

Minutes of a meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held at Bilsington Village on Thursday 31st August 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

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

Also present: 2 members of the public.

503. To receive apologies for absence:

There were no apologies for absence.

504. To receive any declarations of interest from Members:

Councillor B Delmage declared an interest in minute 505, planning matters Chestnut Lodge as he is a neighbour, he did not take part in the debate or voting on this item.

505. Planning matters:

Planning Application 17/1022/AS – Chestnut Lodge, Bonnington Road – Proposed part single storey/part first floor rear extension.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council have no objection to the amended drawings of 19th August. However, the Parish Council would prefer the final decision on the application to be made by the Planning Committee given the number of changes that have been made to this application.

Ashford Borough Council Draft Open Space Strategy

The Borough Council are at present consulting on their open space strategy which will be used alongside the Local Plan 2030 when adopted.

At the outset of the process the Borough Council employed external consultants to undertake a review of all recreational facilities in the Borough. As a Parish Council Bilsington responded as the only recreational facilities in the Parish is the Cricket Ground.

Following analysis the draft plan has been published which shows a requirement for the Parish of an area of allotments of 0.06ha and informal open space of 0.61ha. However, the provision of these facilities is usually by a s106 agreement with developers. Given that the draft local plan has made no specific plan for development in the Parish no indication has been given if such facilities will be provided by the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: to respond to the consultation that the Parish Council would accept any informal open space transferred to it.

506. Any Other Business:

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.