

Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held on Thursday 17th December 2020 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, L Lawson and R Thompson.

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

Also present: M Angell (KCC) & L Harman (ABC).

783. Apologies for absence:

There were no apologies for absence.

784. To receive any declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

785. Minutes:

The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 12th November 2020 were submitted, agreed as a true record, to be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

786. Ashford Borough Councillor's Report:

Borough Councillor L Harman reported that in setting its budget for the forthcoming year the Borough Council were under severe pressure as their revenue streams were forecast to be £1.3 million down. As a result the discretionary grants previously awarded to Parish Councils were being withdrawn. This is an issue that will be taken forward to the scrutiny committee as it is putting pressure on Parish Councils.

The Folkestone and Hythe Core Strategy review is currently taking place with the inspector. The development at Otterpool will have an impact on the B2067 and this will be raised at the appropriate session. It has been noted that a new 40mph speed limit has been introduced through Court at Street.

787. Kent County Councillor's Report:

County Councillor M Angell reported that the Government settlement figure for the next year was due when received the County Council will look at setting its budget. It was pleasing to note that the Government had withdrawn the proposed housing increase.

788. Planning:

Planning application 20/01654/AS – Annexe at Woodacre, Brockmans Lane, Bilsington – Change of use of residential annexe into separate residential dwelling.

Resolved: Bilsington Parish Council unanimously object to this application primarily because it contravenes ABC planning policy HOU5 as it is in the countryside and not near any services.

789. Finance:

Schedule of payments:

Staff costs £302.08

Clerks expenses £99.00

S Hudson £90.00 (reimbursement Xmas tree)

Resolved: to authorise the payments in the schedule.

790. Budget 2021 / 2022:

Report BPC/20/06 concludes the budget making process for 2021 / 2022 and makes recommendations to enable the Council to set its precept for 2021 / 2022 and to notify the tax collecting authority in accordance with statutory legislation.

Resolved:

- 1. To receive and note Report BPC/20/06**
- 2. To set the Parish Council's budget as set out below**
- 3. To confirm the precept for 2021 / 2022 in accordance with the provisions in Sections 39, 41 and 50 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**
- 4. To authorise the Clerk of the Parish Council to sign the precept demand on the Borough Council.**

Budget for 2021 / 2022

Staff costs	£3,700.00
Clerks expenses	£100.00
Audit	£50.00
Insurance	£350.00
Subscriptions	£250.00
General	£1,748.00
Room Hire	£130.00
Website	£20.00
Total	£6,348.00
Precept	£6,348.00

The Tax base of 148 produces a Band D equivalent of £42.89 per annum, 82.5p per week.

It should be noted that the withdrawal of the Concurrent grant and Council Tax Support grant from the Borough Council accounts for some 5p of the 20.5p increase. A leaflet drop is planned for every property prior to the tax demands being issued by the Borough Council explain the increase.

791. Other Items for Information:

It was noted that the improved road markings that were suggested prior to the country entering the first lockdown have not been implemented, this will be followed up with Kent Highways as there was an accident at the crossroads earlier in the week.

Councillor Hudson reported that the speed indicator statistics show that over the last three months the traffic flows are at the same level as last year, however in April during the lockdown they were some 70% lower.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 28th January 2021 at 7.00 pm