

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 5th May 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.45pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bennett, Bullen, Edwards, Major, Nappey and Stowe.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

One member of the public attended and two representatives regarding the Kemsley CHP planning application.

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:
No issues to report.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:
None declared.

The chairman introduced Jonathan Standen and colleague who gave a power point presentation regarding the proposed sustainable energy plant at Kemsley Paper Mill. Many questions were asked and answered with promises to report back on those they were unable to answer. They were thanked for taking the time to attend our meeting.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 The chairman had been able to get the newsletter printed. The clerk will drop these off to the volunteers to distribute.

5.2 The chair had also given to the clerk information regarding gypsy and traveller site reports which may be used with the Swale consultation or at a later date.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 St Regis Paper- plans for a sustainable waste to energy incinerator at Kemsley Paper Mill. As the presentation unfolded the councillors were alarmed at the size of this plant. After discussion councillors decided to object on the following grounds; Transportation – infrastructure not adequate for the amount of lorry movements, air quality, scale of building, SSSI and the impact on this, appearance and colour scheme and no clear definition of requirement to take surplus electricity away. The clerk will voice these concerns.

6.2 Kent Highways questionnaire- all questions were read out and responses gathered. The clerk will send this electronically.

6.3 The clerk asked if there were any amendments or alterations to the council's response on the Gypsy and Traveller consultation. There were none so this will be sent towards the end of May.

6.4 Swale Borough Council is consulting on line on their Core Strategies with responses by 21st May 2010.

6.5 Kent County Council acknowledged receipt of the Freedom of Information request with reply by 1st June 2010.

6.6 Village Sign update – the makers stated that sign was made according to the 3rd draft and the clerk may possibly have written with another design but the person has left which made it awkward to clear whose mistake it was. Councillors are happy with the sign and a plaque will be placed on the post explaining the reasons for the design.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Bullen: The litter along Bobbing Hill is bad – the clerk will report this but it may be because the verges have been cut recently.

Cllr Nappey: Again litter is a problem along the A249 which Highways did distribute an e-mail about as responsibility is under review. There has also been an increase in lorry cabs parking on The Meads estate possibly awaiting their loads. The clerk was unsure what could be done about this.

Cllr Ball: The litter at the lay-by was cleared with a skip but no sooner than this was done more was dumped. The clerk will liaise with cleansing at Swale over this matter. There were also 9 tyres just dumped in the road at Bobbing Hill which have been removed.

Cllr Stowe: Asked if the council were responsible for the parking advice notes that were handed out during the auction. The clerk replied that the police were just taking an interest. Also asked about the Knotweed problem. As there is an offence to propagate it he wondered what Highways were going to do about this. The clerk will e-mail them again regarding this.

Cllr Edwards: Most of her report had already been reported.

Cllr Bennett: A resident at Rooks View contacted her regarding the gates fronting the A2. The padlock and the latch had been cut off. The residents will be replacing this with two padlocks and chain as it is not a public right of way but an emergency access.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:
None to consider.

8.2 Planning Notifications.

SW/10/0349 Case 09088 Extension and alterations at Bobbing Village School has been granted permission.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mr A Swain (NicenStripy grass cutting)	£160.00
Signs of the Times Balance for the village sign	£2,042.60

9.2 To approve the accounts and answer audit statements. Cllr Bennett proposed to approve the accounts and Cllr Stowe seconded with all in favour.

9.3 The first instalment of the precept has been received £5,150.00

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

Nothing arising.

Meeting closed at 10.07pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd June 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____