

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Ball, Dewar-Whalley, Major, Nappey and Wright.  
 Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.  
 Ward Cllr Gareth Randall attended.  
 Cllr Mike Baldock attended.

**1.0 Apologies:** Cllrs Stammers and Edwards.

**2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record and were signed accordingly.

**3.0 Public Session:** Cllr Baldock attended as there had been footpath access problems in Borden and also on footways and bridle paths that are in Bobbing. Some have had work done to them and the PROW Mike Ellis is aware of some of the problems. It seems that where hedgerows have been removed the footpaths have been erased and not kept in by the farmer. There is also a problem with smells from the mixture being put onto the fields. Cllr Wright informed council that she had previously called the council regarding this and was told that no CoSHe sheets were available at the council. Defra should be able to provide information regarding the rules and regulations.

**4.0 Declarations of Interest:**  
 Cllr Dewar-Whalley declared an interest regarding the Boundary Commission.

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

5.1 Some members attend a meeting with Cllr Keith Ferrin regarding Highways. Unfortunately Highways were unable to attend but there were 5 main points that are to be progressed and these had previously been circulated to members. Cllr Baldock told council that he had also agreed £8500 for works to Chestnut Street, Borden. Parishioners had contacted the Ward Councillors with their concerns regarding this and together with reports in the local papers it was felt that the parish councils had been left out of the loop with any communications regarding this area. It was decided to write to all parties explaining our feelings.

5.2 Kent Highway have 'revisited' the Meads 5 years on and reported back on various findings including parking and other factors and The Meads came out not too bad considering other areas.

5.3 Highways have been the subject of much discussion today and Cllr Dewar-Whalley asked if risk assessments were undertaken. It was decided to ask about the risk assessment for the overhanging trees at Webbenditch Pond.

5.4 Finally KCC had sent a tracker survey for the parish council to complete regarding Highways. This was completed at the meeting for the clerk to forward. All views of the council were unanimous in completing this.

**6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**

6.1 Code of Conduct forms – must be returned asap.

6.2 Boundary Commission- final recommendations

6.3 Update on meeting with Cllr Keith Ferrin – covered under chair's report.

6.4 Boundary Commission – final recommendations have been received. Cllr Baldock asked if Borden had been in contact with us- they had not- but they wished for us to consider writing to Gordon Henderson MP to vote against the changes. Bobbing has been seriously split under these recommendations and it was agreed to do this.

6.5 Warmer Rural Swale – information received from SBC

6.6 Diamond Jubilee Tree- Jacobs, on behalf of Highways, had sent details of the underground utilities in the area of the tree. These show there are none in the area we wish to plant so we can go ahead. The clerk will check with Highways and get a quote from Gardening World to provide a tree and plant it. This should be a cheaper option than the previous quote.

6.7 WI- the clerk, as secretary to the WI, asked if the parish council would consider assisting the WI with the cost of their hall hire. The group is about 20 in number and funds are low so any help would be gratefully

received. Both Ward Councillors were present so offered to pay £75 each to cover the hiring costs. The clerk thanked them both for their generous offer.

6.8 Williams Giles had sent an annual round up of the clerks salary for council's information.

**7.0 Councillors Reports:**

**Cllr Nappey:** Attended the recent Swale Rural Forum which gave details of the new recycling bins to be given to households to dispose of food waste. Also The recycling will not be separated so glass can all go in the same bin and more plastics can be recycled.

**Cllr Wright:** Informed council that one of the gates on the A2 to the Rooks View development had been stolen. It has been cut off and the police have been informed. The developers are not responding to calls to replace this at present.

**8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:**

8.1 To consider new planning applications:  
None received.

8.2 Planning Notifications:

SW/12/0983 Case 08306 Erection of gates and side fencing at Byfield Court has been granted permission.

SW/12/0996 Case 03688 Removal of agricultural occupancy condition at Stickfast Farmhouse will be heard at the planning meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

**9.0 Finance:**

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Williams Giles	£ 36.00	Cheque No 100345
Audit Commission –audit fee	£ 162.00	Cheque No 100346

9.2 The second instalment of the precept of £5,250 has been received.

**10.0 Other Matters Arising:**

Cllr Dewar-Whalley informed council that there is a cabinet meeting so he may not be able to attend the next meeting but could attend for Bobbing in Bloom at 7pm

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm.**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

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

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