

Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council
A Virtual Meeting held in on Monday, 1st February 2021 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr Martin (Chair)
 Cllr Bartram
 Cllr Whybrow

Cllr Bartlett
 Cllr Townsend

In attendance: 2 members of public and Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies had been received from Cllr Oakley-Hills. Lack of computer access could be an issue, it was suggested that an option could be made available for accessing for MS Teams.</p>	
<p>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. Cllr Bartlett declared an interest in the Sevington and Waterbrook Inland Border sites as both are in close proximity to his home address. Cllrs Bartram, Townsend and Martin declared an interest in the HML issues.</p>	
<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2021. The minutes were approved as a true record.</p>	
<p>To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda. The vacancy will be an agenda item for next meeting.</p>	
<p>Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. There were no points to be raised.</p>	
<p>Borough Councillors Report A report had been circulated.</p> <p>There were 3 issues that the Clerk took forward with Roland Mills (ABC) – Captain’s Wood, the Bellamy Gurner scheme (due to start in the Spring) and Rutledge Avenue. Roland felt that Crest had reached the trigger point but KCC didn’t believe this to be the case. Roland is to respond to the Clerk.</p> <p>A new issue has come to light on the Cycle path – from Bridgefield on Finberry side of the Railway line to a bridge over railway to meet with current path to Asda. Discussions with Network Rail has revealed that this plan is unviable so negotiations have begun to discuss the path to go along the Railway line and through the underpass at Asda. There are a lot of stakeholders involved, Crest, KCC, ABC and Network Rail. Hoping for a positive outcome.</p> <p>The trigger point for the Community Centre is fast approaching. The village is marketed on the Centre being built. Caution must be adhered as this is a financial tie. Bridgefield do not have one and so they will be looking to use Finberry’s but Bridgefield didn’t have theirs because of the financial crisis in 2008.</p> <p>The Clerk is to upload the Borough Councillor’s Reports to the website.</p>	TB
<p>Captain’s Wood Management The Parish Council is waiting for Cllr Oakley-Hills to bring us some information forward. Roland Mills has responded as he has been asked to set up a meeting of stakeholders but this has not yet been arranged.</p> <p>We have a seat at that meeting but we also need to create a local interest group.</p>	

<p>A member of public is very concerned that the creation of corridors must be kept to enable the natural habitat of animals.</p>	
<p>Update regarding Pedestrian Access to Ashford Retail Park The Clerk was to contact Kent Highways to ask for plans and the response was that this would be counter-intuitive to safe crossing of the road. It was decided that we should step back as this is something that should be left until after the new County Councillor is elected or after May.</p> <p>The crossing on that bend – the public footpath is placed at that point. This is poor planning because the path is lowered at that point. The landlord could be asked to move the path.</p>	
<p>Telephone Kiosk, Church Road Sevington There have been some issues :</p> <p>Vandalism – the plan was to have a defibrillator installed. If the kiosk is going to be vandalised, what is our contingency if there is a vandalism issue. There is a group of 4 teenagers, that decided to make a nuisance of themselves. The vandals were chased away but one side of the kiosk is Perspex windows but the glass windows were those that were smashed. These are people walking to the Business Centre, the people came from Twelve Acres area. The Police have not been able to apprehend these people.</p> <p>The Perspex replacement is being looked at by Community Support Unit at ABC. Once the kiosk is tidied up it might be respected more.</p> <p>The electrical power – they do not need to dig up the road, but the power just needs to be re-connected. The supply is behind the panel but needs Network Power to connect.</p> <p>Could be approached through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintaining the kiosk 2. A local library installed and then 3. Look at defibrillator. <p>Would need to find a handy-man to fit the Perspex. The Sevington Facebook group are in favour of installing a defibrillator in the phone box.</p>	
<p>Update on Sevington and Waterbrook Inland Border Facilities There have been a few temporary gridlocked road issues but by and large the lorries have been well managed. Lorries are being parked on the entrance/exit slips to Finberry. Lorries can be reported to www.ashford.gov.uk/Brexit ABC will then direct the appropriate agency to deal with the problem. There is a fine if the driver is exceeding the 45 minute wait.</p> <p>This website should be promoted locally and let people know what should be undertaken – Cllr Townsend is to post on the local Facebook for Finberry.</p> <p>There was a meeting with the DfT last Friday that Cllr Bartlett attended. The buildings need to be larger for the DEFRA checking and there will be a revised planning application. What was more important was what the adjoining land will be used for. DfT is to sell the land to either ABC or Mersham PC, this plan was shared with the Parish Council. Cllr Bartlett highlighted the improved access to Mersham and it was noted that part of the field sits in Mersham. The formal plan is to be made in the future, a proper path will be installed. The Skylarks on the site were discussed.</p> <p>The residents facing the Sevington Park are complaining about the light pollution, something needs to be done. The site is to be open in February and at that point all construction work will cease and so there will be a marked improvement when the site is open.</p>	JT
<p>HML Issues in Finberry Cllr Martin explained that a group on Finberry are undertaking a legal challenge and another group who are negotiating with HML. We have tried to meet with HML and we have been stone-walled at every turn. The most frustrating part is that we have not been able to build any links with HML/Crest and we can only ask for a commitment for them to attend a meeting. Are we wasting our time at this stage – Roland has a list</p>	

of S106 obligations that he is following up with Crest.

Crest agreed to set up a residents Management Committee and their failings are being taken up by Roland. Once these issues are to be addressed, the Parish Council should be able to engage at that point. ABC should have more sway than the Parish Council as they are likely to want to submit further plans. It might be a case of delayed response due to furloughing of staff.

When a planning application needs to be applied for a discussed, we could encourage them to focus on our issues.

Planning Matters:

20/00591	Zone A Waterbrook Park, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Kent	Application for the approval of reserved matters including, layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping in relation to the erection of a new storage and distribution centre including ancillary offices, including associated access, parking with van storage deck building, landscaping and associated works.**INCLUDES AMENDED DESCRIPTION**
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All of the applications are in the Google documents drive. The Clerk was asked to put a hyperlink to the applications in the document too.

There were no comments to be made on the application above.

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Financial Matters:

Financial documents had been circulated.

To note the Parish Councils position: £9,904.80 with £439.11 outstanding.

To authorise payments: The payments were authorised

Any other business

There was no further business.

Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council:

Monday 1 March 2021

Monday 12 April 2021

Monday 10 May 2021

The meeting closed at 20:45