

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

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

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Dewar-Whalley, Nappey and Stowe.
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

- 1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Bennett, Bullen, Major 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 issues raised.
- 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 Rooks View gates- Cllr Dewar-Whalley informed council that the gates are now painted black and it is hoped this matter is now closed. Other issues have been brought to his attention, which are still on-going.
Pigeon Farm gates- these gates have been left open on numerous occasions and it seems to be visitors to the units who are guilty of this. It was proposed to buy two signs to hang on the gate to remind people to shut them. The clerk will also write to Mr Daynes about this issue.
- 6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
- 6.1 Village sign- The amendments had been e-mailed and council thought that the windmill should be more to the background of the sign with the church a little more predominant, also the oak tree a little larger if possible to make it stand out more. The clerk will request these alterations. The makers require a 50% deposit of £1850. It was also thought a small plaque on the post with information on the sign should be erected.
- 6.2 Kent Police briefing for parish councils will be held on 2nd December 2009. There are various other meetings on this day and the clerk will ask if this can be changed. If this is unacceptable then the parish council meeting may be changed to allow councillors to attend.
- 6.3 Bus stop at crematorium- KCC had contacted the clerk as they had received a request for a bus stop at the crematorium. Council fully supported this idea and the clerk will liaise with Highways.
- 6.4 KALC AGM- will be held on 14th November at Ditton. To vote please collect a paper from the clerk.
- 6.5 Parish Grant Scheme. Mr Young from Swale cancelled the meeting with the clerk and urged council to make use of this money before the end of March 2010. The schemes were discussed and the disabled facilities at the hall will be progressed now.
- 6.6 Swale Borough Council wrote to ask for councils say on the 2010-11 budget. This can be done on line but seems a little tedious.
- 6.7 The clerk had received a reply from KCC regarding the proposed crossing at Key Street. Again due to crash data reports amending the islands will not be a high priority for funding. Mr Law had also received a letter which the clerk has a copy of.
- 6.8 Kent Highways are holding a Parish Seminar on 25th November. If councillors wish to attend please let the clerk know as soon as possible.
- 6.9 Swale had requested our support to lay a single yellow line in the lay-by near the Esso garage. Council fully supported this.
- 6.10 Kent International Gateway- KALC requested our support against this huge development. Council fully supported this.

- 6.11 Highways had sent a survey via the clerk which can be completed on line – councillors were urged to do this.
- 6.12 Nice and Stripey had contacted the clerk asking if council wish another mowing. This was agreed by all.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Councillor Nappey: Attended the Local Engagement Forum and asked councillors to complete the Swale survey form which is long winded but without it you cannot have your say. The One Stop Shop is now open at The Meads and there is a new PCSO for the Grove.

Cllr Ball: Asked the clerk to write to Highways regarding the Japanese knotweed. This has not been dealt with as promised. As there are many unanswered questions from Highways the clerk will request a representative to attend the next meeting to give answers. The Kent Police survey needs to be completed by as many people as possible and he has been shocked by some of the responses he has had when talking to his neighbours. Again please complete these.

Cllr Stowe: Asked if a footpath could be installed between Iwade and Bobbing. There is a section without one and trying to walk to the doctor's surgery there is impossible without going in the road. There is some overgrown greenery which he is willing to cut down and asked if that was possible, which council agreed was. A truck was set on fire along Parsonage Lane which meant the road was closed off for a long period to allow recovery the next day. The new Morrisons Depot colour scheme seems to have been spoiled by the erection of the bright yellow sign on it. The real danger is the lorry drivers who cannot consider other road users at the roundabout after exiting the A249. This roundabout is too small and the lorries have trouble negotiating this. An accident will happen there. The clerk will contact Highways.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/09/0972 Case 07305 Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for one gypsy family with two caravans (including one static) erection of amenity block and laying of hardstanding at land at 'Edentop' Sheppey Way Bobbing. Council wish to object to these plans on the grounds that the previous planning application was refused (SW/071243). It is also thought that the local plan does not encourage more stables between Sittingbourne and the Medway Towns.

SW/09/TEMP/ 9942 Installation of small scale biomass power plant within an existing building for the generation of renewable energy from low grade wood at Ridham Dock Road Iwade. This falls outside the parish and council wish to make no comment on these plans.

8.2 Planning Notifications.

SW/09/0767 Case 23258 Demolition of dwelling and replace with 4 dwellings at 23 Key Street, Bobbing. This application has been refused.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-
Signs of the Times (50% deposit) £1850.00

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

Cllr Dewar-Whalley advised there was still money available from the Swale Councillors allowance. A form can be requested from him.

Meeting closed at 10pm

The date of the next parish council meeting will be advised as soon as possible.
These minutes are certified to be a true and just record.

Signed: _____

Date: _____