

Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council
A Virtual Meeting held in on Monday, 1st June 2020 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr Martin (Chair)
 Cllr Oakley-Hills

Cllr Kennedy
 Cllr Townsend

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

To be actioned by:

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| <p>To receive and approve apologies for absence Rick welcomed Andy and Robyn to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllr Kennedy who had to attend another conference call that clashed.</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. No declarations of interest were declared.</p> | |
| <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2020. The minutes were approved as a true record.</p> | |
| <p>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda. Cllr Bartlett has kindly signed off the purchase of a laptop and finance should be received into the account tomorrow.</p> | |
| <p>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. There were no comments from the public.</p> | |
| <p>Co-option of new Councillors The acceptance of office forms and Declarations of Pecuniary Interest forms were completed by the 2 interested parties and Cllrs Whybrow and Bartram were co-opted on to the Council. Very pleased to have a representative from Highfield Ward on-board.</p> | |
| <p>Report from Borough Councillor</p> <p>Smaller retails outlet, a pub and 67 residential units to be put on Waterbrook. Of-course housing market may be affected by Covid – can only support Church Commissioners introduction for houses on Finberry. The new houses will be built towards the town centre. Paul will be concentrating on Highways Improvement Plan. Copy of Highways Improvement Plan to be circulated. The Chairman wondered if this is out of date. Maybe should be re-visited. Concern was expressed that the roads have not yet been adopted and how many will be adopted ultimately.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding Crest’s involvement in the building works in the Ashford area.</p> <p>Bramling Avenue into Waterbrook is likely to be built. It has been decided not to build this route as a bus only route. Paul will be in touch once he has further detail. Paul was invited to a meeting with Darryl Healey but there is a problem as he was being taken to the magistrate’s court for blocking a footpath but this has been deferred until June and it is a very important footpath. The bridleway has been built across the M20 and this footpath is part of this bridleway – joins up to Kingsnorth.</p> <p>Cllr Martin feels he requires a better understanding of the Waterbrook site. There is still some doubt as to whether Chapel Down will build their winery on the site they were due to build on. It is imagined that Covid-19 has had a devastating effect on them. It is hoped that this would go ahead as it would be very good to have an employer.</p> | |

Is this ok for Highways Improvement Plan to be revisited before your next report?
Yes, of course. Concern over Rutledge Avenue and what was happening. It is important as it provides an alternative route out of the village of Finberry. It is a proper open road to full traffic. If you go in and out of Finberry, you do not want to use Cheeseman's Green Lane but it is at least a plan B.

Support for the community around Covid-19

There was some discussion around a response to Covid-19, some ideas were considered previously, we are aware of the situation and from the last call there was some consideration about supporting the community. Trying to reach consensus as to whether we should support a cause but want to approach this with caution going forward. Particularly with knock on effect following the pandemic. Looking at meeting in September with ideas of support. Cllr Martin, Salvation Army is running a food bank to those in need from Cudworth Road.

Need to consider what might be needed long-term. Don't want to have a knee-jerk reaction and need to see what happens in the future, helping when needed.

Any funds that would be committed would need to be supporting our own community and ensure that it is supporting our community. Difficult to ascertain that support from food banks are meeting the residents.

Might need to support the residents when required as and when people return to work. Demographics are very different in Finberry and Church Road, Sevington North being that the demographics have a palpable need. Not sure that the support required is actually financial, think it is more a physical need.

Proceed with caution regarding financial support. Community support has been provided and might need to be revisited once people have returned to work – might need to set up a volunteer team in the future. Putting people in touch with services that are available, providing information.

As a meeting point on Finberry, we were supposed to be able to access the School would provide a meeting place until the sports facilities have been built. Might be something we should re-visit. Cllr Bartlett has a meeting with ABC regarding the Community Centre in the next couple of weeks but not sure of the timing/what is going on. Think we need to bring Crest in to a meeting to discuss.

Need to wait for the community response to dry up and then an assessment can be undertaken and might need to tailor the needs to different areas.

Suggest revisit in July

Longer-term project suggestion – local neighbourhood magazine/newsletter

There was a discussion around a suggested long-term project, Cllr Oakley-Hills explained that she thinks it would be a good idea to communicate with all of the residents in the new Parish. Might be worth putting together a newsletter. Finberry is probably social media based. Consider putting together a single page introduction. Suggest that it is an introduction only.

Not sure how many people look at a notice board – could collect email addresses. Need introductory newsletter to collate email addresses.

Do we put out a printed newsletter in the first instance:
All in favour.

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| <p>Offering: who is on the Council, introduction to the Councillors, what a Council does and sign up to email addresses? Ensure people know what they are signing up to. Could just be highlights from the meetings in a quarterly format?</p> <p>Action – Cllr Bartram to take this forward</p> | <p>RB</p> |
| <p>Crest/HML meeting in support of Finberry residents At the last meeting it was agreed that we wanted to get Crest and HML to a meeting to bring them in for discussion. To discuss things like: ASBO/speeding/road repairs/building of the Community Centre/Maintenance payments and what is expected for this amount. Hopeful that this is for a September meeting.</p> <p>Could this meeting be held virtually – could this be pushed back too far? Is the face to face meeting going to be providing some barrier to bring this forward?</p> <p>Consider looking to them being invited to meeting in the Autumn – they were very involved in the planning phase – since it has been handed over to Crest this involvement has dropped off. Feel that face to face would provide gravitas to the meeting. Also, if they are building around Finberry, need to be involved with the community and do not wish to stir up ill feeling but wish to build a relationship.</p> <p>At the very least – we could clarify the next steps for the development and find out how the pandemic has changed the future of the development.</p> <p>Revisit in July</p> | |
| <p>Confirmation of allocation of funds across the Wards In order to ensure that we start the funding on an open and equal level, the Clerk explained the thinking behind the budget set out last November for this year.</p> | |
| <p>Planning Matters: A list of Planning Applications was circulated as Appendix A with the agenda, those requiring a response were: Paul to send out the master plan.</p> <p>18/00098/CONK/AS Waterbrook Park, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Kent Discharge condition 74 relating to Parcel A Cllrs to check these and will respond to the Clerk ahead of closure</p> <p>18/00098/CONI/AS Waterbrook Park, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Kent Discharge of condition 75 Cllrs to check these and will respond to the Clerk ahead of closure</p> <p>18/00098/CONJ/AS Waterbrook Park, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Kent Discharge of conditions 29, 32, 60, 62, 69, 70, 76 relating to Parcel A Cllrs to check these and will respond to the Clerk ahead of closure</p> <p>20/00591/AS Zone A, Waterbrook Park, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Kent</p> | |

Application for the approval of reserved matters including, layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping in relation to the erection of a new storage and distribution centre including ancillary offices, including associated access, parking, landscaping and associated works.

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KALC committee letter – trying to limit the extension of the building works. KALC letter wanted to allow quiet trades to work. Approve content of the letter. The upcoming recession is likely to be longer and deeper than ever before, need to develop a strategy to build a swifter recovery. The delays on J10a have been a major issue, the work on J10a has been kept n track as much as possible but things continue to have delays – absentee rates vary between 9% and 40% rate so this will severely impact the completion of works.

Another idea that didn't get much traction was to go onto double summer-time but this didn't get taken forward.

Maybe there is a compromise to be made for a way forward.

Financial Matters

a) To approve the following financial documents:

To note/authorise the following:

i. To note the Parish Council's financial position

The Parish Council bank balance as at 22/05/2020 was £10,394.92 with outstanding payments to clear of £772.65.

ii. To authorise any payments

| Cheque No: | Payee | Amount |
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| 502007 | HMRC | £ 105.20 |
| 502008 | Thomas Saint | £ 113.71 |
| 502009 | Tracey Block | £ 321.96 |

A copy of the budget v expenditure was distributed to all Councillors.

Consider need for Sevington Litterpicker – keeping the area clean. He does a fantastic job, that there is a lot of litter following the footfall from Willesborough. Tom is good at spotting and dealing with fly-tipping but he bags it up and sorts it out so that it isn't being left, refuse team get rid of it.

To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment

There were no changes to be made

Any Other Business

Nothing further to discuss.

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Monday 6 July 2020 – likely to be virtual

Monday 7 September 2020

Monday 5 October 2020

Monday 2 November 2020

Monday 4 January 2021

Monday 1 February 2021

Monday 1 March 2021

Monday 5 April 2021

Monday 3 May 2021

Great to have new Councillors on-board and really pleased to have you all involved.

Thank you Paul for attending.

Andy and Robyn welcome to attend. Paul gave out his number if anyone wants to discuss.

Meeting closed at 21.02.