

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7th March 2007 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Bullen, Ball, Dewar-Whalley, Major, Nappey, Edwards and Wileman.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford

One member of the public attended.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr Stowe, Ward Cllr Randall and Mike Baldock.

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

Sgt Darren Ryder, PC Roy Haffenden and Jonathan Cheeseman, Unauthorised Encampments Officer attended regarding the travellers encampments that Bobbing Hill has suffered since April 2006. All explained their roles in the situation and what can be done legally to try to move the travellers on. It is inappropriate for this piece of land to have suffered this amount of encampments but as the land is Highways then the decision is theirs on what can be done to prevent them returning. Mr Daynes had written to Highways with a suggestion of concrete pipes to deter them. This was essentially agreed the best course of action although care must be taken to ensure they cannot move a pipe and then have an enclosed encampment area. Highways had declined to attend due to no 'out of hours budget'. All were thanked for their time and patience in explaining the whole picture and the clerk will urgently contact Highways to arrange a site meeting during office hours.

3.0 Public Session:

No issues needed to be discussed.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 Nothing to report and no matters arising.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 NALC- review of the Quality Parish Council Scheme.

6.2 Mr Pollard – village sign quote- fibreglass £800-1000. To be discussed at the next meeting.

6.3 Audit Commission- Extend appointment to cover 2006-7. No comments made.

6.4 Bobbing Village School – Federation school – any opinions? This was discussed in depth and councillors felt this was not the way forward for a village school. They were concerned regarding funding being 'shared' unfairly between the schools, teachers contracts and the possibility of the village school changing beyond recognition.

6.5 ACRK – Rural Community Opinion Survey.

6.6 Citizens Advice – donation please. Cllr Nappey proposed £50 seconded by Cllr Major, all in favour.

6.7 Swale Transport Strategy.

6.8 Celebrate St George's Day.

6.9 Revised model Code of Conduct.

6.10 Sitt & Swale West Area Forum 27th March 7pm.

6.11 Land Registry.

6.12 Copy of tree preservation orders in force in Bobbing received.

6.13 SEERA- Regional Housing Strategy Review 2007 received.

6.14 KCC wrote regarding changes to the bus services in the area which should be minimal.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Bullen: Raised the issue of the new paving being put in at Rook View which restricts the width of the road. The clerk will contact planners regarding this matter.

Cllr Nappey: Reported that the island roundabouts on The Meads estate have had their lighting covers replaced but they are still coming off. It was unsure if this was vandalism or the way they were fitted. The clerk will report them again.

Cllr Ball: Reported the well had still not had the cover replaced. The clerk had chased this issue. Also reported the grass had been cut around the roundabout and near the heritage sign.

Cllr Major: Had attended a poorly attended KAPC meeting. Highways did attend this meeting and there was lots of dismay at the lengthsman scheme which did not work at the moment. There was a slide show of the Highways structuring with lots of senior engineers. Cllr Major did ask about the annual problem of Keycol Hill but Mr Haratbar still felt that it was the property owner's problem. This was not correct. The footpath is really not wide enough nearly all the way from the roundabout to Rook Lane.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

The Marshgate appeal application has been withdrawn. The other plans are available for comment/ Council felt that Marshgate had stuck to their proposed plans and reduced the height of the properties. Council wish to offer no objections to these plans.

8.2 Planning Notifications.
None were received.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 It was resolved to write cheques for the following:

Citizens Advice Bureau	£50
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10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

The next meeting will be 4th April 2007 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.51pm

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____