

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 5th November 2008 in Bobbing Village Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Herbert (chairman), Cllr's Ball, Bullen, Dewar-Whalley, Edwards, Major and Nappey.

Clerk: Mrs S Crawford.

One member of the public attended the parish council meeting.

BOBBING IN BLOOM 2008

The chairman invited Cllr Edwards to announce the winners of Bobbing in Bloom 2008. The winners and runners up were presented with either a trophy or plaque together with a gift voucher by the president of Swale Lions. The merit award trophy, in memory of the late former Councillor Bob Wileman, was presented by Barbara Wileman, his widow. All were thanked for attending and for the flower displays achieved given the weather conditions over summer.

1.0 Apologies: Cllr's Bennett and Stowe.

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were amended at 'date of next meeting to 5th November 2008', agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.

3.0 Public Session:

None.

4.0 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Dewar-Whalley declared an interest in planning matters.

5.0 Chairman's Report and Matters Arising:

5.1 The chairman gave details of the Archive Awareness day being held at KCC on 8th November.

5.2 While researching village halls in the area he found not all details were on the Swale website – they are now but a copy is available to all councillors.

6.0 Clerks Report and Correspondence Received:

6.1 KCC- Register of common land and village greens- not needed in Bobbing.

6.2 KCC- Kent Health Watch launch 10th Oct.

6.3 Recycling bring site review info received from SBC.

6.4 Next Swale West Parishes Group meeting at Bobbing Village Hall 7pm 10th Nov – all welcome.

6.5 Southern Water 2007-2008 Stakeholder Report received.

6.6 Invitation to Civic Service at Rochester Cathedral 26th March 2009 11am. Cllr's Dewar-Whalley and Edwards to attend.

6.7 Communities in control consultation – comments by 24th December. Clerk to action.

6.8 Gypsy & Traveller meeting report. There followed much discussion regarding the meeting and the response required. It was decided not to use the response form but to write instead which the clerk will action.

6.9 Meeting with Kent Highways Robin Hadley re knotweed! Cllr Ball and the clerk gave a report on this positive meeting. We will await the quotes.

6.10 Aprille Hall- our Highways liaison officer would like a meeting with the parish. The clerk will arrange this.

7.0 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Edwards: Gave an update on the proposed doctor's surgery at The Meads. This is with the PCT for funding and could be built for late 2009.

Cllr Ball: Asked about the village sign. The clerk will chase this although she was aware that there could have been delays with this. Also the new village website is not receiving

the hits required to justify the funding in the future. This is to be monitored. Cllr Ball is concerned that the gate at Bobbing Hill is continually left open which could invite trouble. The clerk will write to Mr Daynes.

Cllr Nappey: Redrow have replaced the Milton Pipes to deter travellers. There is also a footpath that has been bought to her attention by a resident that leads nowhere. This does not seem to be on the plans and is being investigated. Council asked the clerk to write to planning regarding this. The roundabout at the approach to Sonora Way has suffered the lights being pushed over again. The clerk will raise this with Highways.

Cllr Randall: Gave the council updates on Southern Water plans to adopt the sewer system and other plans that he feels should be included in all new build properties.

8.0 Planning Applications and Notifications:

8.1 To consider new planning applications:

SW/08/1099 Case 08404 New double garage and utility room and upper floor games room at 1 Layfield Cottages Sheppey Way. Council wanted to pass comment on the height of the build, closeness to neighbouring properties and any views of the neighbours being taken into consideration.

SW/08/0510 Case 11895 Advertisement consent for 6 banner frames and banners at McDonalds Sheppey Way Bobbing. No comments to be made.

8.2 Planning Notifications.

SW/08/1035 Case 10639 Single garage with storage for trailer, bikes and lawn mower at Snowdon Sheppey Way Bobbing has been granted permission.

The clerk made council aware of an enforcement notice that has been served on Harbex Profiling at High Oak Hill.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 To resolve to write cheques for the following:

Audit Commission	£158.63
Mrs S Crawford (Reimbursement for gift vouchers)	£110
Mrs S Crawford (Reimbursement for engraving & trophy)	£36.49
Mrs S Crawford Backdated pay rise 8 months @ £9.19	£73.50

Audit Commission have signed the audit off and this has been advertised as required. Invoice to be paid.

NALC advised of the pay negotiations for clerks which is at present 2.4% with more to come if arbitration rules. New pay scales have been given which result in the clerk due to be paid £9.19 extra from April 2008. Cllr Dewar-Whalley proposed to accept these new scales. Cllr Ball seconded with all in favour.

10.0 Other Matters Arising:

Cllr Edwards informed council that the quiz night will be attended by Cllr Dewar-Whalley and his wife. There is also a Burns night on 24th January at UK Paper. Cllr Dewar-Whalley and Cllr Randall will not be in attendance at the next meeting to due Swale Council commitments. The budget will be discussed in brief and drinks and nibbles will be provided after the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd December 2008 at 7.30pm in Bobbing Village Hall.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____