

Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held at Bilsington Village Hall on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors; S Carrington, R Corbett and G Russell

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

Also present 1 member of the public.

543. **Apologies for absence:**
Councillors S Hudson and B Delmage. Kent County Councillor M Angell, Borough Councillor J Martin.

544. **Appointment of Chairman:**
Due to the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Councillor S Carrington was appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

545. **Declarations of Interest:**
There were no declarations of interest.

546. **Budget and Precept 2018/19:**

Report BPC/17/07 concludes the budget making process for 2018/19 and makes recommendations to enable the Council to set its precept for 2018/19 and to notify the tax collecting authority in accordance with statutory legislation.

Following debate and minor amendments the following budget was proposed for 2018/19:

Expenditure	
Staff costs	3500
Clerks expenses	150
Insurance	300
Audit	50
Subscriptions	260
Donations	50
Christmas activities	100
WW1 commemorations	100
Royal wedding celebrations	75
Room Hire	250
Total expenditure	4835
Income	
Precept	4375
Concurrent Grant	280
Council tax support grant	180
Total income	4835

The precept of £4375.00 gives rise to a Band D equivalent of £30.38 per annum an increase of £1.33, 2.5pence per week.

RESOLVED:

1. To receive and note report BPC/17/07
2. To determine the Parish Council's budget for 2018/19 as detailed above.

3. To confirm the Precept for 2018/19 in accordance with the provisions in Sections 39,41 and 50 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
4. To authorise the Clerk of the Parish Council to sign the precept demand on the Borough Council.

547. Planning Matters:

15/00856/AS (PC) – 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 renewal energy). Transport infrastructure including highway improvements in the vicinity of Ashford Road/Magpie Hall Road/Steeds Lane Junction, new junctions on Ashford 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/mitigation works. Associated ground works. ****NOW INCLUDES AMENDED DESCRIPTION****

RESOLVED: To object to the application on the grounds that the Parish Council respect the fact that the site has been included in the proposed local plan 2030 however it wishes to object to the outline application on the following grounds whilst improvements to highways infrastructure have been included where the proposed development joins onto Ashford Road, Magpie Hall Road and Bond Lane it would appear that no consideration has been given to Church Hill . With such large developments in the locality traffic numbers will be high resulting in motorists looking for alternative routes to avoid hold ups especially when looking to go south of Ashford, these roads lead through rural parishes and are not designed to take the inevitable increase in traffic leading to deterioration of the roads and impact on rural villages which have no gain from the development.

The outline application makes reference to a single form entry primary school but no reference to secondary schools which are already running at or near capacity.

In terms of health there is no mention of doctors or dental surgeries or for increased capacity at the William Harvey Hospital which struggles due to the large area it covers and the increase in population caused by recent developments. Further development without investment can only result in a reduction in the level of service.