

MERSHAM WITH SEVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Cllr White

You are invited to a Meeting of Mersham with Sevington Parish Council held in the Church Room, St John the Baptist Church, Mersham, on Monday, 20th July 2015 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.
2. 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.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2015.
4. To discuss matters arising from previous minutes that are not covered by the agenda.
5. Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.
6. To receive reports from Borough Councillors.
7. To receive reports from PCSO Huckstepp and the Community Warden (if received)
8. Planning Matters: to authorise a response to any applications and to note any recent planning decisions by Ashford Borough Council or any correspondence on planning matters:

Reference: 15/00846
Address: Goodrich Cottage, The Forstal, Church Road, Mersham, Ashford, TN25 6NU
Proposal: Erection of a timber cabin games room 7m x 4.5m to the rear garden

Reference: 15/00884
Address: Unit 20, The Glenmore Centre, Moat Way, Sevington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0TL
Proposal: Extension of the existing mezzanine floor to form B1(a) office space

Reference: 15/00822
Address: Solwood, 24 Cherry Glebe, Mersham, Ashford, Kent TN25 6NL
Proposal: Erection of a two storey extension to the rear, extension to front porch and change of roof design on side elevation, extension to existing garage

Reference: 15/00906
Address: Ransley House, Kingsford Street, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6PF
Proposal: Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of single storey replacement

9. Financial matters:
 - a. To note the Parish Council's financial position.
 - b. To authorise any payments including the Clerk's Salary, Salaries for Messers King and Branson.
 - c. To consider making a contribution towards a new Sports Club entrance.
 - d. Change of address for the bank.
10. To consider the Co-option of New Councillors to fill 2 vacancies.
11. To agree and sign the Clerk's contract.
12. To consider the replacement roundabout, following an update from Cllr Fletcher regarding funding from Ashford Borough Council, Conditions of the funding and undertaking works.
13. To receive an update from Cllr Fletcher following the Leader and Senior Planning Officer Meeting.
14. To receive an update on Village Caretaker Scheme.
15. To receive and discuss the bollards at Church Road, Sevington and whether there is a key held to lower these at times of Operation Stack.
16. To discuss the flooding off pavement on Church Road, Mersham and what remedy can be sought.
17. Any Other Business (for information purposes only).
18. Date of next meeting –21st September 2015.

Tracey Block

Clerk to Mersham with Sevington Parish Council

clerk@mershamwithsevingtonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Meeting Notes:

Item 8 - Planning, the reference below is a link to the application on-line in case you have not yet seen the application:

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Item 9c - New Entrance to Sports Club Entrance, please see email content below:

Finally it seems we are getting somewhere with the club plans. After much discussion with Highways we have reached a decision on the new entrance. Although it will cost us a further £4000 to get it agreed then the building cost as attached.

I'm in the process of applying to ABC for a grant of which we hope to obtain half of the total cost but it still remains for us to find the remainder. I was hoping that you might be able to put our application to the Parish Council in the hope you might support us with some funding. We don't expect to get the full amount but something, anything will help our course!

If you require me to come along to a meeting with my flat cap in hand then I am more than happy to do so...

Regards

Bertie

From: Paul Regardsoe <pregardsoe@knapphicks.co.uk>
To: Rita Burton <bertiesbabes@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, 1 Jul 2015 9:24
Bertie

Attached is a copy of the provisional quote from Kirwans for the new entrance works.

On top of this you will need to add the £4000 which Highways require, but hopefully that should be all.

I had a chat with Matt last Thursday, I think the tree I was thinking of removing is one that put in ?

One thing you need to think about with the siting of the clubhouse.

At present the services (power and drainage) are already in place serving the existing clubhouse and if you build adjacent hopefully all you will need to do is extend the existing.

If you build on the other side of the field you will have to provide everything from scratch which may not

have been costed ?

Item 10 - Co-option of Councillors – need to consider applications for the 2 vacancies.

Dear Geoffrey,

I would like to apply for the vacancy of PC for Sevington; I have lived in Sevington for the past 5 years and I am very keen to be involved in local matters. We have moved to Kent from London and started renovation works at Swanton Court, and since then managed to meet lots of people and make good friends.

I am also in the process of becoming a Magistrate, as another way of getting involved in our community.

Please let me know if you'd be happy to consider my application and what are the next steps.

Kind Regards
Isabella Cecil

Thanks for that Geoffrey.

Must admit I share your concerns about the effect this legislation could have on LNH. My personal opinion is that the whole policy is ill judged and self-defeating. I believe that selling off LA housing in the 80's was a prime contributor to the present housing needs problem and this new policy, even if LNH is excepted, will only serve to exacerbate an already major problem.

I think I would like to throw my hat in the ring for co-option. Do you need anything from me to support my application?

Regards
Colin

Item 12 To consider the replacement roundabout, following an update from Cllr Fletcher regarding funding from Ashford Borough Council, Conditions of the funding and undertaking works.

- (paperwork attached via email)

Item 15 - To receive and discuss the bollards at Church Road, Sevington and whether there is a key held to lower these at times of Operation Stack.

Hi Lynne

I really have no idea who might hold a key to the bollards. I didn't know there were any. I also can't imagine under what circumstances we could open them if we had a key. Surely that is a matter for the people who installed the bollards in the first place? If the keys were widely available the bollards would be pointless and if they are not then who has the authority to use them? Who informed you that "someone" in the village has keys? If they are confident of that, then they presumably know who the keys were given to?

I do understand the real problems caused to local people by OP Stack. I have written to Damian Green and am seeing the Leader of ABC on 20th when it will be raised again. I actually think that the hassle it has caused this time round might just mean there is enough political pressure to resolve it. Who knows? Also, of course in the medium term when J10A is built there should be an all ways traffic light controlled junction with the A2070, which will help.

I know this doesn't answer the short term problem but I would be interested to hear who at KCC thinks we have a key.

**Kind regards
Geoffrey**

From: sharplindjo@aol.com [<mailto:sharplindjo@aol.com>]
Sent: **07 July 2015 16:45**
To: geoffrey@stonegreenfarm.co.uk
Subject: **Bollards at church road sevington and sevington lane**

Message sent on: 07/07/2015

I have been in touch with KCC highways and Highways England, regarding the bollard keys in times of

beng stuck in Sevington when Operation Stack is put into force.

I was informed that there should be bollard keys in the village being held by some one, however no one seems to know about them. As you can probably appreciate we get stuck trying to get out of the village as we have to use junction10. Also the emergency vehicles should be able to get through in times of necessity.

Perhaps you could inform the villagers who is in possession of the bollard key.

Thank you for your time

Lynne Sharp
sharplindjo@aol.com

Item 16 - To discuss the flooding off pavement on Church Road, Mersham and what remedy can be sought.

I've had a look at the enquiries for that road today and there is nothing outstanding. They have recently carried out gully cleansing here so that may help.

The thing to do is to keep logging it [03000 418181](tel:03000418181) – All drainage enquiries go directly to the Drainage Team who will be able to update you.

Kind Regards
Jennie Watson
[Highway Steward – Ashford](#)

From: **Clerk to Mersham with Sevington Parish Council** To: **Watson, Jennie - GT HTW**
Subject: **First Mersham issue!**

Dear Jennie

I have my first Mersham and Sevington meeting on 20th July. I have been asked , “How we do highlight and get resolved persistent "flooding" off pavement on Church Road Mersham?”

Any ideas?

Many thanks
Tracey