

Minutes of Mersham with Sevington Parish Council
Meeting held in on Monday, 18th February 2019

Present

Gavin Murphy (Chair)
 Henrietta Sawdon
 Peter Turley

Rob Hansen
 Kenton Stewart

In attendance: Cllr Paul Bartlett, Tracey Block (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

To be actioned by

<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies had been received from: Councillors Ken Botfield, Geoffrey Fletcher, Jan Oakley-Hills, and Lee Whitehead.</p>	
<p>Declaration of interest in items on the agenda Cllr Sawdon declared an interest in the Fete Committee.</p>	
<p>Minutes of the Meeting on 28th January 2019 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly.</p>	
<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes <i>Millennium Green Path –road tape</i> Cllr Stewart will undertake the work.</p> <p><i>Batteries for the Speed sign</i> The Clerk had contacted the supplier of the speed sign to see if they supply a solar panel for this. The response was negative and Cllr Murphy felt this needed following up. The Clerk will ask the Bilsington Clerk about the costs of obtaining their solar powered sign. Cllrs Turley and Murphy will also look into alternatives. The Clerk is also to ask KCC for advice and the potential to supply electricity to the sign.</p> <p><i>Response from Borough Council regarding the Planning Enforcement issues in the Parish</i> The Clerk is to follow up on the proposed meeting with Ashford Borough Council Planning department.</p> <p>The Clerk was also asked to add Planning Enforcement Issues as a standard agenda item. There is a further enforcement issue to be reported to Ashford Borough Council. On the list at present are Chequer Tree paddock, Bower Farm and Red Barn Farm</p> <p><i>Survey</i> The news regarding the division of the number of Councillors has put this idea on hold for the time being. At this stage through, the number of electorate has been requested and Cllr Turley is to write to the Electoral Commission and copy in Damian Green.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GM TB TB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TB/PT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TB/PT</p>
<p>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. The members of the public want to place discreet cameras on their listed building due to a couple of anti-social behaviour incidents. The members of the public were advised that they would Listed Building consent. The Parish Council would probably support a planning application for CCTV camera installations on a listed building on The Street.</p>	
<p>Report from Borough Councillor Cllr Bartlett advised he had not received any feedback from the Planning Department with regard to the letter the Parish Council sent in. There is a planning resources meeting next week as the planning department are so under resourced that they are not dealing with the issues arising in the Borough.</p> <p>Cllr Bartlett has not received any response with regard to his correspondence with Highways England requesting a meeting. He will continue to request this.</p>	

<p>There have been a number of Anti-social incidents on Finberry, the youths that were causing issues on Bridgefield have moved on to Finberry following Bridgefield having the mobile Police Unit being deployed. This has now been removed because the matter ceased to exist. The camera has been requested for the park in Finberry and it is crucial that the issues are reported to the Police via 101 or 999 in order that the Police have evidence that the problems exist.</p> <p>The Clerk is to connect with the PCSO for Finberry to see if they would be willing to attend a Finberry Working group meeting. The Clerk is to liaise with Cllr Oakley-Hills over convenient dates for a meeting in Finberry.</p> <p>Cllr Bartlett has requested that the application for Cherry Glebe be called in to Committee. A member of the Parish Council is requested to speak at this.</p> <p>Nothing has yet been received from Crest Nicholson regarding a meeting about the Community Centre.</p>	TB															
<p>Report from PCSO PCSO Matthew Morgan, who covers both Mersham and Sevington, sent a report in to the Parish Council.</p>																
<p>Planning Matters: A list of Planning Applications was circulated as Appendix A with the agenda, those requiring a response were:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="108 902 1406 1025"> <tr> <td data-bbox="108 902 304 1025">19/00180/AS</td> <td data-bbox="304 902 647 1025">The Old Dairy, Colliers Lane, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 7HT</td> <td data-bbox="647 902 1406 1025">Proposed Sand School</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Parish Council raises no objection but notes there is no mention of lighting and so assumes there is to be no lighting.</p>	19/00180/AS	The Old Dairy, Colliers Lane, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 7HT	Proposed Sand School													
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<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a. To note/authorise the following:</p> <p>i. To note the Parish Council's Financial position <i>The Parish Council bank balance as at 31/01/2019 was £28,703.07 with unrepresented cheques valued at £274.47.</i></p> <p>ii. To authorise any payments</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="205 1431 1283 1619"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No:</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>501909</td> <td>Mr I King – Sevington litterpicker</td> <td>£ 93.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501910</td> <td>Mr T Saint – Mersham litterpicker</td> <td>£ 116.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501911</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£ 3.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501912</td> <td>Mrs T Block – Clerks salary</td> <td>£ 450.88</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A copy of the budget v expenditure was distributed to all Councillors.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to pay the £20,000 to the Sports Club now that the Parish Council will be a trustee and will, therefore, have over-sight of how the funds are spent.</p>	Cheque No:	Payee	Amount	501909	Mr I King – Sevington litterpicker	£ 93.60	501910	Mr T Saint – Mersham litterpicker	£ 116.13	501911	HMRC	£ 3.00	501912	Mrs T Block – Clerks salary	£ 450.88	
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<p>JPF/Millennium Green events There was discussion about holding a couple of events each year on the Millennium Green/JPF. Cllr Turley is awaiting the costs of a brass band.</p>	PT															
<p>Election Notice The Clerk will circulate the documents as required and will also be posting the relevant posters on the notice boards.</p>																

<p>KALC The Clerk is to circulate the minutes of the KALC meetings</p>	TB
<p>Finberry Working Committee A suggested working-committee or Parish Council sub-committee for Finberry was suggested, the Clerk will enquire about availability of the school for meetings and will liaise with Cllr Oakley-Hills, Cllr Bartlett and the PCSO over convenient dates for a meeting in Finberry.</p>	TB
<p>Sevington North There is no update for this meeting.</p>	
<p>Cheesemans Green Traffic issues This item was deferred until next meeting.</p>	
<p>The Mersham Fete The fete will take place on 8th June. Raffle prizes are being collected. The Clerk is to check the Millennium Green maintenance schedule ahead of the fete.</p> <p>Sponsorship of the fete was discussed and it was agreed that £250 would be given to the Fete Committee. Insurance would also be covered by the Parish Council. The Clerk is to send a template risk assessment to Cllr Sawdon.</p>	TB
<p>To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment The Clerk is to re-visit the Risk Assessment for beacon lighting for Mersham. Cllr Sawdon was encouraged to circulate the Risk Assessment for the fete to the Parish Council members for comment.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business Cllr Turley is to check with Mr Burton of the Mersham Sports Club regarding the Financial Governance that the Mersham Sports Club has in place in respect of the management of the £20000 donation intended from the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Village confines submission was submitted with the street lighting lit area of the village.</p> <p>The Clerk had requested the street light extension and is awaiting a response.</p> <p>A local needs housing flat has become available. The Clerk is to send a copy of the poster to Cllr Murphy to advertise.</p>	PT TB
<p>Date of the next meeting: Monday 18th March 2019 Monday 15th April 2019 Monday 20th May 2019</p>	
<p>The meeting closed at 8.30pm</p>	