

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 3rd June 2009 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

One member of the public was in attendance.

- 1.0 Apologies:** Ward Cllr Randall. Mike Baldock also apologised.
- 2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.
- 3.0 Public Session:**
The member of the public had written e-mails to the clerk and some councillors regarding the metal gates that were taken over the bank holiday weekend from Rooks View. These gates are positioned near the children's play area and by the entrance to the A2. It seems after correspondence that the developer is still responsible as the site has not been handed over. The matter of safety to stop any children accessing the A2 is being investigated by Swale as he feels there should be another deterrent for safety reasons. After much discussion of the type of replacement in this area, Cllr Dewar-Whalley is taking the lead role and will keep council informed.
- 4.0 Declarations of Interest:**
Cllr Dewar-Whalley declared an interest in planning applications so will take no part in these discussions and Cllr Nappey declared an interest the Grove Park School application.
- 5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**
- 5.1 Open Afternoon June 15th – Meet your councillors. The chair wanted to discuss the format for this afternoon. It was decided to make this informal and to have post it notes available for people to inform council what they liked about Bobbing and what they didn't. The actual parish map of Bobbing will be made on hand as many people are unsure if their property is part of the parish. It is hoped to have responsibilities of parish councillors available so it will be clear if we can help residents with particular problems. A survey sheet would enable councillors to ask questions such as things parishioners enjoy about Bobbing, what they would like changed and if they would be prepared to volunteer with the village hall or other projects. The PCSO and KCC Cllr Keith Ferrin have been invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided.
- 6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
- 6.1 Training for the planning system from dha planning- It was thought this very expensive.
- 6.2 The clerk reminded councillors to update their registers of interests – new forms need not be completed.
- 6.3 Parish Portal from Highways – the clerk had requested that access for the parish is obtained. It is unsure what extra facilities this will the parish to access at this stage.
- 6.4 Gates at Rook View. This was covered previously.
- 6.5 KCC – Community Involvement – The chair will undertake this questionnaire
- 6.6 Pedestrian crossing at Key Street – the clerk had received a letter from a concerned grandparent regarding crossing the Key Street roundabout. The clerk has had many conversations with this gentleman and has approached Highways regarding this. A lack of crash data, sightlines and siting of the crossing were all spoken about during her contact with Highways. The clerk was asked to forward the letter to Cllr Keith Ferrin KCC who holds transportation portfolio for him to answer.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Major: Over the bank holiday and before there were traffic lights along by the Long Hop pub. Annoyingly there were no workmen and it seems it was just for a few holes but the lights were left for weeks. Now they are back again albeit on the opposite side of the road. He asked if the clerk could enquire as to the nature and length of the disruption and why there were no advance warning signs.

Cllr Dewar-Whalley: Reported a dangerous tree branch that is overhanging the road at Webbeditch Pond. The clerk will report this.

Cllr Bullen: Raised the issue of the dangerous parking at Bobbing Hill again. This is worsening with car sharers using this area. There is also a lorry which regularly parks in this area. The member of the public suggested contacting Dept of Transport as they would know who issued the O licence and where it should be parked. The clerk will action this. Also there is an increase in the number of cars regularly parked along Keycol Hill obscuring sightlines and stopping the free flow of traffic. The clerk will action this.

Cllr Ball: Recently attended two meetings which he gave reports on assisted by the other councillors who attended. At the speed limit review meeting held at Teynham which was poorly attended – only 5 parish councils there, a presentation was given about the A and B roads being reviewed. A copy of the document was received and in our parish one of the recommendations is that the speed coming towards the Key Street roundabout down Keycol Hill be raised from 30mph to 40mph. This was not well received by councillors as in particular Cllr Major had campaigned for a long time to get this altered due to the narrow footpath in the area. In the report no other roads were being reviewed and it was the majority of these that parish councils wanted reviewed. It seems the best way to get anything reviewed is by petition which is something to bear in mind with the Old Sheppey Way which passes Bobbing Village School. The B2006 it was felt also should have a speed limit of 40mph. It was decided that Cllr Stowe together with Cllr Ball will draft a reply regarding this.

Cllr Ball also attended the KALC meeting which gave details of funding available for community halls and in one example by improving broadband reception in a village. Another item which may impact on Bobbing is the new faster train services to London. It seems rural trains may be cut which will mean commuters, who at present use smaller more local stations will have to travel to main line stations to catch the faster services. This will lead to an increase in car parking requirements or to parking in streets so coaches can be caught. Sonora Way suffers from coach commuter parking and this may increase. Another item which was discussed was parish clerks and the lack of people applying for vacancies. Cllr Ball wishes to agenda at a later date that the hours and wages of the clerk be reviewed.

Cllr Ball was pleased with the work that was done at the Bobbing sign area by the workers from the prisons and this needs to be kept looking this smart. He also echoed the parking problems in Bobbing Hill and feels sure a fire engine would never reach this area. He asked the clerk to write to the brigade and ask for them, when they are next doing familiarisation practice, if this area could be looked at. Different times of the day would be useful. If possible the clerk was asked to include Rooks View and Hilton Drive especially at school times.

Cllr Nappey: Advised council that the next PACT meeting is Thursday 4th June at Gore Court Cricket Club at 7.30pm. It was thought that the head teacher of Grove Park will be attending to allay fears regarding increased traffic with regard to a planning application (see planning applications). Cllr Nappey has completed the survey for the hall in the Meads and the results were discussed. Also being undertaken at present is the traffic survey for the Meads. It is possible that survey tubes will be placed on the road in this area in due course. Redrow will be replacing the fencing after the earlier accident in Sonora Way but this hasn't been done to date.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/09/038 Case 19483 Variation of condition 2 of pp SW/07/1388 to allow the storage of fruit grown in Swale rather than their own grown fruit. Council wish to comment on the traffic movements which will increase especially as all lorry movement has to pass through Bobbing as it cannot pass through Iwade.

SW/09/0385 Case 02384 Siting of a mobile unit to form a kids club and nursery at Grove Park School Hilton Drive. The main concerns for this application were the increase in

traffic over a longer period of time and also with no break over the summertime for the residents. These issues will be commented on to Swale Borough Council.

- 8.2 Planning Notifications.
None received at present.

Planning Inspectorate has written to inform me that the Harbex enforcement notices have been withdrawn. No further action to be taken.

Lambert & Foster wrote regarding the planning at Howt Green for the storage of Swale grown fruit.

9.0 Finance:

- 9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:
None to be raised.

- 9.2 The internal auditor had completed his audit and this has been signed off with no action required. The audit paperwork will be sent to Plymouth by signed post before the calling date.

- 9.3 The grant of £1500 has been received from KCC.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

Meeting closed at 10.30pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st July at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____