

**Minutes of Mersham with Sevington Parish Council
Meeting held in on Monday, 20th January 2020**

Present

Peter Turley (Chair)
Rick Martin
James Townsend

Chris Kennedy
Gavin Murphy

In attendance: Cllr Paul Bartlett, 7 members of the public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

Plans for Sevington Church – Jerry Fox

Jerry Fox introduced himself and his role as Ashford Town Parish Churchwarden, Churchwarden jointly with another gentleman covering 7 churches.

Jerry's role has meant that he has been in charge of the re-ordering of St Mary's, Ashford and Willesborough Church which has a coffee shop, regular activities and is a Homeless Shelter once a week.

A Section 106 agreement reached as part of the redevelopment application of the site behind the Church (U19) has meant that £186,000 is available to go towards the re-ordering of Sevington Church. It is hoped that the re-ordering will provide a benefit to the community that the church serves. The Church is Norman and there is beauty in the simplicity of this church.

A member of the public asked if the U19 site is being marketed. Currently the owners (Aviva) have invested a lot of time and money into this site. They have built 100 yards of dual carriageway in order to prove they have started the development in order that they do not fall foul of compliance to condition of the planning consent.

The developer is committed to providing a car-park for the Church at no expense to the Church. There is a plan for disabled access, a toilet area and a hearing loop which make the Church compliant to the Disability Act Requirements.

The re-ordering is looking at use of the church as a shared space, wanting the community to be able to make use of this, there are plans for a kitchenette providing tea/coffee and light lunches with a flexible space that would allow for a cafe style hub which could also convert to a candle-lit concert or a health and well-being area based in the evenings. The pews will be removed and there will be tables and chairs instead.

The pulpit will be removed, proper heating installed, either under-floor or above head-height.
How many people can the church sit? The Church seats circa 100 people.

This is a flexible re-ordering providing a very flexible space with a distinction between the Nave and the Chancel. The re-ordering will cost circa £260,000 and the 106 is for £186,000. The Church is in a poor state of repair.

The steeple needs to be re-shingled, peg tiles and windows need repair/replacement and the walls need work. The additional money required would total £160,000 for the repairs would be raised through fund-raising. This is a good and unusual re-ordering project.

At what stage will Aviva release the funds? Aviva have to pay when they start work on the site but as this could be a long time away, they have been approached to release some funds early to cover the planning application and the faculty application for these works.

<p><i>The repair will be pursued in parallel with the re-ordering. Aviva should see this as high profile for them and worth their interest.</i></p> <p>In the planning application for U19 (the warehouses) it is noted that they estimate 3,000 employees to be on site.</p> <p><i>How can this be right?</i> Paul Bartlett explained that the Borough Council must provide 1,000 new homes per annum under the Government directive and, therefore, employment in the Borough must be provided. Housing development is already over-taking some of the industrial sites like Cobbs Wood. 1/3 or all retail is online so warehouses are required.</p> <p><i>Why do the Church Commissioners not pay for this re-ordering and repair?</i> There was an explanation of the Diocese and Church Commissioners. Each church has to pay towards a Priest at approx £50,000 per annum per Priest. Church Commissioners could not afford to fund repairs and re-orderings.</p> <p><i>Will there be a footpath access for Finberry and Waterbrook to access the Church?</i> Paul Bartlett explained that there will be access.</p> <p>Mr Fox requested written feedback on this consultation – The Clerk is to provide</p> <p>Mr Fox will send a copy of the scheme to the Clerk who will circulate to interested parties.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies had been received from Cllrs Fletcher and Oakley-Hills and Borough Councillor White.</p>	
<p>Declaration of interest in items on the agenda There were no declarations of interest made.</p>	
<p>Minutes of the Meeting on 18th November 2019 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly.</p>	
<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes VE 75 Cllr Turley gave an update as to where the discussions for Mersham had reached thus far. The Mersham event is planned to take place on the Millennium Green and will include the Sports Club, the Historical Society, the School and other groups. A copy of the details was sent to the Clerk who will circulate.</p> <p>Finberry and Sevington event – as yet no location for holding an event could be sought and so it was suggested that Finberry with Sevington join with Mersham for this event. This was warmly welcomed.</p> <p>Cllr Turley invited the VE75 Sevington with Finberry committee to attend the next meeting.</p> <p>The Friends of Mersham Church had sent a letter requesting some financial assistance towards clearing rubbish heaps from around the churchyard. It was agreed that the funding would need to be requested next year and a grant application should be completed. The Clerk is to respond.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. There were no comments from the public.</p>	

Report from Borough Councillor

MERSHAM, SEVINGTON SOUTH AND FINBERRY UPDATE FEBRUARY 2020

FLOOD STREET

Mersham Forstal bridge is prioritised for reconstruction and capital funding was set aside for design in 19/20. Although funding for the construction works is not yet confirmed, KCC Highways currently anticipates allocating capital funds in 20/21. The design commission is about get underway and is likely to be completed in early summer 2020. Subject to funding, construction could then be programmed for 20/21 although environmental constraints from the Environment Agency controlled East Stour could dictate works being delayed into 21/22.

The current condition and management of the bridge was reviewed last summer. This review concluded that following further deterioration there were now unacceptable risks associated with accidental vehicle loading of the footway which led to the introduction of the temporary barriers as an interim measure until such time as the bridge is reconstructed. KCC is continuing to monitor the condition of the bridge on a 3-monthly frequency but do not currently envisage the need for any further measures in the period before the reconstruction works are completed.

FINBERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The first pictures have been published on the new community centre planned for Finberry.



This shows what might be delivered under a s106 agreement. It's like Repton Connect but with playing fields.

FINBERRY BUS SERVICE UPDATE

The B-Line resumed service Bridgefield on 11th December 2019. KCC advise that the bus link road between Bridgefield to Finberry will only be open to traffic with enforcement to prevent cars using it. This is because the road is long and straight and it will be too tempting for cars to use it without enforcement. A design is being worked up by KCC, probably traffic lights similar to the bridge at Bridgefield. Once designed and costed, funding will be sought.

STOUR PARK

A video showing potential occupiers what will be built at Stour Park can be viewed at www.ashfordfor.com/commercial-developments. Further information can be seen at www.mojo-kent.co.uk. It is not unexpected that marketing for the site would be taken up a notch or two now J10A is approaching completion.

WATERBROOK

A planning application has been submitted for the area east of Waterbrook Avenue to be used as a 377 temporary staff car park to support the HMRC clearance depot. The clearance depot is consented to be used until March 2021 and needs car parking for staff. The size of the car park demonstrates the size of the intended operations by HMRC because they clear require a lot of staff. The site has previously been consented for a supermarket, other retail and fast food outlets, but any development of those is now on hold at least until March 2021.

KCC 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN – “YOUR FUTURE, OUR PRIORITY”

The 5-year plan sets out what KCC wants to achieve for all residents in Kent. Consultation on the plan runs from 6th January to 17th February 2020.

The main challenges are:

- £4bn infrastructure improvements are required to accommodate the projected 16% population increase by 2038.
- The number of people over 85 will increase 131% by 2036.
- In-migration from London will put pressure on public services.
- There are 11,500 freight movements per day now through the channel ports; this will double in the next 10 years.
- Youth unemployment is above average and there is a skills gap in specific industries including construction, creative and management.

The actions include:

- Bringing commercial spaces back to life through the No Use Empty scheme. Expand Enterprise Zones, tourism zones, innovation hubs and digital connectivity. Develop a High Street Commission to explore a compelling vision for town centre regeneration. Ashford is referenced, “Creative and digital industries are also producing new opportunities to regenerate urban environments in Ashford, with imaginative new plans to transform local places and create new jobs.”
- Facilitate targeted business support including start-up space such as the Coachworks on Station Road.
- Ensure there are good childcare facilities within new developments to support parents into, and returning to, work.
- Create housing through the new Kent Design Guide that will support future residents with a range of complex needs to ensure they can remain in their own homes safely.
- Respond to the Government’s fast pace shift towards universal connectivity by securing

maximum investment in Kent's digital infrastructure adding to the 138,000 Kent homes that have already benefited. KCC has substantial assets including roads that can be used as the basis for "full fibre" internet connection.

- Support the development of smart borders to support freight fluidity and ease of movement following our exit from the EU. The temporary HMRC clearance facilities at Waterbrook are not expected to be used beyond March 2021.
- Hold a Bus Summit (similar to KCC's rail summit) in 2020 to identify positive action on bus transport. KCC has run electric bus trials with an ambition to make Kent's bus fleet electric.
- Develop Parish Highway Improvement Plans and consider ringfenced funding for non-parished urban areas (the areas covered by the Central Forum, North Willlesborough and South Ashford).
- Use the scale of KCC's purchasing power in local markets, leading the way in taking environmental considerations into account in the social value of commissioning, ensuring KCC's specifications prioritise businesses who are moving towards being carbon neutral. KCC leads by example by buying locally.
- Plant one tree for every resident.
- KCC already works in every community through Community Wardens, Children's Centres, youth services and adult social care but will make this vital work more visible so people know KCC are there to help. Community Wardens will rolled out in urban areas.
- Join forces with the Police and Crime Commissioner and statutory partners to deliver on victim support, reducing re-offending and mental health.
- Health and measurement checks for school age children to include enhanced emotional and mental health support.
- Explore how Council Tax discounts can be used for care leavers to give them a head start in their adult lives.

Please submit your comments at www.kent.gov/5yearplan

HIV

As part of National HIV Testing Awareness Week, Kent residents are urged to **'Give HIV the finger: a finger-prick test is all it takes'**. Latest figures show the prevalence of HIV in people aged 15 to 59-years-old in Kent is lower than the national average, although the numbers of people being diagnosed late when they have the condition is a major concern. KCC is encouraging those at higher risk of HIV, to request a home sampling kit now at www.kent.gov.uk/HIVtest. This involves a person taking a simple finger prick blood test which is sent to a laboratory for results within five working days. Subsequent support is available within a confidential clinical service.

ASHFORD LIFELINE

Ashford Lifeline is a 24-hour service, providing an instant response at the touch of a button. You may need to use the system when you cannot get to the phone due to an injury, feeling unwell, suffering a fall or if there is an intruder. By pressing an alarm button, a signal is sent to Ashford Borough Council's Lifeline Call Centre. A microphone in the system allows you to talk to the operator who can contact the emergency services or let a family member or friend know. Find out more from lifeline@ashford.gov.uk or call 01233 642095.

CARBON NEUTRAL ASHFORD BY 2030

The Borough Council has committed that Ashford will be carbon neutral by 2030, if not before. The Borough produces 820,337 tonnes of carbon per year, over half from buildings, 40% from transport and the rest from agriculture and waste. The Council produces just 1% of this but influences 40% of production. The starting point is to carry out a tree count to inform the base

line offset for Ashford's carbon footprint. This will tell the Council how many more it needs to plant to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Other actions will include increasing solar electricity production and replacing gas heaters with electric.

WATER RESOURCES

Groundwater levels have risen sharply in the Southeast region following above average rainfall in the autumn, which was 136% of the long-term average. The geology in our region means that groundwater levels can drop rapidly during periods of dry weather. This is why it is still important, whatever the weather brings, that we all continue to try and use water more wisely. By reducing the amount of water you use, you will be helping leave more water in the local environment.

Did you know, that showers make up a quarter of all our water use at home? If we all cut our showers by only two minutes, we'd save eight billion litres of water a year. For a free water saving shower head or shower timer, please visit www.affinitywater.co.uk/savewater. For more information and videos about coping with cold weather and for FREE pipe lagging and tap guards, please visit: www.affinitywater.co.uk/coldweather

IMPROVING BROADBAND IN KENT

The following schemes are available.

- Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme is a UK-wide government subsidy scheme where businesses can claim up to £2,500 against the cost of gigabit-capable (1,000 megabit) internet connections, either individually or as part of a group. Residents can benefit from the scheme if they are part of a group project (which also includes businesses) and can claim a voucher with a value of up to £500.
- Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme is funding for residents in the hardest-to-reach places in the UK towards the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband to their premises when part of a group project. Premises with broadband speeds of less than 30Mbps can use vouchers worth up to £3,500 for each small and medium-sized businesses, and up to £1,500 per residential premise to support the cost of installing new gigabit-capable connections.
- Kent Top-up Voucher Scheme will be delivered through the Government's Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme so that Kent residents will benefit from up to £1,000 of additional funding. This means that Kent homes can get vouchers worth up to £2,500 instead of the standard voucher amount of up to £1,500 elsewhere. This voucher only applies to residents not businesses.
- Better Broadband Voucher Scheme is a subsidy scheme to provide an affordable, basic broadband installation to homes and businesses that are unable to access a broadband service with a download speed of at least 2 mbps. This scheme runs until the Universal Service Obligation (see below) starts in March 2020.
- Universal Service Obligation (USO) will give people in the UK the right to request a "decent and affordable broadband connection". Eligible homes and businesses will be able to request a connection, where the cost of building it is no more than £3,400. The Government has defined decent broadband as a service that can provide a download speed of 10 Mbit/s, and an upload speed of 1 Mbit/s.

COULD YOU HELP SCRUNITISE KENT POLICE?

The Police and Crime Commissioner's office facilitates a number of panels which independently scrutinise its work, and the work of Kent Police. It also has a role to play in Police Gross Misconduct Hearings. They are currently looking for people to act as independent members on both of these bodies. Successful applicants will receive full training and be required to attend a

few meetings or hearings a year for four years. For more information on both opportunities, and to apply, please visit www.kentpcc.gov.uk/vacancies

ANNUAL POLICING SURVEY

There is still time to complete it and to let The Police and Crime Commissioner to know your views on policing in Kent. The survey only takes a couple of minutes and is available online at www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/haveyoursay. One of the questions in the survey asks where residents would like additional resources to be focused, which is especially pertinent after it was announced recently that 147 more officers will be recruited to Kent Police in 2020.

HEALTHWATCH

If you're thinking about doing something different with your life, then why not volunteer with Healthwatch Kent? The more people share their ideas, experiences and concerns about NHS and KCC's social care, the more the NHS and Social Services understand what works, what doesn't and what people want from care in the future. Here are a few tasks that they are in need for people to help with.

- Attend strategic meetings on Healthwatch's behalf
- Visit and chat to people about their experience of a service
- Offer some admin support at the office in Ashford opposite the Gateway.

More information about volunteering is on <https://www.healthwatchkent.co.uk/volunteer>

NIGHT SHELTERS

This is the fifth year that Ashford Churches Together are running the winter night shelter provision in Ashford for those experiencing homelessness. They started on Monday 16th December 2019 and will run until Sunday 15th March 2020. Applicants have the right to self-refer and will be received directly by the night shelter. The shelters are:

Monday - St Francis, Cryol Road Ashford

Tuesday - Gateway Church, The Riverside Centre, Clockhouse, Ashford

Wednesday - St Mary's Church, Church Road, Willesborough

Thursday - Ashford Vineyard, Brunswick Road, Ashford

Friday - Willesborough Baptist Church, Hythe Road, Willesborough

Saturday - Ashford Baptist Church, St John's Lane, Ashford

Sunday - Bright City Church, Bank Street, Ashford

A hot evening meal and a breakfast will be provided at each shelter. On the days where there are no provisions for lunch (currently Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday) a packed lunch will be provided. Showers are available at the Stour Centre on production of a voucher, which will be issued by the shelter to those that request it. Tokens can be issued for those wishing to use the Laundrette in the town centre. During ABC's World Homelessness events, The Razor Room in Bank Street offered free haircuts to the homeless; ABC will see if something can be set up on a more permanent basis.

Paul Bartlett
Deputy Leader Ashford Borough Council

Cllr Bartlett added that the Bus Service is delayed because KCC want an enforcement system in place before opening the link road as the bus gates in force in other areas are not enforced, ie in Godinton but on this stretch of road there is a material risk which is of concern to KCC. Bus gates would cost £250,000 so a system needs to be designed and funded.

The Finberry numbers were initially forecast to be 120 units per year and so Finberry would be complete by 2027/28 but the sales are slower than was forecast and the figures are more like 75 houses per year and so completion will not be until 2029/30.

Cllr Bartlett explained that he had a copy of the draft paper to be put to the Council at the meeting on 30th January. The draft says there will be election on 7th May and all positions will be up for election in both Councils. Cllr Bartlett is to suggest that the positions be co-opted.

The Village Hall in Mersham now has building consent.

KCC has problems with HGVs on rural roads. There is to be a pilot "consent to drive scheme" South of Maidstone, if this works we will want this in the villages.

Report from PCSO

No report had been received. However a rural crime report had recently been received and circulated.

Clerks Report – January 2020

Planning Enforcements

There has been no further news on the Planning Enforcement Issues in the Parish and all listed below have been reported to ABC.

Chequer Tree Paddock is on-going. Planning application refused. Email sent to Tim Naylor on 20/11/2020 to request another meeting, as yet no response (13/01/20)

Pettworth – the situation is being monitored.

Correspondence

Harlequin Mast – A pre-application letter and drawings were received and an application at the new site is expected.

Having been approached by a resident about the installation of dog waste bag dispensers, and then consulting with the Mersham Parish Councillors, 2 waste bag dispensers have been purchased and one installed to date. Councillor Turley to install second and restock bags as required

De-coupling – to be finalised at this meeting

Keeping the following on the report seems sensible but with updates:

1. A minutes resolution to pursue a de-grouping of the Parish Council – **minuted 170619**
2. A consultation undertaken to parishioners asking for feedback on the idea – latest copy circulated and amendments suggested by Sarah Hartles.
3. A collation of results of the consultation and, if appropriate, a minuted resolution to de-group.
4. A formal request sent to Ashford Borough Council (Sarah Hartles) along with a copy of the minuted resolution, the consultation and the results of the consultation.
5. A clear financial plan for each of the new parish councils – **Partially drawn up previous to meeting on 170619, to be revisited regularly**
6. A list of assets for each of the new Parish Councils – **sent to PT following meeting on 170619**
7. Precept amounts for 2020-21 agreed – **suggested precepts discussed but to re-visit**

PT

<p>before finalising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. The names of the new Parish Councils agreed 9. Confirm the numbers of Parish Councillors for each Parish Council and begin advertising for them. <p>NB. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were submitted in writing to Sarah Hartles. Sarah has responded to say, “Council’s Selection & Constitutional Review Committee will meet on Thursday 30th January 2020 at 6pm in the Council Chamber to consider the request from the Parish Council to separate. It is a public meeting and so you and the Parish Councillors are welcome to attend, you may wish to advertise it to the residents as well. Attendees welcome and agree if anyone wishes to speak, GF has offered</p> <p>If anyone wishes to speak at the meeting, then they need to let Danny Sheppard know by 10am on Tuesday 28th. Danny’s email address is danny.sheppard@ashford.gov.uk and his phone number is 01233 330349. TB to confirm who will be speaking</p> <p>This first meeting will be for Councillors to consider the request and to make a recommendation to full Council as to whether to make the order de-grouping the Parish Councils or not. The full Council meeting that will make the final decision and approve the Order will be on 5th March.</p> <p>I will be preparing the report for both meetings, although I will have left the Council by the full Council meeting as I am moving on to pastures new on 25th February. I will send you a copy of my report as soon as it is finalised.” TB to circulate report once received.</p> <p>An invitation to a meeting with Planning Enforcement had been received but the date was not convenient. The Clerk is to seek alternative dates.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>PT/GF</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>Planning Matters: A list of Planning Applications was circulated as Appendix A with the agenda, those requiring a response were:</p> <p>18/00098/COND/AS Waterbrook Park, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Kent Discharge of conditions 60, 69 & 70 (in respect of the elements of the site for which full permission has been granted (i.e. SME units and Truck Stop) The Parish Council raises no comment</p> <p>19/01602/AS Annexe at, Mersham Manor, Church Close, Mersham, Kent Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 17/01078/AS to reduce areas clad in featheredged boarding to gables only The Parish Council raises no comment</p> <p>19/01658/AS Broad Oak Farm, Mersham, Ashford, TN25 7HR Proposed conversion of existing barn to form annexe accommodation The Parish Council raises no comment</p> <p>16/00124/AMND/AS Bilham Lawn Parcel B9, Land at Cheesemans Green, Cheesemans Green Lane, Kingsnorth, Kent</p>	

Revisions to boundary treatments and house types on planning permission 16/00124/AS (Construction of 86 new dwellings with associated access, parking, landscaped areas, internal roads for the development, details of part of distributor road C and surface water drainage measures)

The Parish Council raises no comment

[18/01496/AMND/AS](#)

Orchard Cottage, Church Road, Sevington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0LD

Revision to window design/size on west elevation, size and alignment on planning permission 18/01496/AS (Proposed double garage and replacement outbuilding)

The Parish Council raises no comment

[19/01770/AS](#)

Land at Waterbrook Park west of, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Kent, TN24 0LH

Change of use land to car park; laying of hardstanding and erection of temporary fencing

The Parish Council raises no comment

[18/00098/CONE/AS](#)

Waterbrook Park, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Kent

Hybrid planning application for mixed-use development comprising (1) Application for full planning permission for the construction and operation of a 600-space truck stop; a 2,162 sqm GIA service building providing 1,734 sqm GIA of ancillary truck stop service facilities and 878 sqm GIA of B1 offices; buildings providing 6,308 sqm GIA B1 (b and c only), B2 and B8 floorspace for small and medium enterprises; associated access, parking and landscaping, including highway infrastructure works to Waterbrook Avenue and (2) Application for outline planning permission (with all matters reserved) for 8.9ha of employment uses comprising uses falling within use classes B1, B2 and B8, a class A1 superstore of up to 2,323 sqm, drive-through restaurants (use classes A3/A5), a petrol filling station and ancillary convenience store, and car showrooms (sui generis); and up to 400 residential dwellings, with class A1, A3 and A5 neighbourhood retail uses, associated drainage, parking, landscaping and infrastructure

The Parish Council raises no comment

[19/01784/AS](#)

Pumping Station East side of, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Kent, TN24 0GB

Installation of a Motor Control Centre (MCC) Kiosk

The Parish Council raises no comment

[16/01722/CONG/AS](#)

Land between Hinxhill Road and, Hythe Road, Willesborough, Kent

Discharge of conditions 9, 10, 12, 15, 23, 24, 25, & 28

The Parish Council raises no comment

[19/01749/AS](#)

West Eaton, Kingsford Street, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6NZ

Lawful development certificate - proposed - vehicle crossover to enable parking with a permeable hard standing

The Parish Council raises no comment

[19/01750/AS](#)

Wellingtons, Flood Street, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 7HE

Conversion of, and extension to, garage to provide habitable accommodation with single storey extension linked extension

The Parish Council raises no comment

[20/00047/AS](#)

Orchard Cottage, Church Road, Sevington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0LD

Revision to window design/size on west elevation, size and alignment, addition of solar panels on listed building consent 18/01497/AS (Proposed double garage and replacement outbuilding)

The Parish Council raises no comment

Financial Matters

a. To note/authorise the following:

i. To note the Parish Council's Financial position

The Parish Council bank balance as at 31/12/2019 was £13245.92

ii. To authorise any payments

Cheque No:	Payee	Amount
501971	JRB Enterprise – Dog waste dispenser and fittings	£ 321.48
501972	Kent Chamber of Commerce	£ 60.00
501973	Mersham Litterpicker – January	£ 106.73
501974	Sevington Litterpicker – January	£ 109.86
501975	Clerks Salary – January	£ 622.66
501976	Kent Chamber of Commerce	£ 13.99

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

The Clerk had produced a year end forecast ahead of the next meeting which had been circulated.

To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment

There were no changes to the Risk Assessment at this time

Separation of the parishes

A meeting is set for 30th January at 6pm for the proposal to de-group to be discussed. Cllrs Fletcher and Turley are to speak at this meeting. Others are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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Grant Awarding Policy

The Parish Council agreed to adopt the Grant Awarding Policy, in conjunction with the Safeguarding policy and the Equal Opportunities Policy. This was proposed by Cllr Turley and seconded by Cllr Murphy.

Any Other Business

The Highways Improvement Plan meeting dates had been proposed by KCC – The Clerk is to respond with suitable dates once she has consulted Cllr Oakley-Hills.

TB

The Gypsy and Traveller Consultation is to be circulated – Cllr Turley has the hard copy.

TB

Cllr Bartlett has £360 left in his budget, the Clerk is to ask for the funding for a laptop for Sevington with Finberry parish.

TB

Cllr Townsend has been in contact with HML and Crest regarding the responsibilities on Finberry, he is awaiting to hear from the Technical Department.

Cllr Kennedy has been in touch with HML to encourage some play park adaptations to be made to

allow for disabled children to also be able to play.

Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council

Monday 17th February 2020– to be held in Mersham

Monday 16th March 2020 – to be held at the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce

Monday 13th April 2020

Monday 18th May 2020

The meeting closed at 9.30pm