

## **EBERNOE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Ebernoe Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Holy Trinity Church, Ebernoe.

Present: Mrs A. Tyrrell (Chairman), Miss F. Abraham, Mr. J. Harvey. Mrs. S. Kendall, Mrs. S. Nyfield

In attendance: Mrs J. Duncton (County and District Councillor) Mrs H. Scott (Parish Clerk), and four members of the public.

**118. Apologies for absence received** – Mr. P. Simmonds and Mr.G.Evans (District Councillor)

**119. Welcome** – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**120. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 having previously been circulated, were approved unanimously and duly signed.

**121. Matters arising** –

Motocross events – The dates for future motocross events have been published in the parish magazine.

Kirdford old parish maps – Kirdford Parish Council have advised that they would happy to accept the maps.

Clerk to contact PCSO Jess Chambers re speaking at annual parish meeting in May 2020.

**122. The Wildflowers of Ebernoe Churchyard** - The book has been very well received and £250 has been raised through donations. The Chairman suggested that the current donations be given to Holy Trinity Church. Proposed by Councillor J. Harvey, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S. Kendall and agreed unanimously. It was agreed that the West Sussex Records Office should receive a copy. Councillor Ms. F. Abraham agreed to deliver a copy.

**123. BT telephone Kiosks** – Chichester District Council has had acknowledgement from BT that they have received their response, so in respect of the Ebernoe Box there should be no impediment to the adoption request that has been made. The Balls Cross box will be removed. At present there is no indication of timescale for either the adoption of the K6 box or the removal of the box at Balls Cross. It was suggested that the K6 kiosk be used as information centre/book exchange and that community volunteers clean up and paint the box

**124.VE Day celebrations** – The Chairman reported back on the progress of the working group and confirmed that Chichester District Council has agreed to grant allocation of up to £250 subject to meeting the relevant criteria and presentation of invoices after the event. Councillor Mrs J Duncton also suggested there may be funding available from WSCC via CLC funding. A speaker system and DJ also needed for the event. It is anticipated that the event will start at 3pm on 8<sup>th</sup> May, further details will be advertised at a later date. Next working party meeting to be held at The Stag on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00p.m. Nearer the event the Chairman will carry out a risk assessment. Councillor J. Harvey asked if VJ75 would be celebrated. The Chairman advised that although no parishioners lost their lives at the Eastern front it did inevitably change peoples lives. It was agreed that VJ75 could be acknowledged at the event on 8<sup>th</sup> May, in church in August and possibly an article in the parish magazine.

**125. Chairman's Report** – no separate report as issues discussed as part of above agenda items.

**126. County Councillor's Report** – The Budget was set and approved last week at 600 million. There will be an increase in council tax. A recent news release indicated an improvement in the Fire and Rescue Services. A new Executive Director has been appointed for Children's Services currently sharing a Director with East Sussex. Still improvements to be made to Children's services but county are confident they are moving in the right direction. Highways – potholes are an ongoing challenge with repairs to potholes in Balls Cross scheduled for repairs in the near future. Grass cutting – urban verges cut 5 times per year with rural cuts 3 times per year.

The District Council budget to be set in first week in March with a small increase in council tax expected. Parking consultation in Chichester City ongoing.

**127. District Councillor's Report**

**Local Plan:**

At the last cabinet meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January we requested for CDC to disclose a full public update as

a matter of urgency. We understand all local parishes have questions on this issue which is vital to finalise or update different local plans so we the opposition are heavily pushing for answers and information. A confidential email should in response to this now have been sent to all Parish Councils

### **Southern Gateway Project:**

Preferred development partner announced. Henry Boot Developments will now work to transform the southern area of Chichester into a vibrant and attractive new quarter.

### **Climate Emergency Officer:**

At the full council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 CDC agreed to employ a full time Climate Emergency Officer for an initial period of two years. This was something that the Lib Dems first proposed back in March last year and was on our manifesto for the May elections. This agreement to employ a Climate Emergency Officer demonstrates the impact of having a more balanced council. This person will be responsible for ensuring that the Climate Emergency Action Plan is enacted and that there is a joined up thinking approach to tackling this crisis. This officer will drive efforts to reduce carbon emissions across the whole District.

At the meeting I raised the question of the time frame for recruitment for this position considering the Emergency of the situation and the reply from the Leader of the council was “as soon as possible” but she did not give any exact detail for the recruitment of this role.

### **VE75:**

You should have received an email on 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 from David Hyland which stated “The Grants and Concessions Panel have agreed for grants of up to £250 to be made available for Parish, Town or City Councils to apply for (to a maximum of £10,000.) These will be considered in order of receipt, so early application is encouraged.”

### **Lagoon 3:**

The last update I had regarding this was on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 from Alison Stevens. This came after two emails chasing (and telephone calls). On the last occasion I copied in the CEO and got this reply:

“I can confirm the visit went ahead. The EA are the responsible authority and we await their report. I will be speaking with the EA officer this week to find out when he expects the report to be available. I have a note in my diary to contact you once we have more information.”

Since then I have had confirmed that that a teleconference was due to take place between CDC, the EA and Fire Emergency services.

My concerns are regarding the surface water on top of the structure after many days heavy downpour and the effectiveness of the Emergency Response Plan which involve the authorities using the land of four different land owners

### **Co-op application Loxwood:**

This application remains a hotly debated subject in the community and it is likely (although not yet certain) to be heard at the March Planning committee meeting. I will update as I hear more.

### **Upcoming Surgeries**

**Onslow Arms, Loxwood – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am – 1pm**

### **128. Financial Report -**

#### **Financial Report**

#### **Present bank balances:**

Current Account	£ 1495.12
Deposit Account	£ 2693.65

#### **Expenditure to be approved in retrospect**

Annual Contribution to Parish Magazine (St Michael's Church)	£ 100.00
Annual Parish Online Subscription(SSALC)	£ 18.00

A request for funding from 4Sight vision support was not agreed but councillors agreed to continue

to support Petworth Cottage Hospital. It was also agreed to increase the precept budget allocation for VE75 from £200 to £250. Proposed by Councillor J. Harvey and seconded by Councillor Mrs. S. Nyfield.

**Expenditure to be approved**

Parish Meetings Room Hire x 4 @ £10.00 (Holy Trinity Church)	£ 40.00
Annual Donation Petworth Cottage Hospital	£ 150.00

**Income**

Grant - The Wildflower Society	£ 150.00
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**Public Rights of Way**

Routine inspection to be carried out during March 2020 by Darryl Hobden, Local Access Ranger. Two issues raised and Clerk agreed to forward to the Access Ranger.

**PAGNE Gatwick Expansion.**

Public meeting North Hall,Loxwood Village Hall - 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Two Councillors to attend.

**Great British Spring Clean 2020** -20 March – 13 April 2020 – Spring Clean rubbish bags distributed.

**Planning Update**

SDNP/19/05959/CND- Sparkes Farm – demolition of various extensions to rear and east sides of house and replace with new extensions – resubmission of SDNP/15/02367/HOUS – variation of Con 2 of householder permission SDNP/16/092083/HOUS – to allow amendments to various elements of scheme to improve overall appearance and substitute approved plans with those attached to application.

SDNP/19/05960/CDE Sparkes Farm – existing lawful development certificate to confirm that planning permission SDNP/16/02083/HOUS dated 10/10/16 as modified by planning permission SDNP/16/05460/CND dated 07/02/17 has been lawfully implemented.

SDNP/19/05850/FUL Entrance to Colhook Industrial Estate adjacent to Unit 18 – installation of a security gate.

EN/20/00102/TPA- Tree Apps (TCAs' and TPAs') land opposite 2 Highnoons Cottage, Scratchings Lane- Fell 3 no Oak Trees(marked on plan as TG2) with group, G1 subject to EN/03/00426/TPO. SDNP/20/00544/OH2 Ebernoe Common to Sibland Farm,Ebernoe. Alterations to an existing overhead line between Fernhurst to Fiveoaks.

**Correspondence**

All correspondence received via e mail has been previously circulated to Councillors:

4Sight vision support 7.11.19 request for funding towards outreach services.

Coronavirus – Member Briefing

Dementia Support in Petworth – Sage Communities weekly sessions at Sylvia Beaufoy Centre, Petworth, from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 10.00am – 3.00p.m.

**Parish Website**

The parish website is fully operational and can be accessed via [www.ebernoeparish.co.uk](http://www.ebernoeparish.co.uk).

**129. Any other matters from councillors and parishioners present –**

Councillor Mrs S. Nyfield advised that there are two dates in July and two in September for Motocross, she asked if silencers could be used on the bikes as occurs in some other venues – it was agreed that this is down to the individual organisers. She also requested the use of the Church for Art Classes, this was agreed by the Vicar.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Date of next meeting**

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 or 12<sup>th</sup> May dependant on Speaker.**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm