

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 5th December 2007 in Bobbing Village Hall at
7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Ward Councillor Gareth Randall and Cllr Mike Baldock.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford

4 members of the public attended.

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

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

3.0 Public Session:

A resident from Rooks View spoke about the planning application for the rustic fencing. The residents are angry that they were promised a gated entrance and railings but the close boarded fencing that has been erected hasn't got planning permission and now the developers want to erect post and rail fencing. There are many issues regarding this development but only the planning application is to be spoken about at the planning meeting at Swale Borough Council on Thursday evening. Councillors gave hints on how to obtain the best in the allotted time at the meeting. Cllr Ball proposed that the clerk e-mail the planning officer to comment on the dangerous entrance at Rooks View which was to be altered. This was seconded by Cllr Major with all in favour. The clerk will ensure this is done before Thursday's meeting.

The council was thanked for their support over the Southern Water proposed development.

Cllr Baldock updated council on the speed bumps on the Grove Park estate. Cllr Randal had organised a survey and reported to committee. This will now be discussed at the Transportation committee in due course. There will be no funding for other methods of slowing traffic but the offending bumps could be removed if that is decided.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

- 5.1 There has been two letters of application for the councillor vacancy. This will be discussed in January in case an election is called.
- 5.2 The website has been discussed by Cllr's Ball and Stowe but no conclusion reached yet but is in hand.
- 5.3 The clerk advised that the village sign will be taken down but her husband needs to hire a cherry picker and the wind has held this up.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

- 6.1 Parish News received
- 6.2 Kent Highways – PIPKIN info & presentation 10th Jan 2008 9.30-12.30 at Ramada Hotel Maidstone. Cllr Ball may attend if commitments allow:
- 6.3 Kent Policing 2008-9 Survey- only one completed form allowed this year! This was completed at the meeting.
- 6.4 Info re Children's Centres which will be at Grove Park School received.
- 6.5 Changes to Definitive Map received.
- 6.6 Kent Fire & Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan 2008-9
- 6.7 Update on land for sale. The clerk will ask for talks on purchasing this land.
- 6.8 Subsidiarity – allocation needs ear marking. This will be discussed at the January meeting.
- 6.9 Dates for 2008 meetings will be sent to councillors and put on the website.
- 6.10 Register of electors has been received. Total 746 properties and 1411 electors
- 6.11 NicNaks had sent a letter thanking the council for their donation to the hiring and requesting the parking at the rear of the hall be stopped on Tuesdays and Fridays. This caused lots of discussion and, as all agreed, there is no solution and is happening at all schools. The clerk will respond in due course as it is really a village hall committee problem. The parish council may host a meeting of all parties regarding this problem.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Edwards: Reported that the street light at Bobbing Hill is still not working. The clerk will chase.

Cllr Ball: Reported that there is more rubbish being thrown away in the area. The closure of the top of Bobbing Hill is having an effect by moving the lunchtime and evening parking to other places.

Cllr Nappey: Still hopes to have the meeting regarding the footpath to the Grove Park estate.

Cllr Baldock: Gave a report of the last KAPC meeting. Speeding in rural lanes was discussed as was drains and Highways issues. KCC Cllr Keith Ferrin hopes to clear some backlogs with Highways problems and also adopting of certain estates which have, in some cases, not been done 17 years later!

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/07/1275 Case 14327 Lollipop sign at Bobbing Apple Sheppey Way
No comments raised.

SW/07/1285 Case 22981 Two Storey side ext with pitched roof at 5
Layfield Cottages, Sheppey Way. No comments raised

SW/07/902 /R4 Details of buggy store at Children's Centre Grove Park
School, Hilton Drive. No comments raised

SW/07/1372 Case 22934 Conservatory to rear at 9 Cinnabar Drive. No
Comments raised.

8.2 Planning Notifications:

SW/07/1020 Sign at BP garage Bobbing Corner has been refused
permission but they owners are appealing. No comments to be raised.

SW/07/11994 Rustic fencing at Rooks View is being put forward for
recommendation.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

Bobbing Village Hall (donation for hiring)	£100
Mrs S Crawford Tel chgs £20 Petty cash £ 66.80	£86.80

9.2 Clerks Salary- To agree revised salary scales for clerk. At present paid £153 (bank did not receive letter to increase this) should be from 1st April £9.837 per hr. I work 17hours a month. Increase is £14, backdated for 9 months £126 and new monthly wage of £167 if agreed by council.

These items were not discussed as there was only one signatory in attendance.

9.3 Budget and precept. Councillors were given financial reports and asked to consider these for the January meeting which is when the precept will be set.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

The doctor who was hoping to have a surgery at The Meads has been 'out bid' This was met with anger as there was supposed to be three

allotted units set aside for a doctor's surgery. The clerk will look out the planning application as it was thought this was in the plans.

The clerk also had been informed of plans for a pharmacy at The Meads. It was agreed that this is a much needed service in the estate.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on 2nd January 2008 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: _____

_____ Date: _____