

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7th December 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball and Major.
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.
PCSO Sarah Bodium attended.
3 members of the public attended.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr's Dewar-Whalley and Nappey.

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

PCSO Bodium advised that the caravans near Featherbed Egg Farm are on private property. There has been a spate of petty theft which is usually seasonal but apart from that Grove Ward is not too bad for crime at present. There are now 3 divisions and the non-emergency contact number is 101. The parking on Keycol Hill was raised by Cllr Major and all information will be passed to PCSO Jo Laughton. The possibility of a solar powered speed indicator device was again discussed and the clerk will request one or rubble strips. It was decided to raise a petition to enable the subject to be discussed at the Swale Transportation Board meeting.

3.0 Public Session:

It was thought illegal trapping has been taking place over in the Meads Woodland area. The planning meeting regarding the Watermark outline planning application was discussed as some members of the public were amazed at how this was run and really not discussed by Swale BC members.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:
None declared.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

- 5.1 The chairman is to collect the free trees that we have been awarded.
- 5.2 Councillor's vacancies- any interested parties to write to the clerk
- 5.3 We need to amend the cheque signatories but this will be placed on the agenda for next month.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

- 6.1 Maidstone Borough Council- acknowledgement regarding Core Strategy.
- 6.2 Digital switchover information received
- 6.3 Civic Service at Rochester Cathedral on Tuesday 6th March – clerk to ask Cllr Edwards
- 6.4 Letter from Matthew Freeman- various matters at Rooks View- this development has not been taken over by Swale yet.
- 6.5 Recycling consultation by KCC- ends 9th February 2012

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Ball: Parishioners are worried that because of the buses parking in the lay-by the post isn't collected so they don't use the box. Despite reassurances that the buses depart before 3pm there is still a problem in this area. Can we ask for restricted parking there? Bobbing Hill parking crops up time and again at meetings but the real concern is that emergency vehicles would not be able to access the houses further up the hill. The clerk was asked to write a letter and to copy it to Keith Ferrin and Mike Baldock. In the minutes of the planning meeting it was written that £150,000 had been agreed to be paid by the developer towards the Community Hall at The Meads. Bobbing really needs to see some of this money especially towards its hall and the fact that this development would be wholly in Bobbing parish. The clerk was asked to request who had decided this. Cllr Ball attended the last KALC meeting which in his view was a waste of time. It was felt by Cllr Major who has been attending for 4 years that it needs to be more democratic and powerful.

Cllr Major: KALC – it seemed that any contentious issues were always swept to one side and not debated in a proper manner.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:
None to consider

8.2 Planning Notifications:

SW/11/1178 Case 19483 Certificate of Lawfulness of proposed use or development has been granted at Howt Green for the erection of iron fencing 2m high and gates.

Swale Borough Council has advised that an appeal has been made for the fencing at 28 Rooks View Bobbing.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mrs S Crawford - backdated salary £276 and monthly salary difference £52	£ 328
Mrs S Crawford – Present for Cllr Stowe	£ 9.95

9.2 Councillors were asked to give thought to the January budget meeting.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

It was thought the Swale 'Pick your Own' results are due in the New Year and decisions on where the housing will be placed should follow. Most housing is being occupied by people out of the area and congestion is going to play a major part in people's lives. Discussion followed about the consultation which didn't emphasise housing numbers adequately. There was also another death which had occurred in Bobbing although details were sketchy as to how the death occurred.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th January 2012 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____