

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 5th September 2007 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford

- 1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Herbert, Wileman and Ward Cllr Randall.
- 2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.
- 3.0 Public Session:**
None.
- 4.0 Declarations of Interest:**
Cllr Dewar-Whalley declared an interest in all listed planning matters. Cllr Nappey declared an interest in the planning application for Grove Park School.
- 5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**
 - 5.1 Village sign: The clerk had not had time to get the sign down but it is in hand.
- 6.0 Code of Conduct:** As the new code of conduct had been adopted councillors were reminded to hand in their declarations and forms to the clerk before October 2007.
- 7.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
 - 7.1 Highways re Bobbing Hill Prohibition of driving. This is the first step to 'defending' Bobbing Hill. Unfortunately the travellers arrived on the Thursday before the bank holiday. All the usual avenues of reporting had been carried out and they had been served notices to leave. There is a delay in this due to annual leave which council felt totally unacceptable. Much discussion followed regarding the state of the camp and their behaviour. Council felt that Swale and KCC are taking a rather soft approach with the travellers. Residents have to comply with restriction regarding waste which the travellers do not. Their toilet behaviour causes problems and is certainly a Health and Safety issue. Cllr Major highlighted the Clean Kent which has a 24hr contact centre on 0845 345 0120 or www.cleankent.com and wondered if talking to them might alleviate the rubbish problem. Councillors were urged to call them. After all discussion was completed it was decided to write to KCC, Kent Police, Swale Borough Council, Derek Wyatt MP and the papers regarding this. Cllr Dewar-Whalley had been asked for a statement on the subject which he read to council. All issues discussed will be taken back to Swale for their response. Pressure will be applied even if Bobbing Hill gets the proposed gate and bollards because the problem will only go elsewhere.
 - 7.2 KCC Annual Plan received. Cllr Dewar- Whalley took this.
 - 7.3 Swale Tourism website. This will be done by the clerk and Cllr Stowe.
 - 7.4 KAPC Parish news received.
 - 7.5 Amendments to the Definitive Map from KCC. The clerk will ask for a copy of the definitive map from KCC even if there is a cost involved.
 - 7.6 Cllr Randall sent information regarding green cones, pay point facilities and brown bins. It was also pointed out that you can get bags for excess recycling from Swale Borough Council. The charge was discussed as it seems unfair that the brown bins are charged for.
 - 7.7 Parish grant monitoring forms must be used now for any monies being released from the subsidiarity grant.

- 7.8 Report from the panel involved in the Examination in Public for the South East Plan was received on CD but can also be viewed on www.gose.gov.uk/gose/planning/regionalplanning
- 7.9 Swale Transportation meeting agenda has been received for meeting 17th Sept at 5.30pm

8.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Edwards: Bobbing in Bloom winners have been decided and will be written and asked if they will attend the next meeting on the 3rd October for a short presentation. The press will be invited and the president of the Lions will present their cup. The clerk was asked to purchase the vouchers from a garden centre for £40, £40 and £20.

Cllr Nappey: Had spoken to Paul Sharpe as a part of the verge in Sonora Way has been dug up and looks like an opening is being created. He knew nothing about this so the clerk will try to find out what is happening.

Cllr Ball: Asked the clerk to chase the road sign at Bobbing Hill as this should have been installed by now especially as we are paying.

Cllr Major: Attended a focus group which asked their views on certain issues. The polystyrene in packaging needs to be removed as it cannot be recycled and will not break down. At the KAPC meeting discussion was about the amount of literature generated by Highways which was not always followed up. Some parishes found no problems but others did.

Cllr Dewar-Whalley: Reported some fly tipping opposite the cricket ground which the clerk will report.

Cllr Stowe: Has had problems with the new twin bin system which should be sorted out soon. Swale admitted to technical errors with the letters informing residents about the system and also the actual amount of rubbish posed a problem as they need to go to Allington to unload which is quite a distance especially near finish time. This should be sorted in the near future.

9.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

- 9.1 To consider new planning applications:
 SW/07/0889 Case 16005 Advertisement consent for 6 flag poles with banner flags at Watermark Staplehurst Road Bobbing. No objections raised.
 SW/07/TEMP/0033 New building works for Children's Centre at Grove Park School Hilton Drive Bobbing. This caused a lot of discussion regarding its use and council would like to comment on the traffic that could be generated.
- 9.2 Planning Notifications.
 SW/07/0720 Case 13331 Regularisation of building works at Bobbing Court Bobbing has been granted permission.

10.0 Finance:

- 10.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:
 None required.

11.0 Other Matters Arising:

Support for the skate park in Sittingbourne was discussed as it is a facility needed but not fully supported by Swale Borough Council.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on 3rd October 2007 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____