

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bennett, Bullen, Dewar-Whalley, Major and Nappey.  
 Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.  
 Ward Councillor Randall attended.  
 No public members were in attendance.

**1.0 Apologies:** Cllr's Edwards and Stowe. Sarah Bodiam PCSO

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

**3.0 Public Session:**

No public in attendance. Cllr Randall had asked for a planning application at Rooks View to be heard at committee as he had received calls from residents.

**4.0 Declarations of Interest:**

All councillors declared an interest in a planning matter as the clerk is the neighbour of a property which has submitted a planning application.

**5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:**

**5.1 Village Sign:** The new village sign had been publicised in the local papers and the chair will send a copy to the sign makers.

**6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**

6.1 Mr Law – update on proposed crossing. Parish funded? Highways have informed Mr Law that they will not fund a crossing at Key Street. The parish will have to look at this over a long period if they are funding but firstly quotes on prices need to be sought and KCC and SBC need to be in agreement. The clerk will obtain costs. It was suggested by Cllr Dewar-Whalley that reducing the amount of lanes to the roundabout may help. The clerk will also contact Highways with this.

6.2 Mrs Wright's request for funding for the carnival. Unfortunately the parish council cannot donate to this cause as donations can only be made to small scale community projects that result in community benefits to local people.

6.3 Electoral arrangements letter from Swale including proposed charges. This was concerning as a contested election could cost council around £2000. This will be kept in mind for the budget.

6.4 KALC Parish news received

6.5 Rooks View gates update. Taylor Wimpey are to keep the gates open but make provision for the safety of the children. Highways stated there were pedestrian and cycle access in this area.

6.6 Parishioner objecting to the untidy plot of land at Bobbing Hill which was the subject of enforcement action. Copies of the enforcement notices are with the clerk and she will speak to SBC legal and environmental regarding this land.

6.7 There is a Police Reform event at the Ramada Hotel Maidstone on 9<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm for 6pm until 8pm. Cllr Ball to attend.

6.8 The Information Commissioners Office has acknowledged our letter. The clerk explained that we should request an internal review with KCC as Swale feel they have already done that. This was agreed.

6.9 There had been a consultation event for Meads and Quinton residents at the hall which seemed well attended. Some didn't want the hall; others had opinions regarding design and the grass roof. Peter Speakman will be collating the comments. Cllr Dewar-Whalley also asked if Mr Speakman and Cllr Morris may attend the parish council meeting to give a presentation on it. This was agreed for the next meeting in October.

**7.0 Councillors Reports:**

**Cllr Nappey:** Had spoken to Sarah our PCSO and she has spoken to Highways regarding the parking problems as Kent Police consider it a danger. She did attend Keycol Hill regarding parking but when

she was there the cars had possibly been moved. If residents can report any cars racing around dangerously that will help the police to take any action required. Cllr Nappey is also concerned with the road by McDonalds due to the high level of accidents there. She also attended the new hall meeting at The Meads and is concerned that the rear of the hall is not enclosed especially as there is a footpath in the area. A caravan has been parked in Agate Drive which is contrary to the deeds on the estate.

**Cllr Ball:** The commuter parking has increased widely in the parish and wondered if the bus companies would be willing to provide commuter parking like other towns. The clerk will write to Kings Ferry. The possibility of residents parking permits in Bobbing Hill was also discussed.

**Cllr Major:** At the last meeting spoke about photovoltaic panels in the hall and gave more information. The state of the roof would be a concern but it may be something to consider in the future. There have been 7 HGV's recently that have reversed into Ladyfields having taken a wrong turning and on investigation he found the signage is misleading or non existent. It would be helpful for better signs on the slip road. He also had been discussing the parking problems in Keycol Hill and was told that if the speed limit was 40mph then parking would not be allowed. Despite fighting for a reduction in the speed limit in recent years felt it would be better to have no parking.

**Cllr Bennett:** Asked the clerk if any further information regarding shutting of the A2 at Newington had been received. The clerk hasn't received anything and thought the roadworks were going to proceed with using traffic lights.

**8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:**

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/10/0959 Case 00537 Loft conversion including raising of the existing roof at 2 Meadow View Cottages, Bobbing Hill. The clerk was asked to leave the room as this application concerned her neighbouring property and she took no part in this item. Council will object to these plans which the chairman will file.

SW/10/0953 Case 16005 Reserved matters application to approve access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for parcels R1 & R2 at The Meads. These plans differed significantly to the presentation that was given to the parish council sometime ago. Council will object to the plans citing over development of the land especially since density numbers have been lifted. Also it was thought this type of development intensifies social problems; the lack of a doctor's surgery will upset residents. Council thought a mix of different housing styles especially detached which would mirror those on the opposite side of the road.

SW/10/1052 Refurbishment at McDonalds Sheppey Way. Council thought that sign 13 was too high and sign 8 was too large for the area near the exit road which could mar driver's visibility.

8.2 Planning Notices:  
None received to date.

**9.0 Finance:**

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Mr A Swain grass cutting	£ 160.00
Kent County Council (new footpath)	£ 5,604.22

**10.0 Other Matters Arising:**

None raised.

**Meeting closed at 10pm**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7pm as the Bobbing in Bloom presentation will be held first.**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_