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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th August 2017 at 7.30pm in the Ashburnham Sports Pavilion**

**Committee members present:** Cllrs Andrew Hoad, Tina French, Ron King and Richard White  
**Committee members absent:** Cllrs Carol Andrews, Nicky Bishop, Richard Hann  
**Also present:** Clerk to the Council

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the council members elected Cllr Richard White to chair the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Carol Andrews, Nicky Bishop and Richard Hann.

**2. Disclosures of interest**

None

**3. Open forum**

There were no members of the public present.

**4. Planning applications**

- 4.1 RR/2017/1522/P Oak Bank Farm - Farthing Lane, Ashburnham, TN33 9PB – Temporary agricultural worker’s dwelling.
  - 4.1.1 Members discussed the application and were wholly supportive of permission being granted for additional residential accommodation to allow the next generation of the family to take over the farm in due course without the need for the existing managing partners to relocate.
  - 4.1.2 However, members felt that, given the sensitivity of the AONB:
    - 4.1.2.1 There are better options for the location of the proposed temporary accommodation and a location which grouped the new accommodation with the existing farm buildings was thought to be preferable visually.
    - 4.1.2.2 Grouping the new accommodation more closely with existing ones was thought to be beneficial from the point of view of farm infrastructure.
    - 4.1.2.3 It is a given that the temporary building will need to be replaced by a permanent one and, again, members felt that this was the wrong location.
    - 4.1.2.4 The style of the proposed building is not sympathetic with traditional Sussex buildings and nor is it a mobile home which would normally be used for the purpose of providing temporary accommodation.
  - 4.1.3 The final draft of a submission to Rother District Council, incorporating the above sentiments, was deferred to the Clerk who will this evening draft a letter for approval by members via email.

**5. Dates of Future Meetings**

- 5.1 The planning committee will meet on the second Wednesday of months in which there are no parish council meetings provided that there are planning matters requiring consideration before the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

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Signed (Chair)