

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 2nd January 2008 in Bobbing Village Hall at
7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Ward Councillor Gareth Randall and Cllr Mike Baldock.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford

3 members of the public attended.

- 1.0 *Apologies:* Cllr's Bullen, Edwards and Stowe.
- 2.0 *Minutes:* The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.
- 3.0 *Public Session:*
Nothing to discuss.
- 4.0 *Declarations of Interest:*
None declared.
- 5.0 *Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:*
 - 5.1 The chairman had a phone call before Christmas regarding parking at the village hall. The lady was concerned that hirers who pay for the use of hall and car park could not park as school staff were using the facilities. A letter to the vice chair of governors was read to council and it is hoped to have an urgent meeting between all parties as soon as possible. KCC needs to be aware of the problem as the school have been the only contact point at present. Council will be kept informed of developments.
 - 5.2 The chairman reported to council of his meeting with the surveyor from KCC regarding the plot of land that is due to be sold at Bobbing Hill. If this could be used for the community there is a possibility that it would not go to auction. A heritage trail for Bobbing was spoken about and the possibility of allotments explored with thanks to Cllr Randall. The clerk was asked to write to KCC to postpone the auction date to enable more work to be done on this project. Local businesses

will also be contacted to be asked to pledge support for this project as well. Some offers of donations have already been received and it is hoped funding will be available. Cllr Dewar-Whalley thanked all who have been involved with this.

- 5.3 Cllr Vacancy – As all councillors were not in attendance it was decided to postpone the decision regarding co-option of a councillor until the next meeting.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

- 6.1 Subsidiarity – to earmark allocation. It was decided to earmark 07-08's allocation for Bobbing Hill
- 6.2 Village sign-This has been removed and the next step was discussed. It was decided to ask Mr Pollard to look at the sign as he was local before sending it to any other place. Council agreed to pay for the hire of the cherry picker which was needed to remove the sign.
- 6.3 Thank you e-mails were received from residents of Rooks View.
- 6.4 KAPC Parish news received
- 6.5 Donation to Air Ambulance? The Kent Air Ambulance service had written to request a donation. £100 was proposed Cllr Dewar-Whalley, seconded by Cllr Nappey with all in favour.
- 6.6 SBC – Draft Service Standards- comments by 31st Jan
- 6.7 Publication of Inspectors report into SBC Local Plan first review – on website
- 6.8 Love Food Hate Waste campaign information from KCC was received.
- 6.9 Civic service at Canterbury details were received. Cllr Dewar-Whalley to attend.
- 6.10 Changes to the housing register details were received from Swale Borough Council. This was met with concern as no previous knowledge of this had been received. Ward Councillors will find out more.
- 6.11 The Highways Liaison officer had left and all enquiries will be handled by the customer service centre for now.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Dewar-Whalley: Had the pleasure in November of laying a wreath at Iwade church on behalf of Swale Borough Council. It was very unfortunate that Bobbing church did not hold a memorial service considering the military war graves in the churchyard and memorial stone in the church. Cllr Dewar-Whalley asked council to write to the diocese to register their disgust at the lack of a memorial service and lack of regular services at the church. Parishioners have spoken to other councillors about these concerns previously.

Cllr Ball: At the meeting with Highways it was stated that a temporary repair had been done on the Key Street roundabout regarding a

manhole cover. This has not lasted and the repair requires attention again. The clerk will action this.

Cllr Nappey: The fencing was down along the Watermark site and although she had spoken to them was unaware if this had been replaced. The clerk drove that way and felt this had been done.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/07/1388 Steel frame building for long term storage of English apples and pears at Howt Green Farm Bobbing. Councillors wished to object to these plans as it will mean loss of agricultural land, built on a greenfield site, built within the Strategic Gap and traffic may be increased in this area.

8.2 Planning Notices:

SW/07/1194 Case 1809 To erect rustic fencing at Rooks View Bobbing has been refused permission.

SW/07/1243 Case 7305 New dwelling at Edentop Sheppey Way Bobbing has been refused permission.

TP/07/0103 Case 1809 To remove dead wood and reduce branches at Southlands Rook Lane Bobbing has been granted consent.

SW/07/1282 Case 22981 Two storey extension at 5 Layfield Cottages has been granted permission.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

Bobbing Village Hall (donation for hiring)	£100
Mrs S Crawford Tel chgs £20 Petty cash £ 96.26	£116.26
Mrs S Crawford Reimbursement for cherry picker hiring	£148.05
Mrs S Crawford backdated salary for 10 months	£140.00
Kent Air Ambulance	£100

9.2 Clerks Salary- To agree revised salary scales for clerk. At present paid £153 (bank did not receive letter to increase this) should be from 1st April £9.837 per hr. I work 17hours a month. Increase is £14, backdated for 10 months £140 and new monthly wage of £167 if agreed by council. These were proposed by Cllr Nappey and seconded by Cllr Major.

9.3 Budget and precept: Councillors were given updated balances of accounts and draft budget. After much discussion some figures were altered and final figures arrived at. It was proposed by Cllr Dewar-Whalley to set a precept of £10550, seconded by Cllr Major with all in favour.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to the author of the allotment study.

Meeting closed at 10pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th February 2008 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: _____

_____ Date: _____