

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bennett, Edwards, Major and Nappey.  
**Clerk:** Mrs S Crawford.  
 Mike Baldock, Labour rep for Grove Ward attended the meeting.

- 1.0 Apologies:** Cllr Dewar-Whalley and Ward Cllr Randall.
- 2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.
- 3.0 Public Session:**  
 Mike Baldock gave an update on the Grove PACT meeting and enquired about the bus service in the village and outlying areas.
- 4.0 Declarations of Interest:**  
 None declared.
- 5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**
  - 5.1 The chairman had along with other members attended the Swale West Parishes meeting which again was poorly attended. The clerk had received the notes from that meeting which will be copied to all councillors. The next meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008 in Bobbing Village Hall.
  - 5.2 The chairman had also attended another meeting regarding the proposed new hall at The Meads. This is moving fairly quickly with all owners of the land found but they all use the same solicitor who has just returned to work after a lengthy spell of sickness. There will be a trip to view some halls that are thought to cover what is needed at The Meads. The money situation has been resolved and there is – as Bobbing thought- extra money due for this project. Further funding is still to be sought. Some plans are being sketch at present to give an idea of what could be achieved. An exhibition will probably be needed to show residents what is planned and explain the reasons behind these proposals. Bobbing residents will also be asked what they would like to see happen to the hall. This open day may also include an option regarding the proposed boundary changes. It was felt this could be covered together.
  - 5.3 The clerk had spoken to Mr Daynes regarding the gate being open but she will speak to him again regarding the key.
  - 5.4 The village sign has not been progressed.
  - 5.5 The quotes for removal of the knotweed have not been received. The clerk will chase this. This was discussed further as it was thought requesting £1500 from Cllr Ferrin towards this removal would be fair. There is a fair bit of it about and also along Chestnut Street. After discussion the clerk was to request £3000 towards this removal together with Borden Parish Council.
- 6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
  - 6.1 SBC Parish Grant Scheme- reminder re spending this money before March 2010.
  - 6.2 KALC – Parish news received.
  - 6.3 SBC- Preparation of Faversham Creek Area Action Plan.
  - 6.4 Swale West Parishes Group – notes, application forms and next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.
  - 6.5 Kent Fire & Rescue- Integrated Risk Management Plan 2009/10
  - 6.6 Adoption of Freedom of Information Act by Jan 2009- It was proposed by Cllr Edwards to adopt the model Freedom of Information scheme. This was seconded by Cllr Stowe – all in favour.
  - 6.7 SBC- Reply re footpath 3 Trona Court Sonora Fields

- 6.8 Please start to consider the budget and precept for 2009/10 which will be discussed at the January meeting. A copy of the last budget will be included with the minutes.

**7.0 Councillors Reports:**

**Cllr Edwards:** Spoke about the fly- tipping that has occurred in the parish. Although this has been reported it is occurring more frequently. The discussion also took in the withdrawal by some council's of their recycling service due to expense.

**Cllr Ball:** The new website requires more publicity to keep it going despite not having many hits. This will be monitored as it's a two year project until anymore funding is required. The post box along the Sheppey Way is still being obstructed by lorries, buses or coaches. Cllr Major informed council this was bought up at the KALC meeting that a lot of lay-bys were suffering in this way. The clerk was asked to write to Cllr Bowles to see if anything can be done. The clerk had e-mailed regarding the potholes at McDonalds and it seems this is a private road. It is believed to belong to the Travel Inn. The clerk will write to them and also Highways again as the holes are part on the highway.

**Cllr Major:** Attended the KALC meeting at Swale where among other items discussed was the street lighting. It seems this is a problem in many parishes. At the next meeting a speaker from KCC Travellers Unit should be in attendance. Cllr Nappey and Ball will try to attend.

**Cllr Bennett:** Informed council that the welfare unit parked in Rooks View had been stolen. This was clearly a planned operation and had caused a few problems.

**Cllr Stowe:** Spoke about his concerns regarding the shooting rights in the area. The clerk gave one name and number and will inform him of the other so he can talk to the firearms officers.

**8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:**

- 8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/08/1107 Case 14030 Single storey first floor ext 12 Keycol Hill, Bobbing. No objections to be made.

- 8.2 Planning Notifications.

SW/08/0510 Case 11895 Advertisement consent for 6 banner frames and banners at McDonalds Sheppey Way Bobbing. This has been refused.

The diversion of Public Footpath ZR105 will be approved unless representations are made by 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Appeal by Harbex Profiling and Grinding at High Oak Hill is to be held 10am 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at SBC.

Also appeal by EH Nicholls re Pheasant Farm Iwade is to be held 10am 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at SBC.

**9.0 Finance:**

- 9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

Mrs S Crawford (Tel chgs £20 & petty cash £88.49)      £ 108.49

**10.0 Other Matters Arising:**

Cllr Edwards informed council of her new e-mail address. A new list of contact details will be sent with the minutes.

**Meeting closed at 9.25 pm**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.**

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

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

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