Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held at Bilsington Village Hall on Thursday 7th April 2022 at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors; S Hudson Chairman, M Bilham and L Lawson.

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

873. Apologies for absence:

Councillors S Carrington and R Thompson.

874. Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

875. Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th February 2022 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

876. Planning:

22/00247/AS Quince Cottage, Ashford Road, Bilsington – Construction of a new detached annexe providing a double garage, with gym, bathroom and home office above with balcony to the rear.

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to the application on the following grounds:

Whilst the proposed building is clearly subordinate to the main dwelling it is still considered to be too large.

The inclusion of rooflights is contrary to the dark skies policy.

The position of the proposed garage results in a restricted vehicular access given that the plans show the doors opening outwards.

Should the Borough Council be mindful to grant permission the Parish Council wish to see the following conditions imposed:

Any external lighting to be controlled by PIR to protect the dark skies.

All delivery vehicles and contractors vehicles to be kept within the site not on the roadside as the location is in a double bend.

877. Finance:

Schedule of payments:

Staff costs February £497.54.

Resolved to authorise payment of the items in the schedule of payments.

878. Platinum Jubilee Events:

There will be a Garden Party on Saturday 4th June on the monument field with the Village Hall being available for toilets and as a back up in the event of inclement weather. It is proposed to hold this as a picnic with music and games.

879. Other items for information:

A question has been raised by the Village Hall regarding the defibrillator and if it needs a service. Also interest has been expressed in organising a training session on its use.

The Parish Clerk to take forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm