

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Ball, Dewar-Whalley, Major, Johnson, Nappey, Richardson and Wright.  
KCC Cllr M Baldock and Ward Cllr G Randall also attended.  
PCSO John Cork attended  
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.  
There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

**1.0 Apologies:** Cllr Stammers.

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

**3.0 Public Session:**  
Nothing to discuss that wasn't on the agenda.

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

**PCSO John Cork** attended as we do not have a designated PCSO at present although we will have one in 5 weeks. Various incidents on Sonora are being dealt with at present. Parking at Keycol Hill has been raised but it seemed without yellow lines there was nothing that could be done despite this being a major route. Mr Kitson from Parking services and Enforcement would support this but parking is a low priority for Kent Police with staffing restraints. A footway obstruction can be dealt with by the police. It was felt that all departments should speak to one another to resolve this issue before someone get seriously hurt in this area. Cllr Dewar-Whalley has requested risk assessments for this area as there is a risk to users. There is also a police van doing the rounds really replacing the surgeries that were undertaken but Bobbing isn't due to have a visit. The clerk will try to find out why this was. This will be starting on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

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

5.1 The clerk had emailed a list of fire hydrants in the parish which was interesting reading.

5.2 Planning: Due to the public wishing to speak about the planning applications this was taken under the chair's report.

SW/12/1189 Case 08530 Unit A Howt Green. Change of use to retail/mechanical. An amended noise impact study has been received. Parishioners pointed out that this was undertaken by the applicant over a weekend. There are still the same problems of noise, access, Highway danger and speed. Council unanimously decided to object to this application for these reasons.

SW/13/0501 Howt Green Farm. New cold store facility. This application provoked much discussion from the members of the public. The applicants motives and previous history regarding cold storage in Medway are not material considerations able to be made by the council. However council unanimously decided to object to the application on environmental grounds, Highway grounds including lorry movements, ribbon development and position of the store. It was thought placing this to the rear of the site would be more in keeping with the site and for access.

SW/13/0622 Case 14820 Change of use of washrooms to form office, toilet and store at Stickfast Farm Sheppey Way. Council were unsure why this application was being applied for but felt there were no reasons to object as long as adequate toilet facilities were still on site.

**6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**

6.1 Dog bins at The Meads. It was decided to place this on the Meads facebook page and see where residents would prefer them to be placed.

6.2 Information from Gordon Henderson MP regarding Travellers and policies as received from Erick Pickles MP.

- 6.3 Fly tipping success! A prosecution from 2012 has been successful.
- 6.4 Community Engagement meeting 19<sup>th</sup> June 7pm at SBC. The chair and clerk to attend. Councillors decided to ask for money towards a shared speed indicator device.
- 6.5 Southern Water – consultation is available on the website.
- 6.6 Swale has published the registers of interests for councillors on its website and Bobbing is required to publish them on their website. It was agreed to do this as a link to the Swale page.
- 6.7 The clerk asked for council approval to send agenda's and minutes by e-mail to save on paper. Although this is not lawful it is common practice and council decided this was the way forward. Hard copies will be at the meetings.
- 6.8 Consultation on the new Lower Thames crossings and the 4 options is taking place. Again comments and information on the website [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departments-for-transport/series/lower-thames-crossing](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departments-for-transport/series/lower-thames-crossing) Ends 16th July 2013.
- 6.9 Kent Police Open Day, on Sunday 7 July from 10am to 4pm, at the Kent Police Training School in Maidstone.
- 6.10 Information regarding a solar field will be available on the open day scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> June between 9-6pm. More details when received
- 6.11 Proposed street names for the new houses on The Meads have been received. Members proposed Diamond Walk, Bronze Walk and Carnelian Close.
- 6.12 The clerk informed members that her mum was ill and to bear with her if they have problems with contacting her.

## 7.0 Councillors Reports:

**Cllr Johnson:** There are ongoing issues with parking at the school especially since they have lost their lollipop lady. There is Heras fencing that is obstructing footpath ZR111 which he is dealing with as this is an important and well used footpath. He also gave members information about the solar field.

**Cllr Ball:** The rubbish bin in the lay-by is in desperate state and needs replacing. The clerk informed council that Swale will replace it in the next round of funding.

**Cllr Nappey:** Informed council that the Meads archaeological dig has been completed and digging has been filled in.

The clerk informed council that she had written to Demelza and they have now started parking at the top of Bobbing Hill and are walking to work. Not sure how long that will last but there is insufficient space at Demelza for all their staff vehicles now as most of the plot has been filled with outside play equipment or buildings.

## 8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/12/1189 Case 08530 Unit A Howt Green Change of use to retail/mechanical – Amended noise impact assessment.

SW/13/0501 Howt Green Farm Sheppey Way. New cold store facility

SW/13/0622 Case 14820 Change of use of washrooms to farm office, toilet and agricultural store at Stickfast Farm Sheppey Way.

These were all covered earlier.

8.2 Planning Notifications:  
None received to date.

## 9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mr A Swain (nicenstripy)	£ 150.00	Cheque No 100364
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## 10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

**Meeting closed at 9.45pm.**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

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

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