

Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held at Bilsington Village Hall on Thursday 7th February 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors; S Hudson (Chairman), S Carrington (Vice-Chairman), R Corbett and B Delmage.

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

652. Ashford Borough Councillor's Report:

The Borough Councillor did not attend or submit a report.

653. Kent County Councillor's Report:

The County Councillor submitted apologies for absence and had nothing to report.

654. To receive apologies for absence:

Councillor G Russell (Holiday)

655. Minutes:

The minutes of the meetings held on 8 November 2018 and 10 January 2019 were submitted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

656. Finance:

Schedule of payments:

Date	Chq No	Payee	Amount
7/2/19	752	Clerks expenses	£30.75
7/2/19	753 & 754	Staff costs	£246.54

Resolved: To authorise payment of the items on the schedule.

657. Village Hall:

Councillor Delmage reported that there is a comedy night scheduled for the 8th March and that they are still looking at grants for the refurbishment of the toilet facilities. The boxing training has proved to be so popular that they have now moved to a larger venue.

The Village Hall working party have asked if the phone box can be restored and are willing to fund 50% of the cost of materials.

Resolved to make up to £50 available for the restoration of the phone box on a 50/50 basis.

658. Planning matters:

Broad Oak, Stone Cross Road. It had been reported to the Clerk by a resident that there appeared to be some tree work being undertaken and some building works on the site. The Enforcement Officer at Ashford Borough Council was contacted and a site visit made. It has been reported back that there is no tree work on the front of the site or evidence of building works being carried out. A request has been made to

ascertain what has happened with the application for the removal of planning condition that has yet to be determined.

659. Dog waste bin:

The Borough Council are at present reviewing litter and dog waste bins together with their placement. As the Parish does not have a bin either supplied or serviced by the Borough Council a request was made to them. In response they have asked where the Council would like to have one installed and will do so with the next batch that they deploy.

Resolved: to request that the bin is sited 2m to the left of the post box on the verge facing the village hall.

660. Village entry gates:

An enquiry has been made to Kent County Council as any structures adjoining the highway have to be sanctioned by them. An early indication is that gates could be installed at three of the entries, a minimum verge width of 1.5 metres is required.

Such a feature can only be installed by Kent County Council or a contractor approved by KCC to work on the public highway. A quotation is being prepared for consideration.

661. Parking:

A request was made to the Borough Council to consider cutting into the bank in front of Cossway Cottages to provide off road parking to alleviate the situation in Newchurch Road. Parking services advised that they would not be involved or considering or funding such work and that they would pass the request on to the housing department with the proviso that they could not say if they would advocate such proposed changes. Housing have not responded.

They also suggested that any instances of obstruction or dangerous parking be reported to the Police on 101.

Resolved: as the edge of the carriageway adjoining the verge in front of Cossway Cottages is crumbling away and leaving a hazard for pedestrians, there is no footpath, the Clerk is asked to contact Kent Highways.

662. Speed Indicator Device:

Continues to operate no unusual patterns detected.

663. Ashford Local Plan 2030:

Has been returned by the Inspector as sound and will be placed before the full Borough Council for adoption, anticipated to be February 2019. There are no provisions to permit building in the parish.

664. Folkestone & Hythe Core Strategy Review:

The Parish Council as a neighbouring Parish are being consulted on Folkestone & Hythe District Council's Core Strategy draft submission. This document sets out the long-term development strategy for the District up to 2037.

Of particular note are the proposed policies relating to Sellindge and the proposed Garden town at Otterpool Park. The proposal for Sellindge is over two phases, the first already under construction is for 250 homes and highway improvements. Phase two will be for 350 homes and further highway improvements. These highway improvements include traffic calming measures.

The policies for Otterpool Park are generic as no formal planning application has been submitted, however it has been indicated that an application will be made during the first quarter of 2019. These policies refer to neighbouring parishes and the improved infrastructure that they will benefit from, these Parishes are all within the Folkestone and Hythe District and none of the adjoining Parishes within the Ashford Borough.

Whilst the strategy deals with transport the emphasis is on the major routes A20 and M20 there is no consideration given to the likely increase in traffic on the B2067 which connects Lympne through Bonnington, Bilsington and Ruckinge to the A2070 at Hamstreet.

The Parish Council is asked to consider submitting a response to the consultation. The full document is available at www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/planning-consultations .

Resolved: To request the Parish Clerk to prepare a submission to the response as it was agreed that there would be an increase in traffic flows as a result of the developments particularly at Otterpool Park.

665. Any Other Business:

The Vice-Chairman reported that there had been no response to an email sent to the Monitoring Officer, minute 651 refers. The Council requested that this be followed up.

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