

## BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Edwards and Major.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

Ward Councillor Gareth Randal attended.

PC Neil Waldock attended.

31 members of the public attended.

**Bobbing in Bloom** cups and vouchers were presented by the Swale Lions president Sid Morris to the winners and runner up's of the hanging basket section and front gardens section. Mrs Barbara Wileman presented the Bob Wileman cup to the winners of the merit award. Tea and cake was served amid much chatter. All attendees were thanked for their hard work to make Bobbing a brighter and more colourful place to live.

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

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

PC Waldock was asked why no tickets seem to be issued to users of mobile phones while driving and those who choose not to wear a seat belt? It was felt that these matters, if not dealt with, will encourage more users to flout the law. PC Waldock answered that there are often directives to tackle these matters and he was upset that one of the incidents that was told to him had not resulted in a ticket being issued. Ward Cllr Randall informed council that a bill has recently been passed which will result in elected people being able to set policies for the police although not for operational duties. 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012 will be Election Day for this. Any people wanting to undertake this role will be subject to scrutiny before being elected. PC Waldock also informed council that a quad bike was recently seized and some nuisance motorbikes had been given warnings. If any other bikes are seen creating problems please ring them in to the Neighbourhood team. The problem of parking on Keycol Hill was discussed as no feedback had occurred. Cllr Mike Whiting has a pot of money for Highway items and the clerk was asked to contact him regarding putting money towards a speed indicator device on Keycol Hill, and also rumble strips would be useful. Problems at Rook Lane were discussed and PC Waldock will liaise with PC Warren Jarvis to see if the police can suggest anything to improve this. The chairman had the recent statistics for Kent and the fatalities that had occurred in Bobbing were not on the map. PC Waldock was thanked for attending.

**3.0 Public Session:**

Asked if planning permission was required for the installation of solar panels. This was not really known so the clerk will e-mail planning at Swale.

**4.0 Declarations of Interest:**

None declared.

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

5.1 The chairman had taken the Countryside Access plan which was hard going and long!

5.2 Reported in more depth on the KCC accident report which seemed to have ignored the fatalities in Bobbing.

5.3 Maidstone Borough Council are compiling a draft Local Development Framework Core Strategy document and after discussion it was decided to write regarding the Stockbury roundabout.

5.4 There are free trees available to certain groups and the clerk was asked to contact them

5.5 Localism Bill- Implications of the Localism Bill and parish polls was discussed as this could prove costly to parishes if polls were asked for.

5.6 The chair gave an outline of the meeting with the developers regarding the remaining parcel of land at The Meads. We will await the planning permission application.

**Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:**

- 6.1 How to respond to planning applications brochure was received from CPRE – details on their website [www.ntselearning.co.uk](http://www.ntselearning.co.uk)
- 6.2 Boundary Commission wrote regarding their review – comments by 24<sup>th</sup> October. It was thought the first question to be answered was how many councillors would we want and how large an area would they want.
- 6.3 Adaption of Swale Landscape Character and Biodiversity Appraisal Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
- 6.4 The clerk had received an e-mail regarding the clerk vacancy. Her CV will be distributed pending interview.

**7.0 Councillors Reports:**

**Cllr Major:** Was pleased to report that the streetlight opposite him had finally been repaired.

**Cllr Edwards:** Thought Bobbing in Bloom went well and was pleased with the turn out for this evening. As the Garden of England crematorium has won the merit award many times thought it was a good idea to buy a little something for them. She thought a coffee machine for the waiting room would be welcome. The clerk will find out when she returns the cup form the engravers.

**Cllr Ball:** Asked who had strimmed at the bottom of Bobbing Hill. The clerk had seen Blenwood the contractors doing it. As this area had now been tidied up thought it would be good to tackle the Knotweed side. The clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding this.

**Cllr Randall:** Had approached the owner of the bungalow recently up for sale if they would be willing to sell part of their garden for a car park for about 3 cars. Whilst this wouldn't alleviate the parking totally it may help.

**8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:**

- 8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/11/1170 Removal of condition 15 (emergency barriers) at The Meads. Council was unsure what this meant so the clerk will request further information and e-mail councillors.

SW/11/1036 Case 12769 Single storey side extension and new 1.8m fence at 39 Norwood Walk. No comments to be made.

- 8.2 Planning Notifications:

SW/11/0853 Case 19153 Loft conversion at Bide-a-wee has been granted permission.

SW/11/0974 Case 14714 Listed building consent to repair crack to external wall at Great Norwood Farmhouse Belnor Avenue Bobbing has been granted permission.

**9.0 Finance:**

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

Mr A Swain- grass cutting	£150.00
Mrs S Crawford Vouchers £120 & Plaques £18.90	£138.90
Williams Giles –PAYE	£ 36.00

- 9.2 Second payment of the precept has been received £ 5,250.00

**10.0 Other Matters Arising:**

**Meeting closed at 10pm**

**The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

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

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