

SEVINGTON WITH FINBERRY PARISH COUNCIL

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1st May 2026

You are invited to the Meeting of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council held at St Mary's Sevington on Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

1. Election of the Chairman and any Vice-Chairman for the Council year 2025-26.
2. Completion of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form by the Chairman.
3. To receive and approve apologies for absence.
4. 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.
5. To approve the minutes Sevington with Finberry Parish Council meeting held on 2nd March 2026.
6. To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda.
7. Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.
8. Borough/County Councillors Report
9. To confirm eligibility to use the General Power of Competence.
10. Appointment and scope of the Internal Auditor.
11. To review the effectiveness of the system of Internal Controls: Councillors are asked to consider the Statement of Internal Control in support of the Annual Governance Statement.
12. Financial matters:
 - a) To approve the following financial documents:
 - i. To receive the end of year accounts
 - ii. To confirm that the Council can certify itself as exempt from the "limited assurance review" and complete the Certificate of Exemption
 - iii. To receive the report from the Internal Auditor
 - iv. To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2025/26, section 1 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2026.
 - v. To consider the Accounting Statements 2025/26 and approve the Accounting Statements 2025/26, section 2 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2026 and the supporting Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2026 and the explanation of significant variance from 2024-

25 to 2025-26. To ensure the Accounting Statements 2025/26 are signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting.

b) To note/authorise the following:

i. To authorise any payments

13. To review Standing Orders, Financial regulations, Asset Register and the Risk Assessment, and confirm arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks
14. Review of the Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies ie KALC
15. Review of the Council's complaints procedure;
16. Review of the Council's policies, procedures and practices in respect of its obligations under freedom of information (*see also standing orders 11, 20 and 21*);
17. Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media;
18. Review of the Council's employment policies and procedures;
19. To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.
20. 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.
21. To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington North
22. To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Finberry
23. To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington South.
24. To receive any update on IBF or Waterbrook
25. To receive any update on Highways
26. Any Other Business (for information purposes only)
27. Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.

Monday 6 July 2026
Monday 2 November 2026
Monday 1 March 2027

Monday 7 September 2026
Monday 4 January 2027
Monday 10 May 2027

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