## Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr Martin (Chair) Cllr Townsend Cllr Bartlett

In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

To receive and approve apologies for absence			
Cllrs Bartram, Hughes, Lemon and Whybrow had sent apologies ahead of the meeting. These			
apologies were approved.			
There was a discussion regarding the elections in May and whether there are vacancies likely.			
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 his home to the site.			
To approve the minutes Sevington with Finberry Parish Council meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022.			
The minutes of the meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> October were signed as a true copy.			
To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda			
Dawnie Nilsson has not yet responded to the request regarding the Land Terrier.			
Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item			
There were no public in attendance.			
Borough Councillors Report			
Paul Bartlett's Borough Councillor Report had been circulated and was taken as read.			
The report is available to read at:			
http://www.sevingtonwithfinberrypc.org.uk/community/sevington-with-finberry-parish-			
council-13425/abc-councillor-report/			
Cllr Bartlett had read the article that there were no Year 7 spaces available but, when he			
checked, there were 3 available in the local secondary.			
The red tarmac is being replaced in town in Godinton Road, Forge Lane and West Street. The			
cobbles will also be replaced in January. These works will be undertaken overnight.			
Financial matters:			
To note/authorise the following:			
To note the Parish Council's financial position.			
The Parish Council has £23,319.65 in the bank			
To authorise any payments			
Payments were authorised as follows:			
	£		

HMRC	291.00
Kent Chamber of Commerce	60.00
Litterpicker	138.73
Clerk	501.24
Litterpicker	178.73
Clerk	391.24

## To agree the budget for 2023-24

There was some discussion regarding which of the options are preferable to the Councillors. Option A would create a buffer for future proofing the Council finances.

## To agree the precept for 2023-24

The precept was set for £13,560.54. All were in favour of this.

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.

 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 discuss and no report had been created.

The Councillors are to view 21/01961/AS. This is for 60 additional over-night spaces. Cllr Bartlett is to contact Ashford Borough Council to find the effect of the Stodmarsh issue and the nutrient neutrality of the site.

The footpath comments for AE639, AE338 and AE337A were discussed. **Resolved**: Cllr Bartlett is to attend the Planning Inspectorate Case and will speak on behalf of the Parish Council. Comments will be circulated and the Clerk will ask Cllr Hughes to check for any anomalies.

The Parish Council was interested to see the Planning Application was approved for a door on a car port at Wren Drive.

## To discuss priorities for the Council going forward

The Parish Councillors present are interested to see whether some solar lights could be installed on the link road between Bridgefield and Finberry. This is something that will be discussed with Daniel Wilson from Crest.

KCC have invited tenders for the ANPR contract at Beaver Road. If this is successful it is possible that this could be extended to the bus link on Finberry. Stagecoach need to decide on a route for a bus should it be decided to create a bus route to Finberry. Bus stops being installed on Finberry would certainly show that Crest has a willingness to have a bus service.

The Clerk is to ensure there is a list of items to discuss with Daniel.

**To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington North** The goal posts on Sevington playing field have been reinstated following their renovation. To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Finberry, including speeding in Nuthatch It was agreed that there should be a HIP for KCC and a HIP for HML. Cllr Townsend is to take these forward.

Cllr Bartlett is to take a look at the tree discussed at the last meeting and he will report to ABC to see if they can encourage a response with regards to the maintenance of the tree.

To receive any update on IBF or Waterbrook Daniel Fryd is to be chased for another meeting.

To receive any update on Highways (to include the Bellamy Gurner Scheme) Works on the Bellamy Gurner Scheme are on-going and progress is being made.

Any other business (for information purposes only) There was no other business to discuss.

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 9 January 2023 Monday 6 March 2023

Monday 6 February 2023 Monday 4 April 2023 Monday 8 May 2023 - now a Bank Holiday, the Clerk will provide alternative date

suggestions.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm