

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

- 1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Dewar-Whalley, Edwards and Ward Cllr Randall. Mike Baldock also apologised.
- 2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.
- 3.0 Public Session:**  
No members of the public attended.
- 4.0 Declarations of Interest:**  
Cllr Stowe declared an interest in a planning application for the care home.
- 5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**  
The chairman had nothing to report.
- 6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
- 6.1 KALC parish news received.
  - 6.2 NHS Annual report 2007 received.
  - 6.3 KCC – changes to definitive map in Lower Halstow were received.
  - 6.4 Groundwork Kent & Medway – asked for a play questionnaire to be completed. This will be copied to both schools for their input.
  - 6.5 KALC- funding meeting is now Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March at Newington Village Hall.
  - 6.6 Citizens Advice Bureau – requested a donation. Cllr Nappey proposed £50 seconded by Cllr Stowe with all in favour.
  - 6.7 Friends Of Bobbing Village School requested a donation. £100 was proposed for both schools by Cllr Stowe, Cllr Bennett seconded with all in favour.
  - 6.8 Swale Borough Council are able to place a website link to our site on theirs. This was unanimously agreed.
  - 6.9 KCC- Kent Health Watch details received.
  - 6.10 Standards Board had written to ask parish councils to have in place a written procedure for complaints. The clerk will ask KALC if they are having a model procedure.
  - 6.11 Cllr Baldock from Borden Parish Council e-mailed to ask if Bobbing and Borden could together fund a community warden. After much discussion it was felt that Bobbing would not be in the criteria that would warrant a warden. Cllr Ball had received such a response some time ago and this will be forwarded to Cllr Baldock.
  - 6.12 Subsidiarity was discussed as we have until March 2010 to spend our allocation which is just over £20,500. The clerk will press on with obtaining quotes for the landscaping.
- 7.0 Councillors Reports:**
- Cllr Nappey:** Had a meeting with Chris of Watermark and Peter Speakman of SBC. This was a positive meeting but it was stated that a section 106 was hard to alter. This is really needed to change the use of the site to a hall. There are also issues with access and services but these should be overcome. No meeting date has been set yet. Cllr Nappey also met with the manager of the children's centre at Grove Park School. The clerk had been asked if a banner advertising a nursery at Grove Park could be placed on the village hall fence. Cllr Nappey was then asked if this was being considered. The manager confirmed it was being considered but no timescales or plans had been drawn up yet. Cllr Nappey also informed council that a second presentation regarding the

graves found on The Meads had been held at Borden Grammar School which was attended by around 200 people.

**Cllr Stowe:** Confirmed that the Bobbing Village Website had been closed down. He also had to report a turkey that was causing problems in the road along the Sheppey Way. It is believed to live at the bungalow behind Bobbing Court.

**Cllr Ball:** The KCC website is averaging 8 hits a day which is good news. The clerk is placing the Trading Standards alerts on to the web as they are not confidential. Cllr Ball requested the clerk chase the knotweed removal as it is starting to grow. There is also some along near Parsonage Lane. The clerk was also asked to contact Bill Ronan regarding another meeting with Keith Ferrin. McDonalds drive through is generating a large amount of rubbish and he asked if we could contact them to ensure their cleaning routine is adhered to. There has also been more complaints about the lay by being blocked by buses or lorries which does not allow access to the post box. A single yellow line together with a time restriction would be favoured. The clerk will request this.

**Cllr Bullen:** Has noticed an increase in activity at the barn along Coldharbour Lane. It is not known what is happening with this but the doors have been repaired. Also Bobbing Hill is not getting any better with regards to the parking. Council are unsure what can be done as yellow lines have been turned down by Highways.

**Cllr Major:** Cllr Randall had contacted him asking how we got a cover repaired on the highway. This problem was on the A2 and turned out to be aired on Radio Kent. Cllr Keith Ferrin paid a site visit at which he was wrong footed over e-mails. All the noisy covers along the A2 have had work done on them now. Cllr Major along with Cllr's Nappey and Ball attended the meeting at Swale of the KALC which had speakers regarding the Gypsy and Traveller proposals. Although Swale has a duty to provide new sites it is going to be hard providing them. Legislation also needs to be in place which would allow travellers to be moved on if they refused to go to a site. There are also issues where caravan sites on the Isle of Sheppey are not allowed to be lived in all year. If laws are changed these sites might be affected as well. No sites were revealed and it was unsure when this will take place.

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

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/09/0073 Case 14327 New signs at The Bobbing Apple Sheppey Way, Bobbing. Council thought these signs detracted from the rural appearance in this area, were garish in appearance, councillors were unhappy about the amount of trees that required trimming or removing and could be a distraction to traffic. The clerk was asked to write with these comments.

SW/09/0109 Case 08306 New detached two storey building for use as supported living in association with the adjoining care home at Bobbing Nursing Home Sheppey Way Bobbing. Council asked the clerk to ask why this is separately fenced and seems to be being treated as a separate unit as there is a new bin store and parking just for this unit. The amount of parking seems to be low as there must be visitors or carers for this unit. The street lighting is not adequate in this area and also access on the Sheppey Way is where it becomes 60mph and traffic does race in this area.

8.2 Planning Notifications.  
None received at present.

## **9.0 Finance:**

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

Citizens Advice Bureau	£50
Bobbing Village School	£100
Grove Park School	£100

**10.0 Other Matters Arising:**  
None.

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.**

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

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