

The Parish Council has £23,867.24 in the bank.

ii. To authorise any payments.

Payments were authorised as follows:

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HMRC	98.40
Clerk	527.70

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.

The following applications required a response:

There is an application for Kingfisher Close, comments are to be received regarding this.

Update regarding the possible separation of the Parish Council

The newsletter has been circulated, it was agreed that the Clerk would check with Paul Libreri to see whether the option for a Parish Meeting should be offered and then a paragraph about Parish meetings must be included.

There is a lack of good news in the newsletter but it was agreed this would be circulated later in the Spring.

To consider the leadership of the Councils from may 2024-April 2025

This is deferred until the next meeting where there will be more Councillors present.

To discuss a connecting people with nature project

This is deferred until the next meeting where there will be more Councillors present.

To discuss the footpath connectivity to Mersham

This is deferred until the next meeting when more detail will be known regarding the Call for Sites .

To agree meeting regularity and dates for 2024 into 2025

It was suggested that the Council should meet 6 times a year to ensure it remains relevant and to ease administration. This will be suggested to the full Council to decide at the next meeting.

To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington Highfield

The next sub-committee meeting is on 19th March 2024 at 7pm.
The Clerk is to ask Dawnie and Steve about attendance at meetings and communication, the outstanding issues that Cllrs Campkin and Nilsson have agreed to undertake that remain unresolved are:

- Kingfisher Close land ownership (SC)
- The parking survey for Church Road (DN)
- The “no through sign” is in the wrong place (DN)
- Lorry overnight parking at Barrey Road (SC)
- BIFFA Lorry emptying waste in Foster Road (SC/DN)
- The footpath sign at the footbridge that is damaged (SC)

Cllr Whybrow and the Clerk are taking a Highways Improvement Plan forward with KCC.
A Planning Enforcement complaint has also been made by a member of the public, copied to Cllr Whybrow.

<p>To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Finberry.</p> <p>There are issues with HML and this has been highlighted in the press recently:</p> <p>HML are not undertaking the work they are contracted to undertake</p> <p>How might Ashford Borough Council enforce the issue with HML</p> <p>The way that the covenants are set up means that the liability for invoice goes with the house; this means that any unresolved billing issues are passed to the next owners. Bilham Farm is likely to be a similar problem.</p> <p>These issues are beyond the remit of the Parish Council.</p>	
<p>To receive an update on any matters pertaining to Sevington South.</p> <p>A new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been created for Sevington. Window stickers and bin stickers are available. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund 10 signs to be placed up in the area. These are £6 each and Cllr Coppins will purchase and be reimbursed for the expense.</p>	
<p>To receive any update on IBF or Waterbrook</p> <p>ABC will be using the IBF site from March; it now works on ANPR at the entrance and exit and has fewer workers with new variable signage.</p> <p>The residents will need to check that vehicles are not left idling now that there are less employees being vigilant about this issue.</p> <p>The DEFRA checks will begin in April and so there will be an increase in site usage.</p>	
<p>To receive any update on Highways (to include the Bellamy Gurner Scheme)</p> <p>There was no update.</p>	
<p>To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.</p> <p>There were no changes to the Risk Assessment</p>	
<p>Any Other Business (for information purposes only)</p> <p>Cllr Whybrow will be having surgery in March and won't be able to attend meetings for 12 weeks.</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>Monday 4 March 2024 Monday 13 May 2024</p>	