

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 2nd November 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Bullen, Dewar-Whalley, Major and Stowe.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

4 members of the public attended.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr's Ball, Nappey and Randall.

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

3.0 Public Session:

A letter had been received stating that the Watermark outline planning permission will be heard at the planning meeting this month. Council will not be speaking but members of the public are able to speak for 3 minutes.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Dewar-Whalley declared an interest in item 6.3 and finance items.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

Nothing received or to report.

Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons information received

6.2 KCC Minerals and Waste consultation CD received

6.3 Swale Borough Council's Annual report received- council thought this was a good way of presenting the information – not too much and not too little.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Major: Raised issue with the traffic lights at Adelaide Road which are usually manually operated. Commented that plates could be put across the holes and the lights could be taken away over peak periods. The clerk will contact Highways.

Cllr Stowe: Commented that as KCC will be getting their money back over the Iceland Bank collapse affair, wondered where this money will be spent. It is believed to be pension fund investment money. Cllr Stowe also gave a letter of resignation as he is moving to Australia for a minimum of 2 years. He was thanked for all of his hard work since becoming a councillor.

Cllr Dewar-Whalley: Was glad to see a salt bin at the bottom of Bobbing Hill although one would be of better use on the Sittingbourne side. The clerk will see if this is possible. Also asked the clerk to chase the noisy cover at 43 London Road.

Cllr Herbert: There is a faulty street light opposite 51 Keycol Hill. The clerk will report this. The village hall had received the invoice for the water leak repair which was just under £1100. The council had previously expressed a desire to assist with this. Cllr Stowe proposed requesting a grant for £500 towards these costs from the Ward Councillor's grant allowance with the parish council covering the remainder of the costs. This was seconded by Cllr Major with all in favour. The parish council will pay the invoice and apply for the grant.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/11/1292 Case 00106 Change of use from bakery to take away at Unit 4 Grove Park Shopping Centre, Gadby Road, Bobbing. After discussion council will make no comments other than to take the neighbours views into consideration.

8.2 Planning Notifications:

None received to date

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Southern Water £ 1068.81

9.2 Clerks wages – from the last meeting it has come to light that although budgeted the clerk hasn't received an increase since 2008. It was agreed to give a lump sum backdated pay of £ 276 and the monthly amount will change to £228 from November (payable in December)

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

An application was received for the clerk vacancy. References will be sought and an interview date will be set. The interviewing panel will be the chair and two councillors.

Cllr Dewar-Whalley again expressed regret of not being able to attend a Remembrance Service in Bobbing. The clerk will write to express this regret. Some of the church lights have been replaced and the council did offer to assist with this cost. The clerk will contact the churchwarden.

Meeting closed at 9pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th December 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____