

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

<b>Present</b>	Cllr Martin (Chair) Cllr Coppins Cllr Whybrow	Cllr Bartlett Cllr Townsend
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In attendance: 3 members of the public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

<p><b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> Cllrs Bartram and Lemon had sent apologies. 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> Cllrs Bartlett and Coppins declared an interest in the IBF and Waterbrook 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.</b> The minutes of the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 were signed as a true copy.</p>			
<p><b>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda.</b> There were no matters arising for discussion.</p>			
<p><b>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.</b> Members of the public had nothing to add at this time.</p>			
<p><b>Borough Councillors Report</b> Paul Bartlett’s Borough Councillor Report had been circulated and was taken as read. The report is available to read at: <a href="http://www.sevingtonwithfinberrypc.org.uk/community/sevington-with-finberry-parish-council-13425/abc-councillor-report/">http://www.sevingtonwithfinberrypc.org.uk/community/sevington-with-finberry-parish-council-13425/abc-councillor-report/</a></p> <p>Cllr Bartlett explained that Ashford Borough Council is exploring potential legal action regarding the failure of maintenance in Finberry. A site visit has been requested between Ashford Borough Council and Crest Nicholson.</p> <p>The petition circulated to all residents recently regarding the Aldi site at Waterbrook was noted. Ashford Borough Council Planning Department feel that there is nothing to be gained by this behaviour. The Planning Consultants do not appear to be following their own rhetoric.</p>			
<p><b>Financial matters:</b>  <b>a) To note/authorise the following:</b>  <b>i. To note the Parish Council’s financial position.</b>            The Parish Council has £26,151.48 in the bank.  <b>ii. To authorise any payments.</b>            Payments were authorised as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">£</td> </tr> </table>		£	
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	HMRC	76.80		
	Room hire	120.00		
	Clerk	441.82		
	Clerk's expenses (6 months)	98.41		
<p><b>iii. To agree the budget for 2024-25.</b> The Parish Council agreed the budget of £14330.00</p>				
<p><b>iv. To agree the precept for 2024-25</b> The precept was agreed for £14330.00</p>				
<p><b>To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.</b> There were no changes to the Risk Assessment</p>				
<p><b>To consider involvement in D-Day 80 – June 2024</b> Cllr Whybrow explained that Sevington Highfield will be lighting the beacon. He will confer with Royal British Legion members and communicate with the Clerk.</p>				
<p><b>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.</b> The following applications required a response:  PA/2023/1817 and PA/2023/1837</p>				
<p><b>Update regarding the possible separation of the Parish Council</b> The Clerk had communicated with Paul Libreri who was due to send through some information regarding the possible separation of the Parish Council.</p>				
<p><b>To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington Highfield</b> The next meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 7pm. Cllr Whybrow explained that he had been in conversation with the owner of Sevington Mill and his agents. 3 tenants had moved in and Planning Enforcement is aware.  There is an issue with parking in and around Church Road and Barrey Road. Cllr Whybrow had contacted Parking enforcement but they had not attended the site. This is to be added to a Highways Improvement Plan.  There is a problem with wet leaves on the pavements, Cllr Whybrow will report.</p>				
<p><b>To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Finberry.</b> Nothing further to discuss.</p>				
<p><b>To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington South.</b> Cllr Coppins reported that the IBF is now working 24 hours a day; he is in discussion regarding mitigating the noise. No planning application has been received by Ashford Borough Council yet.</p>				
<p><b>To receive any update on IBF or Waterbrook</b> No further update at this time.</p>				
<p><b>To receive any update on Highways (to include the Bellamy Gurner Scheme)</b></p>				

<p>Cllr Bartlett was very pleased with the very high standard of resurfacing that had taken place on Cheeseman's Green Lane.</p>	
<p><b>Any Other Business (for information purposes only)</b>  The Parish Council Clerk had obtained a tonne bag of salt. This was in Church Road and is to be shared between Sevington North and South.</p>	
<p><b>Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.</b>  Monday 8 January 2024                      Monday 5 February 2024                      Monday 4 March 2024  Monday 8 April 2024                      Monday 13 May 2024</p>	