## Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council A Virtual Meeting held in on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Martin (Chair) Cllr Bartlett

Cllr Townsend

In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

## To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies had been received from Cllr Bartram, Cllr Oakley-Hills, Cllr Whybrow and Borough Cllr Gerald White. 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. Cllr Bartlett declared an interest in the Sevington Inland Border site and the Waterbrook site as both are in close proximity to his home address. Cllrs Townsend and Martin declared an interest in Waterbrook and in the HML/Crest issues To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The minutes were approved as a true record. To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda. HML/Crest issues are bubbling up and there is a group of residents who are allegedly going to instruct a Solicitor. Planning Enforcement wouldn't normally discuss with the Parish Council but would probably discuss with the applicant. Cllr Bartlett explained that the Borough Council would discuss with Crest. It is hoped that Roland Mills would be in touch with the Clerk. The Chairman is to contact a resident who had communicated with the Vice-Chairman. Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. There Were no members of the public in attendance. **Borough Councillors Report** A report had been circulated. Waste transfer site to remain open, Schools to remain open, public paths and rights of way to stay open. Weddings/Civil partnerships are not going to continue. **Update on MOJO and Waterbrook Consultations** The Chairman had attended an on-line meeting today about the layout of the MOJO site. The Chairman expressed gratitude for being involved. No traffic management plans were available, lorries in the wrong place did not seem to be addressed. There shouldn't be a waiting issue. In terms of residents concerns – there are issues with pollution and drainage but once the site is open, there will be problems with traffic etc. There will be an invitation to comment on plans once they are available. The contingency plans are being drawn up. Civil enforcement and traffic management could well be dealt with by the Borough Council. Lorries who are parked up elsewhere in Ashford can be fined £300 and so the Borough Council may expand the footprint of where a lorry can be fined for parking. It is expected that another meeting will be required to discuss these matters. Parking issues in Highfield There are issues with people parking on Church Road, Sevington because of issues with exiting the car park. The cause of the problem is the car park management. Need to locate the owners to encourage a

redesign of the car park. It was considered that Cllr White should be asked if he has this information. There would then be a suggestion about the egress issue of the traffic lights. It was also thought that the Parish Council could write to Highways England and explain the issue. There is likely to be a problem with

the shift change of traffic hitting the A2070 3 times a day. This would be 100 cars exiting at once, this	
should be addressed alongside the MOJO site issues. Cllr Bartlett is to draft an email, once circulated and	
agreed it should be sent to Highview Parking, Highways England and the DfT.	РВ
Support around Covid	
The Chairman feels that the Parish Council should be involved in the parish and could maybe involve the	
other areas of the parish. What can the Parish Council do to support the efforts of the Village Association.	
The Borough Council had a list of people required to isolate in the first round and the take-up of these food	
parcels was about 400 food parcels sourced from Tesco and Co-op, this was then farmed out. This	
dropped off quite quickly. About 25% of the eligible people needing social care take up any assistance	
because families help out. This is a different type of lock-down because there are no people shielding this	
time.	
The right thing to do would be for the Clerk to reach out to Liz Wright, asking for her advice as to what a	ТВ
new Parish Council could involve themselves with. Her insight would be most welcome. Liz could provide	10
some tips of what we could do. The KCC £15 vouchers provided to families with families eligible for free	
school meals were continued in half-term. If possible, it was suggested that a video-call could be useful.	
The problem is probably more linked to the fact that there is a stigma for those entitled to School meals.	
Telephone Kiosk at Church Road, Sevington	
The Clerk expressed concern that power is no longer available. The Clerk is to contact Cllr Whybrow and	
ask him to investigate further.	TB
Planning Matters:	
<b>4 Cormorant Avenue – Food preparation shed</b> . Councillors to review this application again and so further	
discussions are required.	
<b>Telephone Mast</b> – 5G mast is a Huawei mast and this would have to be removed before 2027. Should not	
be approved following Government guidelines.	
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The new email accounts have been created and once all have moved over, the document would be shared.	RM
Cllr Martin is to make contact with everyone and share the document.	IXIVI
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Financial Matters:	
To note the Parish Councils position: £11,563.63	
To authorise payments: The payments were authorised	
To agree the budget for 2021/22: Councillors approved the budget and it was agreed that the Council	
would precept for £15,000 and would have any concurrent functions grant/Council tax support grant	
offered.	
The Christmas tree heading on the budget was discussed.	
Any other business	
There was no further business. Thanks were expressed to all of the Councillors for their involvement.	
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