

**Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council
Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, 3rd July 2023**

Present	Cllr Martin (Chair)	Cllr Bartram
	Cllr Bartlett	Cllr Coppins
	Cllr Lemon	

In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllrs Townsend, Whybrow and Borough Councillor Nilsson had sent apologies. These apologies were approved.</p>	
<p>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. Cllrs Bartlett and Coppins declared an interest in the IBF and Waterbrook due to the proximity of their homes to the site.</p>	
<p>To approve the minutes Sevington with Finberry Parish Council meeting held on 23rd May 2023. The minutes of the meeting on 23rd May were signed as a true copy.</p>	
<p>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda The Jubilee tree on Finberry was given permission and has been planted.</p>	
<p>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item There were no members of the public in attendance.</p>	
<p>Borough Councillors Report Cllr Nilsson had circulated her report: "I have followed up on the advice provided by Peter New regarding the vehicles drifting around the roundabouts during the evening.</p> <p>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/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sensors on the ground at the traffic lights are not being triggered by vehicles because they are not pulled up close enough to the line. • Cllr Bartlett is meeting with Stagecoach about expanding their G line service into Finberry. • The Sevington Mill was discussed. The future of the Mill is not confirmed yet and it has been suggested that the homeless could be placed here and the situation managed by Ashford Borough Council. The site was considered inappropriate for use as an HMO due to the lack of kitchen/laundry facilities and the lack of social areas. Cllrs are reminded to view the media policy. • There has been another non-material change application OTH/2022/3162. The Clerk was asked to contact Simon Cole to request that the Clerk and the Borough Councillor are informed when there is a non-material application. 	

Financial matters:

a) To note/authorise the following:

i. To note the Parish Council's financial position.

The Parish Council has £22,763.37 in the bank

ii. To authorise any payments

Payments were authorised as follows:

	£
HMRC	106.80
Room hire	120.00
Litterpicker	113.24
Clerk	440.02

To receive and adopt the tree management plan.

The Tree Management Plan for the tree on Finberry was circulated and agreed by the Parish Council.

Resolved: The Tree Management Plan for the tree on Finberry was adopted by the Parish Council.

To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.

There were no changes to the Risk Assessment

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.

The Parish Council was asked to check the Google documents and comment.

To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington North

Cllr Bartlett explained that the amount of the S.106 has been agreed for the IBF but the rate of inflation has not been agreed.

Cllr Whybrow has reported some flytipping.

Cllr Coppins commented as to how lively the meeting was and reported on the Sevington Sizzle.

To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Finberry/Sevington South.

There was a discussion regarding the suggested Finberry questionnaire.

Resolved: To circulate the questionnaire and agree it. To spend up to £250 of the Finberry budget on the survey/Finberry newsletter.

It was agreed that a litterpick will be undertaken on Finberry, organised by the Parish Council on 9/9 at 2pm. The Clerk will undertake a risk assessment ahead of this.

The graffiti on the bridge has been reported to Network Rail who will only undertake cleaning if it is offensive. There are major works planned on the line, this will be based from the Sevington depot. Network Rail have been asked to update the crossing as a gesture of goodwill.

To receive any update on IBF or Waterbrook

The IBF/Waterbrook are recruiting a new site manager..

To receive any update on Highways (to include the Bellamy Gurner Scheme)

The new road surface did not meet the KCC quality check so the roads have needed to be

closed in order to resurface them. This is now complete.	
Any Other Business (for information purposes only) There was no other business for discussion.	
Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council. Monday 4 September 2023 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	