## Minutes of Sevington with Finberry Parish Council Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm

PresentCllr Martin (Chair)Cllr BartlettCllr BartramCllr Hughes

Cllr Whybrow

In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk)

To be actioned by:

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To receive and approve apologies for absence	
Apologies had been received from ClIrs Townsend and Lemon.	
The apologies were approved. Both Councillor's apologies were Covid-19 related.	
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.	
Cllrs Bartlett and Hughes declared a personal interest in the Inland Border Facility due to the proximity of	
their respective home addresses to the site.	
Cllr Whybrow declared an interest in the telephone box due to the proximity of his home to this asset.	
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2021.	
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 to discuss.	
Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.	
There were no members of public present.	
Borough Councillors Report	
Cllr Bartlett's Report had been circulated and is taken as read.	
Planning Matters	
Planning application number 21/01721/AS was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would object	
due to the extinguishment of the well-used footpath. It would appear from the plans that access is through	
Rutledge Avenue, there was concern expressed about farm vehicles navigating this narrow lane when	
considering the close proximity of the play area.	
Councillor Martin is to produce a response	RM
Update on Waterbrook	
The Waterbrook site back in the hands of GSE and the new lorry park is due to be opened in December 2021.	
It was noted that there could be an issue with overlap between the old and the new truck stops both working	
simultaneously. The Parish Council needs to be mindful of any planning regulations. The existing lorry park is	
for 410 lorries and the old one is for 650 meaning a potential 1060 lorries for a time, this will require	
management by Kent Highways. It is hoped that this will not impact on the Bellamy Gurner Scheme.	
IBF Update	
A follow up meeting with Kyle Cliff has now been arranged. it was agreed that the points we wish to raise	
would be: lighting, errant HGV's, weeds, low frequency noise issues affecting the neighbours and pollution	
concerns (ponds).	
Councillor Bartlett had met with Haroona regarding the future of Highfield. There is to be a consultation	
regarding the land, this is planned to take place by the end of the year.	

## **Sevington North matters**

The telephone box has been cleared up and repainted, remedial works are in progress.

A newsletter is to be produced to communicate with the public. This will request ideas for the telephone box usage and is planned for January. It will include an article regarding the beacon lighting for the platinum jubilee.

It was noted that there is an issue with pigs and dogs on the land behind the properties on Church Road, the Clerk is to contact Planning Enforcement.

## **Financial matters:**

To approve the following financial documents:

- To note the Parish Council's financial position
   The Parish Council noted bank balance of £18,653.30 with cheques outstanding.
- ii. To authorise any payments

All Payments were authorised

iii. The Parish Council agreed a draught budget as produced by the Clerk and agreed to precept for 15,000 pounds in 2022/23.

It was agreed that the Parish Council need to consider the community centre plans with a view as to who may run the Community Centre and how involved the Parish Council wishes to be in this.

## Any Other Business (for information purposes only)

Councillor Bartlett has suggested to Paul Libreri, Elections department at Ashford Borough Council that there should be a boundary review between Finberry and Mersham, with the aim that all properties on Finberry would be within a single parish. Paul Libreri has agreed to look at this in time for the next election, the Clerk is to email him if she has not heard from him in the new year.

Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council. Locations were discussed and it was considered that the Chamber of Commerce was most preferable.

Monday 10 January 2022

Monday 7 February 2022

Monday 7 March 2022

Monday 4 April 2022

Monday 9 May 2022

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm