

EBERNOE PARISH

The Ebernoe Annual Parish Meeting was held on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at 7.30p.m. in Holy Trinity Church Ebernoe.

There were five parishioners present.

The meeting was chaired by Mrs Ann Tyrrell (Chairman of the Parish Council).
In attendance Mrs J Duncton (District Councillor and County Councillor),
The Chairman asked that item 4 was taken first and this was agreed unanimously.

1. Apologies of absence received from Mrs F. Hughes and Mrs. S. Nyfield.
2. The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 23rd May 2017, previously circulated, were read, approved by all present and signed, proposed by Mrs S. Kendall and seconded by Mr. I. Parkinson
3. There were no matters arising.
4. Barry Newell – West Sussex County Council – gave a very informative and enlightening talk on the 'What If' Project Following a discussion on the project with parishioners all present agreed to accept WSCC invitation to participate in the 'What If', and asked the Clerk to formally request participation in the project.

5. Chairman's Report

Thanks to all councillors for their hard work during the past year. A massive thanks to Helen Scott who has done the job with such super efficiency and been a great support.

Resume of the past year's activity;

- Defibrillators are now fitted and available at the rear of the cricket pavilion and at the Stag Inn. Thanks to Sue Nyfield for obtaining them and sorting out the funding for them. Two avenues for training are currently being investigated.
- Dark Sky project. Last year's meeting had a fascinating talk from Dan Oakley to highlight the South Down National Park being designated as a "dark sky area". Since then the importance of this has been taken into account in a number of SDNPA based planning applications.
- Gatwick expansion and night flying.

An action group has been formed from Parish Councils and other organisations who are concerned about increasing intrusion of aircraft in the skies above Sussex. We suggest that we take up the option to join this group as an Associate Member so that we keep better informed. Ian Hare of Pulborough Parish council is the contact. There is no charge for associate membership. Freddie Hughes is prepared to be our contact. Parish Councillors agreed to take up the option of becoming an Associate Member.

- Sussex Wildlife Trust.

I had a meeting in March with Michael Blencowe who is the Education officer for the Trust. We explored ways in which we could work more closely together. This would include the Parochial Church council and the Parish Council. Possible options could include more use of the Church and Church yard by the Wildlife Trust for meetings, study of the orchids etc. We also discussed provision of an eco toilet. We discussed the break down of communication which has sometimes occurred over such as access to the common by horses and unsuitable livestock grazing the Common.

- Broadband and Mobile phone reception.

I have recently raised awareness again of our poor access to digital communication. The lack of

mobile signal is now being recognised nationally as an issue for rural areas.

- The Stag Inn

The Stag inn at Balls Cross has now been recognised as a Community Asset. Thanks to all who supported the Parish council in this application. Thanks also to Helen Scott who put the bid together.

- The Parish Magazine

This is now distributed to all households. We want to see more Ebernoe news. The new printers are including a centre piece of colour photos.

- Bus shelter and seat at Balls Cross.

Thanks to Ian Parkinson for the cleaning up, repairing and preservative application.

- Data Protection Act.

Helen Scott has undertaken training and is our designated officer. We hold little data of a personal nature. But need to be aware of the new provisions.

- Litter Picking

Thanks to councillors for undertaking the annual pick. Special thanks to Yasmin Simmonds who has worked with Peter to keep the area around Colhill and the bus shelter on the main road clean.

- Notice Board at Colhook.

The glass broke during strong winds. We are very grateful to Graham Stemp for repairing the board

- Fly tipping

We welcome the stiffer penalties on this but still have some issues especially at two gates on Streels lane. Litter has been removed by parishioners.

- Winter Gritting

After three years with no snow we were grateful to Charlie Wadey, Bill and Steve Wickham for applying the salt and grit and keeping our roads clear when it snowed. One problem was that after such a long time the bags split and made the job harder. We will have a better system of Charlie being able to get more help in the spreading in future.

- Centenary of Armistice Day Nov 11th

We have been awarded a grant to help with a bonfire and fire work night to celebrate.

- Web site

The web site is maintained by Helen Scott and enables all to see our agendas, minutes etc.

- Thanks

Thanks to every Parishioner for helping us all to continue to love this special village which is Ebernoe

Ann Tyrrell

6. Any Business raised from parishioners – Mr. I. Parkinson raised ongoing issue of potholes. WSCC Councillor Mrs J. Dunction advised that the government had given an additional £1.6million for road maintenance and two additional teams had been created giving a total of 15 teams for the County. All potholes or other road repairs should be noted on the I love West Sussex website. One Parishioner voiced concern re the long term financial provision for road repairs.

The Chairman then thanked all those present.

The Parish Council AGM followed this meeting at. 8.10p.m.