

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 5th March 2008 in Bobbing Village Hall at
7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bennett, Bullen, Major, Nappey and Stowe.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford

Cllr Gordon Henderson and six members of the public attended.

1.0 *Apologies:* Cllr's Dewar-Whalley, Edwards 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:*

Three members of the public from Grove Park attended to share their thoughts on the parking situation in that area. They had attended the school meeting and the ward councillors had urged them to attend the parish meeting. Whilst the council has every sympathy for their situation it is difficult to find a solution to a problem that is borough wide. A private clamping firm may be bought in to help after notices are put up to ensure motorists are warned about the possibility. Traffic wardens are in attendance but this will not solve the matter. The clerk was asked to contact our PSCO to ask if there is anything she can suggest. Council will await the ward councillor's investigations.

Another resident complained about the parking situation in Bobbing Hill. Council informed him that this was a matter that we have been campaigning for a long time but no firm solutions can be found at present. The plot of land at the bottom of Bobbing Hill was discussed as a possible car park but this would require planning permission which probably would not be granted. It is unclear what KCC are going to do with this land at present and the clerk and chair are hoping to meet with KCC regarding this.

4.0 *Declarations of Interest:*

Cllr Nappey declared an interest in planning matters.

5.0 *Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:*

- 5.1 The chairman gave an update on the pothole reported at Key Street roundabout. This is down to have a Packo Patch at some point.
- 5.2 The proposed Heritage Trail has not had anymore replies regarding the interest letter. The clerk was asked to get some quotation to clear the land and the Webbenditch Pond Area.
- 5.3 The Diocese reply regarding Bobbing church will be put on the agenda for April.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

- 6.1 Letter from Sittingbourne Allotments Holders was received which gives advice on setting up an allotment site.
- 6.2 KALC Parish news rec'd
- 6.3 Grove Park School – thanks for donation
- 6.4 Citizens Advice- thanks for the donation
- 6.5 Kent minerals Dev Framework info received
- 6.6 SBC- Adoption of local plan first review advert
- 6.7 SBC – Corporate Plan 2007-2011 and Corporate Equality Strategy received
- 6.8 SBC draft Cultural Strategy for Swale received
- 6.9 Anna Davies is the new liaison officer for Swale at Highways
- 6.10 Grit Bin update – the clerk gave an update as highways believe this area not to require a bin

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Nappey: The bollards are still being vandalised by children. Cllr Nappey would like to know if the clips are actually being broken or not. The clerk will try to answer this.

She has received some dog mess posters which will be put up around the estate.

The graffiti has been removed. She also attended the Grove Park School meeting and talked about the walking bus from The Meads estate.

Cllr Bullen: Raised concerns about the well cover again. A small toddler nearly had an accident in the area. The clerk was asked to write to Health and Safety at Swale and again to the farmer.

Cllr Ball: Gave an update about the proposed new website. The domain name bobbingparish.co.uk has been purchased and a construction page set up. It is hoped to gather enthusiasm and advertising for the businesses in Bobbing and surrounding area. There was lots of discussion with how this will be self funding. A member of the public came up with lots of advice and help.

Cllr Ball also wanted to discuss the village hall. This requires a lot of work and it would be easier to knock it down to start again. The best

place for a new hall would be the site earmarked for KCC's use. The clerk was asked to request a meeting with Peter Speakman regarding this and also to ask for the section 106 agreements for The Meads.

Cllr Major: Attended the KAPC meeting on Monday. The new planning Officer James Freeman was given a rough ride at this meeting. Among topics discussed was how the money developers give to KCC and Swale are spent. Swale spends in the area it was given while KCC would spend on any place in the county. Cllr Henderson would like to see developers having to put a deposit down which would not be returned if there were any problems with the build etc. This may happen if legislation is changed.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/08/0068 Case 23071 Demolition of old garage and construction of open fronted building with storage above at Bobbing Court Sheppey Way Bobbing. No objections made.

SW/08/0148 Case 14820 Demolition of existing buildings for improved access and replacement storage building at Stickfast Farm Howt Green Bobbing. No objections made.

SW/08/902/R3 Details of proposed canopy at Grove Park School Hilton Drive Bobbing
No objections made.

8.2 Planning Notifications:

None at present

The Planning Inspectorate has allowed the appeal by BP petrol station over a display unit to be allowed as long as terms are agreed.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

None to write.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on 2nd April 2008 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____