Minutes of Mersham with Sevington Parish Council Meeting held in the Church Room, St John the Baptist Church, Mersham on Monday, 17th October 2016

Geoffrey Fletcher (Chair) Present

Rob Hansen Gavin Murphy Mick Smithers Jan Oakley-Hills Pete Turley

Lee Whitehead

In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk), Paul Bartlett and Graham Kingston (Community Warden)

2 members of the public

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The meeting started at 7.30pm	
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Kibble, Sawdon and Stewart.	
Declaration of interest in items on the agenda	
There were no declarations of interest.	
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Matters Arising from the Minutes	
Van costs had been agreed and payment made at the reduced rate.	
Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.	
There were a number of requests from the public:	
From the Landlord at the Royal Oak:	
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a car park.	
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The Parish Council agreed that this was entirely possible and details would need to be agreed.	
From a resident on Sevington:	
1. The street light at the top of Church Road is not working. It has been reported several times but to no	
avail.	
PB to chase and TB to also chase.	PB/TB
2. There is a real problem with HGV's parking in Church Road. The vegetation is over-grown so the sign	
saying no HGVs is completely obscured.	
TB to chase. PB to chase and Gerald White to be made aware.	PB/TB
3. The promised barriers at the entrance to the Barrey Road Business Park (by B and M Bargains and Argos	
are situated) have never come in to fruition and the area is being used as a race circuit at night.	
TB to follow this up with the Planning department as the barriers were part of the original application.	ТВ
Report from Borough Councillor	
Cllr Bartlett explained that he is to meet with the Highways Agency with regard to traffic lights at Barrey Road.	
Cllr Bartlett felt that when KCC did not include this in their submission they missed an opportunity and this is	
very frustrating. At this meeting on 8 th November, the noise surface will be discussed and the shutting of Kingsford Street/Highfield Road.	
KCC Transport Strategy consultation closes on 31 st October. The Parish Council must put in a submission for	
KCC to deal with the traffic lights at Barrey Road. Also, access to A2070 from Church road should be dealt with.	

As far as Master-planning at Waterbrook is concerned, we know that Barretts and the Rail-head will be there.

The Bridle Way which has been closed at Cheeseman's Green Lane was supposed to re-open on 15th October but a further extension until April 2017 without further consultation. There is still no pedestrian access to the A2070 from Cheeseman's Green Lane. The Clerk is to contact KCC to explain that we are disappointed with the lack of consultation over this path and if it is not to re-open next Spring, please can this be discussed at local level?

TB

There will be a meeting in The Forge at The Farrier's Arms on 3rd March 2017 with Damian Green, when WE15 is back on the radar. He is influential with how things are being run.

Enforcement Issues are on-going, the Willesborough Forum are having a representative from Crest Nicholson to talk to them about Finberry. Paul will let the Parish Council know when this will be so that members of the Parish Council can go along to this. The Pettworth enforcement notice has been issued but, as some time has been given to allow compliance, confirmation of compliance is, therefore, not expected in the near future.

Report from Community Warden

The Community Warden reported that the road closure on 19th September had caused a little disruption as there had been a lack of communication. There has been an attempted trailer theft at Bliby Plastics. One member of the public had reported receiving a strange 'phone call regarding the dumping of dog waste. The Community Warden had followed this call up and telephoned the caller himself, the caller had threatened both the dog and the owner if they find out who the dog owner is. The Community Warden is very aware of this matter. There will be a nursery opening in the Village Hall in January. A Silver Golf is parking near the School. The vehicle has been damaged but is not abandoned.

Planning Matters:

A list of Planning Applications was circulated as Appendix A with the agenda, those requiring a response were:

Reference: <u>14/01075/CONA/AS</u>

Address: Land Parcel The Grove at Captains Wood, Land at Cheesemans Green, Cheesemans Green

Lane, Kingsnorth, Kent

Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 13 (Materials) and 14 (General External Details)

The Parish Council felt unable to comment as the application is unclear as to what the applicant is planning to replace the revised conditions with.

Reference: 16/01498/AS

Address: L Artisan du Chocolat Site G, The Long Barrow, Sevington, Ashford, TN24 0GA

Proposal: Proposed office extension

The Parish Council raises no objection to this application

Reference: 16/01499/AS

Address: Premier Inn, Hall Avenue, Orbital Park, Sevington, Ashford, TN24 0GN
Proposal: Advertisement Consent to relocate 1 (no) internally illuminated fascia sign

The Parish Council raises no objection to this application

Reference: 16/01425/AS

Address: Land Rear of Unit B1, Isis Business Cetre, The Courtyard, Sevington

Proposal: Variation of condition 4 on planning permission reference 14/01467 to relocate parking spaces

The Parish Council raises no objection to this application.

Financial Matters

To approve the following financial documents:

i. To note/authorise the following:

To note the Parish Council's financial position: The Parish Council has a bank balance of: £34,844.94.

To authorise any payments including the Clerk's Salary and the Litter picker's Salary

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The benc	h at the Royal Oa	or to the village had commer ok will need to be replaced. A will be considered at the nex	n possible r					
	meeting was con Friday 11 th Nove	firmed as Monday, 21 st Nove ember, please.	mber 2016	, the Cle	k would lik	ke any ite	ems for the	e

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.40 PM.