# Minutes of Mersham with Sevington Parish Council Meeting held in the Church Room, St John the Baptist Church, Mersham on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Peter Turley (Chair) **Present** 

**Geoffrey Fletcher Gavin Murphy** 

Ken Botfield Rob Hansen Henrietta Sawdon

**Mick Smithers** 

In attendance: Paul Bartlett, 1 member of the public, Graham Kingston and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be action				
The meeting started at 7.30pm				
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Oakley-Hills, Stewart and Whitehead.				
Declaration of interest in items on the agenda				
There were no declarations of interest on the agenda.				
<b>Minutes</b> of the Meeting on 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly.				
Matters Arising from the Minutes				
De-coupling of parishes				
Engaging with the residents of Finberry needs to take place before people can be canvassed as to their opinion on this matter.				
Battery for speed sign The Clerk had obtained a price for a new battery, this was £133 +VAT. Cllr Murphy agreed to purchase this as he had been unable to obtain an alternative quote.	GM			
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JPF Lease				
A proposed lease had been received and the Parish Council had responded asking for a 10 year term on a renewable basis. No response has yet been received but the Clerk is to continue to chase Strutt and Parker to follow up on this communication.	ТВ			
Christmas Tree Cllr Turley had fitted the new lights including circuit breaker on the village green tree this year. All agreed that the display looked much better this year.				
Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.				
There were no comments from the member of public in attendance.				
Items raised by mail / prior comments related to the Mersham village shop as follows				
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active in supported the suggested views. A discussion ensued with regard to Chequer Tree Paddock and it was agreed that Cllr Fletcher would draft GF a letter to Planning Enforcement to be sent on by the Clerk, noting that the enforcement notice is due for ТВ abolition on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and asking what the intentions of the planning enforcement team are at that time with regard to this site. The proposed budget will be increased by 5% for KCC. ΤВ The traffic lights on the A2070 are not working, the Clerk is to contact Crest Nicholson with regard to this. There have also been issues with regard to icy roads and speeding on Finberry. Cllr Bartlett suggested that Cllr Oakley-Hills uses the Finberry Facebook page to engage with residents and potentially place copies of JO-H pdf documents sent regarding the issues on the Facebook page so that the residents can see that the Parish Council is actively engaging regarding these issues. The works on Junction 10A are due to commence on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, contact details are required for who to contact should there be a problem. The A350 is now open. The container on the green in Mersham will be removed once the kitchen refurbishment is complete and the green will be made good again. Bower Farm – the enforcement notice has been served and takes effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018. The enforcement notice states that they are to: i. Cease permanently the use of the land for the manufacture and production of cement and concrete. Time for compliance – **One month** after this notice takes effect. ii. Cease permanently the use of the land for the storage of ballast, sand and cement. Time for compliance – **One month** after this notice takes effect. iii. Cease permanently the use of the land for the stationing and operation of a batching plant Time for compliance – **One month** after this notice takes effect. iv. Cease permanently the use of the land for the storage of other plant and equipment associated with the unlawful uses of the land as described in steps i to iii above. Time for compliance – **One month** after this notice takes effect. v. Remove permanently from the land all plant, machinery, equipment, vehicles and materials (including sand, gravel, ballast and cement etc.) associated with the unlawful uses of the land as described in i to iv above. Time for compliance – **Two months** after this notice takes effect. **Report from Community Warden** The Community Warden reported that both Christmas and the New Year had been quiet. A car had been broken in to in Quarrington Lane and a handbag contents stolen. Graham also reported that he has resigned from the post of Community Warden and will not be working at the end of the month. He was thanked for all of his efforts and as yet there is no replacement for Graham. All communication should be forwarded to <a href="mailto:david.harmes@kent.gov.uk">david.harmes@kent.gov.uk</a>, this is Graham's Team leader. PC to send note of thanks and request for information on replacement PT

### **Planning Matters:**

A list of Planning Applications was circulated as Appendix A with the agenda, those requiring a response were:

16/01667/AS

Unit 3, Hall Avenue, Orbital Park, Sevington, Ashford, TN24 0AA

Discharge of conditions: 2, 4, 7, 8, 9 &; 13

The Parish Council raised no objections

17/01735/AS

Bower Farm, Bower Road, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6NW

Demolition of exisitng redundant agricultural buildings and erection of 3 detached 2 storey dwellings together with associated infrastructure

## The Parish Council comments have been submitted

#### 16/00427/AS

Phase 1, Waterbrook Park, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Kent

Discharge of conditions: 3, 6, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 21, 23 &; 24. Part discharge of condition 11

# The Parish Council raised no objections

## 17/01285/AS

Unit 6, Hall Avenue, Orbital Park, Sevington, Ashford, TN24 OAA

Installation of a mezzanine floor (64sqm) to unit 6 for storage use (retrospective)

## The Parish Council raised no objections

#### 17/01825/AS

Babbacombe, Church Road, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6NS

Erection of a two storey extension to the rear and to the side replacing existing garage and cloakroom.

# The Parish Council raised no objections

#### 18/00005/AS

Land between The Glenmore Centre and Tyreweb, Crowbridge Road, Willesborough, Kent Outline application for development of up to 1400 sq metres of B1/B2 commercial floor space in small units of accommodation to consider access

## The Parish Council raised no objections

#### 16/01667/AS

Tavis Business Centre, 3 Hall Avenue, Orbital Park, Sevington

Discharge of conditions 16 & 17

## The Parish Council raised no objections

# 17/00442/AS

Land rear of Sky House and Appledown, Bower Road, Mersham, Ashford, Kent

Discharge of conditions 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11 &; 12

The Parish Council raised no objections

## To consider funding for the Mersham Sports Club Expansion

The additional land wanted by the Sports Club has now been offered. Cllr Turley suggested that, as a memorial to Countess Mountbatten the extended playing fields and Pavillion could be suitably named and the Parish Council could contribute to the pavilion. The Parish Council was asked if they would support investing into this? In principal, the Parish Councillors present were all happy to invest in this but would need to see the governance of how and when the investment will be spent.

It was agreed that a material contribution would be made to the Sports Club and a sum of money will be invested into Sevington.

Cllrs Flether and Turley will make contact with Michael-John to see what the family's feelings would be regarding the memorial.

## GF/PT

#### To consider ways of engaging with Finberry

As both Cllrs Oakley-Hills and Whitehead were not at the meeting it was agreed that this item would be carried over to the next meeting.

## To discuss a Salt bin at Church Road/Milbourn

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501829	B Ball Contractors	Installing the bench	£ 72.00		
501830	P Turley	Cable and Lights for Christmas Tree	£ 242.76		
501831	P Turley	Circuit Breaker for Christmas Lights	£ 28.88		
501832	l King	Litter Pickers Salary – January (Mersham)	£ 93.60		
501833	T Saint	Litter Pickers Salary – January (Sevington)	£ 116.13		
501834	T Block	Clerks Salary (January)	£ 401.72		
501835	HMRC	PAYE	£ 32.60		
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