

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.50pm

### MINUTES

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

**Clerk:** Mrs S Crawford

Ward Cllr Gareth Randall and four members of the public attended.

**1.0 Apologies:** None received.

**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 spoke about progress being made with the car parking at Grove Park School. It seems no-one has contacted anyone else. The clerk will contact the school to ask what is happening. Clamping firms are being bought in to try to end the problems in the garage areas.

Another resident asked if overgrown trees were still able to be dealt with by Swale Borough Council. This was agreed.

A resident from Rooks View thanked the council for their help with regard to the affordable homes application in that area.

**4.0 Declarations of Interest:**

None declared.

**5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**

**5.1** The chairman has put together a newsletter and asked councillors for their opinions and corrections.

**6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**

**6.1** SEEDA – Regional Housing Strategy rec'd

**6.2** Mr Pollard – sign reply. It was decided that the clerk is to contact Teynham and Upchurch regarding their new/refurbished signs and ask for quotes.

**6.3** KALC Parish News rec'd.

**6.4** Kent Police – Key link info rec'd.

**6.5** KCC – info on how to get to 3 hospitals.

- 6.6 SBC – Equality duty reminder.
- 6.7 SBC – Action on Waste draft consultation rec'd.
- 6.8 Swale Seniors info rec'd.
- 6.9 Insurance- due for renewal. The clerk had obtained another quote from Came & Co which carries an excess. The clerk was asked to clarify the excesses and if there wasn't one with Allianz Cllr Bullen proposed to continue with Allianz, seconded by Cllr Stowe with all councillors in favour.

## 7.0 Councillors Reports:

**Cllr Nappey:** There are travellers again on Staplehurst Road site. The clerk had contacted the Gypsy Unit at KCC but it seems they are having staff problems at present. At present it is a small encampment but this may grow. Cllr Dewar-Whalley wants to get Derek Wyatt MP involved as legislation needs to be changed.

Cllr Nappey also visited the residents that have been affected by the sewer problems. All affected residents have been told by Dynarod and Coinford that the pipe is too small. After much discussion it was decided to obtain the plans for the pipes. Cllr Nappey also informed councillors that there are dog bin bags on lamp posts for the estate.

**Cllr Ball:** Is concerned that the parcels of land that may still be offered for sale need to be progressed. The clerk had rung several businesses and not one offered anything positive for this project. One area is large enough to have a car park for the houses which do not have any parking. The merits of providing parking were discussed and the legality of doing this. It would be good for the area to see this area cared for. The clerk will chase the quotes for clearing the ground. Cllr Ball also asked if the PCSO was invited to attend the meeting. The clerk had advised him when the meeting was but felt that as the other PCSO hadn't left yet maybe this was the reason why. He was also disappointed that no meeting had been arranged regarding the hall at The Meads. The clerk will chase this.

**Cllr Major:** Spoke about the amount of litter along the A249 from the Key Street roundabout. This is cleared periodically but it is bad. People need educating to not throw items from their windows.

**Cllr Stowe:** Informed council that he had reported 31 potholes and although some have been repaired others are still awaiting repair. Asked what can be done regarding the guns which are shooting all hours. The clerk thought it was a gas gun as she hasn't seen the person with the shooting rights around recently. The clerk will give Cllr Stowe a copy of the firearms contact. Cllr Stowe apologised for lack of progress with the new website and all councillors were asked to complete their profile form. The clerk will send out forms for those not on the internet.

*Cllr Bennett:* Commented that the sightlines at Rook Lane are not good. The build out is on the wrong side of the road and an accident will happen. The clerk will contact Highways and see if a copy of the safety audit can be obtained. Also the footpath along Rook Lane is very sporadic. Again the clerk will contact Highways. The grit bin was also discussed but the clerk informed council that Cliff Wilson of Highways will not agree to this.

*Cllr Randall:* Gave an update on the sacking of Swale's Chief Executive. Also he has had success with the potholes he reported which have been filled.

## **8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:**

### **8.1 To consider new planning applications:**

SW/07/1388 Case 19483 revised plans for the steel frame building containing long term storage for English apples and pears. It was unanimously decided to object to this application for the same reasons as previously stated.

SW/08/0366 Case 16005 Details of housing for plots R3 and R5 The Meads. Council wished to offer no objections on these plans.

### **8.2 Planning Notifications:**

SW/08/0148 Case 14820 Demolition of storage building for improved access at Stickfast Farm has been granted permission.

Please note: Taylor Wimpey have appealed against the refusal for rustic fencing at Rooks View – comments by 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008

## **9.0 Finance:**

### **9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:**

Allianz Insurance (subject to excess clarification) £401.67

### **9.2 Audit:** The audit date is 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008. Internal audit has taken place with no problems. Councillors completed the declaration and Cllr Herbert and the clerk duly signed the accounts. Cllr Dewar-Whalley proposed to approve the accounts with Cllr Bennett seconding, all in favour.

### **9.3 Swale Borough Council have advised that the first payment of the precept should be made soon.**

## **10.0 Other Matters Arising:**

Cllr Nappey informed council that construction on The Marshgate site should be starting soon.

The clerk also asked that new register of interest forms are completed within a month by councillors to comply with legislation. No change of interest forms can be completed instead if nothing has changed. All forms were completed at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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