

SEVINGTON WITH FINBERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Finberry Sub-Committee Meeting on Monday 11th September 2023

In attendance: Cllr Martin (Chair), Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Lemon, Cllr Townsend and the Clerk.

1.	Welcome Cllr Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllr Bartram had sent apologies for absence, these were approved.
3.	Minutes of the previous sub-committee meeting on 12th June 2023 The minutes were approved by the meeting and recorded.
4.	Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. None in attendance.
5.	Litterpick update Delighted in the attendance, about 15 people turned out. There are a lot of cigarette butts around the village. There is a corridor of litter for people arriving on Finberry but there is a certain amount of litter from local residents. Is there a campaign to make the point to the local residents? Will consider running a litterpick every 3 months, suggest asking people to consider what they are dropping. Suggest talking to Tracy Butler and asking if she recommends anything to encourage people to dispose of their dog poo bags and cigarette butts. There is a lot of fishing wire etc and believe we need education, wonder if we can have signs. Is there any leverage with Crest Nicholson, 15 hours of litterpicking has been undertaken? Suggest that the PC communicate this through the survey results. Next litter-pick to be undertaken in early December. Resolved: Clerk to communicate with Tracy Butler.
6.	HML Issues This issue is raging on Social Media, so far no-one has approached the PC directly. There is enormous pressure on the Officers at Ashford Borough Council. Will rely heavily on the Borough Council to add weight to the conditions. What is the process going forward. 2/3 weeks since the issue with HML contractors, we were assured that the new contractors would have begun work by now, what is an expectation of work? You promised bin emptying on Monday/Thursday, this has not happened, please advise on the scope of work etc? We understand that the Crest open days are being undertaken and we are concerned for you as to how successful this will be if the grounds are not maintained. Resolved: Clerk to write to Daniel Wilson and Roland Mills with survey results.
7.	Questionnaire responses, analysis and actions The responses were reported. Consider the link road to Bridgefield to be less important. The Community Centre is something to be delivered fairly quickly. Suggest supporting the issue we can demonstrably affect. The convenience store is in the hands of the Church Commissioners and will not be brought forward quickly.

	<p>Estate Management Committee with resident rep. Traffic calming is an issue. Parking around the school appears to be a problem. The bus service does not appear to be something that is going to be used enough so that Stagecoach would withdraw the service. 65% of residents who responded were keen to separate the Parish Council. PB to take this as an agenda item to the Sevington Sub-committee.</p> <p>Lorry parking is something we can ask the Borough Council to step up their attention to this.</p> <p>Need to sort out the footpaths that flood in the winter.</p> <p>Suggest the results are posted on the website and the Facebook group. Highlights to be included.</p>
8.	<p>Any Other Business (for information purposes only) None</p>
9.	<p>Date of the next meeting Ad-hoc.</p>

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.