

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 15th February 1990 at 7.30pm.

1. All members of the Council attended; District Councillor Cox sent an apology for his absence; County Councillor M.G.Bell did not attend; two members of the public were present.
 2. Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 30th November 1989, previously circulated, were approved and signed.
 3. Matters arising therefrom:
 - 3.1 Roads and footpaths. Work at Pound Hill had been completed and the contractors had moved up to Penhurst Lane by Little Sprays. In due course they would do drainage work by New Buildings. Work on the Stevens Crouch layby had still not begun despite prodding of Rother by our Council and Catsfield's. Most of Penhurst's and some of Ashburnham's ditches had been cleared.
 - 3.2 The Darwell Reservoir Scheme. The meeting with Mr Tye, originally considered for 29th March, would have to be deferred. Mr Tye's secretary had informed the Clerk that although a provisional decision would be made in late March, it would not be ratified until the Board meeting on 23rd April. Accordingly it was hoped to arrange for Mr Tye's visit to be on 26th April.
 - 3.3 Racal Vodaphone. A planning application had been submitted and, no doubt, Brightling Parish Council would be submitting its views to Rother shortly.
 - 3.4 Planning matters outstanding:
 - Brays Hill House. The owner would be pleading not guilty and a date for the case had been set for 26th March.
 - Lattenden Farm.RR89.2593. Barn conversion. Refused by Rother.
 - Slivericks Farm.RR89.1006. Building work was proceeding. Meanwhile the owners were living in the newly built barn. Council agreed to monitor progress.
 - Frankwell Farm.RR88.3072. Developments to be monitored.
 - Thorndene Woodyard. A "Certificate of Use" had been granted by Rother but a letter stating the Parish Council's apprehensions about future developments had been read out at the Planning Committee's February meeting and endorsed by Councillor Cox in a statement.
 - Penbur. No activity had been reported. Councillor Cox had written to Rother about the owner's failure to deal with the two access points.
 - Lakehurst Lane. A caravan was reported to have been installed; it was agreed the use should be watched.
 - Rocks Farm. In connection with the newly erected building, thought to be a shooting lodge, Rother had failed to respond to the Clerk's letter and enquiries so he would pursue the matter further, enlisting Councillor Cox's assistance. The Chairman expressed his concern that the matter should have been dealt with in a dilatory manner compared with the action Rother took over caravans.
 - Little Sprays Farm. The dumping of garden rubbish was still proceeding by the side of the lane although the site had been tidied up somewhat. Efforts by Councillors to persuade the farmer to clear up the excessive amount of rubbish around the farm had not been met with a helpful response, but Councillor Keeley felt now the couple living in the caravan had left, some of the old cars and machinery might go with them. It was agreed to monitor the site.
- In reply to an enquiry by Councillor Harman on behalf of the farmer the Clerk indicated that it was acceptable planning-wise for a student who would be on the farm to live in the caravan this summer.
- Middle Sprays Farm.RR89.3104. Mr Rallings, the Deputy Chief Planning Officer, in a letter to Councillor Cox, had stated that the owner had been requested to submit a revised planning

application with plans of the stables and associated buildings already erected, and those proposed to be erected, to conform with planning regulations regarding location, materials and functioning. The Clerk intimated that the case was likely to drag on for some time to come.

4 New Planning Matters

Court Lodge Farm. The owner and Rother were in dispute over a Section 52 Agreement.

Court Lodge Farm. Application for vehicle license by a Guestling builder. No decision yet by the Licensing Authority.

Church Farm. Afforestation schemes. The Parish Tree Warden had approved and Rother had been informed that they were acceptable.

5 Finance

Two cheques were signed: £5.00 for the Village Hall fee and £10.00 for petty cash and stationery.

The Clerk said that the Precept would be higher for next year at £560.33. The increase had been brought about partly by an increase in his salary resulting from a change in the regulations governing its computation, partly by the triennial audit fee to come, partly to allow for any increases in telephone and postal charges. It was also intended to increase the financial reserves. Acceptance of the Precept was moved by Councillor R.White, seconded by Councillor E.White and agreed unanimously. In addition to the Precept there would be a Rother Grant of approximately £60.0 towards the cost of Village Hall lighting. Councillor R.White, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, said he had received an estimate of £65.00 for the work. The Chairman, Mr Baker, very kindly offered to make up the £5.00 difference and this was gratefully accepted by Councillor White on behalf of the Committee.

6 Environmental Week

The Clerk reported that this would be a Rother-promoted affair. The Council felt that not a great deal could be done locally but it was agreed the Clerk should advertise it in the usual ways, suggesting that parishioners might do what they could to clear litter and rubbish from the lanes.

7 Village Hall Noticeboard

Councillor R.White said he would investigate the state of the board.

8 Dallington School

The Clerk said he had attended two meetings of the Governors and the main point that arose was the problem resulting from County Council underfunding and inaction.

9 It was agreed that if the meeting with Mr Tye proved to be on 26th April then the subsequent Council meeting would be on 31st May which would incorporate the Council's AGM and the annual meeting of the Parish.

10 Councillor R.White announced there would be a clay pigeon shoot on Saturday 24th March at Deer Park Farm to raise funds for the Children's Playing Field Project.

11 The Clerk's offer to contact District Councillor Mrs Theiss to discover the way by which a grant from Rother for urgent work on the Village Hall might be raised was accepted.

12 The Vice-Chairman gave a brief resume of the meeting on the work of "Muddy Boots" that she had attended.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.43pm.

Roy White

Vice Chairman 24/5/90

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Financial Statement of Account for the year ended 31st March 1990.

RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Balance brought forward	Hire of hall 30.00
Precept 4.90	Sussex Ass'n of Local Councils subscription and literature 39.40
Eastbourne Water League	Rother Ass'n of Councils subscr'n. 3.00
Cash in hand	Cornhill Insurance 30.00
Stamp duty 6.83	Bensusan for printing paper 5.00
	Petty cash 26.5.89 10.00
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	Clerk's salary 197.00
	Clerk's expenses: petrol 18.00
	telephone 45.83 63.83
	Credit balance 31.3.90 219.95
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I hereby certify that this is a true Statement of Accounts

Roy White

D.H.B. Pirkis

Vice-Chairman 24/5/90

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 24th May 1990 at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Baker and E.White and from County Councillor Bell. Nine members of the public were present.
2. Council proceeded to elect officers for the forthcoming year as follows:
For Chairman Councillor Baker, proposed by Councillor R.White and seconded by Councillor F.Akehurst. (Councillor Baker, not being present, had previously let it be known that he would be prepared to stand and, if elected, take office.)
For Vice Chairman Councillor R.White, proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Harman, was duly elected and in the absence of the new Chairman took the chair. He then expressed the Council's thanks to Councillor Baker and the Clerk for the work they had done in the previous year.
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 15th February 1990, previously circulated, were approved and signed.
4. Matters arising therefrom:
 - 4.1 Roads. The Clerk reported that he had been advised by the County Highways Department that belated work would be done on Penhurst Lane at Little Sprays and on the drainage at New Buildings very soon.
 - 4.2 The Darwell Water Transfer Scheme. The public meeting held in April had failed to reveal the route. Mr Tye now wanted to hold another public meeting on 28th June when the decision would have been made. It was decided to ask him to address the Council, parishioners most closely affected and other members of the public who might be interested.
 - 4.3 Dallington School. The Clerk said that three members of the County Education Department would be meeting the Governors to discuss the problems of the School in terms of buildings, equipment and resources caused by previous underfunding.
 - 4.4 Village Hall Notice Board. The Vice-Chairman said the restoration of the board would shortly be in hand.
 - 4.5 Planning Matters outstanding. The Clerk reported:
 - 4.5.1 Brays Hill House. As far as was known the Magistrates' hearing would be on 11th June.
 - 4.5.2 Rocks Farm. RR.90.0692. Change of use. A strong letter had been sent to Rother.
 - 4.5.3 Middle Sprays. RR.89.3104. Stables. Enforcement order soon to be issued; probable appeal. RR.90.0772. Satellite Dish. Planning application submitted. Motorbike scrambling: number of allowable days and noise volume exceeded. Rother to act.
 - 4.5.4 Slivericks. No further developments; continue to monitor.
 - 4.5.5 Lakehurst Farm. Caravan. No development; continue to monitor.
 - 4.5.6 Court Lodge. HVG license granted.
 - 4.5.7 Frankwell Farm. RR.88.3072. Rebuilding of bombed building and RR.89.2369. Electricity transmission line. After some discussion in Council the meeting was adjourned at 8.10pm to allow the public to express opinions and resumed at 8.40pm. After further discussion it was resolved that the Clerk should write to Rother.

5. New Planning Matters
 - 5.1 Agmerhurst Oast. RR90.0527. Subdivision of property. Approved by Rother with provisos.
 - 5.2 Glydes Farm. RR.90.0654. Conversion of garage into living accommodation. Not dealt with yet.
 - 5.3 Great Sprays House. RR.90.0637. Wall. Not dealt with yet.
 - 5.4 Honey Farm. Judged to be possibly related to RR.89.3403, Paddock Gill Farm, Dallington. Rother supplied with map and photo. To be monitored.
 - 5.5 Bus and car in ESCC layby. Clerk informed today that Magistrates' order should result in vehicles being moved this week.

6 Finance
Acceptance of the statement for the year ending 31st March was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Akehurst. The acting Chairman and the Clerk duly signed the accounts book. The Clerk said that there would be a three-yearly audit in early June. He also explained that he was endeavouring to build up a reserve so that small grants might be made, such as the donation towards the Village Hall lighting and possibly one for the children's playground planned. Cheques were signed as follows: £5.00 Village Hall; £30.00 (insurance); and £20.00 (Mr Bensusan, printing and stationery).

7 Any Other Business
The Tree Warden, Mrs Wallis, reported on a meeting she had attended at Northiam, referring at one point to the need to compile a map of the village as a record which would include, among other things of interest, the main species of trees. It was suggested that school children might become involved and that an item might be included in the Parish magazine.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.03pm.

H Baker

11/9/90

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th September 1990 at 7.30pm.

1. All members of the Council were present except for the Vice Chairman who was indisposed. District Councillor I.Cox was also present but County Councillor M.Bell was absent.
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th May 1990, previously circulated, were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising therefrom:
 - 3.1 Roads. The resurfacing of C18 from Hammer Hill to Woods Corner was being undertaken but not without problems. The drainage work at the New Buildings was still awaited. Resurfacing of Penhurst Lane by Little Sprays Farm had been completed and work on a large pothole in Compass Lane dealt with. Eastbourne Water had acted promptly to a request for hedging to be cut back at its site below Tower House; but Fountain Forestry Ltd had still not done similar work in Forge Lane. The Clerk said he would write to the Company about it.
 - 3.2 The Darwell Water Transfer Scheme. The meeting on 28th June was recalled and it was agreed that when the new Council was elected in April a small committee should be set up to monitor events.
 - 3.3 Dallington School. The Clerk said that the Governors had met County education officers to impress on them the need for additional teaching space and equipment.
 - 3.4 Village Hall Lighting. A cheque had been paid for £60 towards the installation costs.
 - 3.5 Planning Matters outstanding.
 - 3.5.1 Brays Hill House. Wall. The owner had now complied with the enforcement notice.
 - 3.5.2 Frankwell Farm. RR.88.3072. Approved by Rother but not yet signed by the Chief Planning Officer because a revised plan was awaited. Mrs Cosham had informed the Clerk that an approach to the local Ombudsman was being considered.
 - 3.5.3 Middle Sprays Farm. RR.89.3104. The erection of stables and the motorbike scrambling were being considered by Rother's legal department. The property was currently on the market.
 - 3.5.4 Middle Sprays Farm. RR.90.0772. Satellite Dish. Approved for a period of two years.
 - 3.5.5 Glydes Farm. RR.90.0654. Extensions. Approved with provisos.
 - 3.5.6 Rocks Farm. RR.90.0692. Following a site visit, approved. Tied to the property and confined to use requested in the application.
 - 3.5.7 Paddock Gill. RR.90.1737. (Dallington Parish) Submitted to local Ombudsman.
4. New Planning Matters
 - 4.1 Nursery Cottage. RR.90.1222. Kitchenham Road. Improved access. No decision.
 - 4.2 Kitchenham Farm. RR.90.1337. Sale of agricultural machinery spares. Approved with provisos.
 - 4.3 Slivericks Farm House. RR.90.1680. Barn construction. Deferred for site visit.
 - 4.4 Court Lodge. RR.90.1835. Shepherd's house to be related to a minority of the acreage. Not approved by Parish Council. Should be tied by a Section 52 Agreement to the whole of the property.

4.5 Agmerhurst Farm. RR.90.1924. Barn conversion. Rother informed that the Parish Council did not wish to express an opinion.

Reed Wood. Felling license.

Penbor. Property still on the market in three lots. Monitoring to continue.

5 Finance

5.1 Parish. The auditor had approved the accounts but had pointed out that there was a bookkeeping error resulting in an accumulated balance approximately £14.00 too much. He had corrected this in the Accounts Book and said there was no need to alter the accounts shown in the Minutes. By way of compensation the Clerk mentioned that approximately £30.00 VAT refund was anticipated. Cheques had been signed as follows: £41.05 (Audit fee); £41.75 (County Association fee); £60.00 (Village Hall lighting); £5.00 (Village Hall hire); £20.00 (petty cash).

5.2 Village Hall. The accounts were explained briefly by Councillor R.White who added that it would be necessary to paint the Village Hall before long.

7 Any Other Business

The wisdom of the County Council's action in fencing in the layby just north of the village shop was discussed briefly.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.34pm.

R M White
Vice-Chairman
10/1/91