

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 3rd January 2007 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford

Cllr Gareth Randall (Grove Ward) and Mike Baldock, Labour representative for Grove Ward both attended.

1.0 Apologies: None.

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

3.0 Public Session:

Mr Baldock reported two lights not working in Clive Road. He also gave a report from the Swale Area Rural Forum meeting. Tunstall School collected waste paper which gave credits from KCC – this had now been withdrawn. He wondered if Bobbing Village School had a similar scheme. Detling PC spoke about the rural lanes initiative to discourage lanes being used as 'rat runs' and to slow traffic. Also Farmers Markets should be actively encouraged especially when used in conjunction with internet shopping. The National Farmers Union was trying to promote this. Mr Baldock was thanked for his report.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 Matters arising saw the clerk asked if quotes had been received regarding the tidying around the village sign – which she had not received.

The clerk had heard from Mr Eric Pollard who had verbally quoted £400 to refurbish the village sign. The sign was in a sorry state and he felt that it would be best if a fibreglass mould of it was taken and done that way. He was to obtain a quote for that. If the original sign was refurbished it would probably only last for around 4 years as it was subject to heavy weather in its position.

The clerk had not heard back regarding a community policeperson. Cllr Ball had looked on the police website and found that we had been allocated a Community Police Office PC Jason Hedges and Police Community Support Officer Tanja Fury who can be contacted on 419119. The clerk will talk to them and invite them to attend a meeting.

5.2 The chairman asked if Council wished to change the precept before the forms were submitted. It was unanimously agreed to let the precept of £9415 stand.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 Derek Wyatt MP – talk show can only do Fridays. Special meeting? It was decided to obtain some dates and hall availability to enable this to go ahead.

6.2 KAPC Parish news received.

6.3 Funding buddies' newsletter received.

6.4 Village sign- previously covered under Chairman's' report.

6.5 Derek Wyatt Advice surgery dates received.

6.6 Kent Fire & Rescue services- management plan 2007-8 is available on the website www.kent.fire-uk.org

6.7 Kent & Medway Structure Plan report published.

6.8 Parish Precept form received.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Wileman: The road surface at Keycol Hill development was raised. The clerk will keep pressing this with Highways. Also requested more soil to complete the job to deter the travellers. The clerk was asked to write to the contractors at Cynergy Park who may be able to provide this.

Cllr Bullen: Asked the clerk to report the water leak at Keycol Hill. Also had the clerk heard back regarding the work in the filed with the pipes at the Keycol Hill development? She had not but will chase.

Cllr Ball: Requested the clerk chase the reply from the police which should have been received within 20 days. This she will do. Also to chase the cover being replaced on the well along Coldharbour Lane. The Bobbing Hill road sign had been vandalised beyond repair and the clerk was asked to request again a new one which should be hung on the railings. Also the potholes around the roundabout and at the railway bridge have not been marked yet. The clerk will chase these. Also reported some wood had been dumped at the top of Bobbing Hill. The clerk will report this.

Cllr Nappey: Attended a meeting with Cllr Randal, Sue Crawford and representatives from Marshgate on the 19th December. This was a friendly progressive meeting which resulted in Marshgate proposing to submit new plans for this site but with lower housing on the approach roads. This should be acceptable to all parties. The appeal will be withdrawn if these plans are successful. Redrow have a PowerPoint presentation which was given at Grove Park School regarding damage on housing sites. The clerk was unaware if Bobbing had received this talk.

Cllr Major: Gave a summary of Keycol Hill and the problems regarding Highways. There had been no progress with the lengthsman scheme which we still don't really know if this is running. Also when a visual speed sign was requested we were quoted £6500 when Newington only paid £2500. It was felt that members had been misinformed with the price which had resulted in the scheme being dropped by council. This matter will still be pursued.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

TN/06/0133 JRW Case 01012 Upgrade of mast at Keycol Reservoir Rook Lane Bobbing to include two more dishes and cabinets. Members felt this was a better option than a new mast but had reservations about noise and vibrations being generated from the cabinet to house the stand-by generator.

8.2 Planning Notifications.
None were received.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 It was resolved to write cheques for the following:

Bobbing Village Hall (hiring)	£100.00
Mrs S Crawford (Tel chgs £20 Petty cash £87.18)	£ 108.18

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

The next meeting will be 7th February 2007 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.49pm

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____

