

**Minutes of the Sevington Sub-committee Meeting held in  
St Mary's Church, Sevington on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Present**      Andy Whybrow (Chair)(AW)

Darren Coppins (DC)

In attendance: Cllr Dawnie Nilssen (DN), Steve Campkin (SC), Tracey Block (Clerk), 8 members of the public

To be actioned by

The meeting started at 7.00pm	
<b>Welcome</b> Cllr Whybrow welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>Apologies for absence</b> had been received from Cllr Paul Bartlett.	
<b>Minutes from the previous meeting</b> The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed as a true record.	
<b>Matters arising from this meeting</b> There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.	
<b>Public session:</b> To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. There have been 2 rough sleepers in the play park recently. <b>DN agreed to take this matter forward.</b> The fence round the field behind houses on Church Road is high can anything be done? <b>AW believes that this was erected to protect the land.</b> The bollards are being removed to access the field behind houses on Church Road. <b>AW to report this to Kent Highways Services.</b>	
<b>Update from Ward Councillor Nilssen</b> Cllr Nilssen reported: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. She has been very busy recently with her portfolio and the residents on Highfield.</li> <li>2. That she will discuss the rubbish in Sevington South and the signage in Highfield with ABC and get something more permanent.</li> </ol>	
<b>Sevington Sizzle</b> The Sizzle has created positive interest from residents.	
<b>Strip of land at Kingfisher Close</b> A resident wants there to be an investigation into the ownership of the land between Church Road and Kingfisher Close. The strip of land is not maintained, KCC contacted the owners and they cut it back previously. <b>SC to investigate ownership</b>	
<b>Overgrown weeds at Boys Hall Stream</b> The Clerk had contacted the Environment Agency about this watercourse. The response read, "The Environment Agency's annual in-channel weed cutting programme commences in mid-July as this is the earliest we can start the work due to bird nesting season. The main Aylesford Stream will be cut once between now and mid-November.  The secondary channel running through The Wickets is cut twice per year to reduce issues associated with summer storms as this is known to be a more flashy section of watercourse. This channel will be cut between now and the end of August, and then again between October and November."	
<b>Lorry overnight parking at Barrey Road</b> The lorry overnight parking is severe in Barrey Road and is not being enforced. This is not being enforced on the weight restriction, BIFFA is not adhering to this either. <b>SC to take this forward with Planning Enforcement/escalate to the Joint Transportation Board.</b>	

<p><b>DN is to report the BIFFA issue as a noise nuisance.</b></p>	
<p><b>Vegetation uncut on walkway area/bridge to Sevington Church</b>  The vegetation needs cutting back. AW has reported to National Highways, however, as it is not a driving hazard, it would appear to have been left.</p>	
<p><b>Any Other Business (for information purposes only)</b>  Wickes roof construction is very noisy at 6.45am. DN is to meet to request that limited hours are adhered to.</p> <p>Sevington Mill owner has confirmed that he has no contracts on the table as of today. Cllr Whybrow is likely to be told should there be any further developments on this. The property appears to have not been viable for many of the investigated opportunities.</p> <p>Cllr Whybrow asked if there could be some consideration given to the issue for many residents regarding parking. Whilst there are no restrictions on parking locally, Cllr Whybrow suggested parking permits to restrict the number of veh</p> <p>The sign at the entrance to Church Road was discussed as it is in the wrong place.</p> <p>The footpath sign at the footbridge is damaged.  <b>SC to repair.</b></p> <p>The rubbish bin at the Play park has been removed.  <b>SC to investigate this.</b></p>	
<p><b>Date of The next meeting</b> will be on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm.  Clerk to book with Libby Varley.</p>	

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....