

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 16th January 1992 at 7.30pm.

1. All members of the Council were present except for Councillor Baker from whom apologies were received. District Councillor Cox also attended and there was one member of the public present.
 2. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 24th September and previously circulated, were approved and signed.
 3. On matters arising therefrom the Clerk reported:
 - 3.1 Roads. Old Thatch Lane had been repaired and Penhurst Lane by Church Farm was being patched; Farthing Lane's renovation might be delayed if allocated finances ran out.
The broken fingerpost at the northern end of Old Thatch Lane had been removed by the Highways Department.
 - 3.2 Drainage. The Highways Department had installed a large pipe which it was felt should solve the flooding problem at Keepers Cottage.
 - 3.3 Mr Rodney Phillips, the new Minor Authority Governor at Dallington School, would attend the next Governors Meeting on 10th February.
 - 3.4 The noticeboard at the Post Office was still not in position but Councillor E. White undertook to have it installed forthwith. Notices at Church Farm would be best affixed with a plastic covering.
 - 3.5 The RAC had replied negatively and uncooperatively to the Council's letter about the car rally.
 - 3.6 Outstanding Planning matters:
RR91.1636. The Orangery, Ashburnham Place. New roof. Granted. Springfield. Rother had written to say that the estate agent's sale details seemed to be compatible with the Inspector's report. The barn could be sold separately from the house but its future use would have to be reconsidered should any request for change of use be submitted.
 4. New Planning Applications. The Clerk reported:
RR91.1331. Agmerhurst Farm Cottage. Single storey extension. Granted, but subsequently replaced by:
RR92.0039 for a two-storey extension as yet not considered by Rother.
RR91.1788. Little Sprays Farm (Darwell Scheme). Granted in its amended form as urged by the Parish Council.
RR91.1790 Kitchenham Farm (Darwell Scheme). Deferred for further consideration. District Councillor Cox reported that the final site had not been decided.
RR91.1857. Penbur Farm. Mobile home. Refused. Resubmitted application 91.2389 as yet not considered.
It was reported that some excavation work was proceeding on the site.
RR91.2250. Slivericks. Change of use of log store to dog kennels. No decision yet.
RR91.2480. The Old Vicarage. Swimming pool. No decision yet.
- Ashburnham Christian Trust. The Chairman reported that a toilet block and a car park had been constructed without planning permission at the camping site in the grounds of Ashburnham Park. Little Acre. It was reported by two Councillors that a caravan on this property was being inhabited permanently, contrary to Planning Regulations.
The Council instructed the Clerk to report both matters to Rother.

5. Darwell Reservoir Scheme
Council proceedings were adjourned briefly when the Chairman invited Mr Martindale, Chairman of the Darwell Action Group, to say a few words about aspects of the scheme to which there were strong objections.

6. Finance
A cheque for £5.00 for the use of the Village Hall was signed

7. Any Other Business
The Clerk mentioned that a letter had been received from Rother about publicity for village fêtes. It was agreed that it was inapplicable in the case of Ashburnham and Penhurst.

8. It was agreed that the date of the next meeting should be Thursday 19th March.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.13pm.

19.3.92

Ray White

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 19th March 1992 at 7.30pm.

1. All members of the Council were present together with District Councillor I.Cox. The newly elected County Councillor, Mrs Field, was welcomed by the Chairman.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 16th January 1992, previously circulated, were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising therefrom:

3.1 Roads.

3.1.1 Farthing Lane. No new work had been undertaken. (At the end of the meeting this was mentioned again and County Councillor Mrs Field undertook to raise the matter with the Highways Department.)

3.1.2 Ditching had been completed in Penhurst and a start made in Ashburnham.

A hard surface had been laid on the verge in front of the post box by Street Farm.

Some potholes had been repaired on the B2204 near Agmerhurst House.

At Little Sprays Farm thick black mud and other material from a field, creating a dangerous surface in wet weather, was being brought on to Penhurst Lane. It was decided to suggest to the farmer that hardcore should be laid down at the entrance to the field.

3.2 Outstanding Planning Matters

RR91.1474. South Lodge, Ashburnham Place. Replacement windows. Appeal submitted against Enforcement Notice.

RR91.1790. Kitchenham Farm. Darwell Scheme pipeline storage site. Deferred for further consideration.

RR91.2250. Slivericks Farm. Dog kennels. Granted for one year during which time the noise level would be monitored. Limit of 15 dogs.

RR91.2389. Penbur. Mobile home. Granted personal to owner for three years at the end of which time viability would be reviewed by the County Estates Surveyor. Site, size and colour of the mobile home to be approved before installation.

RR91.2480. Old Vicarage. Swimming pool. Granted.

RR91.0039. 1 Agmerhurst Farm Cottages. Two storey extension. Granted.

Little Acre. Alleged occupation of caravan without planning permission. Rother had stated that at present no breach of planning control had occurred. The owner had been advised to notify Rother should the situation alter. Council agreed to monitor the position.

4 New Planning Applications and planning problems

RR92.0052. Beechurst, Marl pits Lane. Erection of conservatory. Granted in principle but Rother required amended design.

Ponts Green Wood. Rother was contacting the agent to reduce the number of sale notices from four to one.

Slivericks Farm. Rother had been notified that a building had been converted into a residential property without planning permission and had been inhabited on occasions without

planning permission. To date Rother had not acted.

Ashburnham Christian Trust. Rother had been informed that a "Portaloo" had been erected in the grounds and a car park surface constructed, all without planning permission. Correspondence with the ACT had been exchanged by Rother and the ball was currently in the latter's court.

5 Local Mini-recycling Centres

The Clerk reported that centres convenient to the Parish had been set up at Battle, Burwash, Little Common and Bexhill.

6 Local Bus Service

The Clerk said this was on the agenda because some local ladies had requested it. In the opinion of the Council the consequent effect of establishing a bus service would be very detrimental to the village shop. It was decided, therefore, that no action should be taken, especially as it was felt that few people would take advantage of the service and, in any case, a good taxi service existed.

7 Private Water Supplies

The Clerk mentioned that Rother required the Council to pass on any information about such supplies. Agmerhurst Farm and Wilson's Farm were mentioned by Councillors.

8 Questionnaire

It was decided that no action should be taken on a request from a magazine for a questionnaire to be circulated to selected parishioners because some of the questions were too personal and the future use of such information was open to doubt.

9 Finance

Cheques were signed as follows: Village Hall (£5.00), Mr Bensusan (£5.00), the Clerk for petty cash (£20.00), the Clerk for salary and expenses (£363.75).

10 County Councillor Mrs Field, in replying to the Chairman's invitation to say a few words, mentioned that she was on the County Council Education Committee and the Highways Committee and she would help in any way she could with problems connected with the Parish roads.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32pm.

R. White
19.5.92

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19th May 1992 at 7.30pm.

1. All Councillors attended except for Councillor Baker, District Councillor I.Cox and County Councillor Mrs K.Field from whom apologies for absence were received. No members of the public were present
2. Minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated, were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising therefrom: the Clerk reported
 - 3.1 Roads. The Highways Department had no firm plans to repair Farthing Lane. Progress would depend on finance. On the matter of black mud on Penhurst Lane at Little Sprays it had been decided that no action would be taken now that the state of the Lane had improved somewhat with the dry weather. However, the situation would be kept under review.
 - 3.2 Outstanding Planning Matters
 - RR91.1474. South Lodge, Ashburnham Place. Appeal lodged against the Enforcement Notice requiring the removal of plastic window frames.
 - RR91.1790. Kitchenham Farm. (Darwell Scheme pipeline storage site.) Application withdrawn.
 - RR91.1857. Penbur Farm. Mobile home. Granted for three years at the end of which the viability of the chicken unit would be assessed by the County Estates Officer.
 - RR91.2250. Slivericks Farm. Change of use of log store to dog kennels. Granted for one year during which time the noise level to be monitored. The converted barn had been inspected by the Enforcement Officer who accepted that it was being used as the farm office. Ashburnham Christian Trust. Camping site with portaloo and car parking area. Inspected by an Enforcement Officer; the legal position was being considered by Rother.
 - Ponts Green Wood. 'For sale' notices had now been reduced from four to one as required by Rother.
4. New Planning Matters
 - Shooting Lodge by Rocks Farm. Inspected by an Enforcement Officer who confirmed that no extension had been built but internal rendering of walls had taken place. Situation to be monitored.
 - Rocks Farm. It was reported that a garage was being built and at Lakehurst a garage had already been constructed. Since both had no planning permission the Clerk was instructed to inform Rother.
5. Reclassification of the A269 and B2204

A discussion ensued on the County Council's request to the Department of Transport for reclassification and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Department pointing out the hazards on the B2204 which would be increased if the road were upgraded, and to complain that there had been no consultation with the Parish Council.
6. Travellers

Travellers at the west end of Farthing Lane had now moved on after a month's stay. The threat of court action seemed to have had the desired effect.

7. Recycling of waste materials

Council welcomed and supported the proposals in Rother's draft document. Discussion centred on the need for separating out and collection of different waste materials at source and the Clerk was instructed to make the point in his response to Rother.

8. Footpaths

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Countryside Commission for literature on footpath management.

9. Finance

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 1992 were approved and signed. Cheques for the Village Hall (£5.00), Cornhill Insurance (£65.00), Sussex Association of Local Councils (£54.35) and Rother Association of Town and Rural Councils (£3.00) were signed. It was agreed to send a cheque for £50.00 to Battle Hospital towards its minibus fund.

10. Any Other Business

The Clerk was asked to ascertain from Strutt & Parker what the short term forestry programme was for certain woodland areas of the Ashburnham Estate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

R M White

22.9.92

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 22nd September 1992 at 7.30pm.

1. All Councillors attended except Councillor Baker (indisposed) who, with District Councillor Cox, tendered apologies. County Councillor Mrs K. Field was present but no members of the public attended.
2. Minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated, were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising therefrom: the Clerk reported:
 - 3.1 Roads. The Highways Department was including work on Farthing Lane in the current year's financial allocation.
 - 3.2 In its reply to the Council's letter about uprating the B2204 to an A road the Ministry of Transport recognised the problems of traffic on the B2204 but the decision to upgrade was warranted in view of the hazards on the A269 to Catsfield people. Mrs Field endorsed this.
 - 3.3 Footpaths. The main point of interest in a document "Parish Paths Partner-ship", received from the Countryside Commission, was the possible availability of grants for work undertaken on footpaths by the Council. Council recognised that virtually all footpaths in the Parish were on private property but certain small stretches were "grey" areas where responsibility for maintenance was uncertain. The Clerk was instructed to investigate two such places in Penhurst and to ascertain whether the Highways Department was participating in the scheme.
 - 3.3 Forestry.
 - 3.3.1 Strutt and Parker, agents for Ashburnham Place, had not been forthcoming on the intended programme for certain woodlands but the Chairman was able to provide information.
 - 3.3.2 A discussion followed on whether there was a need for a Tree Warden in view of the fact that all woodland was privately owned and there were people connected with forestry in the Parish who could readily offer advice. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain which trees had a T.P.O. on them.
 - 3.4 Outstanding Planning Matters. The Clerk reported:
 - RR91.1474. South Lodge. Plastic window frames. Efforts were being made to ensure that the work would not be undertaken in the winter.
 - RR89.3104. Middle Sprays. Stable block. Rother had confirmed that planning permission had not been granted but it could exercise its right whether or not to implement enforcement action. Thus the owner was left in limbo.
 - RR90.0772. Middle Sprays. Satellite Dish. The two year stipulation was legally invalid and had been scrapped; thus no time limit applied.The Council deplored the practice of using a retrospective application, with little chance of planning consent being withheld, to achieve an objective. This was all the more disconcerting when a genuinely new application might stand a chance of refusal.
 - RR92.1530. Ashburnham Christian Trust (Retrospective). Various matters associated with camping. The ACT had reached agreement with Rother on which of these required planning permission. An application had been submitted and would be considered by Rother on 24.9.92
 - RR90.0692. Rocks Farm (Retrospective). Garage. This had not been erected in accordance with agreed plans and Rother was requiring

and awaited amended plans.

RR92.1223. Lakehurst (Retrospective). Garage. Despite representation by the Parish Council about the design of windows and doors, the application had been approved.

4 New Planning Matters.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had raised no objection to:

Reed Wood. Various woodland management schemes.
RR92.1085. Ashburnham & Penhurst P:C:C: - new illuminated direction sign on the B2204 opposite Ashburnham Place entrance.
RR92.1645 Church Farm. SEEBOARD. Additional pole to support existing overhead supply line.
But at Thornden Farm various constructions had been undertaken without planning permission and were being investigated by Rother. The Clerk was instructed to ask Rother to keep development carefully monitored.
At the Eastbourne Water Company's plant below the Tower House the noise problem continued and further pressure had been put on the Company to do something effective about it.
Springfield. Rother had written to the Council to say that it had been informed of the circumstances in which the caravan was inhabited ancillary to the house. So long as this remained a temporary situation no planning permission would be required. Council agreed to monitor the situation for one month further.

5. Finance.

A cheque for £5.00 (Village Hall use) was signed.

6. Police.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the police regarding the transfer of the Parish to the jurisdiction of Battle or Ninfield from Burwash in an effort to achieve a quicker response to calls and a better community relationship with the police. Further he should seek literature about "Neighbourhood Watch".

7. Mrs Field mentioned that representations were being made to the appropriate bodies about the proposal to close Battle Magistrates Court and about the inadequate bus services to Conquest Hospital.

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

Ray White
21.1.93.