

Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council
Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, 6th September 2021 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr Martin (Chair)
 Cllr Lemon

Cllr Bartlett

In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

To be actioned by:

<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies had been received from Cllrs Bartram, Townsend and Whybrow. The apologies were all approved. Cllr Whybrow's apologies were ill-health related, Cllr Bartram had work-commitments and Cllr Townsend did not feel safe to attend an indoor meeting. It was noted that the meetings could not be held outside as there are issues revolving outdoor temperature, inclement weather etc.</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. Cllr Bartlett declared a personal interest in the Inland Border Facility due to the proximity of his home address to the site.</p>	
<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2021. The minutes were approved as a true record.</p>	
<p>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda. Litter on Finberry – the Clerk had contacted the PCSO who had offered for the Hawkeye Van to be deployed to the area for a few weeks. Cllr Lemon was still in discussions with McDonalds.</p>	
<p>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. The members of public had nothing to add.</p>	
<p>Borough Councillors Report Cllr Bartlett's Report had been circulated and is taken as read. The newsletter from FM Conways was discussed and it is noted that it shows no lane closures until 2022. This delay is seen as positive as lane closures should therefore be minimal. Armco barriers are being put in place.</p>	
<p>Planning Matters The recent planning applications to be discussed are: There were no further comments to be made.</p>	
<p>Co-option of a Councillor The 2 applicants for co-option introduced themselves. Cllr Martin thanked the applicants for their interest.</p>	
<p>Update on Waterbrook Cllrs Bartlett, Lemon and Martin had attended a meeting with the planners for Waterbrook. The commitment to the community centre was seen as a positive. Public engagement is greatly encouraged. Issues were raised surrounding:</p>	

<p>The river and phase 2 which was described as amenity landscape has now morphed into wetland mitigation against Stodmarsh. This is a shame because the amenity space would have supported the owl boxes recently installed.</p> <p>Access to Cheeseman’s Green, this was proposed to accommodate new homes but Ashford Borough Council opposed this, however, this is back on the agenda with this being linked to further development on what was previously known as Ashford Great Park.</p> <p>The lack of planning for additional Doctor Surgeries or similar. It is hoped that the CCG will be pushing for additional funding to expand current facilities.</p> <p>The Parish Council is pleased that HML will not be the managing company for Waterbrook.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>CLlr Martin will draft a response and the Clerk will circulate prior to submission.</p>	
<p>IBF Update</p> <p>On 31/12 Ashford Borough Council will use the IBF site for photosalient checks on food quality of imports. Also, lorry drivers will be required to have passports to travel overseas from 21/12 so that is likely to have a knock on effect of passports being required for lorry drivers to enter the country.</p> <p>Live animals are to be tested on site from 31/05, rules on importing puppies are to be changed and puppy imports will also have to be checked. Rules on bio-security will also change on 31/05/2022,</p> <p>This means that KCC will remain involved for some time yet.</p> <p>There have been some issues with hedge cutting on Highfield Lane. The public right of way (PROW) consultation could go to public enquiry and the Clerk was asked to contact Faye Faiers regarding this as it is felt that the closure should only be temporary for the PROW through the site that should be reinstated when the land is sold.</p> <p>There have been some issues with anti-social behaviour from the Security Guards disturbing the neighbours at night.</p> <p>Errant HGVs also remain an issue and the Clerk was asked to contact Highways England to request signage on the A2070 prior to the turning stating that the IBF cannot be accessed from this direction.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>Sevington North matters</p> <p>The issues raised for Sevington North are: the play park vegetation had not been cut, the Clerk had reported this to Aspire.</p> <p>Vegetation on Barrey Road had also been discussed, CLlr White had taken this forward.</p> <p>The telephone box needs some remedial work – a resident of Sevington South is to be asked if he could quote for the repairs.</p>	
<p>Financial matters:</p> <p>To approve the following financial documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To note the Parish Council’s financial position The Parish Council noted bank balance of £12,391.62 with a cheque outstanding. ii. To authorise any payments All Payments were authorised 	
<p>Any Other Business (for information purposes only)</p> <p>Litterpicking was discussed across the parish.</p>	

<p>Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council. Locations were discussed and it was considered that the Chamber of Commerce was most preferable.</p> <p>Monday 6 September 2021</p> <p>Monday 4 October 2021</p> <p>Monday 1 November 2021</p> <p>Monday 10 January 2022</p> <p>Monday 7 February 2022</p> <p>Monday 7 March 2022</p> <p>Monday 4 April 2022</p> <p>Monday 9 May 2022</p>	
<p>Resolution to exclude the public Resolved: Under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be dealt with, the Public and Press leave the meeting during discussion of item 18.</p>	
<p>Decision as to who should be co-opted to fill the vacancy</p> <p>The Parish Councillors discussed both applications and decided which Councillor to co-opt for the role.</p>	
<p>The meeting closed at 9.15 pm</p>	