



Bilsington Parish Council **Ashford, KENT**

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TO: MEMBERS OF BILSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to a meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL to be held on **Thursday 17th September 2026** commencing at **7.00pm** in **Bilsington Village Hall**.

Peter Setterfield

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Clerk to the Council

A G E N D A

1. **To receive apologies for absence:**
2. **To receive any declarations of interest from Members**
Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda as required by the Bilsington Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.
3. **Cosway Monument:**
The Parish Council is asked to consider a request for financial assistance.
4. **Neighbourhood Watch:**
5. **Kent County Councillor's report:**
6. **Ashford Borough Councillor's report:**
7. **Public Participation:**

8. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th July 2026.**

9. **Planning Matters:**

Planning application [PA/2026/1569](#) Ripleys Scrap Yard, Brisley Lane - Change of use of site from scrap yard to commercial storage; alteration of existing building including additional fenestration, to provide office and welfare facilities; relocation and replacement of fenceline and entrance gates, including enlargement of existing access; following partial demolition of existing structure and removal of temporary mobile office structures (retrospective)

The Parish Council is asked to consider any further planning matters arising prior to the meeting.

10. **Ashford Local Plan:**

Ashford Borough Council has commenced a scoping consultation for the new Local Plan which runs until 23 September 2026 at 5pm

This is the first chance to have your say as the council start work on the new Local Plan. The consultation explains how the council will prepare the plan and when the main stages are expected to happen. The council want to hear your views on:

- The main issues facing the borough,
- What the Local Plan should include, and
- How you would like the council to engage you in the local plan process.

The scoping document is available on the [Borough Council website](#).

The Parish Council is asked if it wishes to respond to this consultation.

11. **Folkestone & Hythe Local Plan:**

Folkestone and Hythe District Council are preparing a new Local Plan which will help shape how the district develops in the years ahead. As part of the early stages of the process the Parish Council have been invited to take part in the scoping consultation. This is an opportunity to say what the key issues are for the district, what the plan should cover as well as how they should engage with communities. Comments are also invited on the Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report, some 123 pages long.

These documents can be found on a dedicated [webpage](#) created for the new Local Plan.

The Parish Council is asked does it wish to respond to this consultation the closing date for submissions is 16th October 2026 at 5pm.

12. **Finance:**

Schedule of payments:

Staff costs July £437.56

Staff costs August £526.45

Clerk's expenses	£181.68
Zurich Insurance	£433.06

13. **Village Hall:**
An update will be given at the meeting.
14. **Other items for information.**