

EBERNOE PARISH COUNCIL

The Ebernoe Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 24th May 2022 in Holy Trinity Church. Ebernoe.

Present: Councillor Mrs A. Tyrrell (Chairman), Councillors Miss F. Abraham, Councillor Mrs. S. Kendall, Councillor Mrs. S. Nyfield and Councillor Mr. P. Simmonds.

In attendance :Mrs J. Duncton (County Councillor,) Mr. G. Evans (District Councillor) and Mrs. H. Scott (Parish Clerk).

220 Apologies for absence - Councillor Mr. M. Goodwin, Councillor Mr. J. Harvey.

221 Election of Chairman – Councillor Mrs A. Tyrrell re-elected as Chairman. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. S. Nyfield and seconded by Councillor Miss A. Abraham.

222 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 1st March 2022 having previously been circulated, were approved and signed. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. S. Kendall and seconded by r Councillor Mr. P. Simmonds.

223 Matters arising - none

224 Appointments to outside bodies – Councillor Mrs S. Nyfield confirmed as Parish representative for CAGNE.

225 County Councillor Report

You will know that we have been making great improvements in our childrens' and young people in care Service and at the end of March we had an Ofsted focused visit which was very positive. They looked at two main parts of the Service

The quality and effectiveness of assessments, care planning and the support provided to children and young people in care and 2, The quality, timeliness and impact of supervision, management oversight and decision making, social work capacity and caseloads.

A quick summary. The experience of children in care has significantly improved. Voice of the children heard and responded to. Performance reporting is thorough. Reviews of arrangements for children and young people has improved and is being sustained. More stable and permanent workforce is in place. Visible changes in the culture of the organisation. Virtual school is having a positive impact on children and young people in relation to their education and wellbeing. Political and Corporate support, including investment is supporting practice improvement. There is more work needed to improve health assessments for children, placements for children that are not regulated and audits.

I hope that you will agree that huge steps have been taken over the last 3 years and we know that we are not there yet but were getting there. Officers and Councillors think this is a fair report.

Next the roads and Potholes and yes we know there are still many to be done. However we have now taken on 2 Velocity road patching machines across West Sussex to proactively see and fill potholes before the regular inspections of Highways teams. I understand that these machines will be used to fill potholes sizeable enough to need filling under safety criteria but also to repair defects likely to further deteriorate and reach that level in the near future. I and I am sure yourselves hope that this means they will actually fill holes close together where one is not quite deep enough at the moment. Such a waste of time and money not to do them both at the same time so here's hoping this is what will happen.

As you know there are 11 Parish's in my County division and of course for the Platinum Jubilee they all have events. I would love to say I would get to all but you know this is not possible but I will however try to show up at some of the events in my Parish's. For those I don't make I hope you all have a great day to remember.

I think I mentioned this last month but just to say that 9 out of 10 applications for young ones starting School got their first choice. Never such a happy picture for the 1 that didn't get first choice but I am sure they will be helped with a choice. If anyone needs me to take up their case for them I am of course happy to do so.

Those who have travelled to Horsham via Broadbridge Heath will have noticed that the new Fire Station is going along well there.

That is about all the updates but of course if other news items come to me I will try and update you when I attend your meetings.

For those of you that I represent at Chichester District Council I know that Gareth will do a full set of notes for you. For those I didn't tell last month I was pleased to visit the new units built in Chichester next to Westward House for short term homeless families and single people. There are 17 new units and with some refurbishment at Westward House we managed another 3 so that's 21 extra homeless units.

The Loxwood Claypit planning application has been refused.

226 District Councillor Report

Land West of Guildford Road (including Retail Unit)

I asked for a statement to be read out by Adrian Moss on my behalf at this planning committee meeting which was approved by all members of the planning committee

Loxwood Claypit application

It seems increasingly likely that this will go ahead on 18th May as planned. I will be attending this planning committee to speak in opposition to this application. I will be taking the opportunity to reflect the views of the many residents who have objected and who have spoken personally to me regarding their views on this application.

Land South of Townfield

A meeting between the applicant and officers of the planning department was due to take place on 5th May but was postponed due to illness. The meeting will not take place on w/c 23rd May.

According to the planning officer their water neutrality proposal requires further detail. Planning application submission planned for the summer.

Lagoon 3

The next scheduled meeting is due to take place on Thursday 7th July at 2pm

Foxbridge Golf Course

Residents will have received the flyer through their door regarding a proposed health, eco leisure and accommodation destination at the old Foxbridge Golf Course.

The Substantia group who have put forward this proposal will hold a public consultation from 18th May - 1st June 2022

They will also be hosting an in-person event at Kelsey Hall, Chalk Road, Ifold, RH14 0UD on 18th May 2022 between 2pm. Residents will be able to view plans, speak with members of the team and offer your feedback.

I would like residents to know that I am aware of this application and will attending this consultation in order to fully understand this application. Over the coming weeks I will be listening to the views of residents and the parish council in order that I can act as your voice to represent your opinions at the point that this planning application goes into Chichester District Councils planning department. Should you have any questions or concerns about this proposal please email me gbevans@chichester.gov.uk or call 07958918056

Ukrainian Refugees

You may have seen in the news that Chichester was named the most generous place in the country for housing Ukrainian refugees. The Times newspaper identified the story after reviewing the figures released by the Home Office, which listed Chichester as having the highest rate of Ukraine visas when its population is taken into account. CDC recognises how generous our communities are, and how they always step forward when help is needed. West Sussex County Council is co-ordinating the response across the county, and CDC are supporting them with this.

Energy Bill rebate

Over the past few weeks CDCs Revenues, Benefits and Finance teams have been working incredibly hard to issue the Government's £150 rebate to those who are eligible. Thousands of

payments have already been made and this work is continuing. The payment is intended to help with energy costs, which as you will know are rising considerably. CDC had lots of questions about the rebate scheme and so have created a short video taking people through the scheme and listing the eligible groups at: www.chichester.gov.uk/energybillsrebate2022

Email Newsletter

CDC would like to encourage local residents to sign up to their email newsletter 'initiatives+'. These are issued every month and provide the very latest updates. It's really easy to sign up at www.chichester.gov.uk/newsalerts

Enabling Grants

CDC will be launching this year's Enabling Grants scheme later this month. Businesses will be able to apply online between 9 and 30 May and guidance notes on the scheme will be available on the Business Support section of the website before the end of April. CDC's E-Biz newsletter will announce the forthcoming launch two weeks prior to the scheme going live to applications so that businesses have time to consider whether to apply. A key aspect of this year's scheme is that applications from businesses in the Green sector or for projects to reduce a business's environmental impact will be given priority.

Mental Health Awareness Week

This month CDC are supporting Mental Health Awareness Week (9 - 15 May), for those experiencing loneliness getting out to explore the community with others can be a great way to boost your mental health. CDC have 10 HeartSmart walks on offer during the Mental Health Awareness week ranging from a beginner 1 mile walk at Chichester Canal to a 6.5 mile walk around West Marden.

CDC are also celebrating 20 years of the HeartSmart Walks with a Walls Walk followed by celebratory tea and cake at the District Council. Bookings will open 3 weeks before the event with limited spaces. The latest Programme May - July 2022 is now available, with a huge variety of volunteer led walks taking place across the District. <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/heartsmart> CDC are working with local businesses and offering Wellbeing Check ins for staff at George Ide Solicitors, St Richards nursery and Loxwood GP surgery.

CDC have their monthly Wellbeing 'drop in' at the Depot, for members of staff there who would like to make any lifestyle changes. Midhurst Rother College are holding their annually Community Day on Saturday 7 May, a day when the college opens its doors to the local community and invites clubs, groups, businesses and agencies to come and display what they have to offer.

Surgery Dates

My next round of District Councillor Surgery dates are as follows:

Sat 21st May (12-2pm) The Stag Inn, Balls Cross

Sat 11th June (11-1pm) Old Mill Cafe, Wisborough Green

Sat 18th June (12-2pm) The Onslow Arms, Loxwood

Saturday 2nd July (11-1pm) The Coffee Cup, Ifold (village shop)

Saturday 23rd July (12-2pm) The Half Moon, Northchapel

Should these dates not be suitable, or you are unable to visit in person I am always happy to visit residents at their homes/alternative venue or arrange a telephone call/zoom conversation. I can be contacted by phone 07958918056 or by email gbevans@chichester.gov.uk

227 Financial Report

The '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 2021-22. Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 and Section 2 Accounting Statement 2021/22 to be approved by Councillors, signed off by the

Chairman and Clerk prior to submitting the Certificate of Exemption to the external auditors – Moore Stephens.

227a Certificate of Exemption – proposed by Councillor Mrs S. Nyfield and seconded by Councillor Mr. P. Simmonds.

227b The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022 (audited and signed off by Internal Auditor) were examined and approved unanimously after being proposed by Miss F. Abraham and seconded by Mrs. S. Kendall.

227c The Annual Governance Statement, previously circulated, proposed by Councillor Mrs. S. Kendall and seconded by Councillor Mr. P. Simmonds.

227d The Accounting Statement proposed by Councillor Mrs. S. Nyfield and seconded by Councillor Mr. P. Simmonds.

228 Present bank balances:

Current Account	£ 800.91
Deposit Account	£ 5240.79

Expenditure to be approved

WSALC Subscription 2022/23	£ 73.82
Zurich Municipal Insurance (if approved at parish meeting)	£ 196.00
Parish Online Subscription 2022/23	£ 30.00
Annual SimpleSite Website and email address (Mrs H. Scott)	£ 111.95
Signomatic -jubilee signs for Telephone Box refurb. “ “	£ 201.41
Contribution towards Parish Magazine – 2022	£ 200.00
Don Simpson – Internal Auditor	£ 60.00

Expenditure to be approved retrospectively

Insignia Ltd - Jubilee Mugs	£ 710.40
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Income received

Precept (CDC)	£ 1037.00
HMRC VAT April 2021 – March 2022	£ 133.80

To be approved

Bank transfer from Business to Current account	£ 2000.00
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Financial report approved proposed by Councillor Miss F. Abraham and seconded by Councillor Mrs. S. Kendall.

Internal Auditor – under the financial regulations the parish council needs to consider appointing new auditor as this needs to be carried out every five years.

229 – Insurance proposal for year 2022 -2023

Councillors considered two proposals from Zurich Insurance group (previously circulated) and approved new lower cost schedule designed for smaller authorities subject to approval of Safeguarding and Risk Assessment Policies. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. S. Kendall and seconded by Councillor Miss F. Abraham..

230 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee committee agreed to purchase jubilee mugs for children of the parish at their last meeting - see previous minutes re approval for monies for Jubilee celebrations.

The Chairman outlined the events for the day to be held on Friday June 3rd 2022 at Cricket Green.

231 Jubilee Telephone Box project - A successful application has been made to Chichester District Council for a small grant (up to £250) to purchase signs for the Telephone Box refurbishment in this Jubilee year. Working party needs to be set up to carry out the required refurbishment works.

232 Policies and Procedures -

The Safeguarding Policy, previously circulated approved unanimously – proposed by Councillor Mr. P. Simmonds and seconded by Councillor Mrs S. Kendall.

The Risk Assessment Policy, previously circulated approved unanimously – proposed by Councillor Mr. Simmonds and seconded by Councillor Mrs S. Nyfield. Re compliance as details in policy it was suggested that Councillor Mr. J. Harvey could undertake this role.

The Death of a Senior Royal Policy, previously circulated approved unanimously – proposed by Councillor Mr. P. Simmonds and seconded by Councillor Mrs. S. Kendall.

233 Planning Updates:

Planning Update

SDNP/20/05011/FUL – Bittlesfield, Balls Cross – Demolition of 1 No. existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings, replaced with 1 No. detached dwelling and 1 No. Detached garage/storage including access; driveway/parking and amenity space.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 -Appeal lodged under S78 against the non-determination of an application for consent – Bittlesfield, Balls Cross. Ref: APP/Y9507/W/21/3282351 – ongoing.

EN/21/00453/FUL – Brook Cottage, Balls Cross – New Access to the highway and associated driveway/parking area. - Permit (21st April 2022)

SDNP/22/00652/LIS – Wassel Mill, Streels Lane – Erection of pool house – application withdrawn.

SDNP/22/0651/HOUS – As above -application live on planning website.

SDNP/22/01785/HOUS – Palfrey Farm – enlargement of two existing extensions (south elevation) erection of new porch, alterations to fenestrations and associated landscaping.

SDNP/22/01786/LIS - As above

SDNP/22/02228/02229/HOUS/LIS – Little Wassel, Streels Lane – single storey rear extension.

The Chairman expressed concern regarding the length of time taken to make planning decisions.

234 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.

235 Any other matters from councillors present:

Councillor Mrs S. Nyfield advised that Gatwick could be asked to make a presentation to parishes and she suggested contacting other local parishes to find out if any interest. District Councillor Mr G. Evans agreed to circulate parishes in his area affected by Gatwick to gauge interest.

Councillor Mrs. S. Kendall advised that the bench in Balls Cross urgently needs attention. It was agreed that she contact Jack Gibbs to assess works required and potential costs.

Councillor Mr. P. Simmonds expressed concern re the cutting and leaving of wood in the Sussex Wildlife Reserve.

Meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

Date of next meeting - 23rd August 2022