

**Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council**  
**Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Present**                      Cllr Martin (Chair)                      Cllr Bartlett  
    Cllr Bartram                                      Cllr Lemon  
    Cllr Townsend

In attendance: 2 members of the public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

<p><b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b>          Cllrs Hughes and Whybrow had sent apologies ahead of the meeting. These apologies were approved.</p>	
<p><b>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.</b>          Cllr Bartlett declared an interest in the IBF due to the proximity of their homes to the site.</p>	
<p><b>To approve the minutes Sevington with Finberry Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</b>          The minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January were signed as a true copy.</p>	
<p><b>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda</b>          The Chairman asked for the last call for amendments to the Newsletter.          The Clerk will look at creating QR codes for the links. The newsletter will be sent to print on Friday.</p>	RM
<p><b>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item</b>          The 2 members of public raised concerns about the Giveway sign on the slip road as one is leaving Finberry. <i>It is thought that the giveaway sign is temporary as there will be traffic lights in the area.</i>          It was highlighted how poorly Conway have managed the works and concern was expressed about the consequential effects on other areas of Ashford. It was suggested that an email could be sent to Helen McConnell to express the issue with visibility.           The member of public also raised the issue of service charges being a nationwide problem because the companies are not regulated and can, therefore, charge whatever they wish. <i>This is a Government based issue and Damian Green has been asked to look into this. The Government brought in a law that protects Flat owners from this by enabling them to change management companies. A supervisory board has to be established once Crest Nicholson are no longer involved in Finberry and residents will have representation at that point.</i></p>	
<p><b>Crest Nicholson issues</b>          The main issues to discuss are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus Service and Bus stops – update as to where the discussions have reached</li> <li>• Management Committee with HML</li> <li>• Community Centre</li> <li>• Solar lights between Finberry and Bridgefield</li> <li>• Allotments and their management</li> <li>• Ecology Plan for the land by Bilham Farm</li> </ul>	

- Captain’s Wood Management
- Salt bins – provision and responsibility for keeping them filled

It had been hoped that Daniel Wilson would attend this meeting.

The Clerk reported that -

On 15<sup>th</sup> July, Daniel Wilson wrote:

We think it would be most beneficial to attend when we have a substantial update to report back and will liaise with you to confirm our periodical attendance.

On 7<sup>th</sup> September, Daniel Wilson wrote:

As things stand, the 9<sup>th</sup> of January works.

Hoping to see you then and provide an update.

On 9<sup>th</sup> January, Daniel Wilson wrote:

Thanks for the invitation, however I won’t be able to make it this evening. When is the next meeting? We will try and make it, depending when it is.

On 16th January, Daniel wrote:

Thanks for our offer to meet. However, we have no significant updates to give currently and suggest meeting later in the year instead.

As at 6<sup>th</sup> February, The Clerk has asked when a significant update could be expected but, Daniel Wilson has not replied. The Clerk has chased a response from Daniel.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Daniel again, copying in Daniel’s boss and Damian Green MP.

**Borough Councillors Report**

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/>

There was some discussion regarding the Jubilee tree that needs planting.

**Financial matters:**

To note/authorise the following:

**To note the Parish Council’s financial position.**

The Parish Council has £20,872.75 in the bank

**To authorise any payments**

Payments were authorised as follows:

	£
HMRC	121.20
Kent Chamber of Commerce	60.00
Litterpicker	138.73
Clerk	346.04

