

Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council
A Virtual Meeting held in on Monday, 1st May 2021 at 7.30pm

Present	Cllr Martin (Chair) Cllr Davis Cllr Townsend	Cllr Bartram Cllr Oakley-Hills
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In attendance: 1 member of public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

Election of the Chairman and any Vice-Chairman for the Council year 2021-22. Cllr Townsend proposed Cllr Martin as Chairman, Cllr Bartram seconded this. Cllr Martin proposed Cllr Townsend as Vice-Chairman, Cllr Bartram seconded this.	
Completion of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form. Cllr Martin completed and signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office Form as the elected Chairman.	
To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies had been received from Cllr Bartlett.	
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. There were no declarations of interest.	
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2021. The minutes were approved as a true record.	
To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda. Bullamy Gurner Scheme: There has been no further news as to the starting date of this, Ashford Borough Council are pressing Highways England (HE) for confirmation of start date and duration of the build. Crest Nicholson are working with HE to take this forward under legal agreements. Connection to Bridgefield: Crest are looking to make amendments to their reserved matters approved some 10 years ago and the Council are advising them of how to best take this forward. Once they have agreement this key connection between the 2 sites will be completed but as yet there are no dates available. Captains Wood: Ashford Borough Council have liaised with Crest who have yet to provide any real information other than it is in hand. Jaguar Showroom: Cllr Bartlett provided some photographs but felt that this was not as much of an issue as the lights at Waterbrook are. The Clerk is liaising with Roland Mills regarding this matter.	TB
To co-opt a new Councillor following the resignation of C Kennedy. Cllr Davis was nominated by Cllr Martin and Cllr Bartram seconded this. Cllr Davis had completed the declaration of Pecuniary Interest Form and the Acceptance of Office Form. Cllr Davis was formally co-opted to the Parish Council.	
Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. The large number of gulls at the IBF were discussed, they are causing a nuisance and Cllr Bartlett is discussing this issue with DfT.	
Borough Councillors Report Cllr Bartlett's Report had been circulated and is taken as read.	

<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>The recent planning applications to be discussed are:</p> <p>Sevington Mill: response submitted</p> <p>Loft Conversion: no objections</p> <p>Change of Use for the parking of a mobile refreshment van on Avocet Way:</p> <p>The refreshment van application was discussed and there were questions raised as to whether this would be serving alcohol etc. It was thought that the neighbours might have some concerns about cooking fumes. The Councillors will look at this application further and comment as necessary.</p> <p>Discharge of condition at Cheeseman’s Green Lane: Councillors to look at the application further.</p> <p>Loft Conversion: Councillors to look at this application further.</p>	
<p>To review the effectiveness of the system of Internal Controls: Councillors are asked to consider the Statement of Internal control in support of the Annual Governance Statement.</p> <p>The Chairman signed the Internal Control and the Councillors approved this document.</p>	
<p>To approve the Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Asset Register and Risk Assessment and confirm arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks.</p> <p>The Council approved the Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Asset Register and Risk Assessment and confirm arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks.</p>	
<p>Review of the Council’s subscriptions to other bodies ie KALC/CPRE</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to subscribe to KALC and CPRE.</p>	
<p>Financial matters:</p> <p>To approve the following financial documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To receive the end of year accounts <p>The Parish Council received the end of year accounts.</p> ii. To receive the report from the Internal Auditor <p>The report from the Internal Auditor was received and approved.</p> iii. To approve the Governance Statement 2020/21, section 1 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2021 <p>The Governance Statement 2020/21 was completed and approved. The Chairman signed this document.</p> iv. To consider and approve the Accounting Statements 2020/21, section 2 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2021 and the supporting bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2021, the explanation of significant variance. To ensure that the Accounting Statements 2020/21 are signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting. <p>The Council approved the Accounting Statements 2020/21, section 2 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2021 and the supporting bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2021, the explanation of significant variance. The Accounting Statements 2020/21 were signed and dated by the Chairman.</p> v. To note the Parish Council’s financial position for the beginning of the new Financial Year. <p>The Parish Council noted the financial position for the beginning of the new Financial Year.</p> 	

vi. To authorise any payments

Payments were authorised for:

502079	HMRC	£110.40
502080	Kent Association of Local Councils	£527.06
502081	Litterpicker	£123.64
502082	Clerk	£333.46

Any Other Business (for information purposes only)

Cllr Townsend asked about the presence of the cones on the A2070. It appears that the central reservation is being removed. Cllr Bartlett is to be asked about this. The lack of communication for these road-works has really frustrated everyone. Clerk to ask Cllr Clair Bell if she has any update on this.

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Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.

Monday 5 July 2021

Monday 6 September 2021

Monday 4 October 2021

Monday 1 November 2021

Monday 3 January 2022

Monday 7 February 2022

Monday 7 March 2022

Monday 4 April 2022

Monday 9 May 2022

A location for these meetings was discussed. The Clerk is to find locations and costs. Crooksfoot Tesco room was considered, Chamber of Commerce is also an option.

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The meeting closed at 9.52 am