

Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council
A Virtual Meeting held in on Monday, 4th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Present	Cllr Martin (Chair)	Cllr Bartlett
	Cllr Bartram	Cllr Oakley-Hills
	Cllr Townsend	Cllr Whybrow

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

To be actioned by:

To receive and approve apologies for absence No apologies had been received.	
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/Crest issues	
To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd November 2020. The minutes were approved as a true record.	
To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda. There were no matters arising from the minutes.	
Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. The member of the public is interested in Captain's Wood and what there is to say about that. The members of public explained that the birds that fly in and out of the woodland and think that there should be 2 entrances to Captain's Wood to allow mammals and birds to move in and out of the Wood. Birds can move through at the moment. Hedge must also be maintained, there is a man who works for Natural England and he has been in touch with Cllr Bartlett. The Stakeholders meeting needs to take place within the next couple of months before any additional houses are built. There is a nice Skylark area around Bridgefield, Captain's Wood must be connected rather than isolating the area which would inhibit the natural habitat. The building of the houses would be detrimental to the Woodland, there are foxes, hedgehog and dormice so it is important that they have a wide walk way to encourage a nature recovery network. There is a Finberry Wildlife Page on Facebook and there is an appetite for this.	
Borough Councillors Report A report had been circulated.	
Captain's Wood Management Three papers had been circulated by Cllr Bartlett ahead of the meeting. The Planning Application for Finberry required a Management Plan for Captain's Wood and Crest are required to report back to ABC on their management plan every 3 years. There is an action for ABC to chase up Crest on what their Management has been. Crest took onboard some agreements and there should be a Stakeholders Group – the PC should be involved. The way that this has been agreed to be managed does not follow current regulations and this is not part of the best practice as far as Kent Wildlife Trust is concerned as it inhibits movements by mammals. They would like a new access from Bridgefield. It would take up an area that the Church Commissioners have permission from 3 houses. We need to take this forward through the Stakeholders Group, which the PC technically has a seat on. The Clerk is to request the PC seat that is currently given to Mersham. This group should have a meeting, with ABC, the Church Commissioners and Crest. The Friends of Captain's Wood Group also requires to be formed, the new access would be something that	TB TB/ PB

<p>this group should take forward. The PC should encourage residents to join this, perhaps this is something that a leaflet drop could be undertaken.</p> <p>Cllr Oakley-Hills came on to the PC because of this matter. She has a lot of information and has requested hard copy of the plan and is keen to collate the information and suggests that this is re-visited at the next meeting. Cllr Oakley-Hills would possibly be able to be a member of the Friends group.</p> <p>There is a question whether the Management Plan is fit for purpose as it was written 6 years ago. Time might mean that people require something additional.</p> <p>Cllr Martin is concerned about the relocation of these 3 properties, it was suggested that the PC could work with the Church Commissioners and have a reasonable conversation.</p>	JOH
<p>Pedestrian Access to Ashford Retail Park</p> <p>Cllr Bartlett had been contacted by a resident expressing safety concerns about crossing Barrey Road. George Koowaree has said that he is not going to contest the elections in May so he cannot do anything. Therefore, we need to contact Kent Highways to look at what has been done about a crossing in this area previously. This is a danger spot and there are no drop kerbs and cars are gaining speed as they leave the car park and coming away from the traffic lights. A crossing is not necessarily the answer, but raising table-tops might be more useful on the corner to allow pedestrians to cross safely. The Clerk is to request a way forward from Lisa Willoughby at Kent Highways. Is this an issue because of increased traffic. This issue has been on-going and the foliage is too high beyond the bend.</p>	TB
<p>Parking issues in Church Road/Barrey Road</p> <p>Cllr Whybrow has reported this and it was resolved. The landlord of the retail park needs to put a one-way system in. ABC have limited resources and cannot send out a regular patrol to this area. ABC must be pressed to enforce the parking restrictions.</p> <p>We must remember to request an enforcement on the parking when the next planning application is received. Cllr Bartlett will take this up with Cllr White as necessary. Cllr Martin wondered why there is no impetus from the commercial side to enhance the shopping experience.</p>	
<p>Telephone Kiosk, Church Road Sevington</p> <p>Cllr Whybrow was going to canvas some of the residents as to whether the community still want a defib. Installed. The general concensus is that this is required. Cllr Whybrow had an electrician look at it and so a metered supply will be required.</p> <p>Cllr White has offered to purchase the defib. Is there funding available for the electrical work to be undertaken. Local electrician to provide a quotation for the installation of an electrical supply. The Clerk will then take this forward with Cllr White.</p>	AW TB
<p>Update on Sevington and Waterbrook Inland Border Facilities</p> <p>Waterbrook is now operational, is the traffic management in place? Not as yet because there is no tariff and no quotas to be checked. It is now only VAT that has to be checked. So far, there have only been 29 fines issued for HGVs , 10 for not having the Kent Access Permit, 3 for not using a Contraflow correctly and 16 for not complying with driver hours.</p> <p>This suggests that compliance with Hauliers is correct. Sevington and Waterbrook are both open, neither of these are as yet used particularly. As we move to working environment they will probably increase. HE have agreed to take in to account what impact the diversion is having. Crest is due to start the Bellamy Gurner Scheme in March and the Traffic Management Plan for that will be very testing.</p> <p>Monitoring of the sites needs to be undertaken and fed back with immediate effect to KCC.</p> <p>Looking at the local Social Media the diversion was causing consternation to many as they had expressed concern about access to their own homes and to other surrounding villages with the inevitable knock-on effect such a diversion might cause.</p> <p>The problem HE had was that they had to put something in place without knowing what the Brexit deal was going to be, so all they could do was plan for the worst and hope for the best.</p> <p>The biggest change was the opening of the Lydden Hill site for the smaller vans – less than 7.5t. They have a site designated for HMRC and Covid testing and this could be transformational.</p> <p>We are getting a lot of media enquiries and we agreed a media policy, a lot of requests come in to Rick and</p>	

<p>Paul. They are playing a straight bat at present as they cannot comment without members of the public coming forward. There has been local and national media interest, Cllr Bartlett's interview fell through. Cllr Bartlett thinks that KCC have done an excellent job in readying a site in 6 months. The Chairman and Cllr Bartlett are looking to represent all views put forward. Meetings with residents need to be undertaken so we don't lose the local impetus. Clerk to request restarting meetings with DfT regarding the planting on the perimeter.</p>	TB			
<p>HML Issues in Finberry A couple of months ago, a group of residents managed to arrange a meeting with Crest and Cllr Martin managed to attend. There was an agreed contribution from Crest and an elongated payment plan. Nothing is in the public domain or is formally agreed and nothing has come through an official channel. The Clerk is to request a response from Planning Enforcement following communication with them previously. The link road from Swift Road to Rutledge Avenue should have been built at 401 occupations and they seem to have missed that moment, the Clerk is to ask ABC to take this forward to ensure compliance. This will affect the Bellamy Gurner Scheme. The Taylor Woodrow end has been completed and this is the time to press them for a response. Ask ABC what action has been taken to issue a legal notice that this should have been completed?</p>	TB TB			
<p>Community Support during Covid Having had a meeting with Cllr Wright, the point to note was that no-one should be going hungry because there is huge structure at present in Ashford already in place to help people. FairShare are based in Sevington North. We have taken a watching brief at present and it is considered that we need to continue this stance in order to be reactive. Is there anything that the Parish Councillors feel should be undertaken? Cllr Bartlett suggested that once restrictions allow, a meeting with FairShare should be organised.</p>				
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<p>Financial Matters: To note the Parish Councils position: £10,226.76 with £220.20 outstanding. To authorise payments: The payments were authorised</p>				
<p>Any other business There was no further 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: Monday 1 February 2021 Monday 1 March 2021 Monday 5 April 2021</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21:00</p>				