

# **MERSHAM & SEVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Church Room, St John the Baptist Church, Mersham**

### **Action by**

**Present:** Cllrs Fletcher (in the Chair), Smithers, Oakley-Hills & Hansen

**In attendance:** Mr G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, ABC Cllr Bartlett and G Kingston Community Warden

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Turley, Murphy, Whitehead & Stewart, ABC Cllr White and PCSO Huckstepp

### **2. Declarations of Councillor's interests regarding items on the Agenda**

There were no declarations of Cllrs interests regarding items on the Agenda

### **3. ABC Cllrs Reports, PCSO & Community Warden's Report**

ABC Cllr Bartlett reported on the ABC grant to The Sports Club, flooding issues, the new School in Finberry and meetings with the ABC Leader Cllr Clarkson re J10

G Kingston, Community Warden, gave his monthly report – no crimes but some parking issues at the Village Hall

### **4. Public discussion**

There were no members of the public present

### **5. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were approved and signed

**6. Matters arising**

Cllr Fletcher reported that the 'Behind the Hedge Footpath' in Mersham was now complete except for some additional lighting and signage which would be chased up with the KCC PROW Officer

Cllr Fletcher reported on the Village Handyman scheme – meetings to progress the scheme were continuing

The Clerk confirmed that a funding application had been made to ABC for a replacement mushroom roundabout.

**7. To discuss correspondence received**

Letter from The Local Government Boundary Commission re Electoral Review of KCC

Letter from The Pensions Regulator re automatic enrolment

Letter from KCC PROW re confirmed Footpath Orders

Letter from PCC thanking for donation to Villager

Letter from Air Ambulance re Cycle Challenge

Monthly Briefing from ABC Leader

Emails re Ashford Business Park road petition

Email re Police/SECAMB meetings in July and Sept

Email from ABC re planning breaches

**8. To consider Finance Matters:**

<u>A. Accounts for Payment</u>	£
Mr. B Branson, June salary	100.88
Mr. I King, June salary	83.85
Mr. G Eaton, June salary	369.96
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	280.00
AON, Annual Insurance	1043.95

**B. To consider a donation to The Sports Club (new entrance)**

There were no developments of note

**C. To consider replacing/removing the mushroom roundabout**

It was agreed to await the outcome of the PC's funding application to ABC before progressing

D. To consider the 2014-2015 Accounts and sign off the Annual Return

The Clerk presented the 2014-2015 accounts and the Annual Return which had to be submitted to the External Auditor. The figures were debated and the accounts and Annual Return were approved and signed off

**9. To consider Planning Matters**

A To consider new planning applications

**15/00610** – 3 storey hotel extension  
Premier Inn, Orbital Park, Sevington

There were no objections to this application

Planning applications withdrawn

**12/00471** – Phase1 Waterbrook Park, Sevington

C Local Needs Housing

There were no developments of note

D Sevington Development and J10

There were no developments of note

**10. To consider Highway and footpath matters**

There were no developments of note

**11. To consider the vacancy for Parish Clerk**

Cllr Fletcher reported that a Clerk to three local Parish Council's had expressed an interest and Cllrs Fletcher & Oakley-Hills would be meeting her on 16<sup>th</sup> June. It was unanimously agreed that Cllrs Fletcher and Oakley-Hills had the authority of the PC to appoint if they saw fit

**Cllrs Fletcher & Oakley-Hills**

**12. Article for Villager Magazine**

Ideas for inclusion in the next edition –? Parish Clerk vacancy, the very successful Village Fete and Cllr vacancies on the PC

**13. To consider Reports**

A Village Hall

There were no developments of note

B Sevington North

There were no developments of note

C Sevington South

There were no developments of note

D KALC

There were no developments of note

E Trees / JPF

A rota of Cllrs to inspect the playground was agreed

**14. Any Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss

**15. Dates of next meeting**

The next Meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Church Room, St John the Baptist Church, Mersham

**The Meeting closed at 9.05 pm**