

**Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council  
Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Present**

Cllr Martin (Chair)  
Cllr Bartlett

Cllr Bartram  
Cllr Coppins

In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

<p><b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b> Cllrs Lemon, Townsend, Whybrow and Borough Councillor Nilsson had sent apologies. These apologies were approved.</p>	
<p><b>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.</b> Cllrs Bartlett and Coppins declared an interest in the IBF and Waterbrook due to the proximity of their homes to the site.</p>	
<p><b>To approve the minutes Sevington with Finberry Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.</b> The minutes of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July were signed as a true copy.</p>	
<p><b>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda</b> The Jubilee tree on Finberry was given permission and has been planted.</p>	
<p><b>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item</b> There were no members of the public in attendance.</p>	
<p><b>Borough Councillors Report</b> Paul Bartlett's Borough Councillor Report had been circulated and was taken as read. The report is available to read at: <a href="http://www.sevingtonwithfinberrypc.org.uk/community/sevington-with-finberry-parish-council-13425/abc-councillor-report/">http://www.sevingtonwithfinberrypc.org.uk/community/sevington-with-finberry-parish-council-13425/abc-councillor-report/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bins on Finberry have now been emptied.</li> <li>• Daniel Wilson has confirmed that the allotments will be included in the plans on Finberry once the link road is complete.</li> <li>• There is to be a meeting in October regarding the Community Centre on Finberry. Cllr Bartlett would like the Parish Council to consider this and will request a steer on this at the next full Parish Council meeting.</li> <li>• The food check delays referred to in the report from Cllr Bartlett are 3 month delays, checks will commence in January 2024.</li> <li>• Cllr Bartlett had communicated with Cllr Whybrow regarding the parking issues on Church Road. It is suggested that a "dog bone" white line could be painted on the road opposite the dropped kerb to try and stop people from parking.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the contractor on HML is no longer working and so the maintenance of Finberry is not being undertaken. The grass and weeds are quite high now. Following a resolution with the waste issue, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Tracey Butler thanking ABC for assisting and asking them to liaise with Crest/HML for reassurances that the Finberry environment will be looked after as a whole.</p>	

<p><b>Financial matters:</b>  <b>a) To note/authorise the following:</b>  <b>i. To note the Parish Council’s financial position.</b>  The Parish Council has £21,029.57 in the bank  <b>ii. To authorise any payments</b>  Payments were authorised as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 443 1027 593"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>87.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Room hire</td> <td>60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td> <td>483.54</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		£	HMRC	87.20	Room hire	60.00	Clerk	483.54	
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<p><b>To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.</b>  There were no changes to the Risk Assessment</p>									
<p><b>To consider involvement in D-Day 80 – June 2024</b>  The Parish Council considered involvement in D-Day 80 on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.  This is to be discussed in full but it is thought that the lighting of the beacon in Sevington Highfield is probably adequate.</p>									
<p><b>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.</b>  The Parish Council was asked to check the Google documents and comment.</p>									
<p><b>To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington Highfield</b>  There was not much update from Sevington Highfield.</p>									
<p><b>To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Finberry/Sevington South.</b>  The litter collection point will be The Post Box on Avocet Way.   Cllr Coppins was pleased that the salt bin location has been approved and reported his neighbours fence has been repaired.   Cllr Coppins asked that Sevington South be considered a separate agenda item going forward.</p>									
<p><b>To receive any update on IBF or Waterbrook</b>  The IBF issues are ongoing and Cllr Coppins is to liaise with Cllr Bartlett about planning agreements for the IBF post 2025.</p>									
<p><b>To receive any update on Highways (to include the Bellamy Gurner Scheme)</b>  The Bellamy Gurner Scheme seems to be flowing well.</p>									
<p><b>Any Other Business (for information purposes only)</b>  There was no other business for discussion.</p>									
<p><b>Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.</b>  Monday 2 October 2023      Monday 6 November 2023      Monday 8 January 2024  Monday 5 February 2024      Monday 4 March 2024      Monday 8 April 2024  Monday 13 May 2024</p>									