

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 2nd May 2007 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.45pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Ball, Dewar-Whalley, Major, Bullen, Nappey, Edwards, Stowe and Wileman.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford

Labour Representative Mike Baldock attended.

Two members of the public attended.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr G Randall.

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

3.0 Public Session:

The parking at the school was raised which is subject to on-going discussion so was not progressed further. Also reported raw sewage leaking onto the footpath between Eldon Lodge and the school. This will be reported.

The fairground at the Grove attracted trouble and questions were raised as to no police presence until trouble flared. The clerk was asked to write to Swale Borough Council regarding no notification of this event and why this happened.

The state of Simpson Road sign was raised. This is an on-going issue with Highways.

In many areas when utility companies have dug the road the replacement material is not the same as before. This leads to unsightly pavements and roads especially where there was block paving and then tarmac has been used. The clerk will write to Highways asking if replacement material could be used on a like for like basis.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Nappey declared an interest in a planning matter.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 Some Bobbing reporters have been delivered- we await more copies.

5.2 The bad smell due to muck spreading was reported by the chairman who read out two replies. This is logged so please keep reporting.

5.3 At the end of the last meeting there was discussion regarding use of the village hall car park by the school. There is a meeting on Wednesday 9th May for this. Various concerns and options were discussed.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 Village Sign: Mr Richards had replied to say he is retired now. Cllr Edwards had not been able to contact her source. As the cost for a fibreglass one was high other quotes will be sought by Cllr Dewar-Whalley and possible funding from the Bobbing Apple and others will be sought.

6.2 SBC Revenue Budget & Capital programme 2007/8. Taken by Cllr Dewar-Whalley

6.3 Subsidiarity- Bobbing's Allocation £2650 for 07-08, ideas? This will be earmarked at a later date.

6.4 3rd May brings into force Model Code of Conduct Order 2007.

6.5 Reminder to complete register of interest forms, election expenses forms and declarations of acceptance of office forms as soon as possible please.

6.6 A resident of Rooks View wrote regarding the parking there. As this is currently unadopted we will write to Swale with our concerns but also to the developer.

6.7 Niknaks wrote to request a donation towards their start up costs. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Stowe to donate £60 towards the cost of hiring the hall. This was seconded by Cllr Nappey with all in favour.

- 6.8 SBC- Strengthening the role of rural councillors. This is on the web www.ruralcommunities.gov.uk. Comments by 17th May 2007
- 6.9 SBC- External funding officer will not be able to answer queries until Sept. There will also be no Funding Advice sheets sent out.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Bullen: Parking at Bobbing Hill was worse due to the building working being undertaken. Also the signs at Rook Lane were a joke but Highways were looking into this.

Cllr Nappey: The parking at Sonora Fields is getting worse. There is no parking in some areas so cars park on the main access which restricts access and flow of traffic. Also read out an extract from the KM Extra which reported a proposed library and other amenities at The Meads. Council was unaware of these proposals. Also on The Meads the bollards are being knocked down by children. The clerk will report these.

Cllr Ball: Asked the clerk to try enforcement for the well cover in Coldharbour Lane as this is a safety matter.

Cllr Edwards: Spent 15mins waiting to go down Bobbing Hill because of a delivery taking place. Also advised on progress for Bobbing in Bloom. More independent judges are needed.

Cllr Stowe: Asked the clerk to write to the owners of Parsonage Farm to remove their rubbish opposite the house. This is mainly building rubble but needs removing. There is a broken stile which he will fix in due course.

Cllr Major: Has been having trouble with the refuse men putting his bin back in the neighbour's driveway. When reported, Swale have sent someone up to put this back and also had someone ask if this was being done correctly now. The clerk has found a letter regarding ownership of the land at the bottom of Keycol Hill. As this now requires attention the clerk was asked to write to Swale to request this. Also foliage needs to be cut back in several places.

Cllr Dewar-Whalley: Has had several people ask why money was spent on a footpath for a few people (bottom of Bobbing Hill). It just shows that not everyone is happy with expenditure made by council.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

- 8.1 To consider new planning applications:
Paul Sharpe had sent details of proposed footpath alterations at the Marshgate site. When Swale sends these no comments will be lodged.

- 8.2 Planning Notifications.
None were received.

9.0 Finance:

- 9.1 It was resolved to write cheques for the following:

Bobbing Village Hall (Niknaks hiring) £60

- 9.2 To approve year end accounts. This was proposed by Cllr Bullen seconded by Cllr Ball. The clerk was thanked for her work on this.

- 9.3 Precept of £4707.50 was received.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None

Date of the next meeting is 6th June at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____