

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7th January 2009 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bennett, Edwards, Major and Nappey.
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

- 1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Dewar-Whalley, Stowe and Mike Baldock.
- 2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.
- 3.0 Public Session:**
No members of the public were in attendance.
- 4.0 Declarations of Interest:**
None declared. The clerk also requested that councillors review their register of gifts.
- 5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**
- 5.1 Matters arising: Cllr Edwards asked what can be done regarding all the shooting that is occurring near to houses in the parish. Cllr Ball gave contact details of the firearms officer who is very approachable and if necessary details can be taken and kept on their files.
- 5.2 Precept and budget: The chairman gave a presentation of a provision budget to the councillors which was then discussed in detail. Cllr Stowe had e-mailed details of his proposals which were also discussed. Among the projects listed in the budget was the website at £1500. Council thought this was too high and recommended this be changed to £1000. After much discussion Cllr Edwards proposed that this budget be accepted, seconded by Cllr Bennett with all councillors in favour. The precept was set at £10,300.00. The clerk will send this off as the closing date is 19th January 2009.
- 5.3 The chairman recommended moving £5000 from the Community Account to the Base rate tracker. This was proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Nappey with all councillors in favour.
- 6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
- 6.1 KALC Parish news received.
- 6.2 Community Engagement money – Highways have informed us that no money will be required from the parish regarding the removal of the Japanese knotweed. The clerk had e-mailed Bill Ronan regarding this money but had not received a reply at present. It is hoped this money may be used for landscaping in the area. The clerk had contacted Borden regarding the money.
- 6.3 Lambert & Foster had written regarding a planning application at Howt Green by Mr Goatham. This will be dealt with when the plans are received.
- 6.4 The clerk had spoken to Mr Stanley regarding the village sign. He has found some templates for the key but is stuck on the oak tree. His garage/workshop is nearing completion and it is hoped the sign will move forward when this is completed. He will work on some designs and send them to the clerk.
- 7.0 Councillors Reports:**
- Cllr Nappey:** Has recently walked round the Meads Estate and that fences have been erected and pipes removed but there has been a plot of land that's been cleared which remains unsightly. It is not known what will be happening in this area.
- Cllr Edwards:** Informed council about the Lions Hospice in Gravesend and the need to raise funds for this. She is selling raffle tickets and also requested a donation from the parish council. Cllr Major proposed £50 which was seconded by Cllr Bennett with all in favour.

Cllr Major: Asked Cllr Randall if Swale was experiencing an excess of paper waste stored. Cllr Randall replied that it was down to the contractor to ensure the best prices were obtained and that there was no paper mountain.

Cllr Ball and Cllr Herbert: Gave a report on their visit to the two halls and skate parks researching the requirements for the new hall at The Meads. They were two different halls but had some good points for the new hall. The skate park was a well used facility but needed to be sited indoors. Another meeting has not been arranged yet but architects are being sought for draft drawings. An exhibition will be needed to inform residents about the plans in the near future.

Cllr Stowe: Had e-mailed the clerk regarding the mast at Church Farm which had been given permission and the signs at Haymac which are fairly large. Council asked the clerk to contact enforcement regarding the signs.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/08/0976 Case 13724 Temporary stationing of mobile home for 1 year at Basser Hill Farm Basser Hill Iwade. No objections made.

SW/08/1259 Case 10616 Cert of lawful existing use of site in breach of conditions under planning SW/88/1761 High Oak Hill Iwade Road Bobbing. No comments to be made.

SW/08/1318 Case 03074 Display of 3 externally illuminating fascia signs at Grove Park Shopping Centre Gadby Road Bobbing. The clerk was asked to comment on the time that the lighting to be turned off at night.

8.2 Planning Notifications.
None received to date.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:
No cheques required writing.

9.2 The clerk advised that a VAT refund of £115.41 has been received.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

The clerk informed council that there will be a farmers market held at Iwade on 1st February.

Meeting closed.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th February 2009 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____