

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 2nd June 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.45pm

MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

Ward Councillor Gareth Randall attended.

Three members of the public attended.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr Edwards.

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

3.0 Public Session:

A resident reported that Owens Mullons is going to be doing works for BT in the Rook Lane area. The clerk is unaware of anything in this area and will contact Highways for more details,

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 **Village Sign:** The clerk reported that the sign posts have been painted thanks to Mr Dean Prudence of DMP Decorators. He offered his services after reading about it in the newsletter. The costs for paint etc have been paid to him. The clerk will write to thank him for his assistance.

Newsletter: This was printed and distributed thanks to James Howting and friend, the clerk, councillors and helpers. There has been interest shown by e-mail and telephone to the clerk and it is hoped that all those did write to Swale regarding the Gypsy and Traveller consultation.

Knotweed: The clerk had received a reply from Highways stating that it will be stem injected and more treatment later in the year. It is quite appalling how it has been rejuvenated and we appear helpless to do anymore at present.

E-mails at Swale Borough Council: This has been a concern for the council as the clerk has received e-mails regarding e-mails being returned to parishioners especially when contacting them regarding the LDF consultation. Also the website is very confusing and is search based rather than departmental. The clerk was requested to write and complain to Swale regarding this.

5.2 Ward Councillor Gareth Randall was congratulated for his recent win at the local elections.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 KALC Parish news received.

6.2 Reminder to update and fill in forms for Register of Interests even if no interests have changed.

6.3 Jonathan Standen has contacted the clerk and is concerned with our response to the St Regis CHP plant. Would we care to meet and have a tour of the mill to allay our fears? Council decided that the biggest fear is increased traffic which is not able to be addressed by them.

6.4 FOI response: KCC did reply within the 21 days timescale regarding the request that we made. The clerk and Councillor Stowe have read the report which will follow under item 7.0

6.5 The clerk had received a complaint regarding the new village sign which the lady had read about in the newsletter. This alleged that no-one had taken the time to visit the meetings or display in the Forum and find out what had been found on The Meads. Council will reply stating that most villages' signs depict what the villages were once famous for rather than in the present

time and that a Saxon Spear would not be identified by parishioners from any other especially when viewed from a distance.

6.6 KCC is preparing a new Statement of Community Involvement which can be viewed on <http://consult.kent.gov.uk> and responses are welcomed through this.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Stowe: Had read the reply and report from KCC regarding the Freedom of Information request. Many items that were referred to were missing (page 1 included but none of the following pages). Also the information regarding the costs were withheld as it stated they had not gone into these yet at this stage but reference had been made to them in the report. The contract to purchase the land has been signed and KCC have 2 years to take this forward from January 2010. There is a project manager in place and reference is made to a contract but this has not been included. After discussion it was decided to wait until Swale had sent their responses. Also Gordon Henderson MP is going to asking questions in the house and it may be prudent until those questions are answered. It was also thought that Jerry Lewin of Upchurch Parish Council should be contacted and to work together regarding this problem. Also the KCC councillors should be kept informed of our progress. The clerk will draft a letter reminding Swale of its obligations under the FOI act and will work with Cllr Stowe to bring all the information to council as soon as possible.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/10/0580 Case 12196 Replacement garage and workshop/store at Red Roofs Sheppey Way. Council were concerned at the size of the plans, not enough details on ridge height and the purpose of the garage as doors were at either end. The clerk will write with these concerns.

SW/10/0598 Case 10208 Roof extension & Dormer windows to enable loft conversion at Roysden Sheppey Way Council offered no objections.

8.2 Planning Notices:

SW/10/0392 Case 05968 Two storey side extension for shower rooms at Pigeon Farm, Bobbing has been granted permission.

SW/09/894 Biomass power plant at Countrystyle Ridham Dock has been granted permission.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mr A Swain (NicenStripy grass cutting)	£160.00
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9.2 District Audit had written concerning our higher balances at year end. The clerk will reply advising that there is £23000 of grants to be spent in this financial year.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

Nothing arising.

Meeting closed at 9pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th July 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____