

Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held at Bilsington Village Hall on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm.

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

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

Also present: L Harman (ABC) and 3 residents.

825. **Apologies for absence:**

County Councillor D Robey.

826. **Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

827. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Councillor Harman reported that she had supported the Monument by providing some of her Ward Member Grant to fund the annual insurance premium. The Borough Council is aware of the activity at Broadoak.

The Borough Council is at present consulting residents on its plans for the Lower High Street in Ashford.

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

Councillor Robey submitted a report prior to the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

830. **Planning:**

21/01169/AS Frith Business Centre, Frith Road, Aldington - Change of use of the former business centre (Use Class E) to allow the siting of 30 residential park home caravans (over 50's age restricted) with associated services, infrastructure and landscaping at Frith Business Park following the demolition and removal of the existing commercial buildings and associated hard standing

**Resolved: The Parish Council strongly objects to this application information included in both the transport statement and the design and access statement is misleading. It quotes the Good Intent as the pub less than 100m from the site, this establishment closed down a number of years ago and is now a private residence. There is also mention of a payphone this was decommissioned by BT some years ago.**

**The HS2 bus service only operates during term time and is primarily a schools service.**

**The site is not sustainable as there are no amenities within walking distance of the site necessitating the use of private cars. The entrance to the site is on a stretch of road subject to National Speed limit and close to the junction of**

Priory Road and Coopers Lane where there have been numerous accidents one resulting in a horsebox embedding itself in the end wall of the former Good Intent causing major structural damage.

The site is currently light industrial and should remain so as there is an increasing demand for small units in the rural area.

831. **Finance:**

Schedule of payments:

Staff costs May 2021	£289.47
Staff costs June 2021	£358.69
Staff costs July 2021	£339.90
Staff expenses	£58.00
SLCC subscription	£40.14

**Resolved: to authorise payment of the items in the schedule.**

832. **Flagpole:**

The siting is yet to be decided Cllr Hudson will attend the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee as Cllr Bilham is on annual leave.

833. **Highways:**

Recent heavy rainfall has identified issues with the drains being incapable of coping with the volume of water draining down Ashford Road resulting in properties becoming flooded. Cllr Robey has been in communication with the drainage team at KCC, a copy of the email is attached to these minutes.

After discussion Cllrs Hudson and Thompson will have a look at the drains to see if there is an apparent issue. KCC are to be requested to clear the gullies and a site meeting is to be organised to see what improvements can be made.

834. **Other items for information:**

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm