

Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held on Thursday 20th August 2020 at 7.30 pm.

In accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting was held as a virtual meeting.

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

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

Also present: M Angell (KCC).

The Chairman commenced the meeting by announcing the sad news that Councillor Russell Corbett had passed away.

Councillor Carrington spoke of Russell in that he was a much loved and valued member of the community who had served on the Parish Council for many years and would be sadly missed.

A two minute silence was then held in remembrance.

768. **To receive apologies for absence:**

There were no apologies for absence.

769. **To receive any declarations of interest from Members:**

There were no declarations of interest.

770. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 7th July 2020 were submitted, approved as a true record, to be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

771. **Planning:**

- a. **20/00982/AS – Brambley Hedge, Bourne Road, Aldington –** Erection of 2 x linked containers clad in weatherboarding with sedum pitched roof (retrospective)

Resolved: To object to the application on the grounds that the size of the proposed development is far too large for the plot, together with the existing ancillary buildings this would be overdevelopment. The mass of the containers are not in keeping with the surrounding area and will be a dominant feature. It was also noted that no indication has been provided as to the proposed usage of the containers.

- b. **20/00963/AS – Office building, Stone Cross Cottage, Stone Cross Road -** Proposed change of use from Office to a holiday let.

Resolved: to support the application.

- c. **20/1077/AS – Redundant Farm building at, Hamilton Farm, Stone Cross Road** – Proposed conversion and extension of existing redundant farm building into café with kitchen area and ancillary facilities.

Resolved: to support the application.

- d. **20/01011/AS – Woodmead, Ruckinge Road, -** Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new chalet bungalow on the footprint of the demolished building.

Resolved: the Parish Council is not opposed to the application but note that it is neighbouring a Grade II listed building and the Bilsington Conservation area and would like to see the cladding colour more in keeping with the properties within the conservation area.

The Parish Council would wish to see a condition placed on consent that all workers vehicles are to parked on the site during the construction due to the restricted visibility on the highway which narrows to single track close by.

772. Any other items for information:

County Councillor M Angell reported that the works currently being undertaken adjacent to junction 10a are a Government Project to enable vehicle permit checks to be undertaken. Measures are being put in place at junction 11 to ensure vehicles do not use local roads to avoid the checks.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.