

Minutes of Mersham with Sevington Parish Council
Meeting held in on Monday, 15th October 2018

Present	Jan Oakley-Hills (Chair)	Ken Botfield
	Geoffrey Fletcher	Henrietta Sawdon
	Peter Turley	Lee Whitehead

In attendance: Cllr Paul Bartlett, Cllr Gerald White, 1 member of the public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by

Apologies for Absence Apologies had been received from: Councillors Rob Hansen, Gavin Murphy and Kenton Stewart.	
Declaration of interest in items on the agenda Cllr Fletcher declared an interest in the planning application at the Sports Club.	
Minutes of the Meeting on 17 th September 2018 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly.	
<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p><i>Millennium Green Path –road tape</i> Cllr Stewart will undertake the work.</p> <p><i>Kerbs</i> The Clerk has requested that the Council look into dropped kerbs in Cherry Glebe as requested. In the mean-time, another mobility scooter user has also asked for some path clearance and dropped kerbs to be installed elsewhere, the Clerk has the log numbers for these. Cllr Turley is to encourage residents to log such issues to ensure awareness is raised about this matter.</p> <p><i>Survey</i> The Clerk had looked at the prices and should this be undertaken through SurveyMonkey and there be 10 questions or less, the service is free. Cllr Turley and Fletcher are to draft some questions based on the Kingsnorth questionnaire and bring to the next meeting</p> <p><i>JPF</i> Following the RoSPA report, the items highlighted were discussed – new goals are required at approx. £670 + VAT and the Lizard needs repairing at a cost of £230 + VAT. The Clerk is to ask Amanda Scott at ABC if there are any grants available.</p> <p>It was noted that there are trees that need maintaining on the Millennium Green, the Caretaker will undertake this. The beacon platform has been repaired and the event planned from 6.30pm will be advertised in The Villager and on local websites/facebook pages etc.</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>PT</p> <p>PT/GF</p> <p>TB</p>
Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. The member of the public had no comments.	
<p>Report from Borough Councillor</p> <p>The M20 will be closed from 8pm on 24th November to re-open at 10am on 25th November for the removal of the footbridge at Kingsford Street.</p> <p>Plans for the hub at Finberry are to be made available soon. It was suggested that Alex Vickery from Crest should be invited to a meeting to discuss the places for the Community/Sports area. There will be 2 small offices on site and this would be a good opportunity to meet him and get a general update. Kingsnorth would also like to have representation at that meeting.</p>	

<p>There is no change to be made to the gritting routes following a review.</p> <p>There are plans to upgrade the A20 to a “major road.”</p> <p>No progress has been made on any of the enforcement issues. There is a meeting being held on 22nd October to discuss these with Gerry Clarkson. A copy of the planning letter will be forwarded as penned by Geoffrey/Peter.</p> <p>Gerald White Cllr White explained that there are on-going issues with business’ in Barrey Road struggling with lorries etc. Cllr Botfield explained the issues that are on-going for residents in Sevington regarding the field that had travellers on-site and the lack of enforcement action by the Borough Council. Cllr White said he would attend the Sevington meeting on 16th October 2018.</p> <p><i>The caravan in Blind Lane was discussed. Cllr Bartlett is to verify if the use is lawful and permitted on site.</i></p>		TB
<p>Report from PCSO No report had been received this month.</p>		
<p>Planning Matters: A list of Planning Applications was circulated as Appendix A with the agenda, those requiring a response were:</p>		
<p>18/01361/AS</p>	<p>Ransley House, Kingsford Street, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6PF</p>	<p>Demolition and partial replacement of lean-to and erection of rear two-storey hipped roof extension.</p>
<p>No objections raised</p>		
<p>18/01362/AS</p>	<p>Ransley House, Kingsford Street, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6PF</p>	<p>Demolition and partial replacement of existing lean-to and erection of rear two-storey hipped roof extension. Replacement of all existing windows (painted softwood and UPVC) with new timber framed painted double glazed 'slimline' units.</p>
<p>No objections raised</p>		
<p>18/01368/AS</p>	<p>Jemmett Farm, Blind Lane, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 7HB</p>	<p>Change of use of existing store to holiday let accommodation</p>
<p>No comments</p>		

16/01722/AMND/AS	Land between Hinxhill Road and, Hythe Road, Willesborough, Kent	Non-material amendment to Condition 11 on planning permission 16/01722/AS (Full planning application for a new link road to the rear of the William Harvey Hospital from the A20 and 192 dwellings together with associated open space, play equipment, landscaping, drainage, infrastructure and earthworks) to read: "No dwelling hereby approved shall be occupied until the temporary junction arrangement shown on approved drawing SP9-003 Rev P2 is provided and made available for public use. Prior to the occupation of the 150th dwelling the traffic signalled junction on the A20 (Hythe Road) shown on drawing number L571/204H shall be made available to the public in accordance with the approved plans"
No objections raised		
18/01407/AS	Upper Bilham House, Cheesemans Green Lane, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 7HY	Removal of agricultural occupancy condition on planning permission 76/00432/AS
The Parish Council objects to this application as there is still the local need that there was originally and the restriction to this property should, therefore, remain.		
18/01436/AS	Bower House, Bower Road, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6NW	Undertake various repairs to the internal fabric of the building following an escape of water in the attic. Works include lime plaster repairs to walls and ceilings
No objections raised		
18/01496/AS	Orchard Cottage, Church Road, Sevington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0LD	Proposed double garage and replacement outbuilding
No objections raised subject to there being no impact on the immediate neighbours		
18/01497/AS	Orchard Cottage, Church Road, Sevington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0LD	Proposed double garage and replacement outbuilding
No objections raised subject to there being no impact on the immediate neighbours		
18/01499/AS	Tavis House Business Centre, 3 Hall Avenue, Orbital Park, Sevington	Installation of 1 no. externally illuminated entrance sign at entrance of the site, to display name of the estate and occupants of each unit
No objections raised		

Financial Matters

- a. To note/authorise the following:
- i. To note the Parish Council's Financial position
The Parish Council bank balance as at 30/09/2018 was £32,980.81.
- ii. To authorise any payments

Cheque No:	Payee	Amount
501886	Mr I King – Mersham litterpicker	£ 93.60
501887	Mr T Saint – Sevington litterpicker	£ 116.13
501888	HMRC	£ 3.00
501889	Mrs T Block – Clerks salary	£ 445.03
501890	Smeeth PC – Caretaker	£1807.00

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

To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment

All plans and insurances are in place for the beacon lighting in Mersham – Sevington is to be organised.

Any Other Business

A mirror was requested for a property on Church Road, this is something that Highways are likely to object to.

CLr Stewart is to provide feedback on speeds in Kingsford Street.

The Sports Club had requested a letter of support which Gavin had altered and the Clerk will circulate prior to sending it to the Sports Club.

CLr Turley presented his draft Parish Council perspective regarding planning applications. This is to be looked at again.

CLr Whitehead will not be standing again as Councillor.

CLr Sawdon asked whether the Parish Council will insure the Fete again. This was agreed.

CLr Sawdon wondered if another speed sign could be purchased for the Broadoak entrance, grants are to be looked at for such a purchase.

KS

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Date of the next meeting:

Monday 19th November 2018

Monday 21st January 2019

Monday 18th February 2019

Monday 18th March 2019

Monday 15th April 2019

Monday 20th May 2019

The meeting closed at 9.00pm