

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 3rd August 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Dewar-Whalley, Edwards, Major, Nappey and Stowe.
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.
 4 members of the public attended.

1.0 Apologies: Ward Cllr 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:
 Nothing raised.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:
 None declared.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 Was glad to report that the planned road closure in Newington will not now happen until next Easter.

5.2 Was aware of a meeting for the Affordable Housing Programme which now includes site (s) for Travellers. No minutes have been found of this meeting held on 19th July and Cllr Dewar-Whalley was asked to investigate.

5.3 The Chairman attended the Boundary Commission meeting held at Swale Borough Council but presented by the Commission. The chairman gave a short report on the meeting which was reasonably well attended. The review may be affected by the Localism Bill and parish boundaries will be reviewed by Swale after the Commission review.

5.4 Another meeting attended by the chairman was the Pick your Own meeting at Iwade with other parish councils. There were around 25 people in attendance and the general consensus was no one option is right and that there was a lot of confusion about the options. This is being discussed at Swale on 4th August which is an open meeting but with no public speaking and a decision should be made in December. It was decided to write to Swale with comments despite consultation being closed.

5.5 The Minerals & Waste deadline has now been extended until 9th August. There are two sites in Newington that will cause problems for Bobbing as high levels of lorries will be moving along the A2. Brick earth extraction at Paradise Farm will last for 22.5 years and for 6 weeks every year. Bobbing PC decided to object to these plans.

5.6 The Queen's Diamond Celebrations- Bobbing would like to do something and councillors were asked which direction this should be. A beacon was considered a good idea and the clerk will write to the local farmer to see if a suitable field was available. This will be discussed at further meetings.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 Double yellow lines survey report was given by Swale. We await Highways meeting.

6.2 KCC grant award – the disabled toilets have received £3500 from KCC member grant

6.3 Watermark housing comments reply received from Swale, in this developer contribution was mentioned and it was hoped that instead of having a contribution maybe the developer could help refurbish the hall so paying with workforce and materials. Cllr Nappey to try to secure a meeting to discuss this.

6.4 The Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations advice was received from Swale who wish to ensure celebrations run smoothly and without too much 'red tape'

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Major: Commented that the consultation on the yellow lines at Keycol Hill didn't answer our question on the catchment area for those asked. Several people not living on the hill are affected but will not have had chance to voice their opinions. Also the accident in which a car hit a house on the hill necessitates the need for a Highways meeting. The clerk advised we are waiting for a date from them. Cllr Dewar-Whalley

advised that there will be a new meeting called the Swale Locality Board which this should come under. He will progress this and the clerk will forward her e-mails regarding this.

Cllr Edwards: Concern again over parking at Bobbing Hill. She had to reverse 5 times in order to access the roundabout. Bobbing in Bloom is well under way with the prize giving arranged for the October meeting,

Cllr Stowe: There is resurfacing along Stickfast with delays occurring and wondered why we were not notified of this taking place. The amount of roadworks operated by an employee despite having a timer action on the lights causes concern as he was waved through a red light which may have had implications if a car had been coming the opposite way. Foreign lorry parking is also causing concern as he couldn't exit the Bobbing Corner Services safely as a foreign lorry had blocked the exit. The new homes being built at Iwade have a strange roundabout which seems to be outside the development.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/11/0764 Case 19483 Fencing and gates at Howt Green Farm Bobbing. This was discussed in detail and whilst the fencing may tidy up the appearance the height causes concern. If this was softened with planting which was maintained for 5 years this would be better. Also the noise could be a problem as it may cause an echoing effect and if the right type of fencing was used this could help with soundproofing. Also mentioned was the access to the footpath – could this be kissing gates.

SW/11/0795 Case 00106 Change of use from bakery to Indian takeaway at unit 4 Gadby Road. As the unit was used for takeaway food council, will comment on the extraction facilities and potential litter problems.

SW/11/0853 Case 19153 Loft conversion for 2 new bedrooms at Bide-A-Wee Sheppey Way. No comments to be made.

8.2 Planning Notices:
None to date.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mr A Swain- grass cutting	£150.00
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10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

Meeting closed at 10pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____