

Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held on Thursday 12th November 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) & L Harman (ABC).

773. To receive apologies for absence:

There were no apologies for absence.

774. To receive any declarations of interest from Members:

Cllr S Hudson declared an interest in minute 781, planning, as the owner of the property, he did not take part in the discussion or voting.

775. Co-Option of new member:

There being only one applicant for the vacant seat, Libby Lawson, members unanimously resolved to appoint her as the new member. Declaration of acceptance of office to be signed in due course.

776. Minutes:

The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 20th August 2020 were submitted, approved as a true record, to be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

777. Ashford Borough Councillor's Report:

Councillor Harman reported that planning at the Borough Council was being held up due to high levels of nitrate being found at Stodmarsh Lakes which are fed from the River Stour. Whilst this does not directly affect Bilsington it may have a knock on effect across the Borough as permission for new builds cannot be granted in the Stour valley which will ultimately affect the five year land supply.

778. Kent County Councillor's Report:

Councillor Angell reported that preparations are well under way for the next financial year and the year after. There is currently a financial consultation being carried out where the Council are looking for residents to put forward their priorities. It is unknown how much funding will be received from central Government at this time. The funds received so far in respect of Covid are nowhere near enough to cover what has been spent.

The five year plan for social care was ready to be placed before council, however due to the ongoing pandemic this has had to be rewritten, it is now due to go before council at the next meeting.

There are a number of concerns raised about the A2070 resulting in meetings between the relevant parties about speeding and noise levels, in addition to the number of accidents.

779. **Finance:**

Schedule of payments:

Staff costs: £327.29

Expenditure against budget to date.

	Budget	To date	Remaining	% of budget
Staff costs	£3,700.00	£2,385.40	£1,314.6	64.5
Clerks expenses	£150.00	0	£150.00	0
Audit	£50.00	£50.00	0	100
Insurance	£350.00	£346.39	£3.61	99
Subscriptions	£240.00	£241.92	-£1.92	100.1
General	£236.00	0	£236.00	0
Room Hire	£250.00	0	£250.00	0
Website	£200.00	£16.79	£183.21	8.4
	£5,176.00	£3,077.72	£2,098.28	59.5
Precept	£4,790.00	£4,790.00	0	100
Support grant	£106.00	£106.00	0	100
Concurrent grant	£280.00	£280.00	0	100
Interest		£0.88		
	£5,176.00	£5,176.88		

780. **Budget 2021 / 2022:**

Ashford Borough Council have advised that the precept demand for the financial year 2021 / 2022 has to be submitted no later than 11th January 2021. As this is before the planned date for the next Parish Council meeting it was **Resolved: to hold a meeting at 7pm on Thursday 17th December 2020 to determine the budget for 2021 / 2022.**

781. **Planning:**

Planning application 20/01492/AS – Bramley House, Bonnington Road, Bilsington – Two storey rear extension to replace the existing conservatory and a single storey side extension.

Resolved: to support the application.

782. **Any other items for information:**

Councillor Hudson laid the Parish Council wreath on Remembrance Sunday, a £50 donation is to be made to the Poppy Appeal.

It was suggested that consideration be given to a village event in 2021.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.