Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, 6th February 2023 at 7.30pm

Present

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

In attendance: 2 members of the public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be action	ed by:
To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllrs Hughes and Whybrow had sent apologies ahead of the meeting. These apologies were approved.	
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 IBF due to the proximity of their homes to the site.	
To approve the minutes Sevington with Finberry Parish Council meeting held on 9 th January 2023. The minutes of the meeting on 9 th January were signed as a true copy.	
To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda The Chairman asked for the last call for amendments to the Newsletter. The Clerk will look at creating QR codes for the links. The newsletter will be sent to print on Friday.	RM
 Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item The 2 members of public raised concerns about the Giveway sign on the slip road as one is leaving Finberry. It is thought that the giveway sign is temporary as there will be traffic lights in the area. It was highlighted how poorly Conway have managed the works and concern was expressed about the consequential effects on other areas of Ashford. It was suggested that an email could be sent to Helen McConnell to express the issue with visibility. The member of public also raised the issue of service charges being a nationwide problem because the companies are not regulated and can, therefore, charge whatever they wish. This is a Government based issue and Damian Green has been asked to look into this. The Government brought in a law that protects Flat owners from this by enabling them to change management companies. A supervisory board has to be established once Crest Nicholson are no longer involved in Finberry and residents will have representation at that point. 	
Crest Nicholson issues The main issues to discuss are: Bus Service and Bus stops – update as to where the discussions have reached Management Committee with HML Community Centre Solar lights between Finberry and Bridgefield Allotments and their management Ecology Plan for the land by Bilham Farm	

•	Captain's Wood Management			
•	Salt bins – provision and responsibi	lity for keeping them filled		
It had b	een hoped that Daniel Wilson would	d attend this meeting.		
The Cle	rk reported that -			
On 15 th July, Daniel Wilson wrote:				
	We think it would be most beneficial to attend when we have a substantial update to report			
	d will liaise with you to confirm our			
	September, Daniel Wilson wrote:			
As thing	As things stand, the 9 th of January works.			
Hoping	to see you then and provide an upd	ate.		
On 9 th J	anuary, Daniel Wilson wrote:			
		be able to make it this evening. When is the next		
meetin	g? We will try and make it, dependi	ng when it is.		
On 16tl	n January, Daniel wrote:			
	•	have no significant updates to give currently and		
	suggest meeting later in the year instead.			
As at 6 ^t	^h Eabruary. The Clerk has asked whe	n a significant update could be expected but,		
	Wilson has not replied. The Clerk ha			
Dunier				
It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Daniel again, copying in Daniel's boss and Damian				
Green I	MP.			
Baraus	h Councillors Report			
0	•	ad been circulated and was taken as read.		
The report is available to read at:				
http://www.sevingtonwithfinberrypc.org.uk/community/sevington-with-finberry-parish-				
<u>council</u>	-13425/abc-councillor-report/			
There v	vas some discussion regarding the Ju	ubilee tree that needs planting.		
Financi	al matters:			
To note	e/authorise the following:			
	the Parish Council's financial posit	ion.		
The Parish Council has £20,872.75 in the bank				
To auth	norise any payments			
Payme	nts were authorised as follows:			
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	HMRC	<u> </u>		
	Kent Chamber of Commerce	60.00		
	Litterpicker	138.73		
	Clerk	346.04		

To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment. The Parish Council considered the Risk Assessment and there were no changes to be made. 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. a. 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 were few applications to comment on and no report had been created. Cllr Bartlett attended the Planning Enquiry regarding the footpath. The Parish Council is to ask Dawnie to call in the application for the Sevington Mill HMO. It is considered that conditions should be applied to the application to organise the parking, household waste storage and collection. Some of the units could be made into a 2 bedroom accommodation to allow for young families to live there. Cllr Bartlett discussed the Street Votes consultation – a copy of the link to this is here: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reformsto-national-planning-policy To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington North/South The Clerk had secured a new salt bin to be installed and filled by KCC. To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Finberry The drain surround in Bramling Avenue needs to be reported to Crest. The road in Bramling Avenue has traffic calming that jut out. It is suggested that the Clerk could also report this to Crest Nicholson. It was noted that there are some litter picks being arranged on Finberry. To receive any update on IBF or Waterbrook The future of the IBF is still unknown but it is considered that some food checks will need to be carried out. To receive any update on Highways (to include the Bellamy Gurner Scheme) The M20 is due to be back to 3 lanes in about 2 months time. JT is to look at the HIP. Any other business (for information purposes only) Peter New would like to attend a meeting, it was suggested he attend the APM. The APM is due to be held on 3^{rd} April at 7pm. Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council All at the Chamber of Commerce: Monday 6 March 2023 Monday 3 April 2023 Tuesday 23 May 2023 The meeting closed at 9.00pm