

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 4th April 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.

1 member of the public attended.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr Stammers.

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

3.0 Public Session: It was reported that motorbikes were being ridden in the nature reserve but it was also noted that a report in the local paper stated that 3 bikes had been confiscated in that area.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:
None declared.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 The chairman had attended many meetings in the last week.

- Firstly on the 26th March the meeting at SBC was in a 3 part format. Cllr Ball also attended. The first matter was the new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which will eventually replace Section 106 agreements but will cover all development possibly over 100m². The charge will probably be per m² but Swale has yet to set theirs. CIL will also be paid before a development is built unlike the Section 106 agreements.
- The next part regarded the cut to council tax benefits which will make more people liable for paying council tax. Statistics will be available to councils so the amount of benefit recipients and elderly people are known as this may affect the setting of the precept. More will be known in May.
- Lastly the Draft Local Prospectus of Services was discussed which will ask local councils or groups to 'take over' running of services like allotments, playing fields and football pitches. It is not known how this will be received and further information will be made available in due course.

5.2 SBC Draft Core Strategy was attended by the clerk and Cllr Stammers. The chairman also read out information he had received. The main worry is lack of infrastructure to support the housing numbers. The A249 in particular around Stockbury roundabout is a cause for concern as this is holding up to traffic increases. Gypsy and Traveller pitch numbers are also highlighted. Councillors were urged to read the strategy and give their opinions either in a collective group or individually.

5.3 Another meeting regarded working with the Meads Community Hall Trust to help build that hall. There will be another meeting called to discuss this further.

5.4 Swale West Parishes meeting was held and KCC Cllr Keith Ferrin has £20,000 in his community fund available and also £23,000 from Highways. Forms are required very soon and then at the next meeting monies will be apportioned. Cllr Ferrin seemed keen for Diamond Jubilee events. Cllr Wright offered to ask local businesses to donate. The chair will complete the forms.

5.5 It seemed a good idea for parish councillors to have a form of i.d. as no-one knows who we are! Cllr Dewar-Whalley is to ask SBC if they could do the photo's even at cost while the clerk will cost holders from KCC.

5.6 The Scouts have been clearing vegetation at the roundabout and various items including loppers have been uncovered.

5.7 The prospective parish clerk had been interviewed. The chair had also spoken to the clerk Sue Crawford as she had indicated because of a change in the circumstances she would be willing to stay on. A vote was taken and all were in favour of this but legal advice will be sought regarding any implications.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 KCC- Gypsy and Traveller Pitch Allocation Policy consultation is still ongoing – comments by 25th May.

- 6.2 Membership of KALC- renewal £567.84. This was proposed to be renewed by Cllr Ball with Cllr Nappey seconding – all in favour.
- 6.3 KCC- Parish legal scheme information received.
- 6.4 Oak tree quote. Although a large quote the clerk had dealt with this company before at another parish council and they had been very good. Permission to plan t will be sought and the cost applied for from Cllr Ferrin's allocation.
- 6.5 Thanks from CAB for the donation.
- 6.6 Rurality area for new pharmacy. This was agreed.
- 6.7 Bearing Fruits Draft Core Strategy-SBC. PC briefing feedback. This was covered under the chairman's report.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Dewar-Whalley: Reported that the caravan and van had been moved from the road which has helped the sightlines enormously. Recently in the High Court the staffing of libraries by volunteers was ruled unlawful. This may have significant implications for KCC and some libraries may be closed.

Cllr Major: Being a daily visitor to the High Street he is increasingly concerned for the planned rise in business rates. This will not encourage businesses to start up and may even have an effect on businesses closing. The consumer magazine Which? recently asked a group of consumers to get together to obtain a discount on utilities which was successful. He wondered if this was something SBC could take the initiative on.

Cllr Wright: Her dog has been ill recently and the vet said it was an airborne problem and she is concerned regarding the spraying and fertilising of the crops. He clerk will ask Environmental Services at SBC regarding this. Also several photo's had been taken of the parking at Keycol Hill.

Cllr Ball: Asked the clerk to report the potholes at McDonalds as these were getting worse. Also the inspection covers at Key Street need the edges re-doing. Parking in the lay-by does stop the school buses but the cars for sale are back. Cllr Dewar-Whalley and Cllr Ball pushed the action regarding the caravan and van and the new policewoman for this area was very helpful. It would be nice to see her at our meetings. The clerk will request this. Roadside tributes for victims are becoming the norm and understandable. Could the parish council provide a small white wooden cross which remember the victim and also serve as a reminder that roads can be a dangerous place?

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/11/1116 RDM Case 01527 Change of use for 3 caravans, amenity block for a gypsy family and erection of 9m high turbine(retrospective). Council decided to comment on the height of the turbine.

SW/12/0184 GP Case 16665 Extension to rear of crematory to house mercury abatement plant. No comments to be made.

8.2 Planning Notifications:

SW/12/0129GP Case 08306 Gates and railings at Byfield Court. This has been refused permission.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mr A Swain Nicenstripy – grass cutting	£ 150.00	Cheque no: 100334
Bobbing Village Hall – six months hire	£ 200.00	Cheque no: 100335
KALC – subs	£ 567.84	Cheque no: 100333

9.2 The clerk had received from the accountants her P35 which was agreed and signed by the chair and her P60 was also received.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

Meeting closed at 10.10pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd May 2012 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm and will include the Annual parish council meeting and Annual Parish Meeting.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____