

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 2nd April 2014

Present: Cllr. G. Herbert
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair
Cllr. D. Dewar-Whalley
Cllr. L. Major
Cllr. K. Johnson
Cllr. R. Richardson

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Ian Henderson, PCSO
11 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr. Wright; County Cllr. Baldock and Borough Cllr. Randall.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th March, 2014, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

3. Public Session

The PCSO referred to Keycol Hill parking issues; the Police are leafleting the area with the assistance of the Parish Council. A Dispersal Zone, which includes Staplehurst Road, Sonora and everything on the right-hand side has been set up in Sonora Fields; this gives the Police more powers to deal with youths in the area.

A resident raised concerns about a proposal for a Solar Farm in Stickfast Lane; this will have an impact on nearby residents; property values; visual amenity, traffic and loss of agricultural land.

4. Declarations of Interest – None.

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

1. **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – This is the second round of advertising and no applicants have come forward. Agreed to take no further action at the present time.

2. **Parking Keycol Hill** – Police leaflets being distributed.

Action: Councillors

3. **S.106 Agreements** – Alun Millard, KCC's Development Control Engineer, has brought the bus shelter to the attention of the Swale Quality Bus Partnership, to make them aware of the obligation and they have agreed it should be replaced. Planning approval did not include any scheme to reduce the speed limit in Rook Lane to 30mph, but the road narrowing was included. Only £5000 came forward from S.106 but this amount has been insufficient for the schemes they have looked at to improve the junction. They are currently exploring what other options may be feasible, bearing in mind the restricted amount of land available to the Highway Authority to carry out any work.

4. Updates -

- **Guardrails outside Bobbing School** – No further support from KCC; see Item 9.3 below.
- **Parking under Flyover** – The Parish Council has exhausted the avenues of action on this and the various Highway Authorities do not seem concerned.
- **Pedestrian Bridge across Railway** – Clerk to keep pursuing this matter. **Action: Clerk**
- **Speedwatch** – Still trying to amass volunteers. **Action: Cllr. Johnson/Clerk**

5. **Brick Earth Extraction, Hartlip** – Cllr. Ball attended the meeting at Newington Village Hall on the 12th March, but there was no mention of this proposal.
6. **Public Consultation on the Pre Submission Draft of the Kent Minerals & Waste Local Plan** – As agreed, Cllr. Johnson drafted a response which was forwarded to Swale Borough Council.
7. **Swale borough local plan: part 2 - issues and options consultation for gypsy and traveller site allocations:** No sites to put forward.
8. **Review of Polling Districts** – Details noted.

6. Councillors' Report

Cllr. Ball asked the Clerk to obtain a quote for clearing land at the bottom of Keycol Hill/Bobbing Hill; it might then be possible to ascertain if an area can be used for parking to alleviate the problem on Keycol Hill.

Action: Clerk

Cllr. Richardson – Has prepared a risk assessment for outside the School, it was agreed to send this to County Cllr. Baldock; Borough Councillors but beforehand to ask the Chair of Governors, if the School has any supporting comments to add.

Action: Clerk

Cllr. Johnson – attended two Solar Farm proposal meetings this month, the two sites cover 120 acres and he queried whether the local grid could take both. He attended this month's Joint Transportation Board meeting; potholes were discussed and it appears the Government has allocated more money for roads.

Cllr. Ball – attended the recent Kent Association of Local Councils meeting; there was discussion on funding not being passed to Parish Councils by Swale Borough and Sevenoaks Borough Councils.

7. Correspondence

1. **Thurnham Heritage Award 2014** – noted.
2. **Clerks' Conference 2014** – Agreed Clerk to attend at a shared cost of £15.
3. **Kent Police 'Police Contact Programme'** – Bobbing has been removed from the programme. Cllr. Johnson commented that there is a drop in surgery at the 'One Stop' in Sonora.
4. **Letter from KCC PROW - Proposal to create a new length of public footpath ZR105 and to extinguish part of public footpath ZR105 at Bobbing** – Agreed to go with Option 1.
5. **KALC: DCLG Consultation: S106 Consultation** – bring back to the May meeting. **Action: Clerk**
6. **KALC: DCLG Consultation: Draft Transparency Code for Parish Councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000** –Noted; this will apply to the Parish Council.

8. Planning

Current applications:

1. **SW/14/0242** – Lawful Development Certificate to establish the lawful use of a field as a model aircraft flying club (existing) – no objection.
2. **SW/14/0130** – Change of use of barn to individual storage units (B8), provision of parking area, security fencing, lighting and CCTV – Bobbing Court Barn, Sheppey Way, Bobbing, ME9 8PG – no objection.
3. **SW/14/0151** – Siting of portacabin and drainage interceptor for car washing operation (note amended description, drawings and forms) – 15-21 Key Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 1YX – No objection to amendments. Clerk to check on increased size of Pearce and Batt sign. **Action: Clerk**
4. **SW/14/0240** – Proposed first floor extension over existing garage – 10 Balas Drive, Sittingbourne, ME10 5BA – no objection.

5. **SW/13/1328** – Reserved matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping relating to the proposed erection of 224 dwellings, together with access, parking, open space and landscaping – Land at Watermark, Staplehurst Road, Sittingbourne, ME10 5BH - to raise concerns regarding lack of land for footpath (AZ109)/rail crossing; no revisions made in cattle arch pedestrian through-put area where parking will affect residents; parking problems on the spine road and query siting of development sign.

Determined applications: None.

9. Finance

1. **Bobbing in Bloom** – In the absence of Cllr. Wright, agreed to put on the May. Clerk to advise Cllr. Wright that Jill Edwards is keen to be involved. **Action: Cllr. Wright/Clerk**
2. **Village Noticeboard** – Agreed the extra cost of £254.68p for the Greenbarnes noticeboard.
3. **Risk Assessment outside Bobbing School** – See Item 6 above.
4. **Traffic Surveys – Keycol Hill and Sheppey Way (outside Bobbing School)** - Agreed not to carry out the survey when the school is closed; to ask Solar Securities to fund the Traffic Survey; if no then to go with Amey at the quoted cost of £570.
5. **Request for Donation – Victim Support** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Major, agreed to donate £100
6. **Year End Accounts, Asset Register, Financial Regulations and Internal/External Audit** – The year end accounts were provisionally agreed subject to reconciling against the Bank Statement. There were no changes to the Asset Register. Financial Regulations, updated 2014, need to be a looked at. Clerk advised that the paperwork for the external audit has been received.
7. **Cheques raised at this meeting** - The following cheques were agreed and signed -

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
02.04.14	0393	L. Fisher	Exps. March 2014 –Tele; Office use, car park fee, Refreshments (Feb/Mar) mileage	£15.02p
02.04.14	0394	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due March 2014	£44.20p
02.04.14	0395	Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£50.00p
02.04.14	0396	William Giles	Preparation of Payroll to 31 st March, 2014	£36.00p
Four Cheques in total				

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

10. **Any Other Matters Arising** – None.

11. Next Meeting(s)

The Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings will take place on Wednesday 2nd April, 2014, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.50 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____