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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish  
Council held on Wed 8th June 2016 at 8.30pm in the Ashburnham Sports Pavilion**

**Committee members present:** Cllrs, Nicky Bishop (Chair), Tina French, Richard Hann and Richard White

**Committee members absent:** Cllrs Carol Andrews, Ron King and Andy Proudfoot,

**Also present:** Clerk to the Council

**1. Apologies for absence**

- 1.1. Apologies have been received from Cllrs Carol Andrews, Ron King and Andy Proudfoot.

**2. Disclosures of interest**

- 2.1. Cllrs French, Hann and White all declared that they had some relationship with the applicants for the two planning applications on the agenda. The relationship is either direct or indirect and, in the cases of Cllrs French and White arguably pecuniary in nature, which might be perceived as being prejudicial.
- 2.2. Members resolved that the Council as a corporate body should declare its pecuniary interest in that it is in receipt of a declared pledge of a significant donation towards the cost of the new village hall from the trust of which the applicant is a lead trustee.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

- 3.1. The minutes (previously circulated) of the planning committee meeting held on 9th September 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**4. Open forum**

- 4.1. No members of the public were present.

**5. Planning applications**

- 5.1. RR/2016/1273/P & /L- Agmerhurst House, Kitchenham Road, Ashburnham/Catsfield TN33 9NB - Two storey rear extension to existing house, with alterations to ground floor courtyard and minor internal alterations.
- 5.1.1. Members resolved that in view of the multiple declared interests, both individually and collectively, it would be inappropriate for them to comment. A statement to this effect will be posted to the RDC planning portal.
- 5.2. RR/2016/1390/P - Agmerhurst House, Kitchenham Road, Ashburnham/Catsfield TN33 9NB - Hard surfaced tennis court for private use, with surrounding fence and associated landscaping.
- 5.2.1. Although members resolved that in view of the multiple declared interests, both individually and collectively, it would be inappropriate for them to comment in any detail, they did express the view that they placed confidence in the planning authority to ensure compliance with Core Strategy EN1: (vii) relating to the dark night sky. A statement to this effect will be posted to the RDC planning portal.

5.3. Publications policy

- 5.3.1. Members reviewed the current web page relating to planning.

5.3.2. Members resolved to revise the policy regarding publication of breaches and enforcement action and to publish them on the website.