

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 1st December 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Ball (chairman for this meeting), Cllr's Bullen, Edwards, Major, Nappey and Stowe.
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.
 Ian Davidson from UKIP attended.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr's Herbert, Bennett,

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

3.0 Public Session:
 No items brought forward.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:
 None declared.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 The chairman welcomed all and thanked the councillors for making the effort to attend and welcomed Ian Davidson from UKIP. Councillors were asked to consider any projects and ideas for the precept which will be decided at the January meeting.

5.2 At a previous meeting the idea of having a village fete or fair was discussed and it would be a good idea to try to gather support and help for this. Cllr Stowe also informed council that the church were going to try to run a similar idea and it may be better to combine this event. The clerk will contact Tracy Wright and Rev. Sue Samson to discuss this.

5.3 Matters Arising – Travellers – The appeal date is 7th December and attendance at Swale would be appreciated if possible. The clerk will put together something in case the parish council is allowed to speak.

5.4 Yellow lines at Keycol Hill: The clerk had received copies of letters which had been sent to Swale Borough Council opposing the installation of these lines.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 Swale Borough Council- invitation to a briefing on the publication of the council's core strategy, issues and strategic spatial options consultation is at Swale House 16th Dec 7pm, Cllr Nappey and the clerk will attend.

6.2 KCC Annual Performance Report can be found on the web
www.kent.gov.uk/your_council/council_performance/annual_performance_report.aspx

6.3 Lord Lieutenant of Kent's Annual Civic Service Tuesday 29th March 2011 at 11am. Cllr Edwards will attend.

6.4 Verbal quote for clearing ground £350 followed by e-mail confirmation. After discussion it was decided to get this done. This was proposed by Cllr Nappey seconded by Cllr Stowe with all in favour.

6.5 Salt bag delivery- This has been delivered today (Wednesday). It is rock salt which stops working at temperatures below -7.

6.6 The clerk has been informed that Keycol Hill will be cleared as part of a larger job from Upchurch along towards Swale so will be done as soon as possible.

6.7 Clerk- The clerk had discussed her job with a prospective replacement – Julie Hardy from Borden. She is a clerk to Governors of a school. The clerk will keep her informed of job interviews etc. This prompted much discussion among the councillors as it was felt the clerk may reconsider. Councillors felt that the clerk spends more hours than she is paid for and Cllr Ball had called other clerks and found ours receives the smallest amount of hours in relation to parishioners. Cllr Stowe proposed to increase the hours to 30 per month with the clerk keeping a 'timesheet' of hours spent, with a view to increasing if needed in the budget. Also if any new developments are built the hours should be reviewed with the increase in parishioner numbers. Cllr Stowe also proposed to refund the clerk's

purchase of a new computer and printer which will be a parish council asset. The clerk will reconsider and let council know as soon as possible. These proposals were seconded by Cllr Nappey with all in favour.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Major: Commented that Kent Highway Services seem to be keeping up with clearing the main roads and at least information has been sent out and they may have learnt from the problems earlier in the year.

Cllr Stowe: Would like council to consider when setting the budget a donation towards the church. They are having problems with their lighting which will cost £2500+VAT. English Heritage is giving advice as it's a Grade 1 listed church. Council discussed this and reasoned that as there was a surplus from the footpath so donating to the church would seem a good cause to support. Cllr Edwards proposed to cover these costs with Cllr Major seconding, all in favour. The clerk will liaise with Rev Samson.

Cllr Bullen: Bobbing Hill is causing many problems with all the parking. Councillors discussed ways that may be used to relieve this but nothing seemed to be able to be implemented. Council were unsure how what to do in this area.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

KCC/SW/0379/2010 Vary conditions at the incinerator at Ridham Dock. The clerk read the proposed amendments which shocked council as these were the very issues which we objected to and now were being amended. The clerk was asked to write a strongly worded letter objecting to these amendments.

8.2 Planning Notices:

SW/10/0959 Case 00537 Loft conversion including raising of the existing roof at 2 Meadow View Cottages has been granted permission.

Lawful certificate for extension to rear dormer window at Squirrel Cottage Keycol Hill Bobbing has been granted.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mr A Swain (grass cutting)	£ 136.18
Heater balance to pay £900 deposit paid	awaiting invoice.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th January 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____