

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008 in Bobbing Village Hall at  
7.30pm

### MINUTES

*Present:* Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Major, Nappey, Dewar-Whalley, Stowe and Ball.

*Ward Councillor Gareth Randall and Cllr Mike Baldock.*

*Clerk: Mrs S Crawford*

*7 members of the public attended.*

**1.0 Apologies:** Cllr 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 planning permission on land opposite Pheasants Farm Land will be discussed later but the concerns of the resident were heard. These include traffic increase, light and air pollution and serious concerns about the impact a haulage yard would have on the area.

The traveller's unauthorised encampment at Quinton Road was discussed. Although not in Bobbing Parish we would do all we can to pass on our experiences gained whilst dealing with them at Bobbing Hill. The residents were thanked for attending the meeting. This will be taken forward by the Ward Councillors to Swale.

Another resident is willing to organise a tidy up at the churchyard.

Details will be provided and it is hoped lots of residents will attend.

Ward Councillor Randall wanted to clarify that media speculation over bin fines is not finalised and when this is he will inform us.

There was lots of discussion taking place at Swale regarding this.

He also informed council that cavity wall insulation is now free for the over 70's.

Brown bins are still available from Swale Council.

Swale Borough Council is experiencing finance problems and this may be reflected in the rate setting.

**4.0 Declarations of Interest:**

None declared.

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

5.1 The chair had no report and no matters arose.

## **6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**

- 6.1 Clerks & Councils direct sub renewal £38 – it was unanimously proposed to renew again.
- 6.2 Local Development Framework Consultation – Statement of Community Involvement will be published 28<sup>th</sup> Jan for comments
- 6.3 SBC- New dog control orders in force from 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2008
- 6.4 Request from Rooks View Residents for grit bin at Rook Lane. After much discussion the clerk will ask Highways if this can be done or the grit lorry asked to pause at the dangerous junction.
- 6.5 Kent Air Ambulance- a letter thanking for the donation was received.
- 6.6 New liaison officer for Highways Jonathan Dean 01622 798302 or midkent.highway@kent.gov.uk
- 6.7 Reply re Environment Trail but only from one business in Bobbing.
- 6.8 SBC- Recycling bring site review. Bobbing has no sites but more bin provision would be welcome in certain places.
- 6.9 KCC- New Website extension agreement. This will be renewed.
- 6.10 Communities & Local Gov – Consultation on orders and regulations relating to the conduct of local authority members – comments by 15<sup>th</sup> Feb
- 6.11 Southern Water- two documents received
- 6.12 SBC- Notice of intent to adopt the Local Plan after 19<sup>th</sup> Feb
- 6.13 ACRK – Village of the year & Rural community retailer of 2008
- 6.14 Two new pharmacy applications at the Meads were received. These were welcomed by councillors.
- 6.15 Parish/Council Allowances received.
- 6.16 KCC Permit scheme info rec'd
- 6.17 Kent Police Neighbourhood policing info
- 6.18 Kent Highways – Survey 2008. As we have had no contact recently this will not be completed.
- 6.19 Bobbing Village School requesting donation. Much discussion followed regarding parking as there wasn't any this evening as there was a meeting at the school and parents had used the car park. Cllr Dewar-Whalley proposed £100 to both schools in Bobbing. Cllr Stowe seconded with all in favour.
- 6.20 Sitt & Swale West Area Forum meeting on Tue 4<sup>th</sup> March
- 6.21 SBC Shaping Spaces & Places – did e-mail to members
- 6.22 Village Sign – Mr Pollard has been to view and will quote to refurbish
- 6.23 Audit Commission – Appoint Alun Williams as auditor for 5 years from now (07/08)

- 6.24 Paul Sharpe had contacted regarding the GP interest at The Meads. It is hoped this may still be possible. He will keep us informed.
- 6.25 The Diocese of Canterbury replied regarding the services at Bobbing Church. This will be acknowledged. This will be on the agenda for March.
- 6.26 An invite had been received to the Civic Ball at Swale at £40 per head – tables of 8.
- 6.27 KAPC is now known as KALC.
- 6.28 Citizens Advice Bureau requested a donation. Cllr Nappey proposed £50 which was seconded by Cllr Major with all in favour.

*Item 10 was moved forward on the agenda.*

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **10.0 Councillor vacancy.**

*The two applicants were interviewed separately with identical questions asked by the same councillor. Discussion followed with a secret ballot following. The successful candidate will be written to by the clerk and asked to take on the role.*

## **OPEN SESSION RESUMED.**

### **7.0 Councillors Reports:**

*Cllr Stowe: Apologised for the lack of progress on the website. This will be done soon. It is hoped to have a survey regarding the church on there.*

*There is still rubbish dumped by Parsonage Farmhouse and the clerk was asked to write to the owners again.*

*The clerk was thanked for reporting and ensuring the rubbish that was fly-tipped was removed.*

*The clerk was also asked to chase McDonalds concerning the rubbish collections.*

*The clerk was asked if the storage facility for apples and pears had been decided. Not to her knowledge but will inform council when she knows.*

*Cllr Ball: The Sheppey Way lay-by with the letter box is being used by lorries and coaches which block the way to the letter box. The clerk will write to Highways and ask if a waiting time limit can be placed there.*

*Cllr Nappey: Request information regarding the new dog control orders as there are problems on The Meads estate.*

Informed council of a meeting at Grove Park School regarding the parking at the school. This will be on 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. The turning circle at the school is now in use at the start of the school day but not at the end.

Graffiti is occurring in Argent Way. The Clerk will e-mail the contact details as there is a hit squad to remove this.

The bollards are still being kicked off. The clerk will contact Highways regarding this issue.

## **8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:**

### **8.1 To consider new planning applications:**

SW/08/0080 Case 02183 New dwelling at The Ponderosa Keycol Hill. No objections were made.

SW/08/0090 Case 16371 Lawful development certificate for road contractor's depot and storage. The concerns of the resident who attended were discussed. Council unanimously voted to object to these plans on traffic grounds. The amount of traffic going through the village would significantly increase especially with the only access being past the school with its parking problems. Expected lorry numbers were not available. Operating hours were discussed and it was hoped these would be acceptable to local residents. Access was also commented on as the only way to the site would be through Bobbing as lorries cannot access Iwade. These comments will be passed to the planning officer.

### **8.2 Planning Notices:**

SW/07/1275 Case 14327 1 internally 'lollipop' sign at Bobbing Apple Premier Travel Inn has been refused permission.

SW/07/902 Buggy store at Grove Park Children's Centre has been granted permission.

## **9.0 Finance:**

### **9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:**

Bobbing Village Hall (donation for hiring)	£100
Communicorp (renewal of subscription)	£38
Bobbing Village School	£100
Grove Park School	£100
Citizens Advice Bureau	£50

### **9.2 To Clarify new signatories for the bank account. It was unanimously voted for Cllr Ball and Stowe to be included to the signatories for the bank. Cllr Ball has the forms and they will attend the bank.**

## **11.0 Other Matters Arising:**

- 11.1 To decide if the annual parish meeting should be held on a different date i.e. April or a separate meeting. It was decided to hold the meeting in May as usual.

Meeting closed at 10.30pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

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

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