

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 5th February, 2014

Present: Cllr. G. Herbert – Chair
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair
Cllr. K. Johnson
Cllr. L. Major
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. Mike Baldock
5 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr. Dewar-Whalley and the Ian Henderson, the PCSO.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th January, 2014, were agreed and signed as a true transcript; with the following amendment: Item 6, second paragraph should read “this practice had been going on in another part (not park) of the country.

3. Public Session

No issues raised by Members of the public.

County Cllr. Baldock reported that most of his time has been taken up with flood issues. KCC has to find blocked drains as they have lost some of their records; if Members know of any blocked gullies in the Parish let Cllr. Baldock know or put on KCC’s fault reporting site so that County are aware of their location.

4. Declarations of Interest – None.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes and Last Month’s Meeting

1. **Keely Magee from the Meads Trust to discuss new Community Hall** – Should be attending the March meeting, not February.
2. **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – Agreed to place in the local newspaper and to bring back to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Parking Keycol Hill** – Councillors Dewar-Whalley, Major, Johnson and Ball to attend a meeting with Inspector Evan Jones on 20th February at Sittingbourne Police Station to discuss this issue. Cllr. Major expressed disquiet that he had seen children getting off the bus and having to walk in the road due to antisocial parking. He has also seen the parking causing problems when two HGVs try to pass and get stuck. County Cllr. Baldock has met with Engineers from KCC; they will not do anything. He mentioned the possibility of yellow lines, but these would need to go through the Joint Transportation Board. Cllr. Johnson queried installing bollards to stop the parking. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Frontline Kent** – Promote your Swale Commemorative Event – Clerk has been contacted by the Church and they are happy to look at doing something to commemorate WW1 with the Parish Council; they promised to get back to her with some ideas and she is awaiting further details. **Action: Clerk**
5. **S.106 Agreements** – Clerk instructed to bring this item back to the March meeting. **Action: Clerk**

6. **Updates -**

Guardrails outside Bobbing School – refused by KCC Highways who stated there have been no fatalities on this section of the road. Members raised concern because the speed limit outside the school is 40 mph, Clerk to approach County's Highway Officer, Steve Darling, again with this request.

Parking under Flyover – Swale Borough Council's Highways section are contacting the Highways Agency again regarding this and the Clerk is awaiting their response.

Pedestrian Bridge across Railway – Clerk unable to track down any written documentation on this; Swale have no details and as County Cllr. Baldock has no information it was suggested she check with Cllr. Dewar-Whalley. **Action: Clerk**

Potholes A2 – KCC Highways are aware of the problems with the temporary repairs and advised that permanent repairs will be undertaken.

Speedwatch – Clerk has some volunteers from Borden; Iwade and Kemsley are also seeking volunteers. She asked Cllr. Johnson if he could forward names so that she can set up one training session for the four areas. **Action: Cllr. Johnson/Clerk**

7. **Brick Earth Extraction, Hartlip** – Cllr. Ball attended a meeting at Hartlip Village Hall regarding excavating clay from a site in Lower Hartlip Road owned by the company. For a period of six to eight weeks a year they want to excavate an area on site and withdraw 30,000/40,000 tonnes of clay for bricks. During three to four weeks of this period they will be loading up Lorries with clay and travelling down the A2 to Keycol Hill. Twenty tonne Lorries will be used; 1500 lorry loads over the three to four week period; this equates to five hundred Lorries per week, or 100 Lorries per day. This will increase if it goes up to 40,000 tonnes. Cllr. Ball advised that there will be another meeting on the 12th March, at Newington Village Hall, for Parish Councils.

Members expressed concern that this traffic will have an impact on Bobbing. Cllr. Major suggested it might be better moving their operation to Teynham, thus avoiding the traffic. Clerk to confirm that the meeting is taking place on the 12th March. **Action: Clerk**

6. **Councillors' Report**

Cllr. Major expressed concern about the state of Key Street and asked County Cllr. Baldock if anything could be done to improve this.

Cllr. Johnson – is working with the Environment Warden at the moment looking at grass verges, kerbs and parking, etc. The Warden is compiling a list of damaged kerbs and verges.

Cllr. Ball – referred to the meeting at Hartlip Village Hall – see 5.7 above. During this meeting the subject of commuter parking, which has increased quite dramatically, was raised. This also affects Bobbing, in areas such as Bobbing Hill, Sonora and Jacinth Drive. He thought a parking area for commuters ought to be considered in Swale. Clerk to ascertain how this can be progressed; perhaps check with the Joint Transportation Board? **Action: Clerk**

7. **Correspondence**

1. **Public Consultation on the Pre Submission Draft of the Kent Minerals & Waste Local Plan** – Clerk requested to place this item on the March Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Consultation on outpatient services in east Kent** – To be placed on the Parish website. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Changes to Planning Department Operations** – New system noted.
4. **KCC Consultation - Road Casualty Reduction Strategy for Kent** – Document noted.

5. **KCC's Safe & Sensible Street Lighting Plan** – Not affecting this area as yet, document noted.

8. **Planning**

Current applications: None.

Determined applications:

1. **SW/13/1386: Two storey side extension and two storey rear extension – 7 Keycol Hill, Bobbing, ME9 8LZ** – Permission granted.

9. **Finance**

1. **Request for Donation – Bobbing Village Hall – Replacement Guttering** – It was suggested renewing all guttering, soffits and downpipes. Chairman to ask Hall Committee to obtain new quotes and to bring this back to the March Agenda. **Action: Chairman/Clerk**

2. **Village Noticeboard** – Clerk to obtain quotes for a new noticeboard. **Action: Clerk**

3. **Clerks and Councils Direct – Subscription Renewal** – Agreed to renew for 2014/15

4. **Grass Cutting Contract 2014** – Clerk to bring back to the March meeting. **Action: Clerk**

5. **Cheques raised at this meeting:**

The following cheques were agreed and signed and the accounts to the 31st January, 2014, approved:

| Date | Cheque | Details | | Amount |
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| 05.02.14 | 0384 | L. Fisher | Expenses Jan. 2014 –Tele., Use of Office, 6 x 1 st , 6 x 2nd Stamps, Meeting Refreshments | £16.85p |
| 05.02.14 | 0385 | H.M. Revenue & Custom | Tax due January 2014 | £44.00p |
| Two Cheques in total | | | | |

Payment by Direct Debit: L. Fisher - £176.27p Salary January 2014

10. **Any Other Matters Arising**

County Cllr. Baldock queried whether provision had been made for a Polling Station in The Meads for 2015; Clerk to check with Swale Borough Council. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Ball suggested training for new Councillors.

Cllr. Johnson thought there was a Cabinet meeting at Swale Borough Council tonight to discuss the new Community Hall.

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

The next Meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th March 2014, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.55 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____