

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bullen, Nappey and Stowe.  
Mr Bill Forrester from KCC Gypsy and Traveller Unit attended.  
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.  
Sue Sampson Curate of St Bartholomew's Church, Bobbing attended.  
One member of the public attended.

- 1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Bennett and Dewar-Whalley also 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:**  
Sue Sampson, curate at St Bartholomew's church, Bobbing attended to introduce herself and to inform council that there will be more services being run at Bobbing church from January 2010.

At this point members of the public were asked to leave the room and there followed a closed meeting. Reconvened at 8.30pm.

**Public Session: The member of the public, who had been told there was a closed session, arrived when we reconvened so public session was restarted.**

A general moan about lack of grit bins, the abysmal rubbish collecting that has occurred in Sittingbourne over the bad weather, the Southern Water reservoir leak (which the clerk has reported on numerous occasions to be told its water seepage from behind the retaining wall) and a thank you for requesting the Freedom of Information regarding the adoption of Rook View. An answer should be available by the 15<sup>th</sup> January under their rules. There was also a general moan regarding closed meetings especially during bad weather!

- 4.0 Declarations of Interest:**  
None declared.
- 5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**
- 5.1 The chairman reported on the Swale Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2008-2009. This looked at the sites identified as being omission sites at the last study and their suitability for development. The report is very muddled and not easily understood. The clerk had sent an e-mail round containing the link. It was generally felt that Bobbing sites had been deemed not suitable at present. The chairman wanted to draw council's attention to this document.
- 5.2 Matters Arising: Cllr Ball asked if any replies had been received regarding yellow lines in the pull in on the old Sheppey Way and also a reply from the bus companies. The clerk had not received anything except an acknowledgement from Swale to say the request had been passed to the relevant department.
- 6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**
- 6.1 Jacobs who are contractors for Highways wrote to offer parish councils a preferred rate for their services.
- 6.2 Swale West Parishes meeting minutes were received from Bill Ronan. There should be another meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January if the monies available were oversubscribed. The clerk will chase this.
- 6.3 Swale Borough Council – asked if we require an updated electoral register. After debate council decided to accept this with updates. It will be in a data format.
- 6.4 The minutes of the last Swale Area KALC meeting were received.

- 6.5 A new external auditor has been appointed to Bobbing.
- 6.6 KALC Parish News was received.
- 6.7 Cllr Dewar-Whalley cannot attend the civic service- is there anyone else who wishes to attend?
- 6.8 The speed limit review will now be available in March as Nick Chard KCC Highways member wishes the Joint Transportation Boards to be involved.
- 6.9 KCC wrote regarding a monitoring form for the grant that we received for landscaping and grass cutting.

#### 7.0 Councillors Reports:

**Cllr Stowe:** The extensive list of items reported to Highways some while back have not been done so he will chase these. Highways have not proved themselves recently with the bad weather and all members expressed concerns over their performance. The snow plough arrived once but pushed a large mound obstructing the driveway so caused more problems. Also the Swale refuse collections cause concern. Large amounts of information have been received regarding different plans and strategies but it seems many roads just were not on these lists. The advice was to leave rubbish out but this resulted in foxes ripping open bags which were then not collected as the rubbish was strewn about. It is hoped many lessons should be learnt from this spell of bad weather.

**Cllr Nappey:** Asked about progress with the sign. The clerk assumed things were going ahead but will chase this.

#### 8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

- 8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/09/1283 Case 00537 Loft conversion including raising of the existing extension roof with gable end and new front dormer window at 2 Meadow View Cottage Bobbing Hill. Councillors were concerned at the size of the proposals given that this property had already had two extensions in the past. They also asked when the bathroom was installed as some knew this property didn't have an upstairs one. Their main concern was the unbalanced feel the dormer and loft conversion would give to this older style property. These were not built for a three storey design and concerns were raised regarding the foundations for these plans. It was also felt the street scene would be slightly affected with the different levels of roofing which can be seen from Bobbing Hill and the old Sheppey Way. The clerk was asked if a Party Wall agreement had been signed which has not (as she lives in the attached property). Given these views council will write to object to these plans.

- 8.2 Planning Notifications.

SW/09/0941 Case 16990 Sign changes at the BP petrol stations at Bobbing Court from Somerfield to Co-op. These have been granted permission.

#### 9.0 Finance:

- 9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

None required.

- 9.2 The clerk was requested to leave the room as her salary was discussed along with the budget and precept. Cllr Ball proposed to accept the budget and retain the precept at the same level as the previous year of £10,300.00. This was seconded by Cllr Stowe and all were in favour.

#### 10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

**Meeting closed at 10.35pm**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

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

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