

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 4th June 2008 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bennett, Bullen, Edwards, Major, Nappey, and Stowe.

Ward Councillor Gareth Randall and Labour rep for Grove Ward Cllr Baldock attended.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford

Two members of the public attended.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr Dewar-Whalley.

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the previous meetings, the annual parish meeting, annual parish council meeting and May's parish council meeting were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.

3.0 Public Session:

Cllr Baldock advised that the Grove PACT meeting is tomorrow (Thursday) evening. There will be discussion on the use of the 'mosquito' which may be introduced outside the Co-op store.

A member of the public asked if a noticeboard could be put in the shop area at the Grove. It was explained that there was one once which was continually vandalised. This was then moved into the Co-op when the post office was there. It appears the manager and area manager are willing to have one in the Co-op and a further agreement from head office is being sought. The possibility of CCTV in the shop area was also discussed. There is provision for a 'Hawkeye' camera but as incidents of graffiti are on the increase in that area, Cllr Randall will look into this further.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 As there are no alterations required for the copies of the newsletter which was given out at the last meeting, the chair will get this printed.

5.2 Informed council of the outcome of the meeting with Peter Speakman of Swale Borough Council regarding the proposed hall at The Meads. This was a positive meeting with ideas being well received. There is a possibility that the site may be on the school site at The Meads which would be a better place for a comprehensive hall offering a range of facilities. It is hoped the hall would be multi- purpose. A project team will be formed to progress this and an architect will be spoken to.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 Kent Police Authority Policing Kent 2008-2011 is on the web:

www.kentpa.kent.police.uk/Policing%20Plan/Policing%20Plan%202007.html

but every householder should receive one in July

6.2 Kent Highway Services- new liaison officer wrote outlining their intentions to hold a meeting with parishes every six months. Our officer is now Aprille Hall.

6.3 Shaping Spaces and Places has been published and is available on the web.

6.4 KALC – Parish news copies rec'd. Details of the chairmanship training day and councillors training days were included. It was agreed that Cllr Stowe will attend the chairmanship course and Cllr Bennett the councillors training day.

6.5 Information regarding the withdrawal of some of the paper banks around Swale was received.

6.6 KCC- Public rights of way have had a re-organisation but Mr Ellis is still Swale's officer.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Bullen: Is still concerned about the parking at the bottom of Bobbing Hill. Also asked the clerk to chase the well cover which is still not fully on.

Cllr Nappey: The travellers on the Redrow site have been moved on by Redrow. Mr Cronin has organised a skip and labour to tidy the site. Also the site manager Paul has informed Cllr Nappey that the pipes being placed now are 9" in size. It is hoped these are adequate for the site. Reminded Cllr Randall to ask about dog bins for The Meadows

Cllr Baldock: Asked if more bins could be provided along the A2 near to the Westlands School.

Cllr Stowe: Had received information regarding Japanese Knotweed. This can be cut but tools need to be disinfected after touching it. The roots can go very deep so it really is a professional job to remove it. There is a chemical which may kill it but this is not environmentally friendly.

Informed council that the school crossing lights have been left on at various times. The clerk will inform the school.

Haymac's alarm has been going off at 7.20am every Sunday but he will talk to them.

Reminded Councillors to complete their profiles for the website.

Asked if other councillors had received the Kent International Airport survey. Some had and others requested it be sent to them via e-mail.

Cllr Stowe was very upset with the passing of the fruit store at Howt Green despite the parish council objecting to it. There was also discussion on the way planning committee meetings are run with officer recommendations being proposed by the chair. It is hoped Cllr Dewar-Whalley will be able to shed light on this more fully when he is in attendance. It was decided to write to KALC regarding this and also to James Freeman at Swale asking for their opinions.

Cllr Stowe asked how the village sign was progressing. The clerk had spoken to Teynham and the man who made that was thinking about it. She will chase this.

Cllr Edwards: Bobbing in Bloom competition is in hand. The October meeting would be good for the presentation by Swale Lions. Swale Lions would also be interested in sponsoring an advertising board in the Key Street area if that was an option. This land belongs to KCC so they will need to make that decision.

Cllr Major: There have been increasing incidents of metal coming off unsheeted lorries in the Keycol Hill area and he is afraid there will be a serious accident. This did happen some years back and when the owners of the lorries were known, the police visited them and sheets were used again. In the latest incident an aluminium chair landed near the bus stop. The clerk will ask the PCSO to keep a check and also to write to Swale as they may have responsibility for anything transported through their area. Also a known metal company will be written to ask them to ensure their lorries are sheeted. Cllr Major attended the KALC area meeting and details of the bus services that KCC operate were given. It is feared that when the contracts are up for renewal there may be a large price increase, which could result in services being affected or withdrawn.

Cllr Bennett: At the last meeting the sightline at Keycol was discussed- the clerk is still awaiting an answer. The grit bin is not going to be provided at that location as Cliff Wilson (Kent Highway Services) does not think it is necessary. The subject of the post was raised again as Cllr Bennett had received opened letters. The clerk was asked to write again on this matter.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:
None received.

8.2 Planning Notifications.
SW/08/0069 Case 23071 and SW/08/0068 Listed consent and planning permission has been granted at land next to Bobbing Court Bobbing for replacement garages with storage accommodation in roof area.
SW/07/1388 Case 19483 Steel frame building for long term storage of English apples and pears at Howt Green Farm Bobbing has been granted permission.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

KALC (training days) £141.00

9.2 The clerk gave a financial report to the councillors.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

Meeting closed at 9pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd July at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____