

**Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council**  
**A Virtual Meeting held in on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.30pm**

**Present**

Cllr Martin (Chair)  
 Cllr Bartram  
 Cllr Whybrow

Cllr Bartlett  
 Cllr Townsend

In attendance: 4 members of public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

<p><b>Welcome to the members of the public</b>          Thank you for the expression of interest to stand as a Councillor.</p> <p><b>A minutes silence was held in respect of HRH Duke of Edinburgh.</b></p>	
<p><b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b>          Apologies had been received from Cllrs Oakley-Hills and Whybrow.</p>	
<p><b>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.</b>          Cllr Bartlett declared an interest in the Sevington Inland Border site as it is in close proximity to his home address.          Cllrs Martin, Bartram and Townsend declared an interest in the roads on Finberry as Finberry residents</p>	
<p><b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.</b>          The minutes were approved as a true record.</p>	
<p><b>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda.</b>          There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p><b>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.</b>          The members of public had no matters to raise.</p>	
<p><b>Planning Applications:</b></p> <p>Application: 21/00460/AS - No objections were raised.          Application: 21/00394 - No objections but flow of traffic to be considered.          Application: 21/00561/AS - Application for Sevington Mill, Councillors are requested to comment.          Application: 21/00587/AS - Application for Song Thrush Drive, Councillors are requested to comment.</p>	
<p><b>Financial Matters</b>  <b>All approved</b></p> <p>a) To approve:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. The statement of internal controls          The Parish Council considered the Statement of Internal Controls for 2020-21 and approved the document.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii. The Parish Council reviewed the Financial Regulations and approved the document.</p> <p>b) To note/authorise the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. To note the Parish Council's financial position – the balance of £8620.29 with a number of uncleared cheques.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii. To authorise any payments – salaries and HMRC PAYE payments were authorised.</p>	

<p><b>Borough Councillors Report</b>  Cllr Bartlett's Report had been circulated and is taken as read.</p> <p>Cllr Bartlett sent an email to Daniel Fryd as he sent an email to Mersham Parish Council. PB explained that this is in Sevington. PB also raised other issues:  Amount of parking on Church Road  Damaged signs on Church Road and top of Cheeseman's Green Road  Litter on Church Road  Lighting is poor and illuminating properties.  Illuminated sign was blown over and has not been repaired.  Work undertaken on A2070 during 10-11 April – is this drainage work?  The salt bin has been damaged so this should be replaced on Church Road.  The gulls are creating noise.  It is hoped that a discussion will be offered by Daniel.  The Environmental Agency has refused to provide an impact statement so Cllr Bartlett has made contact regarding this too.  Cllr Bartlett will provide an update should he receive any responses.  Cllr Martin suggested that the Parish Council could back up these points. Cllr Bartlett felt that this could be a useful thing. Suggest that the Clerk send a comment to ask that these matters are looked in to.</p>	
<p><b>To discuss the Bellamy Gurner Scheme</b>  Cllr Bartlett reported that the land ownership issue at the Orbital roundabout has now been agreed.  Cllr Bartlett did not think there was any reason to start this work.  Cllr Bartlett felt that Highways England may tell residents about the works when they begin, it is indicative that they will advise that the roads will be closed.  The alternative exit road being opened was discussed – the Clerk is to contact Roland Mills for another update.</p>	TB
<p><b>An update regarding the Friends of Captains Wood</b>  The Parish Council had discussed this previously, Ben Thomson had come forward and he was taking this forward. Gemma Davies has also offered help. At present there is no further news on how this is progressing.</p>	
<p><b>Communication with all wards</b>  It was agreed that the Parish Council would discuss the matter of Social Media presence of the Parish Council. This will be discussed as an agenda item for the next meeting.</p>	All
<p><b>To discuss the Jaguar Showroom Lighting</b>  The light that emits from this site. Cllr Bartlett requested that the Clerk ask Roland about the Jaguar showroom site as this is a "temporary site." It is thought that a new site is being built on Orbital.  This does not reflect the modern thinking of downward facing lights.</p>	TB
<p><b>To discuss dangerous roads on Finberry</b>  There is a new approach to road design by KCC and it was agreed that the Councillor would be requested to attend a meeting. This would discuss road layouts and adoption of roads.</p>	
<p><b>To receive applications for Co-option to the Parish Council</b>  In attending the meeting, the public have seen how the Parish Council runs and its role in the community.</p> <p>The three prospective Councillors spoke about themselves.</p> <p>Arun – Thanked everyone for their time. He is a resident on Finberry.</p>	

<p>Darren – Darren has attended several meetings, he lives near to the IBF site and is keen to undertake some voluntary work closer to home as opposed to his work life. Keen to bring green energy and sustainable buildings, he is keen to be involved in local planning applications and benefits to the community.</p> <p>Gemma – Has attended the meetings previously and is now personally able to be involved. Keen to be involved locally.</p> <p>Cllr Martin thanked everyone for attending and explained that we are a new Parish Council, only a year old now.</p>	
<p><b>Any Other Business (for information purposes only)</b></p> <p>Cllr Bartlett has written to the Environment Agency as there seems to be some portacabins placed on the green corridor at the back of the truck stop, there is also a soil dump. Cllr Bartlett will report back.</p> <p><b>Telephone kiosk:</b> no further information as yet.</p>	
<p><b>Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.</b></p> <p>There is a situation regarding the requirement to meet virtually prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> May due to Government guidelines.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet on <b>1<sup>st</sup> May at 9am.</b></p>	
<p><b>Resolution to exclude the public</b></p> <p>It was proposed that, under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions 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, namely Co-option of a new Councillor.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> That the press and public leave the meeting during discussion of co-option of a new Councillor.</p>	
<p><b>Closed Session:</b></p> <p>Co-option of new Parish Councillor: The Parish Council decided on a new Parish Councillor to co-opt.</p>	
<p>The meeting closed at 8.37pm</p>	