Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held at Bilsington Village Hall on Thursday 30th June 2022 at 6.30pm

Present: Councillors; S Hudson (Chairman), M Bilham and R Thompson

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

899. Apologies for absence:

Councillors S Carrington and L Lawson, D Robey (KCC) L Harman (ABC) & P New (Neighbourhood Watch)

900. Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

901. Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 5th May 2022 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

902. Kent County Councillor's Report:

Received by email: I have chased the KCC Drainage Team about the drains in the centre of Bilsington and they are going to clear out the gullies etc. part of the system that is blocked is the responsibility of Southern Water and I am trying to escalate the problem to get this fixed.

Discussion continued regarding the length of drain from the entrance of the village hall car park to its end in the cricket field. The land owner has given permission to investigate from the end of the drain. The Chairman and others will meet and carry out investigations.

903. Ashford Borough Councillor's Report:

Nothing to report.

904. Planning:

The Parish Council has been notified that the declined application for Monument Terrace has gone to appeal.

905. Finance:

Schedule of payments:

Staff costs May £364.83 SLCC (subscription) £38.69 Bilsington Village Hall (jubilee) £212.16

Resolved: To authorise the payments listed.

906. Village Hall:

The committee are arranging the printing of tea towels of village scenes for sale as an income generator.

The annual fruit and Veg show is booked in for the 6th August and a rerun of the wind in the willows walk is taking place. 4th October a psychic evening is being hosted and a quiz night date to be arranged planned for October.

907. Other items for information:

It has been suggested that a dog waste bin is placed down by the canal as this is a popular walking area and there is no bin in the locality, bags are being left. Enquiries to be made of Ashford Borough Council.

The road markings at the crossroads are becoming worn, this is to be reported to Kent Highways.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15pm.