Edwards:** Requires judges for the Bobbing in Bloom competition- names to her please.

**Cllr Stowe:** Informed council that the church had been broken into recently and although no damage was done items were stolen. The church is also setting up a youth group which may not be of attraction to local youths.

**Cllr Ball:** Reported that complaints about parking in Bobbing Hill and Keycol Hill have reached him. Bobbing Hill is notorious but this has been worse recently. Also parking on the hill at Keycol has hampered the sightlines of drivers trying to exit their driveways. There seems to be no easy solution but emergency services would struggle in these areas. The clerk was asked to write to Highways – copied to Cllr Ferrin regarding this. Cllr Ball asked the clerk if any reply had been received regarding parking restrictions in the lay-by. Nothing has been received to date.

**Cllr Nappey:** The Meads Hall survey has been distributed and collected and the analysis is being done at present. The traffic survey will be distributed this weekend and hopefully replies will be received before the next PACT meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009. There had been lots of comments made when she was going round the estate and it is hoped people will attend the 'Meet the Councillors Day' on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Lots of comments regarding the building of the Local centre were received. Also there is another meeting with Swale Borough Council regarding the Meads hall site on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.

**8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:**

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/09/0306 Case 16005 Erection of public house/restaurant and associated works at land off Staplehurst Road Sittingbourne. No comments are to be made regarding these plans.

The clerk had received plans regarding new development in Iwade. These were discussed and although not in our parish no comments will be made regarding these plans.

8.2 Planning Notifications.

SW/09/0224 Case 23583 Permission has been granted for a new conservatory to replace a lean to at 25 Bobbing Hill, Bobbing

SW/09/0073 Case 14327 Permission has been refused for new signs at Bobbing Apple Sheppey Way, Bobbing

**9.0 Finance:**

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

Allianz Cornhill Insurance plc	£422.32
Mr G Herbert (printing of Bobbing Reported	£ 87.60
Mrs S Crawford (petty cash £54.90 Tel £20)	£74.90

9.2 Audit: Copies had been sent to all councillors and these were proposed by Cllr Ball to be approved by council, seconded by Cllr Stowe with all in favour. The internal audit will be started this weekend and the audit has been advertised. The annual governance statement was completed by council.

9.3 The first instalment of the precept has been received £5,150

**10.0 Other Matters Arising:**

The clerk asked if the meeting in September could be on the second Wednesday as she may be on holiday. This will also include the Bobbing in Bloom presentation. This was agreed. Cllr Edwards informed council of a mistake made by Swale Borough Council in sending her items that belonged to someone else. This is an infringement of the Data Protection Act. Cllr Randall has been informed and this will be investigated.

**Meeting closed at 10.20pm**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.**

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

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

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

