



**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 16<sup>th</sup> July 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 Annual Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

9. **Planning Matters:**

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

10. **Ashford Local Plan:**

In 2023 Ashford Borough Council started work on a new local plan, in March 2026 the Government published regulations introducing a new planning system which includes changes to the approach in preparing Local Plans, and an expectation that Local Plans will be prepared in 30 months. The introduction of the new regulations means that the Council is unable to continue work under the old plan making system and is required to restart the plan making process under the new regulations.

The new Local Plan will be referred to as the 'Ashford Local Plan 2043'.

The Notice of Intention to Commence Local Plan preparation was published on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The next stage in the timetable is a scoping consultation which is scheduled to take place between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026.

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

Folkestone & Hythe District Council have also published a Notice of Intention to Commence Local Plan Preparation on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Whilst they are required to undertake a scoping consultation no specific dates have been set at this stage although it has been indicated as September/October 2026.

Whilst Bilsington is within Ashford Borough's boundary it should be remembered that Wills Lane is within Folkestone and Hythe's boundary.

12. **Finance:**

Schedule of payments:

Staff costs May	£533.82
Staff costs June	£436.57
Clerk's expenses	£34.55

13. **Village Hall:**

An update will be given at the meeting.

14. **Other items for information.**