Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council A Virtual Meeting held in on Monday, 14th September 2020 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr Martin (Chair) Cllr Oakley-Hills

Cllr Whybrow

Cllr Bartram Cllr Townsend

In attendance: Borough Councillor Paul Bartlett, 2 members of the public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

Cllr Kennedy has resigned from his post and the Parish Council wishes him well. The main idea for this meeting was to adopt policies but the last few months have been very busy and this is a chance to cover off outstanding items.

To be actioned by:

To receive and approve apologies for absence	
No apologies had been received.	
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 MOJO site as close proximity to his home address.	
Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.	
There was no comment from the public who were in attendance.	
Deferred items from the meeting on 7 th September:	
Support for the community around Covid-19	
There have been many changes and issues since this was initially discussed. Cllr Martin feels that economic effects have not yet been felt but wonders whether other Councillors have any ideas. Cllr Townsend felt we should wait and see what evolves, Cllr Bartram felt the same. Cllr Whybrow agrees.	
There seems to be a good level of service from local supermarkets, all seems to be running well at present.	
Cllr Oakley-Hills also agreed with this point.	
Cllr Bartlett was asked about the situation with ABC. The deliveries from Borough Council is not intended to restart, however, there is assistance on a case by case basis if required. Anyone having difficulties should be directed to the Borough Council. The Parish Council can talk to residents if they are considered vulnerable to ensure they have assistance if required. Should keep a watching brief on the situation.	All
Update from the Chairman, to include the proposed Byway diversion at Waterbrook	
The Chairman and Cllr Bartlett saw the proposed byway diversion through Waterbrook. Waterbrook is to be used as an overspill for the MOJO site. The old customs clearance depot from 1993 will probably not be used but the site is still leased by HMRC for 2 years and will provide additional 950 space capacity. There is another area for 350 lorries but this has been sold commercially, if this space is required Waterbrook can accommodate these spaces elsewhere.	
Lorries will only park on MOJO if Operation Stack is in use coastbound and a lorry turns up without customs clearance papers for the French side, they have to stop at MOJO to gather everything they need for onward travel.	
Lorries are likely to be completely ready and Eurotunnel have said they will ban the usage for that haulier for 3 weeks if they are not prepared. Cllr Bartlett felt that the chance of lorries using Waterbrook is very slim.	All
The Chairman felt that the Council must keep up to date on planning at Waterbrook.	

Footpaths

Some of the footpaths are not in a great state of repair. In particular Highfield Lane, the path that is signposted to Mersham, the path then runs out. What role should we play for these paths? MOJO has muddled this as well.

Cllr Oakley-Hills – the Public rights of way were closed off for the construction of Finberry. The paths have all been over-grown but they are shut off because of the building works. This is an on-going situation.

There is one from Bridge Cottage, very over-grown and the signs run out. Needs re-stating. Paul Bartlett checked with PROW – the responsibility lies with the land-owner to not plough a footpath and should keep clear. There is a code of conduct that gives a standard that they should adhere to.

Should report to KCC with photographs and the PROW Officer will take this up. Farmers may do the bare minimum to cut back brambles. Anyone using a footpath that is not ideal should take photos and we will send to Faye. The reference is AE364.

Cllr Bartram feels that it would be good to connect places together better – cycling routes are very good generally.

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Cllr Townsend reports issue when he is out and about. Cllr Whybrow had nothing further to add.

Record issues as you see them and report to the Clerk.

Ashford KALC Committee, proposed attendance at meetings

There is a lot going on at the moment and ClIr Martin would like support in attending those meetings and would like to join with them but may not attend all meetings. TB to circulate meeting dates for 2021 TB going forward. It would be beneficial to be involved.

MOJO Site update

MOJO meeting took place, notes circulated.

Fairly structured meeting – given the opportunity to ask questions.

Main questions raised –

- Point around compensation, there will be no compensation provided because of the strict structures surrounding this. Christine Drury from CPRE found documentation that gave a suggestion that might be useful, this information will be available on the website and circulated to Councillors.
- 2. Plans and community engagement is due to come forward this week we can put pressure on for more information if required.
- 3. Concern about the field that shouldn't be used is used temporarily.

Paul Bartlett thought the MOJO meeting was very useful and demonstrated that the Government department wish to engage.

It is important that the Parish Council remains able to best represent the local residents. Should take advantage of our position with the Minister.

Cllr Oakley-Hills thought the meeting was very useful, will be interested to see the plans although the consultation is probably a waste of time.

Any Other Business (for information purposes only)

Cllr Whybrow – agree the way forward for some feasibility. Andy to ask around and see what the locals want from the kiosk. Talked about local mobile library – could get vandalised as the one on Finberry does.

Gerald appears to have plans for the WI hall, which will include a library and we already have a mobile	
library in attendance. Cllr Whybrow to have conversation locally	AW
HML – This is a big issue regarding incorrect billing of services. We have had some issues getting a meeting, we are continuing to try and obtain a meeting. The Clerk has been trying to schedule a meeting, Cllr Martin has now entered his own communication on behalf of the Parish Council too. This could go to the press and would be very bad press. Need to stay on top of this and obtain a meeting as soon as possible. The situation is not unique to Finberry.	RM
Cllr Bartlett – Finberry School has made an application for 14 spaces to accommodate pupils who have ASD. Cllr Bartlett to forward to the Clerk for circulation. If this application is an issue, please contact Cllr Bartlett.	
Potentially we will need to look at a different way of tracking planning applications – Cllr Martin and the Clerk to discuss.	RM/TB
Approval/Adoption of Policies – circulated to all Councillors	
a. Grant Awarding Policy	
b. Communications and Media Policy	
c. Equal Opportunities Policy	
d. Social Media Policy	
e. Data Protection Policy	
f. Co-option Policy and Procedure	
Has everyone read these? These are important policies, query on data protection policy issue – does not identify GDPR exactly. This is a template used by Parish Councils following the initial Data Audit that took place when GDPR regulations came into effect. It was agreed the policy is to be adopted.	
Cllr Martin – wants to draw the Parish Councillors attention to the Social Media Policy. There is possibly additional restraint required as a Councillor but need to be careful not to be inflammatory.	
All in favour of adopting – the policies listed above were adopted.	
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