

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Ball, Johnson and Wright.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

KCC Cllr Mike Baldock attended.

**1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Dewar-Whalley, Major, Richardson and Stammers. PCSO Ian Henderson also sent apologies.

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

**3.0 Public Session:**

The sign at The Meads for Watermark was blown down in the wind and it seems the posts have been removed. We shall see if this is erected again. If any person or property was damaged it was questioned who would have been liable for this.

**4.0 Declarations of Interest:**

None were declared.

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

5.1 Asked Cllr Baldock if he had met with Highways which he had. After a terse email exchange the portfolio holder was involved but the outcome was that Highways have no solution to the problem. Cllr Baldock was asked to obtain in writing from the police their views so then KCC will support more vigorous enforcement by the police. As the clerk pointed out the police have told us, in writing that they cannot enforce anything as the only obstruction is if a metre gap is not left for wheelchairs etc. The clerk will write to ask for this and it was suggested that Inspector Jones be asked to attend the next parish council meeting to answer some of these points. The clerk will arrange this. 20mph zones were discussed outside of schools especially since Maidstone has been successful in these. Cllr Baldock was thanked for his efforts in bringing these issues to the forefront as it seems he is causing a stir in County Hall!

5.2 The chairman introduced Lynda Fisher who was attending the meeting as the new clerk. There will be a month's handover period.

5.3 A new bin has been installed in the lay by just off the Key Street roundabout.

5.4 Part 2 of the SBC consultation is being undertaken. We have already responded to the Gypsy and Traveller proposals but this is also a call for sites.

5.5 The chair advised about a priority service during power cuts. If you need power for medical equipment and the such you can register with the power network provider and they will try to prioritise you if there is a power cut. The website is <http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/power-cuts/priority-services-during-a-power-cut/>

**6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**

6.1 SBC - Annual report received

6.2 Thank you letter from the short mat bowls club for donation

6.3 Acknowledgement from SBC re Community Governance Review submission

6.4 Double yellow lines proposal at Key Street – Council agreed with this proposal although wanted the double yellow lines in the layby retained to deter motor traders.

6.5 KALC AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Ditton – any takers? No one available.

6.6 Consultation on airspace at Southend extended to 19<sup>th</sup> December – please respond on line

6.7 Lights at Rooks View. The estate is not adopted but despite the clerk's best efforts no-one will repair the lights. In desperation the clerk pleaded with SBC who may repair the play area one – we wait to see.

## 7.0 Councillors Reports:

**Cllr Johnson:** Had requested FOI requests from Kent Police regarding the crime figures for The Meads which he gave – they do not match the website figures. He may take this further. Cllr Johnson had attended the Highways seminar and part of that was information regarding the Freight Gateway which hopes to route HGV's onto appropriate roads. There was also a survey for parishes to complete which has been done by the clerk. The new dog bins have been installed at The Meads and have been emptied so it seems this has been successful.

**Cllr Wright:** Voiced concerns regarding sightlines due to overgrown vegetation and bushes at Rooks View. This is a dangerous junction for residents to exit.

**Cllr Ball:** Asked who paid for the solar sign at Iwade and it was KCC member grant. It was felt that Bobbing should qualify for one especially at the school or Keycol Hill. A speed survey was spoken about and Cllr Wright proposed having one for the Sheppey Way along by the school and at Keycol Hill. This was seconded by Cllr Johnson with all in favour. The Health Centre at The Meads has had all contracts signed now and may be open by summer 2014. The current site has had an extension on its lease. The parking at the shops at Sonora was discussed as many do not know there is parking to the rear. The formation of new parishes was discussed. It seems not many responses were given to Swale and comments were raised as to if the enthusiasm will be there to create them. The Stockbury roundabout seems to have had a change to its timings as there are severe problems some days.

## 8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/13/1305 Case 03593 Detached garage and store room to rear at Eldon Lodge Sheppey Way Bobbing. Council wish to make no comments.

SW/13/1328 Case 16005 & 04398 Reserved matters at Watermark regarding parking, planting and house types.

8.2 Planning Notifications:

SW/13/0953 Case 04638 Side extension at 45 Keycol Hill has been granted permission

SW/13/0987 Case 23754 Extension at 2 Realgar Court has been granted permission

SW/13/0958 Case 04191 Raising roof ridge for loft extension at Trevean Keycol Hill has been granted permission

## 9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mrs S Crawford Pay adjustment

Cheque No 1006

## 10.0 Other Matters Arising:

**Meeting closed at 9.20pm.**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_