

Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held at Bilsington Village Hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 6.30pm.

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

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

Also present: Cllr D Robey (KCC)

933. **Apologies for absence:**

Cllrs S Hudson and S Carrington, Cllr L Harman (ABC) and P New (Neighbourhood Watch)

934. **Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

935. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

936. **Neighbourhood Watch:**

See attached report.

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

Councillor Harman submitted by email concerns that the promised road marking enhancements were still to be delivered.

A meeting is being arranged with Kent Highways following their reorganisation to review the Highways improvement plan.

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

Councillor Robey reported that a balanced budget for 2023/2024 had been passed after some very difficult decisions had been made, of the annual budget approx. 50% is accounted for by adult social care. It is acknowledged that highways is underinvested and the condition of the roads is poor.

Meetings have been taking place with Folkestone and Hythe District Council and EDF regarding the potential for installing Small Nuclear Reactors at Dungeness.

939. **Planning:**

**Planning application 15/0856/AS – Land at Pound Lane, Magpie Hall Road, Bond Lane and, Ashford Road, Kingsnorth** – Outline application for a development comprising of up to 550 dwellings in a mix of size, type and tenure. Provision of local recycling facilities. Provision of areas of formal and informal open space. Installation of utilities, infrastructure to serve the development including flood attenuation, surface water attenuation, water supply, waste water facilities, gas supply, electricity supply (including sub-station, telecommunications infrastructure and renewable energy). Transport infrastructure including highway improvements in the vicinity of Ashford Road/Magpie Hall Road/Steeds Lane, Pound Lane and Bond Lane, plus an internal network of roads and junctions, footpaths and cycle routes.

New planting and landscaping both within the proposed development and on its boundaries as well as ecological enhancement works. Associated groundworks. Subject to an environmental impact assessment.

**Resolved: the Parish Council object to the proposals on the grounds of lack of infrastructure and the impact on the roads of the adjoining parish which cannot cope with the existing traffic levels being experienced at the present time and lack of public transport.**

**Planning application PA/2022/3113 – Casa Amica, Brisley Lane, Ruckinge – construction of front first storey extension porch and detached garage.**

**Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application subject to a condition that external lighting is to be controlled by PIR to protect the dark skies a feature of the Parish.**

**Planning application 19/0257/FH – Land bounded by The M20 and Channel Tunnel Railway Link (CTRL) to the North; The A20/Stone Street and Sandling Park to the East; Harringe Lane to the West and ; Aldington Road to the South – amended outline planning permission, with all matters reserved, for a comprehensive residential-led mixed use development comprising:**

- Up to 8,500 residential homes including market and affordable homes; age restricted homes, assisted living homes, extra care facilities, care homes, sheltered housing and care villages.
- The demolition of identified existing buildings
- A range of community uses including primary and secondary schools, health centres and nursery facilities
- Retail and related uses
- Leisure facilities
- Business and commercial uses
- Open space and public realm
- Burial ground, sustainable urban drainage systems
- Utility and energy facilities and infrastructure
- Waste and waste water infrastructure and management facilities
- Vehicular bridge links
- Undercroft, surface and multi storey car parking
- Creation of new vehicular and pedestrian accesses into the site, and creation of a new vehicular, pedestrian and cycle network within the site
- Improvements to the existing highway and local road network
- Lighting
- Engineering works, infrastructure and associated facilities
- Together with interim works or temporary structures required by the development and other associated works including temporary meanwhile uses

**Resolved: The Parish Council object to the proposals on the grounds that no consideration has been given to the inevitable increase of traffic that will occur**

**on the B2067 as drivers using Satnav will inevitably be diverted away from the A20 and M20 due to congestion when their destination is to the south of Ashford or they are going to Ashford International Railway Station. The road narrows to single file as you exit the village and cannot cope with any increase in activity.**

**940. Finance:**

Schedule of payments:

Staff costs December       £373.93

Staff costs January         £346.24

Clerk's expenses             £24.40

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

**941. Highways:**

Covered under the Borough Councillor's report.

**942. Coronation of H M King Charles III:**

Discussion was held after looking at the events held for the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. It was suggested that discussion was held with the Village Hall Committee to consider a joint event and to advertise it by a leaflet drop to every household.

**943. Village Hall:**

It is still hoped that a training session can be arranged for the use of the defibrillator. The gas heaters have been condemned and quotes are being obtained for replacements. Funds have been raised to replace the front doors.

Future planned events include a karaoke evening and a quiz night.

**944. Other items for information:**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.