

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 2nd October 2013 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Ball, Dewar-Whalley, Johnson, Major, Richardson, Stammers and Wright.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

KCC Cllr Mike Baldock attended.

1.0 Apologies: None.

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

3.0 Public Session:

There had been an email received regarding many outstanding issues in and around Bobbing. This has now reached the top at Swale Borough Council and it is hoped that some questions can at last be answered. Questions can be asked of Democratic Services. Cllr Mike Baldock informed that he has had a meeting with Alan Blackburn of Highways and is awaiting responses. Parking is a borough wide issue and one solution to Keycol Hill may be a white line to indicate parking half on the pavement but again a reply is being awaited. A cycle way along Keycol is not on the cycle strategy for this area. Cllr Baldock pushed for residents and the council to go to the Swale JTB as they will in the end sit up and listen. Cllr Dewar-Whalley also responded but also asked that if parishioners first report to SBC customer services as everything is logged then – this should then be forwarded to the correct department. Cllr Major didn't think a cycle route would help as this would be totally ignored. Cllr Ball though double yellow lines are the only answer but they would need enforcing. The clerk was asked to request that Alan Blackburn attends a meeting to answer these questions.

Another member of the public is concerned about the damage being caused to footpaths with cars parking on the paths. The speed limit along by Bobbing Village School needs investigating. The clerk informed that this was requested a few years ago but was rejected. PCSO Ian Henderson has been asked for his help and views. Residents are fed up with the attitude of the parents who continually obstruct driveways. KCC Education needs to be involved and shutting the hall car park has brought the problem to the front. It is hoped that a 20mph could be implemented outside the school similar to the reported ones in Maidstone. It may also be a good idea to have railings fitted to ensure children don't run out into the road. The clerk was asked to see when Gordon Henderson MP would have a meeting about these issues.

The sign at Watermark was discussed and the clerk informed that she had reported it and SBC had classed it as fly-tipping! She will chase SBC.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

None were declared.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 Following the clerk's resignation he had spoken to Lynda Fisher who was interviewed before and is still interested. The council agreed for him to speak with her regarding terms of employment. It is hoped that at the November meeting both clerks will be in attendance.

5.2 SBC – sent a letter of openness and transparency. If councillors need to update their register of interests can they please see the clerk?

5.3 The Redrow sign was discussed and the clerk was asked if there had been any progress which there has not. She had reported it but they had placed it under fly tipping. This will be chased.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

- 6.1 Dog bin update. The clerk had met with SBC and found 2 places to put in new dog bins. They wouldn't put one over by Velum Way as land ownership wasn't known. These will be placed as soon as possible.
- 6.2 Bobbing Village School parking item. An email had been received which the clerk read. Parking is not the problem of the parish council or the village hall. The clerk had met with the Head and two proposals were being considered by the hall committee. It was thought the trustees wish to keep things as they are in order that more day time use of the hall can be made.
- 6.3 Proposal to establish airspace in the vicinity of London Southend airport. Views can be given on line at www.southendairport.com/news/controlled-airspace
- 6.4 Amendments to Code of Conduct – trade union membership changes – any amendments please let me know. This was covered at 5.2
- 6.5 Letter from Woodpeckers Short Mat bowls club requesting help with set up fees. There is a constitution and they are in the bowls league. Cllr Major proposed to donate £100 seconded by Cllr Ball with all in favour.
- 6.6 Update on Swale Engagement Forum. The clerk and chair attended and most of Cllr Baldock's money has been earmarked. Bobbing was unable to proceed with the speed indicator device as Highways needed to know where this was to be placed in the parishes it is to be shared with and who would fund these installations.
- 6.7 The clerk attended the recycling presentation at Swale and gave a brief outline of the changes to be introduced from December 2013.
- 6.8 The clerk reminded council about the Highway Seminar on 10th October. Cllr Johnson is to attend.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Johnson: Has asked Highways to refresh road markings, to cut vegetation, has reported faulty street lighting, has raised parking issues, made a Freedom of Information request regarding Anti Social Behaviour on The Meads and is now on the Joint Transportation Board.

Cllr Ball: Cllr Randall had obtained a bin for the old Sheppey Way and asked if we know when this will be installed. The clerk will chase. There are cars being sold in the lay-by again.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

- 8.1 To consider new planning applications:
SW/13/1117 Case 10616 Variation of condition 2 & 3 of SW/09/0194 in order to amend fork lift truck route within the yard at Harbex Profiling High Oak Hill. A brief background of the problems in this area was given. Concerns about the footpath were raised. It was agreed to write with these concerns and also to request the yard be kept clear and tidy and there bridge over the ditch maintained.

- 8.2 Planning Notifications:
None.

9.0 Finance:

- 9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Woodpeckers Short Mat Bowls	£ 100.00	Cheque No	100371
Mr A Swain (nicenstripy)	£ 150.00		100372
Williams Giles (PAYE)	£ 36.00		100373
Mrs S Crawford (backdated pay)	£ 84.00		100374

- 9.2 Clerks pay increase from April 2013. SLCC had negotiated a pay increase and the clerk was due to receive an extra £12 per month under this. This was proposed by Cllr Ball seconded by Cllr Stammers and agreed by all councillors and the clerk will advise Williams Giles to amend the payroll or process a one off payment to cover this.

- 9.3 The second instalment of the precept has been received of £ 6,138

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

Meeting closed at 10pm.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th November 2013 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____