

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bullen, Dewar-Whalley, Major and Nappey.  
**Clerk:** Mrs S Crawford.  
 2 members of the public attended.

**1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Edwards and Stowe.

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

**3.0 Public Session:**  
 Nothing raised.

**4.0 Declarations of Interest:**  
 None declared.

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

5.1 The chairman had asked Ward Cllr Dewar-Whalley to investigate the affordable housing program but to date Cllr Dewar-Whalley has received no reply.

5.2 The chairman was unable to attend the second Pick your Own meeting at Iwade but had sent a response for this strategy. Cllr Ball thanked the chair for a well balanced and informative response. An action group had been set up to try to inform as many people as possible about the amount of housing that this strategy could possibly decide and posters were given to members. It was thought Bobbing may join as it has the potential to cause a huge impact on Bobbing in the way of more traffic generated. Donations towards costs were requested and Cllr Major thought this was a good scheme as it meant people are being made aware of this consultation although it is now closed. Cllr Major proposed donating £50 but this did not attract a seconder.

5.3 The Minerals & Waste objections were sent off by the chairman.

5.4 Information on Japanese knotweed was given to the clerk.

5.5 Information on a revision on the Winter Service was given to the clerk. It was thought the 1 ton bags of salt were a success and will be repeated. Also grit bins can be bought but it wasn't known if salt was provided or required paying for.

5.6 A report on the yellow lines at Sonora Way was sent to the Swale Joint Transportation Board.

5.7 The Queen's Diamond Celebrations- The site considered for the celebrations was not offered for being used when the clerk approached the owners. No reply has been received from Mr Mackelden. The prices of celebratory mugs were discussed and who may receive them.

5.8 A street light towards the bottom of Keycol Hill has been problematic and visits have been made on 3 occasions by Highways. Cllr Major thought that the problem should be investigated properly rather than repeated visits which cost money. Cllr Dewar-Whalley will investigate further.

**Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**

6.1 RHS-Britain in Bloom. The clerk will ring to explain we have been doing this for many years and ask what the benefits of joining them are.

6.2 Consultation on KCC Countryside Access Improvement Plan – the chair to read.

**7.0 Councillors Reports:**

**Cllr Major:** Has concerns that with all the expansion of housing taking place there will be a need to use green field sites. Although the population is expanding at a great rate and housing is required jobs are also needed. He feels a balance is required and factories do need to be built. The possibility of a new train station in Bobbing was discussed but it was felt the cost would be too great to probably go ahead.

**Cllr Ball:** Is concerned that Highways have not met with us yet. Time is passing and we are being stonewalled. The clerk was asked to e-mail copying Paul Carter, Head of Highways Bryan Sweetland and Keith Ferrin.

**Cllr Nappey:** Asked why there was no police presence at our meetings anymore? The clerk will try to find out. Also informed council that the fencing in Sonora Way has been repaired. The clerk was asked to forward the website address that shows Swale Borough Council's spending which is <http://www.spotlightonspend.org.uk/127/Swale+Borough+Council/Buying/KeyFactsPeople>

**Cllr Herbert:** Informed council that the village hall was suffering from a water leak which was taking forever to get repaired. If the hall's insurance will not pay out he asked if council could consider covering this expense. All present were in agreement. The proposed disabled facilities at the village hall have received some funding and it was thought that by putting this money into a separate account to save up would be beneficial. This was agreed and after much deliberation it will be opened under the village hall's bank account details.

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

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/11/0947 Case 23258 Demolition of garage to bungalow and erect 2x3 bed semi's at 23 Key Street. As permission has already been granted for a detached home no comments will be made.  
SW/11/0974 Case 14714 Listed building consent to repair crack to external wall at Great Norwood Farmhouse Belnor Avenue Bobbing. No comments will be made.

8.2 Planning Notifications:

SW/11/0736 Case 23916 Erection of close boards fence section at 28 Rooks View has been refused permission.

SW/11/0764 Case 19483 Fencing and gates at Howt Green Farm Bobbing has been granted permission although refusal has been granted for gating the footpath access.

## **9.0 Finance:**

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mr A Swain- grass cutting	£150.00
Mrs S Crawford Tel £20 Petty Cash £61.34	£ 81.34
Bobbing Village Hall six months hiring	£ 200.00
Audit Commission –audit fee	£ 162.00

KCC grant award – the disabled toilets have received £3500 from KCC member grant.

It was unanimously agreed to transfer £20,000 to the higher interest bank account. The letter was signed by Cllr Herbert & Cllr Ball.

## **10.0 Other Matters Arising:**

None.

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm. Bobbing in Bloom winners will be announced with prizes presented and our normal monthly meeting will follow.**

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

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

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