

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bennett, Edwards, Major, Nappey and Stowe.  
Ward Councillor Gareth Randall and Labour rep for Grove Ward Cllr Baldock attended.  
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford. Two members of the public attended.

**1.0 Apologies:** Cllr Dewar-Whalley.

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

**3.0 Public Session:**

One member of the public has difficulty accessing his driveway when cars are parked too close to the access because of the pavement that was installed a few years ago on the right hand side as you go towards the Key Street roundabout. Council were not consulted about this when it was installed and it was really unnecessary. The whole of this area needs to be looked at because parking seriously hampers traffic movements and restricts this area. It is a gateway to Bobbing and Sittingbourne and yet is overgrown and has not been kept clear by the contractors. The council are in the process of getting quotes to do this but as the public member stated it should be done by the contractors being paid to do it. It seems Highways are not really interested in chasing their contractors. The piece of land at the bottom of Keycol Hill could be used to relieve the parking problem if Highways would allow. The clerk was asked to clarify if this is still to be sold and also for a meeting with Highways and other interested parties to make progress in this area.

Council were informed that the housing associations were due to 'merged' and asked if we had been notified. The clerk had not received anything to date. She will try to gain more information. Council tax being paid on line has been a problem. The telephone lines were also busy and as the council are closing the cash offices this will only get worse. Council were also informed that the budget for replacing road signs and the like has already been used.

**4.0 Declarations of Interest:**  
None declared.

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

5.1 The bank had written to inform council that the new signatures are in place.

5.2 The chairman had not yet been able to print the newsletter.

5.3 A meeting has been arranged with Peter Speakman and others regarding the new hall to be built at The Meads. This will take place at 2pm on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

**6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**

6.1 Swale Borough Council – dog fouling measures info rec'd. No action taken.

6.2 SBC- Cash office closure info

6.3 Letter from Hartlip PC re Spade Lane public enquiry to be held from 19<sup>th</sup> August

6.4 Sustainable futures group info

6.5 Review of land won aggregate in south east.

6.6 KHS- Lorries using unsuitable roads- It was felt that most roads in Bobbing are unsuitable for lorries and sat navs still show the Travel Inn at Bobbing Hill. The clerk will pass on the comments.

6.7 SBC- Revenue budget info rec'd

6.8 Dave Stanley had replied saying he is interested in doing a new sign for Bobbing and asked for ideas for the design to be faxed to him.

**7.0 Councillors Reports:**

**Cllr Nappey:** The travellers are once again in Quinton Road. Had been informed that SBC will not be collecting shredded paper in the blue bin collections. The clerk will seek answers. Also had a letter from a resident worried about the possibility of more Milton pipes to deter the travellers. Cllr Dewar-Whalley and Cllr Nappey visited the resident and Cllr Dewar-Whalley will be progressing this.

**Cllr Ball:** Asked if clarification can be sought over the land that may be sold be KCC. The clerk to action this.

**Cllr Edwards:** Bobbing in Bloom is well under way with judges lined up and areas allocated. £150 has been allocated for prizes and plaques.

**Cllr Major:** As there are many parking problems it would seem prudent for the public to attend the Area meetings and ask what can be done by Swale. Also when the M2 was recently closed it created major problems in Sittingbourne. It was felt that not much could be done about this by the parish council.

**Cllr Bennett:** Had received an e-mail from the post office to say that steps had been taken to try to alleviate the problems that have been occurring with the post. It is hoped this will stop the problems occurring.

**Cllr Dewar-Whalley:** Although he did not attend this meeting wanted the clerk to raise some issues. He felt that the Meads should be included in the parish boundary. As this is the responsibility of Swale now, the clerk will write to them.

**8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:**

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/08/0571 Detached garage at Snowdon Sheppey Way Bobbing. No objections raised.

SW/08/0661 Case 16005 New signs at the Local Centre the Meads. It noted that the pub's name is Milton Brook which upset a few people as it's not in Milton. The clerk was asked to find out why no consultation was raised regarding the name.

8.2 Planning Notifications.  
None received

**9.0 Finance:**

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:  
Nothing to pay.

**10.0 Other Matters Arising:**

None.

**Meeting closed at 9.40pm**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.**

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

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

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