

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 6th February 2013 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr Stammers.

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

3.0 Public Session:

The retrospective planning application for a workshop near to Layfields Cottages was causing concern for local residents. They have fears for safety at the site and there has been an accident involving 3 cars, adults and a child. The applicant has many cars which line the access road so restricting the sightlines. The drawings on the plans show visitor parking which currently has broken down cars and no room for visitors. They are even parking in the local pub car park. Sound has been an issue which takes place up to very late at night and weekends. Swale council have been informed by several residents who have had no acknowledgement of their concerns. Cllr Dewar-Whalley will be attending the planning meeting to object to these plans and after much discussion the council decided to object to these plans regarding highway matters.

Two other members of the public attended to speak about concerns in The Meads estate. There have been a number of burglaries and this has led to a facebook page being made to bring like minded people together. There was a meeting in The Jenny Wren and this was viewed in a positive light. The talk turned to a new parish being considered or whether they wish to become part of Bobbing which would have to follow a consultation. This may be in place for the elections in 2015. Parking issues abound in the area and Cllr Dewar-Whalley urged them to attend the Joint Transportation Board meeting and the Local Engagement Forum to have their say. Parking attendants really should consider going further from the town centre and this could help The Meads. On a positive note it was thought the new doctors surgery is progressing with the legalities and despite the doctor being served an eviction notice where he currently practises, there should be no problem with the new premises.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Wright declared an interest in Rooks View planning application.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 The chair had 'News in Kent' report which shows almost which houses have been burgled and this was thought not appropriate as too much information was able to be seen.

5.2 Information on Neighbourhood plans was shown to council and this needs to be done in line with Swale Borough Council.

5.3 The clerk was asked if a response from Cllr Ferrin had been received which it hasn't to date.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 Renew-Clerks & Councils Direct? £48 This was proposed by Cllr Ball seconded by Cllr Nappey with all in favour.

6.2 PROW – changes to the ways this will be run are being consulted on. Bobbing would like to see things remain unchanged.

6.3 Localism conference Friday 8th March at Faversham – anyone willing to attend? No one is available.

6.4 Insurance quote? – The clerk was asked to progress this quote with the company.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Major: Enquired of the clerk if anyone had responded regarding the shared handyman with other parishes – no replies yet but explained about the different meeting days. Asked Cllr Dewar-Whalley if the traffic enforcement were a burden on the council. The reply was that they are not but any profit goes to

Highways and not to the council. It was felt they needed to visit some of the villages especially around schools.

Cllr Ball: Although it has been spoken about previously did agree that parking has worsened in all areas. Some of it can be blamed on the increase in commuter traffic but some is people not using the parking spaces or garages. Council were unsure if anything can be done to solve this problem except parking permits and yellow lines. The clerk was asked to contact the fire brigade to see if they will visit to highlight the problem of dangerous parking.

Cllr Nappey: Parking on the verges was mentioned in the local papers and this is where most people on The Meads feel they have to park as there is no-where else to park but there is a campaign to deal with this at the moment. The clerk had been asked to report the overhanging branches near the attenuation pond and a member of the public had spoken to her as well. This will be chased.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/12/1189 Case 08530 Change of use to retail and mechanical workshop at Unit A Howt Green Sheppey Way, Bobbing. New information had been received and after hearing what the residents attending the meeting had to say, council voted to object to these plans.

SW/12/1596 Case 01012 5x 4 bed houses at land near to Rook View, Rook Lane Bobbing. New plans have been submitted but although there were many drawings not enough mention of the mast access has been made and if this will be adequate to service the mast. Council voted to object to these proposals as 4 houses have been granted permission but will this increase remain or will another planning application be submitted for more until the 16 affordable houses which were once submitted be built there. Highways access is a concern as there is no footway for pedestrians and there will be an increase in traffic in this rural lane. The lane is not wide enough for a combine harvester and a car which happens yearly depending on the crops grown and this is the only route for large farm tractors to access the fields as Bobbing Hill is restricted due to car parking. Also the difference in the height of these houses is a concern especially since there is not that much distance between the new houses and the Rook View estate as it is now.

8.2 Planning Notifications:

SW/12/1535 Case 14820 Vehicular access to Sheppey Way at Stickfast Farm Sheppey Way Howt Green, Bobbing has been granted permission.

SW/12/1522 Case 21063 Lawful Development Certificate for rear single storey extension at 33 Lorimar Court Bobbing has been granted permission.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

CommuniCorp (Subs)	£ 48.00 Cheque No 100355
Citizens Advice Bureau (donation)	£ 50.00 Cheque No 100357
Mrs S Crawford Tel £20 Petty cash £115.17	£ 36.00 Cheque No 100358

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th March 2013 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____