

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7th April 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Bennett, Bullen, Edwards, Major, and Stowe.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

One member of the public attended.

Ward Councillor Randall attended as well as two members of UKIP.

1.0 Apologies: Cllrs Nappey, Ball and Dewar-Whalley were on official parish council business attending another meeting.

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

3.0 Declarations of Interest: None declared.

4.0 Public Session:

The member of the public wished it to be noted that Cllr Dewar-Whalley spoke extremely well under duress at the planning meeting regarding the application opposite the crematorium. It was felt that he totally won the argument and thanked him. Also raised the issue of a litter bin in Stickfast Lane which is full of McDonald's wrappers. The clerk informed him that this bin was placed in the wrong area and should have been Parsonage Lane and it will be moved in due course.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 The chairman had attended the Gypsy and Traveller consultation held in Faversham as the Sittingbourne meeting was taking place tonight 7th April. He gave a resume and hoped the councillors attending the Sittingbourne meeting were hearing the same comments. It was felt that Bobbing council needed some professional help and the clerk will approach Paul Sharpe and others if necessary. This could be expensive but worthwhile. This was proposed by Cllr Stowe, seconded by Cllr Major with all in favour. The chairman had copied the entire consultation and it was decided to have an additional meeting to decide on our responses to the consultation. This will be on Wednesday 21st April 2010.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 KALC – Annual subscription due. Cllr Edwards proposed to renew this with Cllr Bennett seconding and all in favour.

6.2 KALC Parish News received.

6.3 Gypsy & Traveller meeting at Wyvern Hall on 7th April 2010 7-9pm. This was covered as above.

6.4 Reply from PCSO Jack re parking on Keycol Hill who recommends approaching Swale to install yellow lines which can then be enforced. The clerk to action this.

6.5 KCC has advised that single staffing will begin on their library vans.

6.6 Friends of Bobbing Village School wrote to request a donation towards their funds. Cllr Stowe proposed £100 seconded by Cllr Bullen with all in favour.

6.7 The parish council insurance is due for renewal. This was unanimously agreed to renew.

6.8 Newington Parish Council wrote to ask about Power of Well Being Training which could take place locally if enough councillors agreed. Council decided against this.

6.9 The clerk had received a call today to tell her that the village sign is ready for collection. They will deliver it at a charge of £100 but need help lifting it off. Cllr Stowe offered to receive it on Friday. The post still needs refurbishment.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Stowe: Advised council of the caravan that has appeared at Edentop opposite the crematorium together with a site toilet. Also Travellers are encamped on the old Carillion site. The clerk had spoken with Swale regarding this who will be serving enforcement orders. The church will be holding a fun day in 17th July and an invitation was extended to the council. Cllr Stowe also reported a stile that is broken at the Bobbing Apple. The clerk will report this to Public rights of Way.

Cllr Edwards: Had a general moan about the parking at Bobbing Hill and the amount of litter along Parsonage Lane.

Cllr Major: Informed council of an incident at Keycol Hill when a foreign lorry turned into Ladyfields and the rear part knocked down a residential wall. He was unsure where the lorry was trying to go and asked if the signage could be amended. It appears most towns abroad have a map of the area and the clerk was asked to contact Swale and request this.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/10/TEMP/0006 Proposed extension and alterations at Bobbing Village School to provide a large secretary office, disabled toilet and new reception area. Council wish to offer no objections to these plans.

SW/10/0392 Case 05968 Two storey side extension to create ensuite shower rooms at Pigeon Farm Bobbing. Council wish to offer no objections to these plans.

SW/10/0281 Rear extension at Wakefield, Newington. Council wish to offer no comments on these plans.

8.2 Planning Notifications.
None received to date

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Bobbing Village School (donation) £100	
KALC (annual subs)	£542.62
Aon Ltd (insurance renewal)	£454.33
Andrew Swain (grass cutting)	£240.00

The Kent Highways cheque has been returned as it's the wrong payee. The clerk had requested an amended amount as traffic control was not needed and the VAT was not included but no reply had been received to date. Council decided to write the cheque when these figures had been received.

9.2 The audit has been called for 1st June and has been advertised. The internal audit will take place when the clerk has the bank statements.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st April 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____