

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 2nd January 2013 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Ball, Dewar-Whalley, Major, Nappey and Stammers.
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr Wright.

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

3.0 Public Session:
 No members of the public were present.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:
 Cllr Dewar-Whalley declared an interest in financial matters at 9.2

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 The chair asked if Ward Cllr Dewar-Whalley had any monies remaining, yes he does and would still welcome applications from the parish.

5.2 The Keycol Hill parking issues from the last meeting; the chair asked the clerk to write to Cllr Ferrin to remind him of our meeting and to ask if any progress had been made.

5.3 As the lorries are still parking on the railway bridge the clerk was asked to speak with British Rail and ask if there is a weight limit for this kind of parking.

5.4 The chairman had information regarding 4 parishes in the Ashford area who had got together and employed an 'odd job man'. This was thought by all to be a good idea and Cllr Dewar-Whalley will speak at Swale regarding this.

5.5 The clerk confirmed that there are now two vacancies on the parish council.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 Letter from Gordon Henderson MP – this was in response to our Boundary Commission letter. There will not be any appeal.

6.2 Tree- The Diamond Jubilee tree had been planted by Matt Howard before Christmas. With all the wet weather it will not require watering at the moment.

6.3 Cllr Dewar-Whalley had delivered the i.d. badges for members although Cllr Major had not received his despite having his photo taken.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Nappey: Had again received complaints about the overhanging branches on Sonora Way. She had spoken about these to Swale and the clerk will contact Highways. Also asked about a filter that was being placed on lampposts in Sonora Way and Cllr Dewar-Whalley confirmed that this was happening to monitor air quality. Reported that the trees have been cut back along the railway line and it was thought this could be to reduce landslips.

Cllr Stammers: Reported that the leaning tree had been felled by Highways contractors just before the high winds.

Cllr Major: Reported a large branch overhanging the A2. Also complained about the roadworks near Morrisons and the problems this has brought the retail park. It was thought Highways had delayed starting the road alterations and this compounded the problems all round. Cllr Dewar-Whalley to investigate.

Cllr Dewar- Whalley: Reported that there was a variation of condition for the health centre at The Meads as it was considered unfair to have that operating before any houses were lived in so now it will be built first but together with houses to allow the developer to recover some costs. Also reported that two trustees of The Meads Hall Trust have left so only two remain. This will be watched carefully to see what will happen. The hall at Quinton was also discussed with regards its future.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:**8.1 To consider new planning applications:**

SW/12/1189 Case 08530 Change of use to retail and mechanical workshop at Unit A Howt Green Sheppey Way, Bobbing. No objections offered but to comment on noise pollution.

SW/12/1535 Case 14820 Vehicular access to Sheppey Way at Stickfast Farm Sheppey Way Howt Green, Bobbing. It was felt that the access worked at present so no objections to be offered.

SW/12/1522 Case 21063 Lawful Development Certificate for rear single storey extension at 33 Lorimar Court Bobbing. No objections.

8.2 Planning Notifications:
None received to date.**9.0 Finance:****9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-**

Williams Giles PAYE expenses £36 Cheque No 100353

9.2 Precept. After considering their position carefully the council members present were in unanimous agreement that as they are the duly elected members of Bobbing Parish Council they felt it was their duty to discuss and decide on the precept required even if there was an interest as all resided in the parish. There had been no information on this from Swale so the precept budget was discussed. The chairman explained about the different arrangements for this financial year and that parish councils may find themselves capped in the future to a small rise. It was proposed by Cllr Stammers and seconded by Cllr Major and unanimously agreed to raise the precept slightly to £11,250

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

Meeting closed at 9.23pm.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th February 2013 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____