

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 6th April 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Dewar-Whalley, Major, Nappey and Stowe.
 Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.
 PCSO Sarah Bodium attended.
 Ian Davidson UKIP attended and three members of the public were in attendance.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr's Bennett and Bullen.

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

3.0 Public Session: The fatal accident near McDonalds and the parking at the hall were mentioned. The parish council were saddened to know that this had happened in the parish and their thoughts were with the families concerned. Whilst details were not known about possible causes the council had previously contacted Highways regarding this stretch of road and had obtained crash data. The clerk will push this matter with them although if dangerous driving was the cause this cannot be lessened with traffic management. The PCSO will contact the traffic officer and she is sure a report will have already been done. Various parking issues have been raised but it seems enforcement is not happening. Councillors had recommended lowering of speed limits when the speed limit reviews were being done but these were shelved in the changing government climate. The parking in the lay-by of the buses was also discussed. Travelmaster had not replied to the clerk's letter and again this will be passed to the traffic officer. Comments were made regarding the children's safety when travelling on these buses as many stand in the driver's vision which is dangerous. The idea of asking Highways to attend a meeting was discussed and it was decided to call a meeting at the hall during the day and request attendance by them. The PCSO was thanked for taking these issues on board.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Dewar-Whalley declared an interest in item regarding the Information Commissioners Office (6.3)

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 The chairman had printed off information about the Neighbourhood plans and Localism Bills. It was agreed that in order to protect open/green spaces this was needed. Swale would have to take it into account when making decisions. These will be copied by Cllr Dewar-Whalley and another meeting will be arranged to get this started.

5.2 The clerk's resignation was discussed. She had decided not to withdraw this for various reasons but the total frustration felt at times in the job was a deciding factor. Various Councillors had contacted her to try to change her mind and much discussion was had. There were no time constraints as she is very happy to wait until a new clerk is settled.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

- 6.1 Decision regarding Gypsy & Traveller site. The horses were still on this land and although the RSPCA and council knew who the owners were they couldn't help in evicting them. A notice is being put up to advise the land is being cultivated. Although a sense of closure would be appreciated in this site, Councillors decided not to contact KCC until after the land is cultivated.
- 6.2 KALC-subscription renewal. This was proposed by Cllr Nappey and seconded by Cllr Stowe with all in favour.
- 6.3 ICO reply. After discussion it was felt that a follow up could be undertaken and the clerk and Cllr Stowe will liaise.
- 6.4 KCC PROW amendment to definitive map.

- 6.5 Cllr Ferrin's budget £22000- date for meeting? Projects were discussed and Bobbing hall seems the obvious choice so toilet refurbishments will be put forward. The clerk will contact Bill Ronan and arrange a date with him for this meeting and will circulate to councillors.
- 6.6 Election- Eight councillors had nominated themselves so we will be having an uncontested election and will have one vacancy. The clerk thanked councillors for their continuing interest in the parish.
- 6.7 PC Insurance renewal was due. This was proposed by Cllr Stowe seconded by Cllr Ball with all in favour.
- 6.8 Iwade clerk had e-mailed to ask for collaborating on the Core Strategy. This had finished consultation so the clerk was asked to clarify if this was when further consultation is done.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Nappey: Apologised for not being out and about much this month. Work is progressing rapidly on the new building phase. The clerk was asked if Watermark had placed plans but she hadn't received anything to date. The clerk will contact the planning consultants.

Cllr Ball: Most of the items he wished to discuss had been discussed.

Cllr Stowe: Again most items had been mentioned. The donation to Bobbing church regarding the lights is still being progressed. Cllr Dewar-Whalley had donated money towards to organ repairs. This hadn't been clearly mentioned by the PCC. Also informed council that as from 1st April the two churches were now one so churchwardens had changed. The path refurbishment was discussed and Cllr Dewar-Whalley was asked if this was something he could donate money to. Mr Chapman will contact him.

Cllr Major: Spoke about frustrations of the council and clerk which seem to run through various tiers of government. Various people make promises which never materialise and the get lost in the system. Also local councils are outclassed at appeals and examinations in public which will only get worse with the funding cuts being made.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/10/1462 Case 23923 Lawful Dev Cert for conversion of loft from storage to bedroom with 3 rear and 1 side rooflight (existing) at 8 Rooks View Bobbing. No objections or comments to be made.

SW/11/0198 Case 14677 Conservatory to rear at 67 Keycol Hill Bobbing. . No objections or comments to be made.

SW/11/0256 Case 10208 Roof extension to rear and internal alterations to enable loft conversion at Roysden Sheppey Way Bobbing. . No objections or comments to be made.

8.2 Planning Notices:

SW/11/0063 new signage at The Co-op petrol station at Bobbing Corner has been given permission.

SW/11/0057 Case 24259 new dwelling at 8 Norwood Walk has been withdrawn.

The incinerator at St Regis paper mill will be heard on Tuesday 12th April at KCC and is being recommend to change the conditions to allow the extra lorry movements.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:- Proposed by Cllr Stowe seconded by Cllr Ball.

KALC subscription	£ 566.47
Mr A Swain (Nicenstripy grass cutting)	£ 150.00
Aon Ltd – insurance renewal	£ 538.29

9.2 The clerk reminded council that as from the 1st April she has to be a PAYE member. She had two quotes of £15 plus VAT per month from Jennifer Richardson at Newington and £10 +VAT per month with £25 start up costs from Williams Giles. It was proposed to accept William Giles by Cllr Dewar-Whalley seconded by Cllr Stowe with all in favour.

9.3 The clerk advised that the audit has been called for 20th June so will complete the forms a send out copies as soon as possible. The internal audit needs to be completed as well. The clerk and chair will organise this.

10.0 Other Matters Arising: None

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th May 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and the regular parish council monthly meeting.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____