

Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council
Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, 4th April 2022 at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Martin (Chair) Cllr Bartlett
 Cllr Hughes Cllr Lemon
 Cllr Whybrow

In attendance: Cllrs Campkin and Nilsson, 2 members of the public, PCSO Katherine Stevenson and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllrs Bartram and Townsend had sent apologies ahead of the meeting. 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 Hughes declared an interest in the IBF due to the proximity of their homes to the site.</p>	
<p>To approve the minutes of the Sevington with Finberry Parish Council meeting held on 7th March 2022 The minutes of the meeting on 7th March were signed as a true copy.</p>	
<p>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda There were no matters arising to be discussed.</p>	
<p>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item PCSO Katherine Stevenson introduced herself. The PCSOs are mid-change around but Katherine had come along to hear about any issues.</p> <p>Car meets in Foster Road/Barrey Road are still an issue – they are held on Saturday nights until 11pm. Cllr Whybrow reports them to the Police his last report was on 19th March. This causes a noise disturbance. Now that Boots is no longer a late night chemist, it was suggested that the car park could be gated. The PCSO will discuss this with Ashford Borough Council. Litter and drug dealing is an issue on Finberry, mainly in Avocet Way and near the school.</p> <p>Lorry parking was raised as an issue – these should be reported to parkingcustomer@ashford.gov.uk. ABC can clamp lorries if they are parked in certain areas.</p> <p>Cllr Bartlett reported that he had spoken with the owner of the Waterbrook site who is to have a variable message sign to state when the lorry park is full.</p> <p>One member of the public requested that the PC should strongly object to any applications from Crest because they are breaching planning conditions. ABC Enforcement have been made aware and they have decided that it is not expedient to pursue the planning breaches, the resident is to take this matter to the ombudsman. Cllr Bartlett offered to take the next Crest application to the Planning Committee. It was noted that Crest and ABC Planning have been invited to the APM.</p> <p>It was noted that Crest had recently had a high turnover of staff and the entire board had</p>	

<p>changed. The resident highlighted that over 1/3 of the data breached highlighted by ABC are considered not expedient, this is a surprising figure.</p> <p>Another member of the public attended looking for support because ABC has signed off a house that is incomplete, the property has been purchased but is uninhabitable. The Parish Council sympathises with the resident and will request a meeting with Crest Nicholson. It was suggested that involving Damian Green might be an option. Resolved: TB to contact Crest and request an opportunity to discuss matters.</p>	TB
<p>Borough Councillors Report Paul Bartlett's Borough Councillor Report had been circulated and was taken as read.</p> <p>Cllr Nilsson explained that she had been away but is continuing with her surgeries at The Well. She will soon undertake a Ward walk and is available for any issues. There had been recent reports of Flytipping at the Old Mill site, the fly tipping had been cleared when a visit was undertaken on 2 separate occasions.</p>	
<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>a. 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 committee are to view the latest applications.</p>	
<p>To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington North The sub-committee meeting is to be held on 27th April at 7pm at Sevington Church. The defibrillator is to be installed in the kiosk. There is an issue on the land behind Church Road – there are commercial vehicles on site and plant machinery. Resolved: TB to contact Planning Enforcement and the Environment Agency re water extraction. TB to send old emails relating to the issues on the land to Cllrs Campkin and Nilsson for information.</p>	TB TB
<p>To receive any update on IBF or Waterbrook Plot F on the IBF had been used recently due to the queues at the port of Dover. The M20 is now open but lorries remain an issue. The IBF is not at full capacity and currently the IBF is only used by HMRC for compliance checks. When goods in are being checked as of 1/7/22, the use will increase.</p> <p>Concern was expressed for the exiting of Waterbrook once there are residents in the new houses. The joining road between Finberry and Waterbrook was discussed.</p>	
<p>To receive any update on Highways (to include the Bellamy Gurner Scheme) There was nothing to report.</p>	
<p>To agree details of the beacon lighting and how this is to be advertised The Clerk had completed the forms for the SAG. It was agreed that residents would be leafleted about the beacon lighting. Cllrs Hughes and Whybrow will find someone to light the beacon.</p>	

<p>Financial matters:</p> <p>To note the Parish Council's Financial position The Parish Council noted bank balance of £14,060.56 with some cheques outstanding.</p> <p>To authorise any payments All payments were authorised.</p> <p>The Council agreed to increase the wage of the litter picker to £10 per hour. The Council agreed the Clerk should open a bank account.</p>	
<p>Any other business (for information purposes only) The Clerk will deliver the defibrillator to Cllr Hughes and once installed there will be a photo opportunity. Cllr Whybrow will ensure people from Sevington North are aware of the Sevington North meeting.</p>	<p>TB AW</p>
<p>Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council</p> <p>All at the Chamber of Commerce: Monday 9 May 2022</p> <p>A date for the APM of 13/6 was suggested, Simon Cole and Crest will be invited to attend, the meeting would start at 7pm.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.00pm.</p>	