

EBERNOE PARISH

The Ebernoe Annual Parish Meeting was held on Tuesday 21nd May 2019 at 7.30p.m. in Holy Trinity Church Ebernoe.

Present: Mrs. A. Tyrrell, Miss F. Abraham, Mr. J. Harvey, Mrs.S. Nyfield, Mr.I.Parkinson and Mr.P.Simmonds

In attendance Mrs J Duncton (County Councillor), Ms N, Hume (District Councillor) and Mrs. H. Scott (Parish Clerk) There were four parishioners present.

1. Apologies of absence received from Mrs.S.Kendall.
2. The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 22^d May 2018 previously circulated, were read, approved by all present and signed, proposed by Miss F. Abraham and seconded by Mr. P. Simmonds.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. Pam Bruce – gave a fascinating and stimulating talk on timber framed houses in Ebernoe which was followed by a number of questions from those present. As the talk was of such interest it was suggested that the talk be published in the parish magazine. Pam Bruce agreed to this and the Chairman agreed to follow this through with the editor.
5. Chairman's Report

During the past year we have been fortunate to have active councillors who have worked hard on behalf of Ebernoe.

We are grateful to Janet Duncton who has stepped down as our District Councillor to concentrate on her West Sussex County Council work.

The year's activity;

- Following the successful installation of the two defibrillators ,we held a well attended training session at the Stag Inn. The two defibrillators are at the cricket pavilion and at the Stag. They are easy to use and issue instructions as needed. Fortunately we have not needed them yet. We are willing to run another training session if there is a demand.
- Another winter without snow has meant that we have not needed our salt and grit. Ivan Wadey at Butcherland farm kindly stores our grit and Charlie Wadey spreads it. Charlie is currently looking for a connection to his fertiliser spreader to enable him to spread more easily.
- We undertook part in the WSCC s “ what if” project. This involved two training sessions to analyse whether we had weaknesses in our community response to emergencies. Our trainer was very complementary about our Parish and the way that people support each other and deal with issues. Example emergencies such as flooding, power cuts, fallen trees were discussed. We were also given as a parish two sets of equipment such as signs, flares, first aid kits etc. One set is at Simmond's saws and the other at Scammell's garage.
- The public rights of way officer (PROW) inspected our foot paths and we have highlighted the potentially dangerous tree ,at the entrance of the drive to the Church and Wild Life Trust car park. Any parishioners with issues relating to footpaths, bridle ways etc. can contact the PROW by e-mail.
- Rev Peter Hayes our much respected priest retired at the end of March and has returned to Australia. He will be much missed not least by Ebernoe Cricket team. Currently there is an inter-regnum with services being led by wonderful retired priests but following the pattern of morning services at 10.30 am on the second and fourth Sunday each month. There is a combined service with Northchapel and Lurgashall at 10am on June 30th at Ebernoe.
- The parish magazine is distributed free of charge to everyone in Ebernoe and is a great source of local information. Ann Charlton from Northchapel is doing a great job as editor and the additional colour centre pages are a great enhancement. The parish council and the

church both make contribution towards its cost.

- The Church celebrated its 150 th anniversary in September with the Bishop of Chichester and the Archdeacon of Horsham. It was a great day which was much enjoyed and was attended by most families
 - Another great celebration was held to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1. The service at the church was followed in the evening by a super fireworks and bonfire celebration. We thank CDC for a grant towards the event and local benefactors who provided fireworks and refreshments. It was great to see most families enjoying the evening which turned out to be dry and clear having been raining until 10 minutes before the fire was lit.
 - During the year we have been consulted on a number of planning applications. Some applications have provided very poor information for us to make recommendations. Eg non-existent or weak heritage statements.
 - We have had a lively and involved group of councillors who have worked hard for the parish. Freddie Hughes has stepped down at the May election. We thank Freddie for all her work on our behalf.
 - At the May elections the number of nominations filled the vacancies and we did not need an election. The new council is;
 - Frances Abraham.
 - James Harvey
 - Sandra Kendall
 - Sue Nyfield
 - Ian Parkinson
 - Peter Simmonds
 - Ann TyrrellJames is our new Councillor and we welcome him and hope that he enjoys working with us. Enormous thanks are due to our clerk; Helen Scott. The clerk's job is demanding and involves taking in much information and sifting the bits which really affect us. Helen is a busy lady who seems to fit in the Clerk's role amazingly with all the other things she does. A huge thank you.
6. Any Business raised from parishioners – No matters arising.

The Chairman then thanked all those present.

The Parish Council AGM followed this meeting at. 8.15p.m.