

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7th February 2007 in Bobbing Village Hall at
7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford

Gareth Randall (Ward Councillor) Gordon Henderson (Conservative candidate), Mike Baldock (Labour rep for Grove Ward) and two members of the public attended.

- 1.0 **Apologies:** Sgt Ryder. As Sgt Ryder had reported sick and no-one from Highways was able to attend the meeting, the clerk had contacted Jonathan Cheeseman and asked him not to attend the meeting. This was being held to discuss the traveller's issues at the request of Kent Police. It is hoped to re-schedule this for March's meeting.
- 2.0 **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.
- 3.0 **Public Session:**
Mrs Dangar reported that her planning application was not due to be reported at a planning meeting. This has been amended now and should be heard in March. The council had supported this application but will reiterate their comments.
- 4.0 **Declarations of Interest:**
Cllr Nappey declared an interest in planning matters.
- 5.0 **Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**
 - 5.1 The repairs at Key Street roundabout have been done but not well. Discussion followed regarding Highways Agency and the clerk was asked to write with these comments. This matter is also to be discussed at the next KAPC meeting in March.
- 6.0 **Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
 - 6.1 Derek Wyatt MP – talk show can do 23/3, 20/4 or 27/4 but hall only available 27/4. It was decided to book this date with Mr Wyatt.

- 6.2 KAPC Parish news received.
- 6.3 Clerk & Council Direct – subscription renewal. It was decided to renew for this year.
- 6.4 Southern Water- Wrote to confirm the hosepipe ban had been lifted.
- 6.5 Highways – wrote to clarify the grass cutting around the village sign.
- 6.6 Swale Borough Council Cultural Survey received. This will be copied to all councillors.
- 6.7 Highways wrote with details of leaflets to add to the ones received last month.
- 6.8 Friends of Bobbing Village School requested a donation towards the Summer Fete on 23rd June 2007. £150 was proposed by Cllr Stowe and seconded by Cllr Wileman. The vote showed 1 against with all others in favour.
- 6.9 Derek Wyatt MP wrote with details of questions he has put to The House regarding the travellers. Responses will follow when available.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Bullen: Raised the problem of getting into Sittingbourne because of the traffic lights at Wises Lane. This has resulted in traffic trailing back onto the A249. There is another set of lights at Hollybank Hill so this really extends journey times to Sittingbourne. The clerk will write to Highways.

Cllr Nappey: Advised council that the report in the East Kent Gazette regarding a meeting concerning The Mead's resident's views was incorrect. It appeared no-one from The Meads had been invited but Quinton Road residents had. The clerk was asked to write to Peter Speakman regarding this although both the clerk and councillor had e-mailed with no reply received. Cllr Nappey reported to council that the paved roundabout had been repaired using tarmac. The clerk notified Cllr Nappey that the tree warden has said there was no restriction on the distance oak trees should be planted to property.

Cllr Ball: Was concerned that the well along Coldharbour Lane has still not been properly covered. This was a safety issue and should be resolved. The clerk will contact the land owner again.

Cllr Major: Spoke about the change of use applied for at Spade Lane. This causes concern regarding traffic levels. More details have been requested. Cllr Major was thanked by the chair for delivering leaflets to residents affected in Keycol Hill.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

- 8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/07/0010 Case 22443 Single storey side extension at 1 Collingwood Walk Bobbing. No objections were raised

SW/07/0061 Case 22477 Two storey rear extension at 1 Allenby Walk, Bobbing. No objections were raised.

SW/06/1450 Case 16005 Alterations to siting of Area A at Watermark Staplehurst Road Sittingbourne. After much discussion council wish to offer no objections to these plans but wish to ensure the footpath and parking facilities near the 'Crèche' Area should be kept on the plans.

- 8.2 Planning Notifications.
None received.

9.0 Finance:

- 9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

Friends of Bobbing Village School	£150.00
CommuniCorp (clerks & Council Direct)	£ 38.00

- 9.2 The chair clarified the banking position as the clerk had provided a financial statement.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

Paul Sharpe had advised the clerk and Cllr Nappey that they will be submitting new plans for the Marshgate site in due course. The clerk will ensure a copy is sent to her.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on 7th March 2007 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: _____

_____ Date: _____