

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 1st January 2012 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

3 members of the public attended.

The chairman welcomed the two new members of the council and hoped they will enjoy their time with Bobbing Parish Council.

1.0 Apologies: Ward Cllr Randall.

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

3.0 Public Session: Matthew Freeman has had reasonable success with progressing problems around Rooks View with many thanks to Cllr Mike Whiting. The pressure needs to be kept up so the development can be handed over to Swale. Borden Cllr Mike Baldock drew council's attention to the borough council deciding housing numbers and their consultation is expected from 26th March. He requested an open meeting for members of the public to hear what is expected and to be encouraged to write to Swale. The clerk had received from Swale an invite regarding this and three members will attend. The hall will be made available on 10th March 2012 times to be confirmed but probably around 11am and Mike will organise parties to attend. He also spoke about the Boundary Commission's review and it was thought that Bobbing may be split possibly into three different wards. This is a matter no-one can influence at present but when the Boundary Commission has decided then Swale can alter the parish boundaries. There was doubt this could be done by 2015. Another member also asked if council knew when the planning for Watermark will be heard at Swale but the clerk hasn't been informed of this.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Herbert declared an interest at 6.3 regarding the village hall as he is a trustee.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

Nothing received to report nor matters arising.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 Reminder re KCC Waste recycling consultation- ends 9th Feb please can everyone respond.

6.2 Clerks & Councillors Direct subscription due – renew? Cllr Nappey proposed to renew this, seconded by Rev Cllr Edwards with all in favour.

6.3 Quote for disabled toilets in the village hall. The village hall urgently needs to provide disabled toilets and asked the parish council if they were happy with this quote and if so could they authorise the release of the money held by the parish council so this work could go ahead. Councillors expressed relief at an acceptable quote and thanked Matt Freeman who recommended the company. Cllr Nappey proposed to accept the quote, seconded by Rev Cllr Edwards with all in favour.

6.4 A booklet from CPRE regarding planning has been received.

6.5 The briefing regarding 'Bearing Fruits' the conclusion from Pick your Own will be on Tues 13th March at 7pm in the chamber. Three members will attend.

6.6 Grass cutting- Nicenstripy has quoted £160 per cut which is a £10 increase. This was proposed by Cllr Wright seconded by Cllr Edwards with all in favour. They will cut with the same frequency as 2011.

6.7 Garden Party – Cllr Herbert has been nominated to attend the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in May!

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Edwards: Asked if she would be running Bobbing in Bloom this year and council had assumed she would. Cllr Wright will assist. Wondered if council are doing anything for the Diamond Celebrations? This may be run in conjunction with Swale Lions and the hall was provisionally booked for the Tuesday.

Cllr Major: Has recently been given a blue badge but had a run in with an enforcement officer as it was in the windscreen upside down. Although a photo was taken the officer couldn't delete the ticket so he has to appeal against it. Rather long winded and problematic.

Cllr Ball: A parishioner asked about the digital switchover. The clerk has information but if no internet connection it is easier to use the telephone number provided.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/12/0013 Case 14820 Stationing of portable cabin within yard as a security shelter for a temporary period of 2 years at Stickfast Farm. No objections.

8.2 Planning Notifications:

SW/11/1409 Replacement curtain walling at Grove Park School has been granted permission.

8.3 Appeal Decision: Appeal dismissed regarding fencing at 28 Rooks View

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

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| CommuniCorp- Clerks & Councils Direct subs | £ 48.00 |
| Mrs S Crawford Petty Cash £156.75 Tel chgs £20 | £176.75 |

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

Cllr Dewar-Whalley requested that if a definitive answer was required from a specific request from a member of the public then could the clerk let him know and he would do his best to get the answer from Swale in time for the meeting. He is aware of some matters but it is impossible to know about everything.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th March 2012 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____