

**Minutes of the Sevington Sub-committee Meeting held in
the Church Room, St Mary's Church, Willesborough on Tuesday, 21st November 2017**

Present	Lee Whitehead (Chair)	Sue Botfield
	Ken Botfield	Brian Heritage
	Jan Oakley-Hills	Ian Sharp

In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk), 3 members of the public

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The meeting started at 7.30pm	
Apologies for absence had been received from Sue Heritage and Andrew Whybrow.	
Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the meeting on 18 th July 2017 were approved and signed by Cllr Whitehead.	
Matters Arising from the minutes <i>Update on Dropped Kerbs</i> – Cllr Whitehead had communicated with the Management Company of Sevington Park and this is apparently not an issue of pedestrian safety and is not specifically for disabled people. The Clerk is to contact Cllr White with regards to these issues.	TB
Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item. There were no items raised by members of the public that were not already on the agenda.	
Update on The Park Communication received from Amanda Scott was circulated – it read: <i>Ashford Borough Council will be receiving £140,000 for improving the play area from the Junction 10A works. The timescales are a little difficult to understand as at the moment it looks like we'll receive the funds once the work to the footbridge and road have been completed. The final decision to authorise the 10A junction is currently with the government inspector with that coming forward in the next few months. I'd be surprised if it's any less than 3 years to deliver the works once the decision is received for such a large infrastructure project. We'll know more about the timescales once the decision is made.</i> <i>In the meantime Aspire will ensure the play area is kept in a safe condition. Inspections are carried out on a weekly basis, if items of medium or high risk are identified work will be carried out to make those items safe. 99% of the time this means making repairs and on the odd occasion we will take items out of use if a repair can't be maintained, for instance if an item is rusting or rotting through. Funding to replace such items really does depend on the cost, so if it's a small item like a springer then we'd probably be able to find some funds to do this.</i> Residents are disappointed with the lack of equipment on this site.	
Speed Cameras It was reported that vehicle drivers do not always abide by the speed limit of 40mph on the A2070 and proper signs are required. The Clerk was asked to contact the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership and explain that complaints have been received a public meeting and that the discrepancy of speeds needs enforcing.	TB
Beacon There was a discussion regarding the size limitations, what sort of steel would be used, how will it be erected, should Orlestone Oak be contacted for a new quotation etc. A site meeting with Amanda Scott is to be offered for week beginning the 11 th of December to discuss this matter in depth.	
Litter Picker Report Tom has sent in a report which reads: In terms of adding anything to the agenda I would like to say that overall the Sevington area is much cleaner in the last	

<p>few months as people seemed to have taken the message or have seen me clearing up the mess which I presume has reduced the litter around the area, park included. The park is also on a improvement in the last few months as smaller amounts of antisocial behaviour has occurred there in recent times meaning that the litter levels are also lower. I have also kept on-top of the lorry littering issue in the area as they tended to throw whatever they wished into the hedges on either side of Barry Road, but this is now also cleared due to the new lorry parking infringements here. Currently, i am clearing the items that have been in hedges and behind the industrial estates which will for-fill my hours until winter arrives and the trees leaves decompose, showing what I have missed in all the areas.</p> <p>A small issue which has now been resolved thankfully were catalogues from the business park that were strewn all over Sevington - happily this issue was resolved by the business park and this circumstance will be unlikely to happen again.</p> <p>The only area that still receives regular litter is the children's play park in the park that seems to be a regular "hotspot" for antisocial behavior, although i am doing my best to manage this issue! Also the park bins are overflowing every couple of weeks and therefore will need attending to more regularly if possible as this could be a potential cause.</p> <p>On another note, thank you for the delivery of the litter pick that I asked for - I have a back up now! Let me know of any issues in my email and i will be happy to fix them.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would request more frequent bin emptying.</p>	TB
<p>Separation of the 2 parishes</p> <p>At present the residents of Finberry is at 250, this will rise to circa 700 in the future. Cllr Oakley Hlls is to make contact with Finberry residents via Facebook and will try to communicate with Paul Bartlett to encourage building a liaison with the residents in the hope that the residents will attend the Sevington North meetings in the future.</p>	
<p>Sevington Sizzle</p> <p>£1100 was raised for local charities.</p> <p>This will be run in 2018 and then run on alternate years so as not to clash with the Mersham Fete. Next year the date of Sizzle will be communicated with the Borough Council so that the area is cut prior to the event.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>One of the residents reported that CCL production is reaching 15 -28 Db, 10 – 50 Hz, this is against Human Rights. Ashford Borough Council put a time restriction on CCL but this is not acceptable. In addition there is a dreadful smell of ground coffee which is tantamount to Air pollution. The Clerk will contact Environmental Health and Brian Heritage will write to the Clerk who will forward to Gerald White, requesting his involvement.</p> <p>The Local Plan 2030 will be adopted on 14th December, look out for final document from 7th December onwards.</p> <p>Cllr Whitehead gave an update on a Highways meeting he had attended.</p>	TB BH/TB
<p>The next meeting will be held on 16th January 2018.</p>	