Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held at Bilsington Village Hall on Thursday 4th January 2024 at 7:00pm.

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

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

1031. Apologies for absence:

There were no apologies for absence.

1032. **Declarations of interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

1033. Public participation:

There were no public submissions.

1034. **Minutes**:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th December 2023 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1035. Planning Matters:

Planning application PA/2023/2266 – Ripley's Scrap and Recycling Yard together with land to the west, Brisley Lane – Outline application for up to six detached dwellings with all matters reserved save for access.

Resolved: as a brownfield site the proposals will improve the residential amenity in which it is situated, however the Parish Council will review the application when the final designs are submitted for approval. It is recommended that the established English Oaks are retained.

Planning application PA/2023/1524 – New House Farm, Ashford Road – Change of use of land from paddock to garden and erection of 2 bay car barn.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

Planning application PA/2023/0670 – Oakmead, Ashford Road – Change of use of land from agricultural to extend the garden and conversion of a garage to a holiday let,

Resolved: The Parish Council object to the change of use of land from agricultural to extend the garden area due to lack of supporting evidence of need. In terms of the retrospective application for the conversion of the garage, this was not built as a garage, however should permission be granted it should remain as a holiday let in perpetuity with lets monitored to ensure no permanent residency.

1036. Other items for information:

An item to consider beacon lighting for the D Day commemorations in June 2024 to be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:10pm.

