

**Minutes of the Sevington Sub-committee Meeting held in
St Mary's Church, Sevington on Tuesday, 19th September 2023**

Present Andy Whybrow (Chair)(AW)

Paul Bartlett (PB)

In attendance: Steve Campkin (SC), Tracey Block (Clerk), 6 members of the public

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm	
Welcome Cllr Whybrow welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Darren Coppins (DC), Cllr Dawnie Nilssen (DN) and John Whetlor.	
Minutes from the previous meeting The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed as a true record.	
Matters arising from this meeting AW had reported the vegetation to National Highways, this has now been cut. DN had approached the builders at Wickes, they had agreed to amend their working hours. AW had reported the bollard movements and had received a response but this is still being removed. AW to take this forward with Kent Highways. SC reported that he had measured the fence around the field and it is within the acceptable height guidelines. There are a number of items still outstanding: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The "no through sign" is in the wrong place (DN). - Land ownership at Kingfisher Close (SC). - Lorry overnight parking at Barrey Road (SC). - BIFFA Lorry emptying waste in Foster Road (SC/DN). - The footpath sign at the footbridge that is damaged (SC) - The removed rubbish bin at the play park (SC) 	
Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. There were no comments to receive from the public.	
Update from Ward Councillor Nilssen No report had been received.	
Sevington Sizzle Update There was no update on the Sevington Sizzle. A member of the public suggested that a Facebook page be created. Another member of the public suggested this could be advertised on Hospital Radio and also on Radio Kent.	
Parking in Church Road The parking issues continue in Church Road. There was a discussion regarding the reasons behind the problem and what solutions may be found. PB recommends all dropped kerbs have a "dog bone" painted in front of their drive. People tend to respect these and they would cost the residents £140 per dog bone. It was thought that it might be an option to survey the residents to see whether a permit scheme might be appropriate. Some of the issue is excessive numbers of cars and some is that there is a displacement issue because of people choosing to park in Church Road rather than at the Business Park. DN to be approached about a survey. An additional issue is that people are parking round the bend near the play park which is stopping emergency vehicles and the refuse lorry from being able to access Kingfisher/Nightingale Close. SC is to ask BIFFA to	

communicate if they have this issue as that will add weight to the need for restrictions.	
<p>Caravan in Church Road</p> <p>8 weeks ago a caravan arrived in Church Road, over night. The caravan is still there; it has no licence plate and does not appear to be road worthy. AW has reported it to Parking Enforcement at Ashford Borough Council and they will inspect this in due course. No deadline was provided. PB suggested that AW copy DN in to any communication he has.</p>	
<p>Sevington Mill Update</p> <p>AW has spoken with the property owner. He has stated that he will not accept a Clearwater contract or anything that could be really considered detrimental to the neighbours BUT he needs the property to be occupied.</p> <p>The Care home and HMO standards are not met with this property so something does not require meeting space standards is required.</p>	
<p>Possibility of separating Sevington Highfield from Finberry, the options include becoming part of the Willesborough Forum or creating a Parish Council</p> <p>PB explained that this was discussed at the Finberry sub-committee meeting. Residents in Sevington South may want to consider their options while Sevington Highfield also needs to consider their options. AW is keen to have a separate Parish Council. A survey of all properties will be required but the ultimate decision will be made by Ashford Borough Council.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business (for information purposes only)</p> <p>A request for a 20 mph speed limit was received.</p> <p>It was considered that a Highways Improvement Plan might be necessary for Sevington Highfield – AW to take forward with the Parish Council.</p> <p>There was a suggestion that there may be a contravention of Article 4 direction on the land behind Kingfisher Close/Church Road. The Clerk is to contact Planning Enforcement.</p> <p>The S106 agreement for Sevington Church has not yet been signed off because the DfT have granted a lease to South East Power Networks (SEPN) on the Inland Border Facility and Ashford Borough Council Solicitors are discussing whether SEPN need to be a signatory on the S106 agreement as a leaseholder. The S106 money is indexed so is gaining in value.</p>	
Date of The next meeting will be on 21/11.	

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