

**Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council**  
**Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr Martin (Chair) Cllr Lemon Cllr Whybrow	Cllr Bartlett Cllr Townsend
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In attendance: Cllr Nilsson, Cllr Campkin and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

<p><b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b>  Cllrs Bartram and Hughes had sent apologies ahead of the meeting. These apologies were approved.</p>	
<p><b>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.</b>  Cllr Bartlett declared an interest in the IBF and Waterbrook due to the proximity of his home to the site.</p>	
<p><b>To approve the minutes Sevington with Finberry Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</b>  The minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February were signed as a true copy.</p>	
<p><b>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda</b>  Cllr Lemon had made residents aware that the Parish Council has access to litterpicking equipment that it is able to loan.</p>	
<p><b>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item</b>  There were no members of the public in attendance.</p>	
<p><b>To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington North/South</b>  Cllr Whybrow reported that there was not much to report.  The planning application for an HMO had been received and responded to. There are 763 objections on the website. If the Officer is minded to permit the application, it will be taken to Planning Committee. Cllr Whybrow explained he has concerns that there is a lack of framework when choosing tenants.</p>	
<p><b>To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Finberry</b>  Many residents report to Councillors that HML are invoicing for significantly higher amounts than quoted when properties were purchased due to a supposed deficit for 2021's accounts. This has underlined the importance to the parish council of continuing to scrutinise planning conditions for the estate, including resident representation on the HML management committee.</p> <p>The Clerk had not received any feedback from Daniel Wilson. The Clerk is to contact Damian Green if he is selected to stand for Ashford. The Clerk will take the issues of the Management Committee, Rutledge Avenue not being complete and the Community Hall forward with Planning Enforcement at Ashford Borough Council.</p>	

**Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr Nilsson reported that pot holes in Church Road have been reported. The path has been cleared by Cllr Nilsson's husband. The Clerk was asked to report the hedge/pavement on the left in Kingfisher Close to Aspire. The litterpicker is then required to litterpick the area.

Paul Bartlett's Borough Councillor Report had been circulated and was taken as read.

The report is available to read at:

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

Cllrs Bartlett and Martin have looked at the tree on Finberry as reported by a member of the public. Cllr Bartlett then reported to the Tree Protection Officer who responded to say: there have been no unacceptable incursions, the tree management is robust, there is sufficient tree protection in place but the tree will need pruning in the next few years.

Cllr Bartlett reported that he will report the streetlights in Nuthatch and Avocet Way that are currently not working.

There is an excessive amount of dog waste on the IBF footpath, it has been suggested that a dog waste bin be placed either end of Highfield Lane.

**Financial matters:**

To note/authorise the following:

**To note the Parish Council's financial position.**

The Parish Council has £20,206.78 in the bank

**To authorise any payments**

Payments were authorised as follows:

	£
HMRC	121.00
T Block – expenses	93.47
Litterpicker	138.73
Clerk	376.24

Additional signatories are required.

**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 have been no further applications since the last meeting.

**To receive any update on IBF or Waterbrook**

There was no further update.

