

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

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

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Dewar-Whalley, Major, and Nappey.
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.
Ward Councillor Randall attended.
Acting Police Sergeant Shane McMahon attended
Nine members of the public were in attendance.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr Bennett.

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

3.0 Public Session:

APS Shane McMahon gave his mobile phone number to those present and advised that there had been 3 speeding incidents dealt with since the last meeting. He has been doing some plain clothed work and anti shop lifting operations have been carried out. He asked if there were any issues for him and answered questions from those present. He was thanked for attending.

The planning application at Howt Green Farm was raised by a parishioner. The clerk gave an update regarding COSHE sheets and read a letter received from Mr Goatham who is withdrawing his offers of assistance by his agent. It was felt the spray data and timescales are important to the planning application as those residing in the caravans will be, every 10 days, subjected to a cocktail of spray. It was decided to write to the Environmental Officer to ask for an investigation and to report back to the council.

Parking problems at the Dancing Dog pub were raised. The grass verges are often used as overflow parking which restricts resident's sightlines from their driveways. The clerk will write to the pub asking them to make their customers aware of the problems residents are facing.

Mr Freeman thanked councillors for the letter regarding his planning application. This will be on the agenda at the planning meeting Thursday 3rd March.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:
None declared.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 The chairman drew attention to the forthcoming Census Day.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 Southern Water reply re calendar.

6.2 Porchlight-rough sleepers

6.3 Citizens Advice – donation. Cllr Nappey proposed £50 seconded by Cllr Major with all in favour.

6.4 Rural housing Strategy 2010-2015. This was filled in with council.

6.5 New auditor appointed for Bobbing working from Bolton Office.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Nappey: Advised that the fencing had been erected around the Abbey development at the Meads which indicates work could be starting imminently.

Cllr Ball: Advised that the two years for the Gypsy and Traveller site at Bobbing to be progressed should have finished last month and wondered if council wished to request what stage this is at. After much discussion it was decided to place this on the agenda for April.

Cllr Dewar-Whalley: Asked if a salt bin could be placed near the Key Street roundabout by the Sittingbourne exit preferably on both sides. The clerk will request this from Highways.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/11/0057 Case 24259 New dwelling at 8 Norwood Walk. Council decided to oppose these plans for reasons of noise, access infill, flood zone, and visual appearance. A resident had contact Cllr Ball regarding the footpaths in this area and ownership who advised him to talk to Public Rights of Way at KCC.

8.2 Planning Notices:

None received

The planning application to vary conditions at Ridham Dock Recycling facility was heard at the planning meeting on 3rd February and members decided to allow these changes.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:-

Bobbing Village Hall (six months hiring) £ 200.00

Mrs S Crawford Tel chgs £20 petty cash £87.78 £107.78

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

The May elections were discussed as the parish council will ordinarily meet on the evening before the elections. Forms should be received soon for applications for Borough and Parish Councillors.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th April 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____