

Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held at Bilsington Village Hall on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors S Hudson (Chairman), S Carrington, R Corbett and G Russell.

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

Also present: Kent County Councillor M Angell.

**446. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE:**

Prior to the commencement of the Parish Council meeting the Council were joined by the Chairman of Ruckinge Parish Council, Stephen Denis, to update the Council on the project. He thanked the Parish Council for considering the invitation to them to join forces in providing a speed indicator device to be shared between the Parishes. Despite numerous emails and two site visits there is an impasse in respect of siting of a post at the Eastern end of the parish in that of the two sites identified neither were owned by KCC, the first owner refused categorically and the second whilst ok with the post refuses to sign the easement in favour of the Parish Council which will be registered at Land Registry insisted upon by KCC.

Further suggestions have been put forward but so far none have been acceptable. Kent County Councillor M Angell has been asked to see if there is any way in which this can be settled in order that the scheme may proceed as a joint venture. Councillor Angell has agreed to contact the Officer concerned to see if anything can be done to resolve the matter.

**447. REPORT OF THE ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR:**

The Borough Councillor did not attend or submit a report.

**448. REPORT OF THE KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR:**

County Councillor M Angell reported that the annual budget had been passed although it had not been straight forward .extra funding has been made available for the repair of potholes. The clean up Kent campaign is currently running and Parishes are being asked to wipe over any signage. Councillors Hudson and Delmage are dealing with this.

**449. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor B Delmage.

**450. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**451. DISPENSATIONS:**

Councillor Russell was granted a dispensation with respect to the planning application for Romney Cottage as he lives opposite the property, but has no other connection.

**452. MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 January 2017 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**453. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE:**

Following on from the earlier discussions the Parish Council considered the actions it should take if the impasse with the landowner at Ruckinge cannot be resolved. Whilst it would be beneficial to both Parishes for the scheme to go ahead as planned it was agreed that if the

County Councillor was unable to assist in finding a solution and Ruckinge were unable to proceed then Bilsington Parish Council would continue alone.

454. **FINANCE:**

Schedule of payments

Date	Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
30/3/17	672	Clerks expenses		£37.95
30/3/17	673&674	Clerks Salary	January	£243.68
30/3/17	675&676	Clerks Salary	February	£232.95
30/3/17	677	Clerks expenses		£27.98
30/3/17	678	SLCC Enterprises	Clerks training course	£82.80

Proposed by Councillor S Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor S Carrington and

**RESOLVED: To make the payments listed in the schedule**

(Voting: For; 4, Against; 0, Abstentions; 0)

455. **VILLAGE HALL:**

In the absence of Councillor Delmage no report was given.

456. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

**17/00287/AS ROMNEY COTTAGE, BONNINGTON ROAD**, erection of a two storey side extension.

Proposed by Councillor S Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor S Carrington and

**RESOLVED: to object to the application on the grounds that the proposed development is too large in comparison to its existing footprint and inconsistent with neighbouring properties which are of a small scale and low density situated in a conservation area. The proposed extension is extremely close to the site boundary which will possibly impact on the sight lines for the crossroads which already suffer from poor visibility.**

Voting: For; 4, Against; 0, Abstentions; 0)

457. **FUTURE PLANS AND PROJECTS:**

Held over to a future meeting.

458. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Information Commissioners Office Newsletter March
- b. Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural broadband March 2017
- c. Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Transport March 2017
- d. Rural Network Service – weekly news digest 6 February 2017
- e. Rural Network service – weekly news digest 13 February 2017
- f. Rural Network service – weekly news digest 20 February 2017
- g. Rural Network Service – weekly news digest 27 February 2017

- h. Rural Network service – weekly news digest 6 March 2017
- i. Spotlight on Rural Health
- j. Spotlight on the Heart of the Village
- k. Electoral review of Ashford
- l. Kent Association of Local Councils – Parish News
- m. Southern water newsletter Spring 2017
- n. Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel poverty
- o. Rural Network Service – weekly news digest 13 March 2017
- p. Rural Network Service – weekly news digest 20 March 2017
- q. Rural Economy spotlight

459. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councillor Russell read a letter he had received from a resident with regard to the Rural Housing List, it was agreed that the resident should send the letter to the head of housing, approach English Rural Housing and write to the local Member of Parliament.