

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7th November 2007 in Bobbing Village Hall at
7.30pm

MINUTES

A presentation to the winners of the Bobbing in Bloom competition started this meeting. Cups and gift vouchers were presented by The Swale Lions president.

*Present: Cllr. Herbert (Chairman), Cllr's Major, Stowe, Nappey, Edwards, Bullen and Ball.
Ward Councillor Gareth Randall, Gordon Henderson and Cllr Mike Baldock.
Clerk: Mrs S Crawford
29 members of the public attended.*

- 1.0** *Apologies: Cllr Dewar-Whalley.*
- 2.0** *Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.*
- 3.0** *Public Session:*
A member of the public attended in order that questions may be asked regarding a planning application submitted. This was discussed and some questions asked. A decision will be made later in the meeting. Thanks were given for attending.
Cllr Baldock had been contacted by various residents regarding the Children's Centre at Grove Park School. All were concerned about the increase in traffic. It is hoped that this will not happen as the centre open times are quite long. This will be monitored and if necessary the PCSO Tania Fury can be contacted as well as the parking wardens.
- 4.0** *Declarations of Interest:*
None declared.
- 5.0** *Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:*

- 5.1 The chairman had received Cllr Wileman's letter of resignation. His length of service was discussed and he will be missed at the meetings. The clerk will advertise the vacancy on the noticeboard and with Swale Borough Council.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

- 6.1 Reply from Derek Wyatt regarding the travellers. It was felt this was a little late.
- 6.2 Swale Borough Council sent through some information regarding retaining policies for the local plan.
- 6.3 KAPC Annual report received. The AGM is on 10th Nov at Ditton. No-one able to attend.
- 6.4 Subsidiarity. An amount for £61 was deducted for the sign. Council need to designate the 2007-8 amounts at the next meeting.
- 6.5 Reply from Sgt Ryder regarding the traveller's letter. This was not well received by council who thought some of the comments were incorrect.
- 6.6 Street names at Watermark Park. The suggestions put forward by councillors and clerk were not liked by the developers. Their latest suggestion was Velum Drive.
- 6.7 New pay scales for clerks have just been received by the clerk. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 6.8 The clerk had received details of a piece of land for sale. This had been used by the travellers and is now being sold by KCC. The clerk was asked to provide more details of this land and the services that run through it.
- 6.9 The next Swale Area KAPC meeting is to be held on the 3rd December.
- 6.10 The Niknacs Mother & Toddler group wrote asking for a reduction in the hiring fee. The parish council cannot do this but after discussion Cllr Stowe proposed £60 be written to the village hall for funding towards the group. Cllr Ball seconded with all in favour. It was suggested that other funding be sourced and Gordon Henderson offered to contact them with funding details.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Edwards: Reported that the new gate at Bobbing Hill is usually unlocked. A street light at Bobbing Hill is not working.

Cllr Ball: Reported that the website freezes your computer if you open the minutes to read. The websites are being updated and there is an option to start again. Discussion followed about having our own website and having local businesses advertise on it. This will be looked into.

Cllr Major: If anyone has any issues to bring up at the next KAPC meeting let him know.

CLlr Nappey: Would like a meeting to talk about the footway across Watermark Park. It is dark and uneven where people have to walk. It was suggested that this should be brought up at the next Area meeting.

CLlr Stowe: Reported the mobile advertising units that have appeared at Bobbing Corner. The clerk has reported them already. There is also a church banner at the roundabout. The clerk will report this.

McDonalds also do not seem to be collecting the rubbish as much as they used. The clerk was asked to contact Swale regarding a litter pick of the area. Also along Parsonage Lane could Swale provide a rubbish bin in the lay-bys? There is also a TV and rubble still along Parsonage Lane near the junction with Rook Lane. This will be chased.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/07/1194 Case 1809 Rustic post & rail fencing at Rooks View. Councillors wondered why the fencing there had been erected if this now required planning permission. Council offered no comments to these plans and hoped the residents views be taken into account when a decision reached.

SW/07/1219 Case 16005 Advertising banner at Watermark Park. It is believed this is retrospective. No comments were offered.

SW/07/1179 Case 16371 Certificate of Lawful existing use as road contractor's depot and storage at Pheasant Farm Bobbing. No other details have been received and the clerk will request these.

SW/07/1243 Case 07305 New dwelling at land opposite the crematorium Sheppey Way Bobbing. Council wish to raise concerns about the building on a Greenfield site and the development in the strategic gap. Also it could be detrimental to the appearance in a rural scene.

SW/07/1152 Excavation and levelling of rear garden at 9 Woolett Road. The plans were unclear about levels and council wish the neighbours views be taken into consideration.

SW/07/1244 Rear single storey extension at 28 Tourmaline Drive. No comments to be offered.

8.2 Planning Notifications:

The Children's Centre at Grove Park School has been granted permission.

The planning application for a new dwelling at 48 Keycol Hill has been withdrawn.

The telecommunication mast at Church Farm has been granted permission as it is under the height that requires permission.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

Bobbing Village Hall (for hiring for NikNaks) £60

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

None.

Meeting closed at 10.30pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on 5th December 2007 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: _____

Date: