

Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council
Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Martin (Chair) Cllr Bartlett
 Cllr Bartram Cllr Hughes

In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllrs Lemon, Townsend and Whybrow had sent apologies ahead of the meeting. These apologies were approved.</p> <p>Cllr Nilsson had sent her apologies.</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. Cllrs Bartlett and Hughes declared an interest in the IBF due to the proximity of their homes to the site.</p>	
<p>To approve the minutes Sevington with Finberry Parish Council meeting held on 7th November 2022. The minutes of the meeting on 7th November were signed as a true copy.</p>	
<p>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda The Parish Council discussed how it might enable an election. It was agreed that a newsletter would be produced highlighting the elections and what the Parish Council have achieved recently, this will include the defibrillator, holding Crest to account, delivering the mobile library, owl boxes etc – Cllr Martin is to write a draft ahead of the next meeting.</p>	RM
<p>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item There were no public in attendance.</p>	
<p>Crest Nicholson issues</p> <p>Following the disappointing non-attendance of Daniel Wilson, the Clerk is to encourage Daniel Wilson to attend the February meeting.</p> <p>The main issues to discuss are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Service and Bus stops – update as to where the discussions have reached • Management Committee with HML • Community Centre • Solar lights between Finberry and Bridgefield • Allotments and their management • Ecology Plan for the land by Bilham Farm • Captain’s Wood Management • Salt bins – provision and responsibility for keeping them filled 	
<p>Borough Councillors Report Paul Bartlett’s Borough Councillor Report had been circulated and was taken as read.</p>	

The report is available to read at:

<http://www.sevingtonwithfinberry.org.uk/community/sevington-with-finberry-parish-council-13425/abc-councillor-report/>

Cllr Bartlett had met with Joanna Loxton, Head of Strategic Land Investment at Church Commissioners for England, initially to discuss the new path proposed by Stonestreet Solar but had taken the opportunity to discuss the Aldi footpath and also Crest Nicholson. Cllr Bartlett had highlighted the failure to provide a community centre, bus services and salt bins. Cllr Bartlett was told he was not the first to complain and that there had been a marked reduction in the level of service provided by Crest Nicholson since the responsibility moved. Cllr Bartlett had also discussed the Conscience Farm development because it is expected that the road now come straight out across Waterbrook rather than the building of a new bridge over the CTRL. If these plans were to go ahead, Cheeseman's Green Lane would need to become a dead-end.

Cllr Bartlett encouraged the Church Commissioners to inform the purchasers of the Mulberry Homes that traffic will potentially be passing their properties. This piece of land was originally brought forward in the Local Plan 2004 and was for 400 properties but had been put on the back burner because of the bridge.

Joanna had promised to discuss the salt bins with Crest Nicholson. No timescales are yet known but it is hoped that Cllr Bartlett will know the outcome before Spring and he will follow this up at the end of February.

Financial matters:

To note/authorise the following:

To note the Parish Council's financial position.

The Parish Council has £21,614.71 in the bank

To authorise any payments

Payments were authorised as follows:

	£
HMRC	121.40
Kent Chamber of Commerce	60.00
Litterpicker	138.73
Clerk	361.04
Chairman's Allowance	50.00
Salt	80.00

To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.

The Parish Council considered the Risk Assessment and there were no changes to be made.

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.

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There were few applications to discuss and no report had been created.

The Councillors are to view OTH/2022/3162

<p>Cllr Bartlett is to attend the Planning Enquiry regarding the footpath.</p>					
<p>To discuss priorities for the Council going forward This is to be taken off the agenda.</p>					
<p>To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington North/South Sevington South had experienced a number of accidents during the cold spell. The PC agreed to install a salt bin at their expense. The PC would be responsible for filling the salt bin. The Clerk is to take this forward with land owner permissions etc.</p>					
<p>To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Finberry Following the recent cold spell there had been some issues with nobody taking responsibility for gritting the roads in and around Finberry. The Parish Council agreed to purchase 10 bags of salt that can be spread at the roundabout should there be another cold spell with the aim of resolving the salt bin situation before next winter.</p> <p>A resident had raised concerns about a newt, thought to be a Salamander but now identified as a Greater Crested Newt. The Clerk has asked Daniel Wilson for comment but has not received comment.</p>					
<p>To receive any update on IBF or Waterbrook Daniel Fryd is to be chased for another meeting. Cllr Bartlett is owed an update about who should be paying for the maintenance of High Field. He will chase this.</p>					
<p>To receive any update on Highways (to include the Bellamy Gurner Scheme) Works on the Bellamy Gurner Scheme are on-going and progress is being made, these works are now due for completion by mid February.</p>					
<p>Any other business (for information purposes only) There was no other business to discuss.</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>All at the Chamber of Commerce:</p> <table data-bbox="287 1512 1284 1590"> <tr> <td>Monday 6 February 2023</td> <td>Monday 6 March 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday 4 April 2023</td> <td>Monday 8 May 2023 – now a Bank Holiday, the Clerk will provide alternative date suggestions.</td> </tr> </table> <p>The meeting closed at 9.30pm</p>	Monday 6 February 2023	Monday 6 March 2023	Monday 4 April 2023	Monday 8 May 2023 – now a Bank Holiday, the Clerk will provide alternative date suggestions.	
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