

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 4th September 2013 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Ball, Johnson, Major and Nappey.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

KCC Cllr Mike Baldock, Grove Ward Cllr Gareth Randall and Cllr Ian Davidson attended.

PCSO Ian Henderson attended.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr's Dewar-Whalley and Richardson.

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

PCSO Ian Henderson introduced himself as the new PCSO of Grove Ward and gave a brief resume of his time spent with Kent Police. He hopes to hold a regular surgery but hasn't any details at present. He gave his mobile number and Twitter name and the clerk has these details together with his e-mail address. He took questions from those in attendance and was aware of some issues in the Ward especially in the Meads area. One member informed him that there was some youths who seem to be causing damage and causing anti social behaviour, details of these were given. Parking problems at the Meads were discussed but as there are no yellow lines this isn't really enforceable. Another attendee spoke about the parking problems at Bobbing Village School especially since the hall had shut their gates. He had called SBC, KCC and the Police but was passed around departments and was told the opposite person was responsible. He was given a brief outline of the reasons behind the decision and understood the hall's position. He was asked to contact the Joint Transportation Board and asked to attend as this prompts action usually. Options were discussed but opening the gates to parents and staff was not going to happen in the foreseeable future. Persons shooting very late at night, around midnight, was also brought to the attention of the council. It was thought a gas rifle was being used as there was hardly any sound. The farmer hadn't given permission and PCSO asked for this to be called in when it occurred. PCSO Ian Henderson was thanked for attending and it was hoped to see more of him around Grove Ward on his bike.

3.0 Public Session:

The advertising board at Watermark was discussed as this was thought to be on public land and would need permission. The clerk will write to SBC.

Cllr Baldock asked if there were any problems with phone lines but there seemed not to be.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Herbert declared an interest in planning at Keycol Hill as he is a neighbour.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 The chairman had received Cllr Nappey's resignation. This was received with sadness but entirely understood by council. She was thanked for her many years of service especially to the Meads community where she lives. It was hoped she will attend meetings when she is able. The clerk will advertise the vacancy.

5.2 SBC Draft Local First Policy was discussed. The clerk will respond voicing concerns about abdicating responsibility not just devolving and this could lead to facilities being lost if SBC is unable to take them back under their control.

5.3 SBC Community Governance review. This was discussed in great detail and after the councillors had digested the draft that had been prepared by the chairman. It was thought that areas such as the Meads and Grove Park hadn't been sent details of these proposals and as this hugely affects them the clerk was asked to write to SBC and point this out. Decisions on new parishes should be made in the areas such as The Meads and their residents. It was agreed that the clerk will respond with the comments that had been drafted together with maps detailing the points concerned.

5.4 Bearing Fruits re-visited consultation. Again this was discussed at length with comments about the number of houses along the A249 corridor; provision of infrastructure before housing is occupied, numbers of school places in direct ratio to the planned houses and maybe an employment led scheme. The clerk will make these comments to SBC.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

- 6.1 KCC Street light consultation – reminder to reply now.
- 6.2 Police contact van – new time! This will now be 5-6pm every two weeks starting on Sunday 8th September.
- 6.3 No Place Like Home information was received from a care group.
- 6.4 Update from Steve Darling Highways regarding parking feasibility study. Council were dismayed to learn that Highways doesn't think this will get out the starting blocks due to various reasons but we will keep pestering until someone takes notice. In light of the serious crash on the A249 Sheppey crossing it would be prudent to try to eliminate any risks that can be eliminated.
- 6.5 New recycling detail meeting at SBC on Tuesday 10th September – clerk will try to attend.
- 6.6 Southern Water are putting in new water meters in ME9 7, ME9 8, and other Sittingbourne postcode areas.
- 6.7 There will be a parish council seminar on 10th October. One person to attend

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Johnson: Asked if the clerk had received any news from the solar farm? There had been nothing to date.

Cllr Nappey: The dog bins in Jacinth Drive need emptying. The clerk will chase this.

Cllr Ball: Cllr Randall had obtained a bin for the old Sheppey Way layby which should be installed soon.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/13/0953 Case 04638 Side extension at 45 Keycol Hill, Bobbing. No comments to be made by council.

SW/13/0987 Case 23754 Single store extension to front of existing garage at 2 Realgar Court. No comments to be made by council.

SW/13/0958 Case 04191 Raising the roof ridge to provide loft space and dormer windows front and rear at Trevean Keycol Hill Newington. No comments to be made by council.

8.2 Planning Notifications:

SW/13/0772 Case 03688 Change of use to open storage area for stone mason at Stickfast Farm Sheppey Way has been give permission

SW/13/0728 Case 19483 Temporary portacabin for laundry use at Howt Green Farm Sheppey Way has been granted permission.

SW/13/0501 Case 19483 Permission for a controlled atmosphere fruit store has been granted at Howt Green Farm Sheppey Way

SW/13/0794 Case 14261 Rear extension at 47 Brier Road. This application has been withdrawn.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mr A Swain (nicenstripy)	£ 150.00	Cheque No	100368
Bobbing Village Hall (hire)	£ 200.00		100369

9.2 The audit has been returned with no comments and the clerk will advertise this to comply with legalities.

9.3 NALC – advises that clerks have been awarded a pay increase from April 2013 – this will be discussed at the next meeting.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:
None.

Meeting closed at 10pm.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd October 2013 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____