

Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30 pm.

In accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting was held as a virtual meeting.

Present: S Hudson (Chairman), M Bilham, S Carrington, and L Lawson.

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

Also present: L Harman (ABC).

792. **Apologies for absence:**

Cllr R Thompson and County Councillor M Angell.

793. **To receive any declarations of interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

794. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were submitted, agreed as a true record, to be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

795. **Ashford Borough Councillor's Report:**

Councillor Harman reported that the Borough Council are currently considering potential sites for inclusion in its supplementary planning document on gypsy and traveller sites.

796. **Kent County Councillor's Report:**

Cllr Angell sent apologies for absence.

797. **Planning:**

**Planning application 20/01652/AS – Romney Cottage, Bonnington Road, Bilsington – Proposed detached garage/secure store.**

**Resolved: the Parish Council supports the application.**

**Planning application 20/01805/AS – Hans Farm, Kitsbridge Lane – Change of use of buildings and land within their curtilage from agricultural use to a flexible use falling within Class B1c (light industrial workshop)**

**Resolved:** The application site is situated on the link road between Ruckinge and Bilsington where it is Tar Pot Lane. The road length in its entirety is 1.5 miles long with the farm situated approx. 1 mile from Bilsington. There are two 90 degree bends which are so tight that the near side verges are churned up which would make them virtually un navigable for large vehicles.

There are no passing places anywhere along the entire length making cars passing difficult and large vehicles passing impossible.

The road surface is breaking up and road base is suffering terribly with subsidence, as evidenced on the attached photographs – if traffic flow increased – especially

heavier vehicles associated with industrial sites there is a danger the road will actually slip into the canal or one of the numerous drainage ditches.

The Parish Council have considered this application as it has the potential to increase the number of vehicles passing through the village on roads that are not suitable for large goods vehicles. The Parish Council objects to the change of use on the grounds that the site is not suitable for use as a light industrial workshop.







**Planning application 21/00048/AS – Oak Farm, Bilsington – Single and two storey rear extensions.**

**Resolved: the Parish Council supports the application**

**Planning application 21/00025/AS – Frithgate, Frith Road, Bilsington – Conversion of an agricultural barn into a domestic hobby room.**

**Resolved: the Parish Council supports the application.**

798. **Finance:**

Schedule of payments:  
Staff costs £327.29

**Resolved: to authorise the payments in the schedule of payments.**

799. **NHS, Social care & Frontline workers' day 5 July 2021:**

The Pageantmaster has issued the following statement:

Having spent nearly 40 years organising national and international events involving people from all walks of life, I wanted to launch a unique project that would celebrate our wonderful NHS and all those men and women who work in care homes and in providing other frontline services.

The result is a day of celebration and commemoration on 5th July 2021 – the 71st birthday of the NHS – that will become an annual event to not only recognise those that work tirelessly and selflessly on the frontline but also to raise valuable funds for NHS Charities Together and the National Care Association. The event will recognise people who put their lives at risk to save others from the dreadful disease that is affecting us all at the moment and those who maintain the essential services that keep our country running in the most difficult of circumstances.

To coincide with the Nation's Toast, it's time to get sociable. You are invited to meet up with family, friends and neighbours to organise a garden or street party. You can also stage parties in care homes, pubs, village halls, wine bars, social clubs and lots of other locations. Once we have put 2020 firmly behind us, this is the chance for a huge community celebration, with our minds firmly fixed on the amazing work of our NHS and frontline heroes.

It was decided that the village hall and the pub would be consulted to decide if an event either on the cricket field or village hall could be considered and a possible date.

800. **Other items for information:**

At the last meeting it was decided that a leaflet drop would be undertaken regarding the increase in precept, however in view of the current restrictions this will not be undertaken an article is proposed for the parish magazine and a copy placed on the noticeboard.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.