

## ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 1997 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

1. All Councillors attended together with County Councillor Mrs Field and District Councillor Mrs Miers. Mrs Sue Sadler, the prospective Parish Clerk, and one member of the public were present.
2. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Andrew and seconded by Councillor E. White, Mrs Sadler was appointed Parish Clerk in succession to Mr Pirkis as from 1.4.97.
3. The minutes of the meeting, held on 28th November 1996, were approved with two small amendments and signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising:
  - 4.1 Housing. Hyde had informed the Clerk that all the legal arrangements with Strutt & Parker (for the Ashburnham Estate), Mr Walter Akehurst, Mr B. Elms and Rother were now in place to be completed before the deadline of 31st March. The Clerk was instructed to write to Hyde asking the Housing Association for another up-to-date survey to be undertaken and for an indication to be given of probable rents and house prices. Further, Hyde should be requested to keep the Parish Council informed periodically of developments.  
The Chairman read out from the Parish magazine a paragraph relevant to the housing scheme and the Clerk said that since its inclusion there had been recent developments which clarified certain points raised.  
The Chairman mentioned that the Brownbread Street sign at the Pound had been altered to route local traffic via Lingham's Hill and Mansfield Cross.
  - 4.2 1066 Footpath. The Clerk read out a letter from the County Secretary's office which informed the Council that an Order for the footpath's diversion at Pean's Farm was to be made.
  - 4.3 The Snow Plough. The contract for operating the plough had been relinquished by Mr Clifton of Little Sprays Farm and had been taken up by Mr & Mrs Andrew of Pigknoll. The plough would be housed at Brigden Hill Farm.
  - 4.4 Electoral Roll. The Clerk said that amendments to the current one for Penhurst had been forwarded to Rother and the Chairman, together with Councillor E. White, were checking the Ashburnham one.
5. Outstanding Planning Matters.  
Springfield. Councillor Mrs Miers, assisted by Councillor Burfoot, outlined the enforcement action intended by Rother. *PAROCHIAL CHURCH - PW*  
96.2042. Ashburnham Parish Council. Retrospective application to renew permission for the church hall. Granted (until 31.1.2001 by which time renewal would be required, otherwise the hall would have to be demolished and the land returned to the original state)  
96.2301. South Lodge, Ashburnham Place. Retrospective application for a garage. Granted.  
96.2343. Pleasure House Cottage. Pergola: retrospective application. Granted.  
Other matters:  
Honey Lane. Potential development. The Secretary of State had approved Rother's Order.  
Old Thatch Lane site. Burning of timber, in excess of the authorised number of times per week. Councillor Mrs Miers undertook to pursue the matter with Rother and the County.  
Ponts Green Wood. Mrs Sadler, as a member of the public, contributed relevant information and provided Council with a written contribution by Mr D. Braxton of Court Lodge Farm which was read to the Council by the Clerk. The Chairman asked Mrs Sadler to monitor developments and Councillor

Mrs Miers suggested that Mrs Sadler should keep a log of any activity. It was generally agreed on the need for vigilance to prevent illegal development of that woodland.  
Lakehurst Lodge site. Councillor Baker said that as far as he knew there were no mobile homes/caravans on site.

5. New Planning Applications.  
96.2110. Glydes Farm, Ashburnham. First floor extension. Granted.  
97.311. Middle Sprays, Penhurst. Conversion of building for recreation purposes - to be amended to state precisely what accommodation was planned and why.
6. Finance.  
The Clerk reported that cheques had been signed as follows: £6.00 (Village Hall), and £11.51 (SE Water). A cheque had been received for £130.00 from the Cricket Club and the Precept (£2500.00) would be paid into the bank account in early April. The Clerk would be reclaiming VAT (£53.00) on 1st March.
7. Any Other Business
  - 7.1 It was reported that a private hard surface had been constructed without official approval at "Ashbourne", Penhurst. Councillor Mrs Miers offered to ask Rother officers to visit the property and ascertain what developments, if any, had taken place.
  - 7.2 It was pointed out that Ponts Green telephone box was invariably screened from view by parked vehicles and that the surface by the box was messy and required a hard surface. Councillor Mrs Field suggested that the matter be raised with Highways. The Clerk was instructed accordingly.
  - 7.3 The Clerk mentioned that the next meeting of the Battle and District Police/Community Consultative Group would be at Mountfield on 16th April. No firm decision was taken on who should attend.
8. It was suggested that a possible date for the next meeting could be 27th March but no firm decision was taken. Likewise, for the AGMs a tentative date of 8th May was suggested.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

*R. White  
Mays 1997*

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held in the Village Hall. on Thursday 8th May 1997 at 7.30pm.

1. Councillor R.White, proposed by Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor E.White, was elected Chairman. Councillor E.White, proposed by Councillor Mrs Andrew and seconded by Councillor Burfoot, was elected Vice-Chairman.
2. All Councillors were present. District Councillor Mrs Miers, Rother District Council Chairman Mrs Jones and Mr T.Leonard (Director of Recreation and Tourism) attended together with one member of the public..
3. The minutes of the last meeting, held on 25th February 1997, were approved with one amendment and signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters Arising:
  - 4.1 Housing. District Councillor Mrs Miers reported that the holdup had been due to a problem with access that had now been resolved. She further reported that building was due to start in August 1997 and be completed by April 98.
  - 4.2 1066 Footpath. District Councillor Mrs Miers reported that this had now been completed. Mr Leonards also stated that he had has a very enthusiastic report from walkers.
  - 4.3 Ponts Green Wood. No application had been received. The situation was to be monitored.
  - 4.4 Springfield. District Councillor Mrs Miers had spoken to the Enforcement Department and reported that the order had been dispatched on 8th May 97.
5. Outstanding Planning Matters.
  - 97.311.1 Middle Spays. Granted, 27 March, 97.
  - 97.3412 Littlebrook. Granted, 27 March 97.
  - 97.4913 Lakehurst. No decision.
6. New Planning Matters.
  - 97.8181. Ashbourne. Retrospective application for an access road and car park. Council agreed unanimously to recommend that the original application should stand and that the land be restored to its original state.
  - 95.1905. Land at Lakehurst Lane. Rother had written to the owner's agent and was awaiting a reply. Ashburnham Place. As this application was received on 8th May 97 it was decided to defer consideration in order to discuss it more fully at a date to be agreed.
7. Finance.

The accounts for 1996-97 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman. Three cheques were signed: Village Hall, £10.00; Cornhill Insurance, £135.56; SALC £85.00.
8. Any Other Business.
  - 8.1 Ponts Green. Councillor R.White expressed concern at the speed of traffic in this area. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Highways Department regarding the increase in the speed of traffic through Ponts Green and asking for some signs to restrict speed of traffic through this area.
  - 8.2 Councillor R.White also expressed concern for the safety of traffic coming from Farthing Lane on to the Ponts Green Road The Clerk was instructed to write to the Highways Department asking if they would cut back the hedge screening the view from the Lane.
  - 8.3 Ponts Green telephone box. Councillor R.White agreed to phone Strutt & Parker to ascertain the ownership of the land around the telephone box.

8.4 The Chairman of Rother District Council, Mrs Jones, was invited to address the Parish Council by the Chairman. She told the Parish Council her attendance was a "getting to know you exercise" and to determine the issues affecting the Parish.

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

R. White  
Sept. 11, 1997

## ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday 11th September 1997 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

1. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Mrs Field and Councillor Burfoot. District Councillor Mrs Miers and one member of the public attended.

2. The minutes of the meeting, held on 8th May 1997, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising:

3.1 Housing. The Chairman reported that having spoken to Mr Ashdown of Hyde Housing Association problems were now being resolved: one of these being that Mr Ellis was concerned that the houses would be for specified purposes. This had now been resolved.

Mrs Miers read out the 106 agreement which covered the people eligible for the houses. She further explained that the Parish Council would not be directly involved with the selection of people for the houses. Councillor Mrs Andrew queried whether there was any indication of house prices. Mrs Miers confirmed that there was as yet no indication regarding cost.

The Chairman advised the Clerk that he now had the address of the person to whom parishioners could write to place themselves on the housing list. It was agreed that the Clerk should publish this in the Parish Magazine.

3.2 Ponts Green Wood. The Clerk reported that there was a "camp" organised by the owner of the Wood involving 12-15 people during August who stayed eleven nights. There were two complaints of noise both on the same night.

3.3 Ponts Green Road - Speed of Traffic. The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Jack of Highways Division stating that due to lack of funds no speed limiting signs could be funded. The Clerk was instructed to write and explore the possibility of Highways Department and the Parish Council jointly funding an "Adult and child" sign or a "Please drive carefully through the village" sign.

3.4 Recreation Ground - Pavillion. The Clerk reported that, having spoken to Mr Tony Reynolds, Director of Recreation and Tourism for Rother District Council, a suggested route for funding was through the Sports Lottery Council. This was to be pursued by the Clerk who would report back at the next meeting.

3.5 Badgers. The Clerk had written to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fishing concerning badgers causing problems in a parishioner's garden. A gentleman from Wye College had telephoned the parishioner concerned and advised her on methods of dissuading badgers from visiting her garden.

4. New Planning Matters

There were no new planning applications.

5. Outstanding Planning Matters

RR.97.818.P. Ashbourne. Retrospective planning application for the construction of an access road and car park had been refused as the Planning Committee thought that it would have a harmful effect on the rural character of the area. The applicant Mr Webb had lodged an appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment.

RR.97.882.L Ashburnham Place. The planning application had been granted subject to certain conditions such as that details of all external materials and of all windows should be submitted to the local planning authority.

6. Cheques were signed as follows: £10 Village Hall ; £19.37 stationery and printing; and £10.79 for water supplied to the Recreation Ground.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Councillor E. White stated that the hedge on the Penshurst road belonging to Mr F. Taylor of Taylor's Farm needed cutting. The Clerk was instructed to ask Highways Department to request Mr Taylor to cut this hedge.

7.2 Noise at Ashburnham Place. Mr Mark Burlinson from Ashburnham Place came to discuss the noise from Ashburnham Place during summer camps in August each year. A lively discussion followed. Mr Burlinson did not think they could reduce the noise level any further. He said that the level of 45 decibels accepted by the County Council. The speakers and bands had to be concluded by 10pm and he was sorry this had been exceeded on one or two occasions. The Chairman suggested that holding meetings in the Walled Garden might only increase the noise.

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

*P. J. White  
Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1997*

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 1997 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

All members of the Parish Council were present.

1. This meeting was called specifically to discuss the 106 Agreement relating to the Hyde housing development.  
Councillor Mrs Andrew felt that in section 3.18 paragraph B should be transposed with paragraph C as she believed potential tenants who had a connection with the Village should take precedence over parishioners from bordering villages. This was agreed by all Councillors.  
Councillor Akehurst expressed concern over the source of funding for the potential tenants of the two shared ownership houses as he thought building societies would be unlikely to offer a mortgage on these properties.  
The Chairman agreed to telephone the Hyde housing office regarding this matter.

2. Planning Applications.  
RR.97.2383. Mr Burfoot. Great Sprays House. This application for an extension to an existing agricultural pole barn was not objected to.

3. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask a member of the Highways Department to attend the next full Parish Council meeting to discuss road safety in the villages.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

*R. W. White  
Dec 2 1997*

## ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd December 1997 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Colin Baker. Mr Tuck, Highways Engineer, attended the meeting.
2. The minutes of the meeting, held on 11th September 1997, were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters arising:
  - 3.1 Highways

Mr Tuck was invited by the Council to advise on certain highway concerns. Councillor F. Akehurst and Councillor R. White expressed concern over the hazards from traffic on the A 271 at Deer Park and Agmerhurst Farm, especially when driving slow tractors and animal movement vehicles on this stretch of the road, Mr Tuck agreed to assess the need for double white lines according to an established criteria. Concern at the speed of the traffic through the village from North Trade Road to Woods Corner was expressed by the Council. Councillor R. White was concerned because the depth and height of some hedges prevented pedestrians from walking safely. Mr Tuck agreed to get hedges assessed but would not support a speed restriction. Councillor J. Andrew asked if slow warning signs could be used. Councillor R. White asked if school-bus signs might be appropriate. Mr Tuck said that signs could, with consultation, be situated on private land and with County Council approval. Mr Tuck agreed to send the Parish Council a map on which it could mark the most hazardous areas.
  - 3.2 Housing

Councillor R. White reported that having spoken to Mr. Howard. about the 106 Agreement, paragraphs B and C would be reversed. District Councillor Mrs. Miers reported that two financial backers have pulled out of the Housing Development because they foresee a risk due to the selective clauses in the 106 Agreement. Councillor F. Akehurst reported that there was still a problem with ownership with regard to the access road. Councillor R. White reported that Mr. Howard felt that comment by the Parish Council on the prospective tenants would be helpful. This proposal would be put forward in a letter to the Assistant County Planning Officer of the R.D.C. A letter would be drafted and circulated by the Clerk for approval.
  - 3.3 Ashbourne

Mr Webb had received approval for retrospective planning. A planning application has been received from Mr Webb for the siting of a mobile home and 4,000 poultry. The Parish Council were unable to comment as the ADAS Report had not yet been submitted as stated by the applicant.

### 3.4 Ponts Green Wood

An enforcement matter was due to come before the Planning Committee on 4th December 1997 requiring Mr Bouchier to remove the existing caravan and all other structures.

### 4 New Planning Matter

RR/97/2563 Ashbourne. As discussed in Matters arising

### 5 Finance

Three cheques were signed as follows; Nigel White - £150, Village Hall - £20, Ashburnham and Penhurst P.C.C. - £100.

### 6 Any Other Business.

6.1 The Clerk reported that the Sports Council were funding a Help Pack to ascertain the probability of the Village receiving a grant from them towards a new cricket pavillion. Councillor R. White suggested that extra funding might be available from the Millenium Fund.

6.2 Councillor Burfoot asked the Parish Council if it would contribute a donation of #100 per annum towards the upkeep of Penhurst Churchyard. It was agreed that #100 would be paid on 01 January each year.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Feb 3 1998