

MINUTES of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 21st January 1993 at 7.30pm.

1. In addition to the Chairman the following attended: Councillors Akehurst, Burfoot, Harman and E.White, together with District Councillor Cox. Apologies were received from County Councillor Mrs Field. No members of the public were present.
2. Minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated, were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising therefrom:
 - 3.1 Roads.
 - 3.1.1 Initial work on Farthing Lane had been completed.
 - 3.1.2 The upgrading of the B2204 had been approved: this would give the Parish access to finances from the Ministry of Transport for the upkeep. The Chairman asked the Clerk to make the Ministry aware of the traffic problems of Kitchenham Road.
 - 3.2 Footpaths. Mrs Moulton, in charge of footpaths in East Sussex, had investigated the state of the footpath south of Rocks Farm and was expecting to have remedial work done to it in the next financial year and she was hoping to visit the path near Peans Farm shortly. Maps had been prepared for Mrs Margaret White and Mrs Jennifer Baker to walk and survey Ashburnham footpaths and for Councillor Burfoot to investigate the Penhurst ones.
 - 3.3 Trees. A full list of trees with TPOs had been received but accompanying maps of Hogstye, Andersons and Buckwell Woods would need to be interpreted at Rother's office.
 - 3.4 Police.
 - 3.4.1 A letter from the Superintendent at Bexhill, explaining why Ashburnham could not be changed from the Burwash area to the Ninfield one, was read out by the Clerk.
 - 3.4.2 The desirability of establishing Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the Parish was discussed and on the suggestion of District Councillor Cox it was agreed that the Clerk and he should study the matter so that any scheme should be properly and effectively established.
 - 3.4.3 County Councillor Mrs Field had informed the Clerk that Battle Magistrates Court might have a year's grace but after that its future existence was in doubt.
 - 3.5 Buses. Mrs Field had confirmed that a service from Battle to Conquest Hospital had been established.
 - 3.6 Outstanding Planning Matters:
 - Springfield. The caravan appeared not to be occupied now so no action was proposed.
 - Rocks Farm. Rother had been mistaken over the garage but, in the course of investigating it, incorrectly built dormer windows in the house had been revealed.
 - Thornden Farm. The Clerk listed various things undertaken without Planning Permission, adding that Rother had written to the owner to ascertain when they were constructed and awaited a reply.
4. New Planning matters
 - RR92.1918. Horseshoe Cottage (ex Street Farm). Shelter for goats and horses. No objection but request for Rother to guard against the development of shacks on the premises.
 - RR92.1626. Renovation of boiler house. No objection.
 - RR92.1628. Window replacement. No objection but style should be in keeping.
 - RR92.1987. Red Barn Farmhouse. Conservatory. Council raised objection to design and materials. Rother refused permission but sought agreement with the owner on design and materials, so far without success.
 - RR93.0008. Slivericks Farm. Retention of dog kennels. No

objection but Rother requested to retain stipulations on upper limit at the number of hounds and no caravan on site. RR93.0036 and 0037. Ammerbrook. Extension and general renovation. No discussion yet by the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that Environmental Services had been contacted about dumping of rubbish at a property in Marlpits Lane and at Forge Lane.

5. The Village Hall and the Charities Act. The Chairman mentioned that the main requirement of the Village Hall Committee, as a very small charity organisation, was that properly audited accounts should be submitted to the Parish Council annually and published on the village noticeboard.
6. The future of local government. The Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting where the Chief Executive of Rother District Council outlined reasons why Rother should survive as the unitary body of local government for this part of East Sussex. The Clerk added that it was conceivable that, with the necessary monies provided, the Parish Council might be given the opportunity to decide whether to "buy" services from Rother (or the County) or to tender out to another body. The Chairman reminded the Council that in Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish very few services would come into this category.
7. Services for the elderly. The Clerk said that he had consulted Mrs Chatsfield when completing a return designed to list the availability or absence of those local functions that the elderly might need. In the ensuing discussion the importance of the village shop was again stressed.
8. The 1991 Census. The Clerk explained that the data received from the County Council had been collated incorrectly by the Office of Population Census Statistics and in the published form was useless to the County and to the Parish Council. Material from Penhurst had been wrongly "suppressed" and "exported" to Brightling when it should have gone to Ashburnham as the adjacent parish with the least population. This had been done despite the fact that a 1954 Order had created the joint parish of Ashburnham and Penhurst. The Clerk was instructed to liaise with Brightling's Clerk in the framing of a letter to be signed jointly by the Chairmen of the two Councils.
9. Concurrent Functions Grant. The Clerk reported that the sum of £10.48 would be paid to the Parish by Rother in settlement of outstanding sums from the old rating system in 1990.
10. Any other business. The Clerk reported that the National Rivers Authority had been contacted about the growth of vegetation in the Ashbourne below the Tower House which was causing a slowing of the stream and a rise in its level after heavy rains. He went on to say that the County Council had written to say that Mr Rodney Phillips's term of office as a Governor of Dallington School would terminate on 31st August when it would be Brightling's turn to nominate.

The Chairman asked District Councillor Cox about the progress of the Darwell Reservoir Scheme through the Planning Permission process. In reply Councillor Cox said that proposals had been deferred several times and at present there were none on the table. Furthermore, Southern Water PLC had been asked to investigate various ways by which water supplies might be conserved and used more economically.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.57pm.

R. White

MINUTES of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd March ~~January~~ 1993 at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Andrew and County Councillor Mrs Field. District Councillor I.Cox was unable to attend. The Clerk reported that Councillor K.Baker had announced his resignation (see item 6).
2. Minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated, were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising therefrom:
 - 3.1 Roads. Work was being undertaken on Lingham's Hill and Brays Hill and was imminent on the B2204. The Clerk mentioned that he had received letters from the County Council Highways Department concerning the broken finger post near the Chapel and on gritting of C412 and UC1122 which the County declined to do. The Clerk was instructed to write to County Councillor Mrs Field about the latter.
 - 3.2 Footpaths. Councillor Burfoot had completed the survey of Penhurst footpaths and his findings had been forwarded to Mrs Moulton at County Hall.
 - 3.3 Trees. The Clerk said he had not yet been able to visit Rother's Planning Department responsible for forestry matters but in response to the Chairman's request would ascertain from that office the felling regulations.
 - 3.4 Police. District Councillor Cox, because of pressure of official duties, had not been able to consult with the Clerk about Neighbourhood Watch. The Clerk reported that he had had a letter from the Superintendent in charge of the Rother/Hastings area in which he suggested that he attend a Council meeting to discuss police matters (see item 7).
 - 3.5 Census. The Clerk mentioned that he had heard from the Office of Population Census and Surveys (OPCS) explaining why Penhurst had been joined to Brightling. He was instructed to liaise with Brightling's Clerk to frame a letter of complaint to the County which had failed to notify OPCS about Penhurst's legal linkage with Ashburnham and to point out to the OPCS how useless the data was in its published form.
 - 3.6 Outstanding Planning matters. The Clerk reported:
 - RR92.1987. Red Barn Farmhouse. No further developments.
 - RR93.0036 Ammerbrook. No objection but Rother requested & 0037 to safeguard items of industrial archeological value.
 - Thornden Farm. Rother was preparing an Enforcement Notice but it was not known which of the infringements would be included and which exempt. Rother was anxious to have everything legally watertight.
 - Rubbish. This had been cleared from Forge Lane; at Marl pits the tip was being covered with hardcore.
4. New Planning matters.
 - RR93.0193. Church Farm, Penhurst. Conversion of stable to store. No objection.
 - RR93.0248. Redpale Farm, Ashburnham. Bay window. No objection in principle but Rother asked to vet its compatibility with the residence's architecture.
 - RR93.0293. Ashburnham Christian Trust. Resiting of portacabin. No objection.
 - RR93.0347. Compass Cottage, Ashburnham. Timber-framed garage. No objection.
 - RR88.2817. Thorndale Farm, Ashburnham. Re-application for permission to store furniture in barn.

Rother's attention had been drawn to:
Brownbread Stud. Construction of windmill and the presence of a portacabin.
Court Lodge. The presence of a mobile home.
Penbur. At the auction the property was withdrawn at the asking price.

5. Finance.
 - Cheques were signed for £5.00 (Village Hall use); £5.00 (Mr Bensusan for printing); and £387.37 (Clerk salary £335.79 and expenses £51.58).
 - The Clerk mentioned there would be an audit in June.
 - The matter of a possible grant to the Village Hall Committee, for improvements to the kitchen as required by law, was discussed. It was decided to let it be known to the Committee, via the Council Chairman, that a request for financial assistance for that work, or for any other appropriate scheme, would receive favourable consideration up to an agreed limit, although no firm figure was mentioned.
6. Any other business.
 - Consequent on Councillor Baker's resignation the Clerk was requested to report the vacancy to Rother. He then outlined the procedure that would ensue. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the local press to include an article on Councillor Baker's long association with the Parish Council (member since at least 1965 and Chairman 1976-1991). The Clerk was asked to write a personal letter to Councillor Baker and to include a note in the Parish magazine.
 - In reminding Council that there would be County Council elections in May the Clerk pointed out that there were errors in the Electoral Roll. He undertook to see what could be done about them but, as was pointed out by the Chairman, it was up to individual people to check the Roll.
7. Date of the Parish and Parish Council AGM.
 - This was discussed and it was agreed to ask the Superintendent of Police to address the Parish meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.41pm.

20.5.93.

R. White

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

A special meeting of the Council was held on 11th May 1993 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall for the purpose of nominating a parishioner to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Councillor K. Baker. After discussion it was agreed unanimously to nominate Mr C. Baker and the Clerk was instructed to write, inviting him to join the Council.

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th May 1993 in the Village Hall on Tuesday at 9.03pm.

1. All members of the Council attended together with County Councillor Mrs Field and District Councillor Cox. Twelve members of the public were present.

2. Councillor R. White was elected Chairman and Councillor E. White Vice Chairman.

3. Mr Colin Baker, having previously agreed to accept the Council's nomination for the vacancy, duly joined the Council and was welcomed by the Chairman.

4. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 23rd March 1993 and previously circulated, were approved and signed.

5. Matters arising therefrom: the Clerk reported:-

5.1 In response to the Council's latest letter, written jointly with Brightling Parish Council, about the 1991 Census, the County Planning Officer had stated that he had written to the OPCS about the need to publish Penhurst's statistics and link them with Ashburnham's and not Brightlings in the 2001 Census.

5.2 He now had a copy of the Tree Felling Regulations.

5.3. Outstanding planning matters:

88.2817 Thorndale Farm. Renewed application for use as a furniture store not yet received from Rother.

92.1987 Red Barn Farmhouse. Extension refused by Rother; no further developments.

93.0036] Ammerbrook. Renovations. Granted.

93.0037]

93.0193 Church Farm. Barn conversion. Granted.

93.0248 Redpale Farm. Bay window extension. Refused.

93.0293 Ashburnham Christian Trust. Portacabin resiting. Granted but three year time limit to March 1996.

93.0347 Compass Cottage. Garage. Granted.

93.0860 Thornden Farm. Various modifications. Rother had received a retrospective application.

Brownbread Street Stud Windmill. Planning permission required; 28 days in which to apply.

Portacabin. Use as an office will not require planning permission.

93.0537 Court Lodge Farm. Mobile home. Planning permission required: allowed only while rebuilding of cottage was proceeding.

6. New Planning matters.

93.0537 Court Lodge Farm. New site for planned cottage. Granted.

93.0587 Brigden Hill Farm. Two storey extension. Parish Council no objection.

93.0628 Green ~~Field~~ Pastures. Demolition and rebuilding. Ditto.

93.0068 Slivericks Farm. Chain link fencing round tennis court. Ditto

7. Finance.

Cheques signed for Village Hall meetings (£10.00) and Cornhill Insurance (£75.00). The Clerk reported the overall balance was about £50.00 higher than on 31.3.92 but the balance would be eroded somewhat by Rother's action in granting a lower precept than had been expected. On the other hand the Council Tax rate for the Parish was among the very lowest in Rother. He added that he had managed to avoid depleting the Business Account by delaying production of certain cheques until after the precept had been received into the Current Account. He reminded the Council that the accounts were due to be audited in early June.

8. Battle Hospital had written to thank the Council for the contribution towards the cost of the new Transit van.

9 Crime Prevention. It was agreed to proceed with plans to create a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.48pm.

R. White
15/7/93

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday 15th July 1993 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Harman and County Councillor Mrs Field. No members of the public were present.

2. Minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated, were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising therefrom:

3.1 Roads. The Clerk reported that drainage work on Penhurst Lane by Hill Farm had been completed. He was instructed to complain to the Highways Department about the quality of the verge cutting in the Parish.

3.2 Outstanding planning matters:

RR93.0068. Slivericks Farm. Fencing to tennis court. Granted.

RR93.0587. Court Lodge Farm (Shepherd's Cottage). Mobile home. Allowed while construction of the cottage was in progress. The Clerk was instructed to write to Rother about the desirability of a letter being sent to the owner regarding the implications of the agricultural occupancy condition.

RR93.0587. Brigden Hill Farm. Extension. Granted.

RR93.0628. Green Pastures. Rebuilding. Granted.

RR93.0860. Thorndale Farm. Retrospective application on various structures. Refused.

RR93.0948 and 88.2817. Thorndale Farm. Re-application for furniture store in barn; delay because access not as required in original application.

Brownbread Street Stud. Windmill. Planning application now received at Rother.

4. New Planning matters.

93.0919 and 88.0175 Court Lodge Oast. Renewal of application (expired 23.6.93). The principle of conversion had been accepted by Appeal Inspector, therefore Rother is likely to concentrate on details of design and materials.

5. Finance.

The Clerk reported that the accounts had been approved by the auditor. He further mentioned that Rother had sought, and been given, confirmation that the Council would look favourably on any request from the Village Hall Committee for support in its current programme of village hall improvements. Cheques for £65.68 (SALC) and £5.00 (village hall use) were signed.

6. The Future of Local Government. The Chairman gave a résumé of the matters discussed at a meeting in Northiam that he and the Clerk had attended.

7. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

7.1 It was agreed to proceed further and names of parishioners who had been or might be approached to act as local overseers were mentioned. The Clerk was asked to contact the police regarding a visit to the Parish in the autumn by the civilian officer responsible for Neighbourhood Watch.

7.2 Sussex Police had sent to the Clerk a fact sheet and it was hoped to produce similar ones on an annual basis. The Clerk was instructed to write suggesting possible topics for inclusion seen as important to local parishioners.

7.3 The Clerk read a letter from the recently created Battle Area Crime Prevention Panel which the Council was invited to join and to send a representative to the meetings. It was agreed that the overall co-ordinator of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, once appointed, would be asked to attend.

8. Housing in the Parish. The Chairman opened a full discussion on the problems of the housing provision in the Parish, especially as they confronted younger parishioners. It was agreed before any decisions might be taken, that Rother's Director of Housing should be asked to explain fully the factors involved in housing association schemes. Accordingly, the Clerk was instructed to write to him asking if he would talk to the Council at a meeting in the autumn.

9. Council Tax and provision of services. The Chairman reported that at the June meeting of the Rother Association of Town and Rural Parishes it was agreed by a narrow majority to forward Mrs Bensusan's resolution to the quarterly meeting of the SALC executive.

10. Mobile Library. The Clerk mentioned that the library van would continue to visit fortnightly but at a later time in the day. This would be advertised on the notice board.

11. Housing Energy Efficiency Scheme. The Clerk said that grants for insulation work were available for certain groups of people on social assistance. Details would be advertised on the notice board.

12. New Age Travellers. A fairly comprehensive list of landowners had been compiled to whom a copy of the police document would be sent.

13. Any Other Business.

13.1 Councillor Baker revealed that insurance for the recreation ground had risen sharply and that cover had been obtained only for those days on which cricket matches were played. The Chairman, treating this as a matter of some urgency, undertook to look into the possibility of the Council taking a more active role in control, and so insurance, of the ground.

13.2 Councillor Mrs Andrew mentioned that Penhurst Graveyard was full and that there might be a case for its extension into an adjacent field. Councillor Burfoot undertook to look into the matter but he pointed out that no decisions could be reached until the Rector returned from Africa in September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.13pm.

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MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd September 1993 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Akehurst, E.White and Harman. County Councillor Mrs Field and District Councillor I.Cox were present along with 33 members of the public.
2. Council business was adjourned at 7.35pm and the meeting was addressed by Mr David Thomas, Crime Prevention Co-ordinator in the Hastings Division of Sussex Police, on the subject of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and he answered questions from the public. He was supported by P.C.Mintram, the local policeman. At the conclusion it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged for the "co-ordinators" once they had all been appointed.
3. On the resumption of Council business at 8.25pm the minutes of the last meeting, held on 15th July 1993, were approved after a small amendment and signed.
4. Matters arising therefrom:
 - 4.1 Housing in the Parish. The Clerk reminded Council that at the next meeting to be held on 7th October, Rother's Director of Housing and the Chief Planning Officer would be discussing Housing Association provision of low cost housing.
 - 4.2 The Clerk mentioned that Mrs Bensusan's resolution on Council Tax and services was to have been raised by the Chairman of the Rother Association of Town and Parish Councils, Mr P.Keeley, at the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sussex Association of Local Councils in July. But that meeting was called for a specific purpose and Mr Keeley judged that it would be better for the resolution to be raised at the next quarterly meeting in October.
 - 4.3 Mrs Field explained the difficulty that the County Council had had with the contractor over grass verge cutting but she was hopeful that the problem had now been resolved.
 - 4.4 The Clerk reported that 18 property owners and tenant farmers had been given the police forms to do with New Age Travellers. The Chairman said that he had contacted Strutt & Parker about the position regarding Ashburnham Estate tenant farmers.
 - 4.5 The Chairman said that he had consulted Strutt & Parker about the position regarding insurance on the recreation ground. Although he thought that the general insurance for the Estate would cover the recreation ground, the matter was being looked into further by Strutt & Parker.
 - 4.6 Councillor Burfoot, reporting on Penhurst graveyard, said that the Parish Council and not the Parochial Church Council was the responsible body for the provision of burial grounds in the Parish. He added that the Parish Council had power to enlarge Penhurst graveyard if and when the need should arise but he had been advised by one of the Penhurst churchwardens that the Archdeacon had been consulted and it appeared that Ashburnham churchyard would be available again now that sufficient time had elapsed since the last burial there.
 - 4.7 On outstanding planning matters the Clerk reported:-
 - 93.0537. Court Lodge Farm (Shepherd's Cottage). Mobile home.

Activity in preparation for building but matters would need to be monitored.

- 93.0560. Thornden Farm. Various structures undertaken without planning permission. Application refused. Enforcement Notice would be issued.
 - 93.0919.] Court Lodge Oast. Re-application for conversion of 88.1075.] oast. No decision.
 - 93.0948. Thorndale Farm. Furniture store in barn. Granted but with provisos on period of time and on access.
 - 93.0969. Brownbread Street Horse Rescue Centre. Windmill. Refused. *recommended.*
5. New Planning matters.
 - 93.1239. Keepers Cottage. Furness Lane. Two-storey outbuilding for garage and store. No decision.
 - 93.1356. SEEBOARD: Agmerhurst. Reconductoring and re-routing. No decision.
 - 93.1395. Lakehurst Farmhouse. Extensions and alterations. Revised plans received but they differed only from the originals in respect of windows and doors. Parish Council unhappy because this listed building would be altered considerably in size and design. No decision.
 - 93.1560. Old Thatched Lane. Penhurst. Timber site. Certificate of lawfulness of existing use sought. Agreed by Parish Council but no decision yet by County Planning or by Rother.
 6. Finance. A cheque for £5.00 for use of the Village Hall was signed. The Clerk reported that he had submitted a claim for VAT refund for approximately £31.00, and that he had received a copy of the Village Hall finances which he would display on the Ashburnham noticeboard.
 7. Under Any Other Business the Chairman raised questions with Mrs Field about the A271 (ex B2204). The Chairman thanked P.C.Mintram for attending the Council business meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Ray White
7.10.93.

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

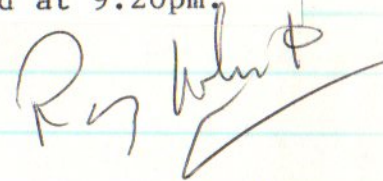
MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday 7th October 1993 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Mrs Field. All Councillors attended, together with District Councillor I.Cox. Approximately 30 members of the public were also present.
2. The Chairman adjourned Council business at 7.35pm and the meeting was addressed by Rother's Director of Housing, Mr Turner, and its Chief Planning Officer, Mr Robinson, on the subject of Housing Association provision of low-cost housing and they answered questions from Councillors and the public. It became apparent that there was a genuine demand for this kind of housing but the Chairman pointed out that a survey would have to be organised in order to make a proper assessment of demand. The Chairman concluded this part of the proceedings by thanking the two speakers for their valued contributions.
3. On the resumption of Council business at 8.30pm the minutes of the last meeting, held on 2nd September 1993, were approved and signed.
4. Matters arising therefrom:
 - 4.1 Housing. The Council discussed matters raised in the meeting held earlier in the evening and agreed to take things a stage further by organising, initially, a simple survey to ascertain possible demand. The Clerk was instructed to write letters to owners of suitable land to discover the possibility of sites being made available.
 - 4.2 Neighbourhood Watch. The Chairman reported on the successful meeting of "co-ordinators" and Mr Thomas on 1st October. (Reference to financial aspects is made under item 7.1.)
 - 4.3 Outstanding planning matters.
 - 93.0537. Court Lodge Farm. Mobile home. Some building activity appeared to be proceeding but the Council and Rother would continue to monitor developments.
 - 93.0560. Thornden Farm. The appeal expiry date would be 23.12.93.
 - 93.0919] Court Lodge Oast. Conversion of oast to dwelling.
 - 88.1075] Granted.
 - 93.1239. Keepers Cottage, Ashburnham. 2 Storey outbuildings. Granted.
 - 93.1395. SEEBOARD, Agmerhurst. No objection.
 - 93.1395. Lakehurst Farmhouse. Alteration and additions. Listed Building permission granted 28.9.93 but planning permission still to be decided. Site visit sought for 19.10.93.
 - 93.1560. Old Thatched Lane site, Certificate of lawfulness of existing site use granted 28.9.93.
5. New Planning matters.
 - 93.1596. Slivericks House. Open-fronted wagon lodge. No decision.
 - 93.1796. Lakehurst Farmhouse. Addition to garage. No decision.
6. Finance.
 - 6.1 Neighbourhood Watch. It was agreed to purchase from the makers, the British Legion, six road signs. A decision on their

exact location was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

- 6.2 VAT refund. The Clerk reported that the sum of £30.91 had been paid into the current account.
- 6.3 A cheque for £5.00 was signed for use of the Village Hall.
- 6.4 Fresh specimen signatures of Councillors authorised to sign cheques (the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and Councillor Burfoot) were obtained on the advice of the bank.
7. Any Other Business.
 - 7.1.1 Byway 16 (from Pear Tree Farm to Brigden Hill Farm) was going to be repaired in this financial year but, according to the County Council, at a cost of "under £10,000". The Council took exception to what it considered to be excessive expenditure and the Chairman offered to discuss the matter with County Councillor Mrs Field.
 - 7.1.2 Repair of Footpath 5, an RUPP at Rocks Farm, would be in the next financial year.
 - 7.1.3 Compass Lane. A letter had been sent to the Highways Department about flooding near the boundary bridge.
 - 7.1.4 Car parking immediately north of Thornden Cottages. Councillor Baker agreed to consult Mr Plumley (on whose pond fishing is periodically practised) about the danger associated with parking on the bend of the road.
 - 7.2 Battle Town Council was holding a meeting about Local Government Review on 23.11.93; Battle Area Crime Prevention Panel would meet on 8.12.93 and Rother's Rural and Town Councils meeting would be on 20.10.93.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.


2/12/93

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd December 1993 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor I.Cox. All members of the Council attended, together with County Councillor Mrs Field. No members of the public were present.

2. The minutes of the last meeting, held on 7th October 1993, were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising therefrom:

3.1 Neighbourhood Watch. The scheme was now fully in operation. Four parishioners had donated cheques to pay for the road signs and once the location of all signs had been decided an order would be placed.

3.2 Housing. There had been a good response to the initial enquiry. The Chairman revealed that the matter of suitable land being made available for a building site was being actively pursued.

3.3.1 Byways. The County Council had declined to undertake work to cope with flooding on Compass Lane and had thrown the onus on local farmers. The County had been approached about the state of Frickly Hollow Lane. Mrs Field elaborated on the various matters connected with the A271. Councillor Baker reported that he had mentioned the car parking problem to Mr Plumley.

3.3.2 Byways. Mrs Field explained the situation regarding 16(b) and the Clerk mentioned that footpath 8 had been reported as in need of some attention.

3.4 Outstanding planning matters.

93.0537. Court Lodge Farm. Shepherd's Cottage. No building progress was being made; concern over the continued presence and use of the mobile home to be expressed to Rother.

93.0560. Thornden Farm. Various alterations and additions. Further legal moves and appeals could take matters through to 1.5.94.

93.0969. Brownbread Street Horse Rescue Centre. Subsequent to a site visit Rother had decided that permission would be withheld until receipt of a certificate of satisfactory construction; the matter would then be reconsidered.

93.1395. Lakehurst Farmhouse. Alterations and additions to the house. Granted.

93.1796. Lakehurst Farmhouse. Garage additions. Refused because the scheme involved incursion on to agricultural land. Deferred for negotiation.

93.1596. Slivericks House. Open fronted wagon lodge. Granted.

4. New Planning applications. None.

5. Finance. A 1994-5 Precept for £800, proposed by Councillor Burfoot and seconded by Councillor Akehurst, was agreed. A cheque for £6.00 (Village Hall) was signed.

6. A brief discussion ensued on Policies for Managing Primary School Provision, a County Education Department document, as it applied to Dallington School. It was agreed that the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Andrews and the Clerk would study the reply to that document compiled at a joint meeting of the School Governors

and the Friends of Dallington School Committee and decide on the Parish Council's response.

7. It was agreed, after a brief word from the Chairman, that Local Government Change would be discussed at a January meeting of the Council and the Clerk was asked to supply Councillors with the relevant literature to study in advance.

8. It was mentioned that Rother's Environmental Services Department had sent a copy of its report Noise from Domestic Premises.

9. It was reported that in the minutes of the meeting held in November 1967 it was stated that from 1962 to 1967 Council Deeds and Papers had been kept in the safe at Ashburnham Estate Office but Council had instructed the Clerk to have the documents transferred to Westminster Bank. National Westminster Bank Battle Branch had no knowledge of them. Enquiries would be made to Mrs Bickersteth as to their possible whereabouts.

10. The situation regarding Ashburnham & Penhurst graveyards was explained by the Clerk. (Full details set out separately below.)

11. It was revealed, as it had been last year, that there were inaccuracies in the new provisional Electoral Roll but these were matters for individual parishioners to have corrected.

12. At the close of the meeting the Chairman said that there was a move to bring the Recreation Ground within the Village Hall Trust. He had consulted Miss Burtonshaw of Strutt & Parker and he understood that the subject was being studied by the Bickersteth family. The Clerk was instructed to ask Mrs Christine Swann, the County Association Secretary, for her views and advice on the matter.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.55pm.

R. White
13/1/94