

**Minutes of the Sevington Sub-committee Meeting held in
the Church Room, St Mary's Church, Willesborough on Tuesday, 16th October 2018**

Present Lee Whitehead (Chair) Sue Botfield
Ken Botfield Brian Heritage

In attendance: Cllr Gerald White, Tracey Block (Clerk), 5 members of the public

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.30pm	
Apologies for absence had been received from Ian and Linda Sharp and Anne Fuggle.	
Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the meeting on 17 th July 2018 were approved and signed by Cllr Whitehead.	
Matters Arising from the minutes <i>Noticeboard and Beacon</i> – The beacon is now in situ, Brian Heritage was thanked for all of the work he has done towards this. The noticeboard was discussed Cllr White has said he would assist with some funding towards it. <i>Salt bin</i> – Cllr Whitehead will fill the salt bin in the coming weeks.	
Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. The public wanted to discuss the following: <i>Coffee Aroma</i> – Ashford Borough Council seem uninterested in the very strong odour of Coffee that is apparent due to the Coffee roasting business on Orbital Park. One of the residents agreed that he would also contact Environmental Health about the issue. The “no through road sign” has been moved down Church Road, it should be under the lorry sign at the entrance to Church Road. The Clerk is to request that this sign is moved. The wooden post that is stopping entrance to the playing field is not locked and needs fixing to ensure the beacon remains safe. The Clerk is to approach Aspire about that. Street light by the bollards in church Road is not working and needs reporting – The Clerk will report, also the foliage around the street light needs cutting back. The foliage on the left side of Church Road as you head out of Church Road (opposite Wickes) also needs cutting back – The Clerk will report this. The foliage is also causing sight lines to be inhibited which are dangerous for pedestrians crossing Barrey Road (near Tapi Carpets). The Clerk is to report this, reported to Savills as well as ABC. There were a number of issues that remain a problem regarding the situation on the field: The structures and fences have still not been removed and there has been no conclusion despite the tenant being given a deadline of 10 th August. The deeds of the land say no animals, structures of fences. Gerald White explained that he had spoken with the Enforcement Officer and that notice had been served and the matter resolved. The residents indicated that this was not the situation and that the tenant is not complying with the enforcement order. Cllr White will return to the Borough Council office to discuss the matter further. Cllr White offered to take up the issue of the coffee aroma. The no HGV sign was provided by Cllr White. Cllr White will ask Aspire to cut back all of the foliage as indicated.	TB TB TB TB TB GW GW GW

<p>CLlr White is to look into obtaining a speed limit reduction in Barrey Road as it is very dangerous to travel over 20 mph.</p> <p>CLlr White agreed to use his member grant towards the noticeboard which will cost £1130 + fitting costs.</p> <p>CLlr White explained about the upcoming consultation on the theatre, he also discussed housing, council tax costs and additional investments, the new cinema and the works in Elwick Place, the Julie Rose and the Stour Centre.</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>TB/GW</p>
<p>Play area update</p> <p>The Borough Council are still hoping to obtain some forward funding to begin the Play area but, even if that isn't possible, it is a good time to be looking at similar projects. Hamstreet Play area had a very similar budget to complete so would be a good starting point to view what could be achieved.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>End of War Commemorations. One resident will provide details of the fallen of Sevington. There will be a beacon lighting and the bell will be rung, this is all in-line with national events across the country. This will be organised by a separate committee.</p> <p>CLlr Oakley-Hills explained to the meeting that Finberry were having a Community Centre built in the future.</p> <p>The telephone box was discussed, it is understood that this is now painted and cleaned up following a poor repair.</p> <p>The noise pollution that was occurring has currently ceased.</p> <p>It was suggested that the field behind the houses could be compulsory purchased by ABC. CLlr White explained that ABC is not keen on compulsory purchase.</p> <p>There has been an increase in crime recently with thefts from the business park and vehicles being broken in to along Church Road. CLlr White explained that there will be an increase in CCTV around the borough which will be Hi-definition.</p> <p>Some of the residents don't feel safe or protected at present.</p>	
<p>The next meeting will be held on 22nd January 2019</p>	