

Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council
Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr Martin (Chair)	Cllr Bartlett
Cllr Bartram	Cllr Hughes
Cllr Lemon	Cllr Townsend
Cllr Whybrow	

In attendance: 1 member of the public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllrs Dawnie Nilsson and Steve Campkin and sent apologies but would like to be kept abreast of any matters relating to Sevington North.</p>	TB
<p>To receive declarations of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. Cllrs Bartlett and Hughes declared an interest in the IBF due to the proximity of their homes to the site. Cllr Whybrow declared an interest in Sevington North due to his home being in this location.</p>	
<p>To approve the minutes of the Sevington with Finberry Parish Council meeting held on 1st November 2021. The minutes of the meeting on 1st November were signed as a true copy.</p>	
<p>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.</p>	
<p>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item The member of the public had nothing to discuss.</p>	
<p>Borough Councillors Report The Borough Councillor Report had been circulated and was taken as read. The newly formed Land Mapping Commission was explained by Cllr Bartlett. The commission will identify areas for wetland parks, areas for further protection, areas for well-designed housing, areas that should be buffers between Parishes to create separation. The Commission is due to report on these identified areas by the end of 2022. The Parish Council needs to discuss this as an agenda item in February.</p>	All TB
<p>Planning Matters: to authorise a response to any application(s) and to note any recent planning decisions by Ashford Borough council or any correspondence on planning matters. There was nothing new to be discussed.</p>	
<p>Sevington North Matters The newsletter has been circulated and there has been no follow up communication from this. Cllrs Hughes and Whybrow were thanked for delivering the newsletters.</p> <p>Telephone box: It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain quotes to obtain a power supply to the phone box for a light and a defibrillator, to obtain costings for a defibrillator and for the cabinet in which it should be stored. Cllr Bartlett is to provide the details of a company ABC use for electrical</p>	TB

<p>supplies. The Clerk will also approach Cllrs Nilsson and Campkin for funding towards this. Resolved: The Clerk will bring costings to the February meeting.</p> <p>There has been a residents discussion about purchasing the land at the back of the properties in Church Road.</p> <p>Following reports of vehicles speeding and excess noise in Foster Road and Ashford Business Park, the Clerk has contacted the Community Safety unit who will liaise directly with the Police regarding this matter.</p>	
<p>To consider the possible de-grouping of Highfield Ward from Sevington with Finberry Parish Council</p> <p>There was a full discussion about this. The opinions raised were: the 2 parishes are diverse, it is too soon after splitting with Mersham, there is recognition of the imbalance of the 2 wards, there is much to be considered when looking at de-grouping.</p> <p>Resolved: Not to de-group at this time and instead to start a Sevington north sub-committee and see what issues are raised and whether the local problems are Parish Council level or those that need to be resolved by sign-posting residents to the correct person within the Borough/County Council.</p>	
<p>To discuss and resolve whether the Parish Council should create specific sub-committees – Sevington North, Planning, Highways Improvement etc.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed setting up some sub-committees.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>Sevington North sub-committee – meet monthly initially, Cllrs Whybrow, Bartlett and Hughes to form sub-committee.</p> <p>Finberry sub-committee – meet on an adhoc basis, Cllrs Bartram, Lemon, Martin and Townsend to form sub-committee.</p> <p>Planning sub-committee – generally an email based sub-committee, Cllrs Hughes, Whybrow and Martin to form sub-committee.</p> <p>Highways Improvement Plan sub-committee – meet on an adhoc basis, Cllrs Hughes, Lemon and Townsend to form sub-committee.</p>	
<p>Update on Waterbrook</p> <p>There was no update on Waterbrook.</p>	
<p>IBF Update</p> <p>Cllr Bartlett had received communication from Damian Green which raised: An assurance that Mersham had been removed from address on the .gov.uk website (it hadn't been removed). Assurance that the Minister for Aviation, Maritime and Security is open to suggestion for signage on the A2070 and the A20. Agreement that the signage on the M20 is inappropriate and that appropriate signage is an absolute priority. Lorries are parking in the Business Park overnight – this needs to be reported to parkingcustomercare@ashford.gov.uk. ABC can currently clamp and fine such lorries.</p> <p>Resolved:</p>	

<p>The Clerk is to email Robert Courts MP requesting that there is permanent signage on the A2070, showing “Customs” to the IBF and “Truckstop.”</p>	<p>TB</p>
<p>Financial matters: To note the Parish Council’s Financial position The Parish Council noted bank balance of £15,887.22 with no cheques outstanding.</p> <p>To authorise any payments All payments were authorised.</p>	
<p>Any other business (for information purposes only) Councillor Bartlett reported that he had some funding in his budget should it be required for anything on the Sevington ward.</p> <p>Councillor Lemon reported there was fly tipping on Swift Avenue, it was agreed that any fly tipping reported would also be copied into the Clerk who would ensure that she also reports such matters.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding what would be the successful outcome regarding a speeding issue on Finberry, the Highways Improvement Plan will deal with this</p> <p>.</p>	
<p>Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council</p> <p>All at the Chamber of Commerce:</p> <p>Monday 7 February 2022 Monday 7 March 2022 Monday 4 April 2022 Monday 9 May 2022</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21:10.</p>	