

## EBERNOE PARISH COUNCIL

The Ebernoe Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 in Holy Trinity Church, Ebernoe.

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

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

**51. Apologies for absence received** – Mrs F. Hughes and Mrs. S. Nyfield

**52. Election of Chairman** – Mrs Ann Tyrrell was unanimously re-elected. Proposed by Mrs S. Kendall and seconded by Miss F. Abraham.

**53. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 having previously been circulated, were approved and signed. Proposed by Mr. P. Simmonds and seconded by Mr. I. Parkinson.

**54. Matters arising** – Mrs. A. Tyrrell attended the CLC meeting in March.

Bank Closures - Postmaster at Northchapel Post Office has still to write article re Post Office services for the Parish magazine.

**55. Appointments to outside bodies** – none

**56. County Councillors Report** – There was a 2% increase in the precept for the provision of older persons services. Fewer than average people remaining in hospital when they should have returned home. Fire and Rescue training -14 new firefighters have completed training. More difficulties in recruiting retained firefighters. Although there has been a decrease in number of fires, more homes are being built so cannot become complacent. Few high rise buildings in the County but all have been inspected by Fire and Rescue services. Work is continuing on the new Highway contract but roadworks will still continue. There is a delay on the Tangmere Solar farm but when completed there will be an overcapacity to the National Grid. The County is investing in storage batteries. A parishioner asked the County Councillor about the difficulties people were encountering when using the newly installed car park machines. Councillor Mrs. J. Duncton advised that changes were made to enable the new machines to accept payment by contactless card.

**57. District Councillors Report** - at the end of financial year CDC balanced accounts completed. Ongoing projects mainly in south of district but if successful will be rolled out across district. Council tax kept to a minimum. CDC agreed to minimise use of plastics where possible otherwise council business is carrying on as normal.

**58. Financial Report -**

A new 'lighter touch' audit regime is in place for Smaller Authorities where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less, that meet the qualifying criteria, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review and therefore complete The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 Part 2 –

**59a.** The accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 (audited and signed off by internal Auditor) were examined and approved unanimously after being proposed by Mr. I. Parkinson and seconded by Miss F. Abraham.

**59b.** Certificate of Exemption – proposed by Mr P. Simmonds, seconded by Mr. I. Parkinson and duly signed.

The Clerk went through the Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 - 2018:-

**59c.** The Annual Governance Statement and

**59d.** The Accounting Statement

Proposed by Miss F. Abraham, seconded by Mr. I., Parkinson and approved by all parish councillors present.

**Present bank balances:**

Current Account	£ 634.24
Deposit Account	£4236.17

## Expenditure to be approved

Zurich Municipal Insurance	£ 257.60
WSALC annual subscription	£ 65.18
Helen Scott (SimpleSite Website)	£ 99.95
Holy Trinity Church (Room Hire)	£ 10.00
Mr. D.Simpson (Internal Auditor)	£ 55.00

## Income received

CDC Centenary Celebrations (November 2018)	£ 250.00
CDC half yearly precept (April 2018)	£ 946.00

**Planning Update**

One new application has been received and approved:

SDNP/18/01260/HOUS & 01261/LIS- Ivy Cottage, Balls Cross – Alterations and two storey extensions.

**General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** – an amendment is making progress through Parliament to exempt Parish and Community Council from the regulations which becomes law on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**Correspondence**

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

CDC – Cllr Roger Barrow – 'Against Litter' campaign - 'Adopt an Area'

HMRC Revenue and Customs – New VAT reference number.

CDC – Asset of Community Value – The Stag Inn, Balls Cross

Parish Online – Training opportunity – Paul Richards (via SALC)

RJ Services – Pest Solutions

Ian Hare – Gatwick Night Flight trials 2019

Velo South – Cycle event 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

The Chairman advised letter from Merchant Navy requesting Red Ensign to be flown on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Purchase cost of Red Ensign flag £50.00. Councillors decided that on this occasion they would not be carrying out this request.

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

Insurance – The Chairman advised that the Parish Council insurance would cover the Centenary events to be carried out in November 2018 and also to Church events providing the parish were aware that these events were taking place. In September the Church will celebrate 150 year anniversary with the Bishop attending a morning service on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Mr. I. Parkinson commented on the Velo South cycle race which takes place on 23<sup>rd</sup> September – although it will not come through Ebernoe other roads in the surrounding area may be closed for various parts of the day.

Mr. P. Simmonds noted that a neighbour was carrying out extensive groundworks for a Wedding Venue. No planning applications have been submitted but it is understood that the preparations are for a family wedding.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Date of next meeting****21<sup>st</sup> August 2018**

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

