

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bilsington Parish Council held at Bilsington Village Hall on Saturday 16th May 2015.

Present: Mrs S Mytton (Chairman), S Roberts (Vice- Chairman) Councillors S Cashin, S Hudson and G Russell.

In attendance: Peter Setterfield (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Public Gallery: J Martin (Ashford Borough Councillor for Saxonsshore) J Carrington, H Webb, Mrs L Webb and K Misson.

240. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Councillor Miss S Cashin

Seconded by Councillor G Russell and there being no other nominations

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor S Hudson as Chairman for 2015/16.

241. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor S Hudson signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman.

242. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Councillor S Hudson

Seconded by Councillor G Russell and there being no other nominations

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Miss S Cashin as Vice-Chairman for 2015/16

243. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Miss S Cashin signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Vice-Chairman.

244. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs C Misson (Unwell)

Councillor B Delmage (Holiday)

245. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

246. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2015 were circulated prior to the meeting to the new Councillors and to the previous Councillors before the end of their term of office.

Councillor Hudson was not in agreement with minute 237 Planning Matters in respect of the application for Courtside, Newchurch Road it was felt that some of the objections and concerns to the application had not been conveyed to the Borough

Council. It was discussed at length and agreed that the objections and concerns could have been made clearer in planning terms.

It was agreed that a letter would be forwarded to the planning department advising that the views expressed by the previous Parish Council in respect of the application were not an accurate description and that to 'support the application was a misrepresentation of all the views' as to support the application was not a majority view and request that this letter be placed on the planning application file.

The minutes were then signed subject to this minute being recorded.

247. **PLANNING MATTERS**

The Parish Council were asked to note that under the rules of transparency all planning applications must be discussed at a meeting of the Parish Council. The previous practice of circulating the application for comments has been withdrawn and will no longer be carried out.

15/00588/AS OAK FARM, BILSINGTON – Erection of a double garage and car port (revised scheme to planning approval 13/01177/AS).

Proposed by Councillor S Cashin
Seconded by Councillor G Russell and

RESOLVED: To support the application.

(Voting: For; 3, Against; 0, Abstentions; 0)

15/00649/AS OAK VIEW, HAMILTON FARM, STONE CROSS ROAD, BILSINGTON – lawful development certificate – existing – mobile home to be used for residential use

Proposed by Councillor S Hudson
Seconded by Councillor G Russell and

RESOLVED: To object to the application on the grounds that the mobile home has been to a different position to the original site, the mobile home has been changed to a newer model of different size and the Parish Council is not aware of the need of accommodation for an agricultural worker.

(Voting: For; 3, Against; 0, Abstentions; 0)

248. **VILLAGE HALL**

The nomination of a Councillor to attend Village Hall Committee meetings was deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

249. **PARISH CLERK'S REPORT**

The clerk welcomed the new Councillors and advised that there was a training session on the code of conduct at Ashford Borough Council at 6pm on Wednesday

27th May, Councillor Hudson to attend. The Council were reminded that the contracted hours for the clerk are 5 per week also that apologies for absence should be sent to the Clerk. Councillors were also advised to refrain from posting comments on planning applications on the Borough Council website as this could lead to claims of pre-determination.

250. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Martin reported that over the next year the key to success will be communication. It is acknowledged that the improvements to the crossroads have done little to improve the situation. Over the next year discussions will be taking place with Parish, Borough and County Councils over the usage of the roads in the rural community, parking, HGV's and speeding being at the forefront.

Planning is being looked at critically to ensure that matters are being followed up especially when temporary permissions are granted to ensure that removal takes place.

251. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

REPORT BPC/15/01 brings to the attention of Councillors a new Power introduced by the Localism Act 2011.

Proposed by Councillor S Hudson
Seconded by Councillor Miss S Cashin and

RESOLVED:

- 1. To receive and note Report BPC/15/01.**
- 2. The Parish Council resolves from 16 May 2015, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.**

(Voting: For; 3, Against; 0, Abstentions; 0)

252. SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES

The dates for 2015/ 16 were agreed as follows:

11 th July 2015	Parish Council meeting 9.30 am
12 th September 2015	Parish Council meeting 9.30 am
14 th November 2015	Parish Council meeting 9.30 am
9 th January 2016	Parish Council meeting 9.30 am
12 th March 2016	Parish Council meeting 9.30 am

3rd May 2016

Parish Council meeting 7.00 pm

3rd May 2016

Annual Parish Meeting 8.00 pm

253. **CONSULTATIONS**

None received

254. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None received