

EBERNOE PARISH COUNCIL

The Ebernoe Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 25th August 2020 in Holy Trinity Church, Ebernoe.

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

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

135. Apologies for absence received – Mr.G.Evans (District Councillor)

136. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

137. Minutes notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th May 2020 having previously been circulated, were approved unanimously, proposer Miss F. Abraham and seconded by Mrs. S. Kendall and duly signed.

138. Matters arising – agreed to suspend election of Chairman until May 2021.

139. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 25th February 2020 having previously been circulated were approved unanimously, proposer Mrs. S. Nyfield and seconder Mrs. S. Kendall and duly signed.

140. Matters arising – Mrs S. Nyfield confirmed that the proposed art classes to be held in the church would not start until Covid 19 regulations permitted.

141. Gigabit Broadband Voucher scheme – the Clerk confirmed that 100% uptake from pilot area of Streels Lane/Colhook Common and that small cluster from Scratchings Lane and London Road also expressed an interest. Agreed to submit information and if positive outcome to consider similar scheme for Balls Cross and surrounding areas.

142. BT telephone Kiosk Ebernoe– no further information at this time.

143 VE /VJ Day celebrations – due to Covid 19 all VE and VJ75 celebrations cancelled. Grant application for £250 from CDC agreed for commemorative bench proposed to be sited at Cricket Green, however for relevant reasons agreed to relocate bench - possible location in Balls Cross. Councillors also discussed possibility of using this funding towards commemorative outdoor activity in November and this agreed unanimously by all present. Councillor Mrs J. Duncton agreed to discuss grant with relevant staff at CDC. Decision on bench held in abeyance.

144. Speeding – Mr. J. Harvey gave feedback from Zoom meeting he participated in – a number of local parishes also took part. He explained how speed watch groups worked, issues of Ebernoe and the need for the group to be validated by the police. He also highlighted difficulties for parishes like Ebernoe with only national speed limits operational in the village.

Local speed surveys carried out some years ago indicated that most drivers were within the speed limits

145. Chairman's Report – nothing additional to report.

146. District Councillor's Report

I continue to support the Covid-19 hubs. Fortunately I am hearing reports that the number of volunteers outweighs those in need but it is great we have so many volunteers encase things do change. As we emerge from lockdown we should still encourage residents to exercise caution encase of a second spike given what we are seeing in Leicester for example. At present the Covid-19 District Councillor hotline remains open should residents report any concerns in the community to the Parish Council.

1. CDC has been working very closely with West Sussex County Council and other partners on a COVID-19 Local Outbreak Plan. The plan works hand-in-hand with the test and trace system, providing a strategy on how the spread of the virus can be reduced if infections start to increase locally. If there is a local spike in coronavirus cases, the plan will ensure a speedy response to contain the virus and prevent it from spreading further. This could range from making sure that infected individuals self-isolate; to locking down a specific local setting; or even introducing a wider local lockdown where we will all need to follow this agreed plan
2. Overview and Scrutiny met last month to review the recovery plan. I personally raised the

question about the Health section of the recovery plan making no references to overcoming the impact on Mental Health of the community as we emerge from lockdown. My feeling is that any economic recovery is dependent on the community having good mental health provision. I was assured by Monitoring Officer – Nicholas Bennett that Health included Mental Health so I will be following this with interest.

3. The recovery plan was considered by cabinet on 7th July, and then full council on 21st July. The report outlines how CDC plan to help our communities and businesses to recover and get back on their feet; and how CDC plans to deal with the financial challenges they are likely to face. CDC are predicting losses of £8 million by the end of the year. In addition to this they will need around a further £2 million to balance their budget in the medium term. However, the Government announced last Thursday further financial support to Local Government, which CDC expect will reduce the in-year deficit to about £3.5m. Once CDC have received the detailed information, I will ensure this is passed on. CDC are expecting to see an increase in those needing benefits and housing assistance. CDC also know that our local businesses need a lot of support to get back up and running. Due to this, the draft recovery plan focuses on four key themes: Community and Housing Recovery, which Louise Rudziak will lead on; Economic Recovery, which Jane Hotchkiss will lead on; Organisational Recovery, which John Ward will lead on; and Resilience, Planning, Health and Environmental Protection Recovery; which Andrew Frost will lead on. If the report is approved, it's vital to work closely together to deliver the recovery plan and support our local communities and businesses as much as we possibly can
4. CDC have reported increase in littering in Parks and Beaches. CDC are working flat out to keep on top of this but ask that where possible residents take their litter home with them in Bins are full.
5. I have been asked to remind the community that as we emerge from lockdown the Covid -19 risk remains high and it is vital that we all continue to observe social distancing rules, as part of our fight against coronavirus. While Civil Enforcement Officers, Foreshore Officers and Community Wardens have all been closely monitoring this and offering advice, they do not have any powers to enforce social distancing measures. CDC have produced signage which has been displayed across the district, reminding people that they must stay safe and leave a space.
6. Last month also saw the reopening of many pubs and restaurants across the district. CDC have written to all of them offering advice and guidance, especially as the government has eased restrictions around licensing and planning, to help them get back on their feet. They are also asking people to plan ahead because many pubs and restaurants will be working to a strict 'bookings only' policy to limit numbers; to follow social distancing guidance at all times; and to avoid large congregating outside licensed premises. Credit to our local pubs which have handled the post lockdown era incredibly well with excellent communication to keep residents safe. The Stag Inn is very well set up and has the safety of its customers at their heart.
7. Dangerous driving & Speed and Noise issues: A District wide task force is in operation to tackle this issue with support from our local MPS. I have also organised a meeting recently in our ward to pool resources and share best practice to help tackle this issue.
8. Loxwood Claypit application – An application is due to go in for this at the end of the year and as you can imagine neighbouring parishes are against this. I am attending a zoom meeting this evening which the applicant has organised. I will report back to Ebernoe following this meeting.
9. Online Surgeries – I continue to conduct meetings with residents via Zoom, Google Hangout, Skype, Video Call or WhatsApp. Contact me at gbevans@chichester.gov.uk / 07958 918 056

147. County Councillor's Report – Mrs J. Duction reiterated the importance of Mental Health issues as outlined in District Councillor's report above and will be participating in Zoom meeting

organised by the High Sheriff, Dr. Tim Fooks, to be held at CDC on 10th September – any comments to her prior to the meeting.

Changes to Planning legislation and the Housing white paper are ongoing.

Councillors are asked to contact County Councillor if they wish to have a County wreath laid at the War Memorial

Governance meeting to be held in early September 2020.

SDNP – number of new members appointed, the new chairman is Mr Ian Phillips.

County elections will be held next year.

The County Council is proposing to amalgamate a number of scrutiny committees

The Chairman asked Mrs Janet Dunction to pass on thanks from Ebernoe parish to the Refuse collectors for all their hard work during the lockdown.

148. Financial Report

Present bank balances:

Current Account	£ 910.42
Deposit Account	£ 3696.69

Expenditure to be approved

Annual Bus Shelter Rents (Leconfield Estates and P.Melleresh)	£ 30.00
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Income to be received

CDC Precept (October 2020 -March 2021 Payment)	£ 1000.00
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BT Telephone Kiosks – the Balls Cross box has been removed but no further information has been received from BT in relation to the adoption of the Ebernoe K6 box .

Public Rights of Way

Routine inspection reinstated

Code of Conduct – draft Model member code of conduct currently out for consultation.

West Sussex Association of Local Councils LTD (WSALC) – currently part of SSALC (Surrey and East Sussex) WSALC currently undertaking independent review as to whether to remain part of SSALC or break away from current structure.

CAGNE (Aviation Town & Parish Council Forum)– invitation to attend next forum meeting in September. Mrs S. Nyfield volunteered to attend next meeting.

Great British Spring Clean 2020

deferred until September 2020.

Planning Update

SDNP/20/02003/HOUS- Wassell Mill – Erection of carport. **Approved 07/08/20**

EN/20/01723/DOM – Old Post Office, Balls Cross – Proposed single storey rear extension and internal alterations – awaiting decision.

SDNP/20/00544/OH2 Ebernoe Common to Siband Farm, Ebernoe. Alterations to an existing overhead line between Fernhurst to Fiveoaks – **Resubmission but withdrawn 17/08/20**. New application for single pole to be erected to west of London Road(Lurgashall) approx. opposite road to Pheasant Court Farm.

Correspondence

All correspondence has been previously circulated via e mail.

Parish Website

The parish website is fully operational and can be accessed via www.ebernoeparish.co.uk.

149. Any other matters from councillors and parishioners present – Mr. I. Parkinson is concerned about the increased noise levels from motorcycles, especially at weekends, Mr, B. Kenyon(parishioner) advised that Andrew Salter has organised petition r decibel noise levels – this is being sent to all parishes.

Mrs. Jeanne Stemp thanked Mrs Sue Nyfield for organising repairs to the defibrillator at Cricket Green earlier on in lockdown, Mrs Nyfield advised that the electrician would be checking both

defibrillators very six months and changing batteries as required.

Mrs. F. Abraham stated that a number of people using her bin to put rubbish in and that there was a general increase in dog poo and rubbish in the general vicinity around the car park.

Mrs Ann Tyrrell advised that roofing works will be taking place on the church in the autumn and that a number of new bat boxes will be installed in the surrounding area.

She thanked everyone for attending.

Date of next meeting

24th November 2020

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm