

Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council
Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, 3rd April 2023 following the APM

Present	Cllr Martin (Chair)	Cllr Bartlett
	Cllr Hughes	Cllr Lemon
	Cllr Townsend	Cllr Whybrow

In attendance: Cllr Nilsson, Peter New, 1 member of the public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllr Bartram had sent apologies. These apologies were approved.	
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. Cllrs Bartlett and Hughes declared an interest in the IBF and Waterbrook due to the proximity of their homes to the site.	
To approve the minutes Sevington with Finberry Parish Council meeting held on 6th March 2023. The minutes of the meeting on 6 th March were signed as a true copy.	
To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda Cllr Hughes asked for an update on the salt bin for Sevington South. This is being funded by Clair Bell and Clerk will liaise with KHS directly regarding its placement.	
Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item The member of the public had no comments at this time.	
Borough Councillors Report Cllr Nilsson reported "A fairly quiet month as I have been on holiday for 2 weeks. But I have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported an overhanging tree on Church Road these are causing large twigs to fall on resident's casts and driveways. • I have paid for and installed a No parking sign in the turning space at the bottom of Church Road. • Spent time talking to local residents and answering emails. 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/	
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. There were 2 new planning applications and the Clerk had updated the planning document accordingly. The Councillors are to look at these applications and comment asap.	

The Clerk is not receiving notifications of planning applications but will communicate with Cllr Bell regarding this.

To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington North

There is a rut along Church road Sevington where lorries have caused pot holes. The verge has also suffered some degradation. The Clerk will liaise with the Highway Steward with regards to this.

Lorries are still parking at the top of Church Road and on Barrey Road. The only way to report this is by taking photographs and reporting to ABC.
A new power station is due to be installed.

To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington South

The Finberry tree needs planting.

To receive any update on IBF or Waterbrook

It was noted that permanent signs are still not in place for the IBF.

The IBF site is noisy at night.

The DfT have proved very difficult to communicate with. The Clerk is to write to Damian Green and ask him to speak with the relevant minister stating the issues and requesting an on-site stakeholders meeting.

The member of the public noted that he had requested a FOI request regarding electricity usage on the IBF site.

To receive any update on Highways (to include the Bellamy Gurner Scheme)

This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Financial matters:

To approve the Statement of Internal Controls 2022-23

The Parish Council approved the Statement of Internal Controls 2022-23.

To approve the Financial Regulations

The Parish Council approved the Financial Regulations.

To note the Parish Council's financial position.

The Parish Council has £19,399.34 in the bank

To authorise any payments

Payments were authorised as follows:

	£
HMRC	108.00
Room hire	60.00
Litterpicker	113.24
Clerk	335.08

<p>To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment. The Parish Council considered the Risk Assessment and there were no changes to be made.</p>	
<p>Any other business (for information purposes only) There was no other business.</p>	
<p>Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council</p> <p>All at the Chamber of Commerce: Tuesday 16 May 2023</p> <p>Peter New expressed gratitude for the Parish Council’s time.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.55pm</p>	