

**Minutes of Mersham with Sevington Parish Council Meeting held in
the Church Room, St John the Baptist Church, Mersham on Monday, 20th June 2016**

Present	Geoffrey Fletcher (Chair) Henrietta Sawdon Kenton Stewart	Rob Hansen Mick Smithers Lee Whitehead
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In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.45pm	
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Kibble, Murphy, Oakley – Hills and Turley. Graham Kingston had also sent apologies for his absence.	
Declaration of interest in items on the agenda There were no declarations of interest.	
Minutes of the Meeting on 16 th May 2016 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly.	
Matters Arising from the Minutes There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not covered by the items on the Agenda.	
<p>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. As the APM had preceded the meeting there was a matter discussed that required action.</p> <p>The speed restriction sign of 30mph is currently along Bower Road outside of the envelope of the new Affordable Homes area. It was considered prudent for the sign to be moved to incorporate the new homes before the development is complete. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Kent Highway Services and Andrew Wickham to see if the signage could be moved.</p> <p>In addition to this, the speed limits on the A2070 were discussed. The speed limit currently lowers around the entrance to Finberry then returns to normal and then lowers at the Roundabout. Would it be possible for the speed limit to be lowered all the way along that stretch to improve the access to and from Barrey Road? This is not a matter for Kent Highways but is a matter for Highways England. The Government Inspector is currently looking at Junctions 10A but the issue of Barrey Road has been passed to Area 4. Cllrs White, Bartlett and Fletcher are currently involved in those discussions and it is proposed that Cllr Whitehead should also be included in these discussions.</p>	TB
<p>Report from Community Warden The Community Warden sent a report to the Clerk, it read, "I have little to report other than theft from an oak furniture shop on the Mersham le hatch estate and an apparently abandoned vehicle in Bower Road which has been reported to ABC. See you next meeting."</p>	
<p>Planning Matters: A list of Planning Applications was circulated as Appendix A with the agenda, those requiring a response were:</p> <p>Reference: 16/00473/AS Address: Stone Green Hall, Flood Street, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 7HE Proposal: Removal and replacement of 11No. UPVC windows with single glazed, softwood painted windows. Replacement of existing rooflight with single glazed conservation rooflight to rear. Replacement front door with single glazed softwood painted door. Replacement of plastic rooflight with timber covering. Replacement doors and windows to boot room and playroom with painted single glazed structure.</p> <p>No objections raised</p> <p>Reference: 16/01060/AS</p>	

Address: Sites A3a and A3c, Hall Avenue, Orbital Park, Sevington

Proposal: Discharge Condition 9

No objections raised

Reference: [16/00723/AS](#)

Address: Unit 6, Ashford Trade Centre, Hall Avenue, Orbital Park, Sevington, Ashford, TN24 OSP

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 07/00446/AS to allow for the construction of a mezzanine floor within unit 6.

No objections raised

Reference: [16/00472/AS](#)

Address: Pod A, Ashford Business Park, Barrey Road, Sevington, Ashford, TN24 OSG

Proposal: Erection of 1 internally illuminated fabric sign and 1 internally illuminated aluminium fascia sign

No objections raised

Reference : [16/00767](#)

Address: 1 Cherry Glebe, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6NL

Proposal: 2 storey side extension

No objections raised

Reference : [06/01050](#)

Address: Sites A3a and A3c, Hall Avenue, Orbital Park, Sevington

Proposal: Discharge Condition 6

No objections raised

Reference : [16/000838](#)

Address: Meadowside, Church Road, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6NT

Proposal: lawful development certificate - proposed - conversion of garage to habitable room.

No objections raised

Reference : [16/00875](#)

Address: 16 Nightingale Close, Sevington, Ashford, TN24 OTP

Proposal: Retrospective change of use of amenity land to residential

Has a Land Registry search been performed?

Financial Matters

To approve the following financial documents:

i. To note/authorise the following:

To note the Parish Council's financial position: The Parish Council has a bank balance of: £25,746.83.

To authorise any payments including the Clerk's Salary, Litter picker's Salary and payment to HMRC

The following payments were authorised:

Cheque	Payee's Name	Reason for Payment	Amount	Notes
501736	I King	Litter picking	£ 103.85	
501737	Post Office	HMRC Payment	£ 31.00	
501738	T Block	Salary	£ 394.45	

A budget over expenditure and financial statement had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was noted that the Caretaker's van had been experiencing some issues and this should be borne in mind in case a replacement is required.

<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The footpaths in Mersham need to be marked in a clearer way. Some of the footpaths have been closed off with fencing and others are not marked at all. Cllr Sawdon is to give the footpath number that she has to the Clerk for this matter to be reported to the Kent Paths Partnership. Another footpath has a stile that is need of repair.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked for an up to date contact sheet for the Councillors.</p>	<p>HS/ TB</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>The next meeting was confirmed as Monday, 18th July 2016, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Friday 8th July, please.</p> <p>The Chairman urged as many Councillors as possible to attend the meeting as Richard Alderton is attending the meeting.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.15 PM.</p>	

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