

**Minutes of the Sevington Sub-committee Meeting held in
the Church Room, St Mary's Church, Willesborough on Tuesday, 17th January 2017**

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| Present | Lee Whitehead (Chair) | Jan Oakley-Hills |
| | Henrietta Sawdon | Andy Whybrow |
| | Ian Sharp | Sue Botfield |
| | Ken Botfield | |

In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk), Mr and Mrs Donovan, Mr Heritage

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| The meeting started at 7.10pm | |
| Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Heritage, Ms Steele and Mr Schultz. | |
| <p>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. <i>Is Mersham now interested in Sevington? Historical events have lead a member of public to believe that Mersham PC is uninterested.</i></p> <p>Cllr Oakley Hills explained that with Finberry, Sevington South and Sevington North by 2020 and the next boundary review, Sevington will become a separate Parish again but it will be made up of Sevington North, Sevington South and Finberry making it very spread out.</p> <p>Some historical discussion took place explaining that Sevington is represented by 3 Parish Councillors on the Parish Council. The Parish Council advertised a vacancy some time ago and the only person who came forward was Cllr Sawdon and, although she lives in Mersham, she is representing Sevington North.</p> <p>It was explained that Highways England are undertaking the work on Junction 10A (J10A) and are not doing anything about Barrey Road, therefore, Ashford Borough Council have come forward to undertake the resolving of the problems at this particular location.</p> | |
| <p>Interested parties for the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Sevington North. A deputy is required</p> <p>Mr Whybrow explained to the meeting that he would be happy to be the lead Co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch for Sevington North but he needs some co-ordinators to be part of a network of co-ordinators. It was decided that the network would consist of 1 in Kingfisher Close, 1 in Nightingale Close and 3 in Church Road. Interest was expressed by Mr and Mrs Botfield and possibly also Mr Heritage. Mr Whybrow will make contact with the new PCSO, Julia Ghost. The Clerk will supply Mr Whybrow with her contact details.</p> <p>Issues faced are: Anti-social Behaviour, off-road bikes, noise from the park, lorries parking.</p> <p>Lee Whitehead explained that the Borough Council has a legal obligation to work with Police on resolving anti-social behaviour like plant being left running, noise and disturbance.</p> | AW/TB |
| <p>Sevington North telephone Kiosk</p> <p>Mr Whybrow raised the need for the telephone kiosk to be painted. The Clerk had contacted BT and BT has already agreed that it is their responsibility and they will undertake this in 2017. A request for the Perspex to be replaced by glass was made. The Clerk could not guarantee this but was assured by BT that they will maintain the kiosk.</p> | |
| <p>Bins with lids</p> <p>The issue with the bin on the left of Church Road near the alleyway having no lid was discussed again. The Parish Council has been liaising with Ashford Borough Council about this for some time now but as a bin review is in process no resolution can be found. The Parish Council has offered to purchase a new bin if there is someone in Sevington who can fit it. Cllr Whitehead and Mr Whybrow will choose 3 suitable bins and present the options at the February Parish Council meeting.</p> | LW/AW |

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| <p>Proposal to adopt Sevington Park to Parish Control</p> <p>The Parish Councillors explained the problems with adopting parks as has been shown in Mersham with the Junior Playing Field. It was agreed that Mr Whybrow would forward some pictures of the park to the Clerk who will make contact with the Borough Council to work out a way forward.</p> | <p>AW/TB</p> |
| <p>Beacon for Sevington in alignment with other parish villages.</p> <p>It was suggested that Sevington North should have a beacon on the playing field. This is to be requested through the Borough Council as it is their land.</p> | <p>TB</p> |
| <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Cllr Whitehead reported further on the meeting chaired by Mr Gareth Bradford regarding the A2070/Barrey Road junction.</p> <p>The surveys undertaken showed long queues, but only injury related data will be given, therefore, all minor accidents go unreported so it will not be recorded as an accident black-spot.</p> <p>There is expected to be an 80% increase in traffic Northbound and 40% Southbound on the A2070 by 2033 due to J10A. There is to be a one month trial of reducing the speed Northbound to 40mph with mobile cameras being installed so that it is enforceable.</p> <p>Solutions discussed were slip-roads (costing £450,000 – but would not make a lot of difference), a roundabout, which will cost £4.5 million and traffic lights which will cost £4.1 million.</p> <p>Speed restrictions would cost £100,000, there will be a temporary restriction while J10A is being built. In addition there was a suggestion that the entrance to Church Road from Barrey Road could be blocked off and the bollards opened.</p> <p>The main objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce speeds and install cameras to 40mph within 2/3 months 2. Consult with all 123 houses about having bollards up at Barrey Road entrance to Church Road and opening the bollards in to Sevington Lane. 3. Find funding of over £4 million to resolve the issue long-term <p>Mr Whybrow raised a problem with business advertising at the Barrey Road entrance in particular. It had been agreed by the Parish Council that Mr Whybrow would take some photographs of the problem areas and forward to the Clerk who would contact Planning Enforcement with regard to this problem.</p> <p>It is hoped that a litter picker will be employed by February.</p> | <p>AW/TB</p> |
| <p>The next meeting will be held in April.</p> | |