

<p>To consider an approach to Ashford Borough Council to move the parish boundary between Sevington and Mersham so that it follows Cheeseman's Green Lane.</p> <p>Councillor Bartlett explained that he felt it might be fortuitous if the houses on Finberry were moved into the Sevington with Finberry Parish. He had spoken to Paul Libreri and the Clerk is to follow up with Paul Libreri in time for the January meeting. The request being that the Finberry homes be in the that parish and the rural homes on Cheeseman's Green Lane be kept in Mersham.</p>	TB															
<p>To receive an update regarding the current situation regarding the Village Hall</p> <p>Cllr Wells provided an update on the Village Hall following the recent committee meeting, a copy of which will be kept on file.</p>																
<p>To discuss the proposed street light adoption/removal.</p> <p>The proposed removal or adoption of streetlights as listed by Ashford Borough Council was discussed. Some of the streetlights appear to be on roads with no pavement. The Clerk suggested that Councillors walk the streets in the dark to see whether they wish to retain by adoption all or some of the street lights. The councillors will report back at the next meeting.</p>	ALL															
<p>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.</p> <p>A list of Planning Applications was circulated as Appendix A with the agenda, those requiring a response were:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="89 853 1398 981"> <tr> <td>21/01721/AS</td> <td>Upper Bilham House, Cheeseman's Green Lane, Mersham</td> <td>Change of use of agricultural land to provide yard area expansion to afford access, erection of security fencing and gates and provision of new site access roadway.</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Clerk is to contact the Planning Officer to establish what activities are planned on this site. The Parish Council objects to the impeding of this frequently used public right of way which links Finberry, Bridgefield Park Farm and the rural area. The Parish Council would not wish to see this public right of way diverted. The proposal gives concern regarding the additional agricultural or industrial vehicles which would be driving close to newly built dense residential buildings.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="89 1149 1398 1216"> <tr> <td>21/01705/AS</td> <td>Kemsted, 17 Bower Road, Mersham</td> <td>first floor extension; two Storey side extension; alterations to the fenestration</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Parish Council raised no objection to this application</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="89 1249 1398 1350"> <tr> <td>21/01756/AS</td> <td>Mersham Primary School, Church Road, Mersham</td> <td>erection of a detached multi-purpose school hall building following demolition and removal of the existing temporary mobile classrooms</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Parish Council feels these improvements are long overdue and wholeheartedly supports this application.</p> <p>The Parish Council raised an enforcement issue and Ashford Borough Council investigated this but could not find out who owns the land or the mast. ABC then reported that they would not be following this through. The Parish Council escalated the matter through Councillor Bartlett. Following further investigation, the Borough Council has now replied to say that the mast has approval for temporary permission to be at the site until February 2022.</p> <p>It was noted that at the site of Bower Road, a footpath was closed for six months this time frame has now elapsed and the Clerk was asked to contact public rights of way to ascertain what the situation is.</p>	21/01721/AS	Upper Bilham House, Cheeseman's Green Lane, Mersham	Change of use of agricultural land to provide yard area expansion to afford access, erection of security fencing and gates and provision of new site access roadway.	21/01705/AS	Kemsted, 17 Bower Road, Mersham	first floor extension; two Storey side extension; alterations to the fenestration	21/01756/AS	Mersham Primary School, Church Road, Mersham	erection of a detached multi-purpose school hall building following demolition and removal of the existing temporary mobile classrooms	TB						
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<p>Financial matters:</p> <p>a) To note the Parish Council's financial position for the beginning of the new Financial Year.</p> <p>The financial position was noted as at 30th September 2021</p> <p>b) To authorise any payments</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="193 1883 1270 2051"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No:</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>502140</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£ 29.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>502141</td> <td>I King (October salary)</td> <td>£ 124.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>502142</td> <td>T Block (October salary)</td> <td>£ 383.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>502143</td> <td>Caretaker Account</td> <td>£3270.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A copy of the budget v expenditure was distributed to all Councillors.</p>	Cheque No:	Payee	Amount	502140	HMRC	£ 29.20	502141	I King (October salary)	£ 124.14	502142	T Block (October salary)	£ 383.86	502143	Caretaker Account	£3270.00	
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<p>Any Other Business (for information purposes only):</p> <p>The lights on the “behind the hedge footpath” are still not working the Clerk is to find out who's ownership these lights are under and whose responsibility they are.</p> <p>Councillor Hawkins mentioned that there is a defibrillator at the school and also one at the Farrier's. The Clerk had investigated placing one in the phone box but another party had already expressed interest in adopting this phone box. BT were looking into this, the Clerk will follow this up.</p> <p>Councillor Turley reported that there is a pinch hazard on the climbing equipment on the JPF, a budget of £200 was approved in order to purchase new wood to cover they pinch hazard.</p> <p>It was noted that there were a number of road closures planned in the forthcoming weeks, Highfield Lane/Kingsford Street will be closed by South East Water and The Street and Church Road are closed for patching or resurfacing.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>TB</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>Monday 15th November 2021 Monday 17th January 2022 Monday 21st February 2022 Monday 21st March 2022 Monday 18th April 2022</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 9.30pm</p>	