

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 1st October 2008 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bennett, Edwards, Nappey and Stowe.
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.
 Mike Block, Labour rep for Grove Ward, attended.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr's Bullen, Dewar-Whalley and Major.

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.

Mr's Clive and Ross Goatham attended from A.C. Goatham farms to explain more about the packhouse facility he hopes to erect at Howt Green Farm. He explained that they are a family firm originally from Swale but now farm at Hoo. Three Swale farms have recently been purchased and apples and pears planted. The packhouse is intended to serve the fruit grown from these farms and others they have agreements with to pack fruit. Supermarkets demand strict guidelines are followed for packing and they want to make these their market. Councillors asked various questions especially regarding traffic movements as they are worried about the effect this will have on the village. It seems lorry movements will be light in the summer but heavier at other times. Planning has not been requested yet but is in the pipeline. They were thanked for attending to give council more insight to the planning application.

3.0 Public Session:

Mr Baldock asked if council were aware that Swale is proposing to charge to remove white goods. Council are against this and our borough councillors will be written to.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

- 5.1 The clearance of the undergrowth at the Key Street roundabout was discussed as the contractor had to provide a new quote taking into account the need for sterilising his equipment and vans etc. The clerk has still not heard back from Highways or Swale regarding their thoughts on this work being undertaken. This will be chased.
- 5.2 The chairman gave an update on the meeting this morning regarding the new hall at The Meads. This is going to be quite slow as the original land owners need to be consulted about the change of use for the land and one of those can't be contacted. The brief for a consultant needs to be written. The next meeting will be the 19th November.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

- 6.1 KALC Parish news rec'd – none of our reps were chosen for the speed survey.
- 6.2 SEERA- Gypsy and Traveller meetings – ours is being held in Woodville Halls Gravesend on Thurs 23rd Oct at 7pm.
- 6.3 SBC- Ambitions for Swale report rec'd – Cllr Herbert to read
- 6.4 PACT – Eileen Savage of the Grove PACT meeting would like councillors contact details. She can be contacted on eileensavage79@tiscali.co.uk if you wish her to have your details.
- 6.5 The clerk gave out minutes from the meeting with Keith Ferrin. There will be another meeting on the 10th November 2008. At this meeting projects for the money that Mr Ferrin has will be discussed and voted on for completion as soon as possible.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Nappey: The Travellers are back on the Meads. Redrow are aware that they are there and will replace the Milton Pipe that was removed to gain entry when they have been evicted. The Milton pipes have been removed from Amethyst Drive. A young child had been assaulted when the previous encampment was in Staplehurst Road and this is now the subject of a police complaint due to their lack of action.

Dog bins will not be provided in The Meads until it has been adopted.

Cllr Stowe: The trees along the railway at the top of Bobbing Hill appear to have a disease but it is not known what it is. The clerk has been aware that this occurs every year. Cllr Stowe unfortunately had his car broken into recently but it took the police a long time to call him back regarding it. Cllr Stowe also asked if McDonalds could be requested to print registration numbers on take away bags as there is so much rubbish around and this could then be traced back. He also asked if council would write to Boris Johnson, KCC, local borough councillors and other parish councils to state their dissatisfaction with plans for an airport off Sheppey. After much discussion regarding this topic he proposed that we write to those parties to state our views on this. This was seconded by Cllr Bennett and voting showed 3 in favour with three abstentions. We will wait to write regarding this.

Cllr Edwards: Bobbing in Bloom is behind schedule due to the weather but all is judged now. The awards will be given next meeting and the clerk was asked to buy the vouchers and the plaques. One of the awards will be in memory of former Cllr Bob Wileman who died recently. Cllr Edwards also informed council that plans for a doctor's surgery will be submitted soon for The Meads. The chemist planning has gone to appeal and the clerk will inform council when this is decided. Bobbing Hill needs to be tidied up near the new gate at the top of Bobbing Hill.

Cllr Bennett: Taylor Wimpey won their appeal for the rustic fencing which was not unexpected. The playground is being installed in Rook's View but not in use yet.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/08/0956 Case 15153 Proposed single storey conservatory to act as a bereavement room for sensitive functions at Demelza House Hospice Rook Lane. No objections made.

SW/08/1005 Case 23356 single story rear extension at 1 Cinnabar Drive. No objections made.

SW/08/1035 Case 10639 Single garage with storage for trailer, bikes and lawn mower at Snowdon Sheppey Way Bobbing. No objections made.

8.2 Planning Notifications.

SW/08/0803 Case 15438 Erection of garage and single storey rear extension at Highlands 60 Keycol Hill has been granted permission

Taylor Wimpey Developments have won their appeal and can now erect rustic fencing along Rook Lane Bobbing.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

Bobbing Village Hall (donation for six months use)	£200
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9.2 Parish precept 2nd instalment received of £5,275.00

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

Cllr Edwards asked if any councillors wish to make a table for the Lions quiz night on 8th November 2008 to support Swale Lions. This will be held at Teynham Hall £6 per person with wine and sausage supper.

Meeting closed at 10.15 pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st October 2008 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____