Minutes of Mersham with Sevington Parish Council Meeting held in the Church Room, St John The Baptist Church, Mersham on Monday, 21st March 2016

Present Geoffrey Fletcher (Chair) Henrietta Sawdon Kenton Stewart Jan Oakley-Hills Mick Smithers

In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by The meeting started at 7.30pm Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Hansen, Kibble, Turley and Whitehead and Borough Councillor Bartlett. Community Warden Graham Kingston and PCSO Dan Smith had also sent apologies for their absence. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda There were no declarations of interest. **Minutes** of the Meeting on 15th February 2016 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** Cllr Fletcher had met with the dog warden and Fred from the Sports Club about dog waste bins. The dog warden was happy to have a waste bin placed on the corner of the sports pitch, near the culvert, this is to be supplied and emptied by Ashford Borough Council. **Public Session** Comments had been received for the following: The sign directing pedestrians to the footpath through Old Rectory Close has not been erected. It is ΤВ supposed to be supplied by KCC Footpaths department. The Clerk was asked to chase this. The Behind the Hedge Footpath lights seldom work, this is known to be a problem as they are solar powered. To Receive reports from the Borough Councillors There were no reports received from the Borough Councillors. **Report from Community Warden** The Community Warden had sent a report saying: "I would like to apologise for not attending the parish council meeting but I 'am currently on leave. I would like to report that I have been asked by the Head of the primary school to attend particularly in the afternoons to try and easy the parking problems caused mainly by parents parking so close to the mill entrance that HGV's cannot get in or out and end up blocking the road. I have attended and will continue to do so as often as I can. Just to update you I have reported two incidents to Darren at the EA one of a bonfire and one of a vehicle containing waste. I have also received a request from a resident to carry out a home security check, which I was happy to assist with." PCSO Dan Smith had sent a report saying: "There have been the following crimes of note in the area-Theft of Pedal Cycle from new Finberry Estate-No offenders caught, pedal cycle owners are reminded to secure their pedal cycles with a good quality lock and preferably store them inside away from view. There have been no ASB calls of note to report. I have spent time the past Month working with Mersham Primary school assisting with the Parking issues outside of the front gates. I will be able to feedback further information at the next meeting."

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Planning Ma		
	ning Applications was circulated as Appendix A with the agenda, those requiring a response	
were:		
Reference	16/00182/AS	
Address:	BP Travel Trades Services Ltd, The Boulevard, Sevington, Ashford, TN24 0GA	
Proposal:	Change of use from B8 (warehouse) to B1a (office) and associated building works to create	
new unit		
No objectior	is raised	
Reference	16/00232/AS	
Address:	Unit 2, Ashford Business Park, Barrey Road, Sevington, Ashford, TN24 OSG	
Proposal:	Variation of conditions 15 &; 24 on planning permission 13/01254/AS consisting of	
•	approved Garden Centre by 112 sq.m Reduce internal mezzanine floor area of Unit 2C	
	ing provision by 5 spaces The construction of a low concrete wall to the edge of the bin store	
	account for site levels The relocation of the double loading door for Unit 2C from the rear to	
	ration Rooflights have been omitted from the roof plans where these are not required by the	
	tailers The relocation of the substation to the site adjacent to the cycle parking area	
No objection		
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Deference	16/00282/46	
Reference	16/00282/AS	
Address:	Riverside, Flood Street, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6NX	
Proposal:	Change of use of existing ancillary accommodation to holiday let.	
	discussion regarding the telephone conversation the applicants had with the Chairman of the	
Parish Cound	cil it was agreed that the Parish Council supports this application	
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Reference:	16/00289/AS and 16/00290/AS	
Address:	Land at Cheesemans Green, Cheesemans Green Lane, Kingsnorth, Kent	
Proposal:	Discharge conditions 5, 6, 10, 17, 19, 25, 27, 39, 41, 43 and 47 (Captain's Wood and Bilham	
Lawn Phase)		
No objectior	is raised	
Reference:	16/00361/AS	
Address:	Unit 2C, Ashford Business Park, Barrey Road, Sevington, Ashford, TN24 0SG	
Proposal:	Erection of 4 no. internally illuminated fascia signs to front elevation	
No objection		
Reference:	16/00365/AS	
Address:	Hawthorne, Mersham, Ashford, TN25 7HR	
Proposal:	Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed - Erection of detached garage	
No objectior	is raised	
To receive a	n update on the Village Caretaker Scheme	
	began working in the villages on 21 st March, having been shown round the villages	
	He will be undertaking the cutting of Cherry Glebe, opposite the Royal oak, The Junior Playing	
• •	nium Green and the road edge to the Farriers Arms. He will also be cleaning road signs and	
	ure and playground checks and maintenance.	
	and Murphy are going to be keeping an eye on the role of the Caretaker. Paul has undertaken	
•	KCC for working on the Highway and also shadowed the Wittersham Caretaker for a couple	
of days.	Rector working on the righway and also shadowed the writtershall caretaker for a couple	
•	d produced a checklist and folder for the Playground checks to be completed by the	
	Geoffrey is to give this folder to Paul.	
	arrangements for HM The Queen's 90 th Birthday celebrations	
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The Councill	ors agreed that the beacon will be lit on 21 st April in line with the national beacon lighting in	тр
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will produce The Clerk wi	posters and an article for th Il notify the emergency servi	f. Cllr Stewart will provide barriers a le column in the KE so that the Coun ices and the insurance company, the surance policy for such events.	cillors can pu	t posters up.	TB/All	
The Financia	atters ote the Parish Council's fina al Statement was circulated. ainst expenditure was also c	-				
o. To a	at bank is £26248.22 with £ uthorise any payments inclu ig payments were authorised	uding the Clerk's Salary, Salaries for	⁻ Messers Kin	g and Branson.		
Cheque	Payee's Name	Reason for Payment	Amount	Notes		
501720	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	2 months of grounds maintenance	£ 560.00	£46.66 VAT to be reclaimed		
501721	Smeeth Parish Council	Annual payment for caretaker scheme for 2016/17	£5413.00			
501722	B Branson	Litter picking	£ 100.88			
501723	I King	Litter picking	£ 83.85			
501724	T Block	Wages	£ 371.21			
501725	Mersham PCC	Hire of the meeting room	£ 110.00			
Council. t was agree Any Other B The water o	d that Kevin Funnel would b Business n Church Road is still evident	t they will settle the claim and it wil e appointed as the Internal Auditor t. The Clerk is to chase this. Cllr Ste	for the Parish	Council.	ТВ	
has with BT regarding this matter too. Cllr Stewart raised an issue with drains over-flowing in Kingsford Street. Cllr Stewart is to contact the Environment Agency and the Clerk will contact Southern Water.						
or a PCC ele local Govt B	ection, a referendum, finishin oundary commission Review . Can I suggest you write aga	who had replied, "We are fully engang touches to recent the Community which is being done right now (this in in due course, perhaps as we get	Governance doesn't affe	Review and a ct parish external		
-		o Chequer Tree Paddock it was agre a response following the meeting wi			ТВ	
	eeting was confirmed as Mor riday 8 th April, please.	nday, 18 th April 2016, the Clerk woul	ld like any iter	ns for the	All	
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