

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Dewar-Whalley, Edwards, Major and Nappey.  
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

Cllr John Morris and Sarah Williams from Swale Borough Council attended, together with three representatives from Rapleys Consultants. One member of the public attended.

The Bobbing in Bloom awards were presented by Cllr Gill Edwards, who is a member of Swale Lions, Cllr Elaine Nappey and Mrs Barbara Wileman to the winners and runners up in each of the three categories. All were congratulated for a superb display and thanked for brightening Bobbing Parish up. It is hoped to run this again for next year.

**1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Bennett and Stowe.

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

Michael Lea, Robert Clark and their architect attended the meeting and gave a comprehensive presentation regarding their proposals for housing at the commercial centre The Meads. There has been little uptake on the units that have been built and it is hoped that Swale will be sympathetic to this new housing proposal. Problems with the housing at The Meads were discussed and numbers of parking places also were high on the council's questions. They were thanked for their time and our comments will be made when a planning application is made.

**3.0 Public Session:**  
No items brought forward.

**4.0 Declarations of Interest:**  
Cllr Major and Herbert declared an interest in the agenda item 6.6.

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

5.1 Cllr Dewar-Whalley advised council that he had asked for an amendment to the proposed double yellow lines to be installed from Boyces Hill, Newington to Key Street Roundabout. The original proposals did not include to the roundabout. The clerk advised that she had received calls against these lines as the residents had nowhere else to park. The feelings were that their houses will be blighted as unsellable although problems with the cars being hit and even people being struck had occurred. Whilst the council was sympathetic they also felt the obstruction the cars caused to prams, wheelchairs and even the traffic with buses having trouble passing, was the priority. It was unanimously decided to vote in favour of the lines.

5.2 The chairman had received in September the clerk's resignation. As there had been much business in the previous meeting he had waited to inform council. He read out her letter and informed council he had asked if there were any reasons behind this decision but the clerk simply felt the time was right. The clerk was happy to wait until the new financial year or longer until a replacement could be found. A parish computer will not be bought until the clerk has been replaced so they could be happy with the purchase. The clerk is happy to prepare the Christmas dinner again which will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm.

**6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**

6.1 KCC – acknowledgment and reply to the Freedom of Information request was made. The letter was read to council but the information was still to be withheld. The clerk will liaise with Cllr Stowe regarding the progress of this.

6.2 Kemsley Sustainable Energy Plant- reply from developers and KCC asking if we were happy with this information. No other comments will be made.

6.3 KALC AGM 13<sup>th</sup> November at Ditton. Cllr Ball may attend

6.4 Swale Landscape Character & Biodiversity Appraisal has been received. No comments to be made.

- 6.5 Proposed changes to planning application validation process by KCC. This is on-going and comments can be made by the website.
- 6.6 Double yellow lines at Keycol Hill – this has been covered under item 5.1
- 6.7 Allotment Watch has been launched by Kent Police
- 6.8 Changes to subsidised bus services are to be made – comments to KCC
- 6.9 KCC – Bold Steps for Kent draft has been received – on-going due to government changes

## 7.0 Councillors Reports:

**Cllr Nappey:** Informed councillors that the roundabout near Grovehurst has been repaired. Also asked if we were made aware of a traffic survey taking place on Tuesday. The clerk had not been notified but will ask Highways. Cllr Nappey together with Cllr Ball attended the meeting with the developers at The Meads. An interesting meeting but the architects did listen to their views that the 'terrace' of housing was not liked by Bobbing Parish Council. They are going to re design and hopefully this will be broken. It is hoped they may visit the parish council before submitting new designs. Adequate parking was also needed in this area. Cllr's Ball and Nappey were thanked for attending. Cllr Nappey also attended the Local Engagement Forum which discussed options regarding KCC run care homes in Kent. Many are due to be bought by the private sector.

**Cllr Ball:** Cllr Ball attended the Swale West Parishes meeting which spoke about broadband in rural areas. Bobbing is unlikely to receive faster broadband as there are few houses and it is not viable to lay the cabling. This means businesses struggle to compete and it may go against any house sale as more people work from home. Grants may be available but not until the next financial year as how much is uncertain. Cllr Ball is still unhappy with the continual parking of the buses in the lay-by. The clerk will speak with the company again. Cllr Ball proposed that we obtain a quote for a one off tidy in the Bobbing Hill/Keycol Hill area as there are many brambles there. The clerk will obtain this.

**Cllr Major:** Asked the clerk to contact Swale Borough Council to cut the verges at the bottom of Keycol Hill. This is their area and needs attention.

**Cllr Edwards:** Was pleased with Bobbing in Bloom although she cannot commit to running it for next year at present due to other commitments.

## 8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/10/1350 Case 23258 Demolition of garage and other new dwelling and other alterations at 23 Key Street Bobbing. Council chose to make no comment as there is already planning permission granted on this land.

8.2 Planning Notices:

SW/10/1053 Case 11895 new signs at McDonalds have been granted permission.

SW/10/0959 Case 00537 Loft conversion including raising of the existing roof at 2 Meadow View Cottages, Bobbing Hill. This will be heard at the planning meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

The proposed dormer extension at 6 Andrews Walk is to be heard at appeal. Our comments will be sent to the inspector.

## 9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mrs S Crawford Bobbing in Bloom Plaques £32.94 & Gift Vouchers £120	£152.94
Mr G Herbert (Bulbs)	£22.50

9.2 Cllr Stowe proposed buying a new heater for the small hall which is about £1700. This was unanimously agreed.

## 10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

**Meeting closed at 10.30pm**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st December 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

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

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