

ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the last meeting held on the 19th January 1999 in the Village Hall

1. All Councillors were present and District Councillor W.Miers attended
2. The minutes of the last meeting were signed and approved as correct
3. The Chairman invited Adrienne Fox, marketing manager of Hyde Housing to address the meeting with regard to the marketing of the two properties that are to be part-owned. Hyde Housing would like the Parish Council to assist in publicising the shared ownership scheme. Miss Fox outlined the scheme. The houses would have a market value of £80-£85,000 and the applicants must be first time buyers, and have at least £1,500 start up finance and £3000 deposit. Cllr M.Miers suggested that an income of around £16,000 would be a probable figure for mortgagees. They must also be credit worthy. To publicise the houses maybe a leaflet drop to the postcode areas would be appropriate. A slip put in the Parish magazine was decided to be put into effect. Cllr.C.Baker suggested that people who had already bought outside the Village because they could not afford to buy within the Village should be considered for these two houses.

4. OUTSTANDING planning

- 1, Ashbourne erection of fishing cabins.RR/98/2309
This application was refused
- 1.2 Redpale Erection of a conservatory.RR/98/2273
this application has been modified and approved

5 NEW planning

DEER PARK.RR/1998/2637. Demolition of existing shelter and provision of the 3 car port
Cllr C.Baker felt that the Parish Council should be consistent with their comments with regard to planning applications and this should be refused.After discussion the Parish Council voted not to support this application on the grounds that it should be located nearer the house and be single storey.

6 Playing field

Cllr. R.White reported that the Millennium Committee's project is to raise enough money for a new pavillion.The porta cabin idea has been rejected as all funds would now be directed to the new pavillion.Planning consent would be needed for the pavillion and an application should be put in fairly quickly.Cllr J.Andrews suggested that a change of position of the building. Cllr R.White read a letter from Strutt and Parker re the extra land needed, they agreed in principle. Cllr C.Baker asked what the new pitch would be used for, Cllr R.White said probably Football or similar.

7. FINANCE.

The Parish Council agreed to ask for a Precept of £3000.

8 A.O.B.

Cllr R.Burfoot expressed concern at the state of the grass verges at Hill Farm. Cllr.R White agreed to speak to the owner of the property.
The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the special meeting held on 17th february 1999 at 7.00pm

Apologies were recieved from J Andrews and R.Burfoot.

1. Ashbourne. appeal against refusal of planning permission for fishing lodges.
Cllr R.Burfoot had prepared a submission from the Parish Council for the Planning Inspectorate to put forward the Parish Council's objections to this appeal. A copy of the submission is filed in the Parish clerk's files and can be seen on request.
2. 2, Thorden cottages. RR/99/303 erection of new outbuilding to form a an annexe for elderly relative.

The Parish Council felt that this application should be refused on the grounds that this design would be unsuitable and suggest that the annexe should be adjoining the house.

3 Rocks Farm.

This application was received late, and the application should be circulated and discussed at a later meeting.Cllr.C.Baker reported that the drain on the footpath at Rocks Farm had been diverted to wash away ~~the~~ existing path.
The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 02 March 1999 at 7.30pm

1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. R.Burfoot and Cllr. J.Andrews Dist. Cllr. Mrs W Miers hoped to attend but was unable to due to prior engagements.

2 The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as correct.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Hyde Housing Association.

The Parish Council were concerned about the lack of advertising of the new houses as proposed by Hyde Housing Ass. Cllr. R White said that he would contact Miss Fox from Hyde Housing with regard to putting posters up in the Village

Cllr E White read a letter from Rother Housing to a parishioner who had applied for one of the houses and had been informed that if he was allocated a house it would only be one bedded accommodation. The Parish Council felt that this was a short sighted view as this parishioner had recently married and may need a larger house if his family increased in the future. The clerk was instructed to write to Rother and inform them of the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the allocation process. Their fear being that nobody within the Parishes would qualify by Rother's criteria.

3.2 The Playing field

Cllr. R White circulated a plan for the new pavillion. The Parish Council decided that a meeting with the architect would be beneficial to discuss the finer details of placement and interior design.

4 Outstanding Planning

4.1 Deer Park RR/1998/2637 Demolition of existing shelter and provision of a three car port. Granted.

4.2 Rocks Farm RR/1999/0197 Proposed extension to existing garden inc swimming pool

This was objected to by the Parish Council on several grounds, mainly that the proposed plan was outside the curtilage of the existing garden and also that the land to be used is agricultural land. All the Parish Cllrs are farmers and their local knowledge is that this land has been recently used for agricultural purposes. A full submission can be seen on request from the clerk.

Cllr. C.Baker asked what had happened with regard to the obstruction of the right of way on this land Cllr R.White said that Mrs. Moulton had met Mr. Abbot Wilcox and he had applied for changing the route of the footpath. An officer will be appointed to oversee this project.

5 Finance

Three cheques were signed	£1028.12	Village Hall refurbishment	Cornerstone Construction
	£5405.00	" "	" "
	£525.58	Clerk's salary	" "

6 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Ray White
May 11, 1999

ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

A.G.M.

Minutes of the last meeting held in the Village Hall on 11th May 1999.

1 Councillor RWhite was elected Chairman and Councillor E White was elected Vice Chairman

2 All Councillors were present. District Councillor Mrs W.Miers also attended

3 The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.

4 Matters arising

4.1 Hyde Housing Cllr R White summarised the meeting held at Battle. This meeting was held with some Councillors and Mr. D.Cosby (Rother housing) and Mrs. Price (housing) to discuss the concerns the Parish Cllrs have regarding the allocation of the new houses. The Cllrs felt that the criteria that Rother worked to was not explained fully to them in the initial stages of the project. They further felt that the houses would not be allocated to villagers.

D Cllr W Miers stated that all the nominees came from the 1st circle of allocation so all of them had some connection to the village.

4.2 Playing Field Cllr R.White reported that he had spoken to the lottery fund with regard to funding. The broader the span of sports offered, funding would be more favourably looked at, however the new pavillion would have to meet their standards. It was further reported that the Cricket club would like the pavillion situated side-on to the road and also the entrance improved. Rother Council has made available £20,000 for millennium project in the parishes, a letter has been sent from the Parish Council requesting a donation from this fund.

5. Outstanding Planning.

Rocks Farm. D Cllr W Miers reported that the appeal pending had been put on hold by the applicants agent. New plans will be submitted for within the existing garden but will exclude the swimming pool which is outside the curtilage. Cllr Baker felt that all the land which has been taken from agricultural use should be restored to its former use. Cllr R White stated that the owner had applied for the footpath to be diverted however, the new route has a huge amount of water due to its course which will cause erosion quickly.

5.2 Ashbourne.

Planning Inspectors came week ending 07 May 99 who will then issue their report in 2-3 weeks.

5.3 Redpale Farm application for swimming pool Granted

6 New Planning

Clays Farm RR/1999/844 A letter was sent from the Parish Council expressing their support for a refusal and suggesting a site meeting.

7 Finance The Chairman gave a summary of the financial statement The accounts were approved and signed as correct. The Chairman asked if the Parish Council could loan the Village Hall approx £2000 as this is the shortfall of the repairs. The Council agreed in principle.

8 A.O.B. D. Cllr W Miers reported that Little Acres has been inspected and no evidence of caravans could be found.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm The next meeting to be held on 30 June 1999

Ray White
June 29, 1999

ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Lingham on the 10th June 1999

This was a special meeting to discuss two planning applications.

1 Apologies were received from Cllrs R.Burfoot and C.Baker.

2. Brays Hill House.RR/1999/1231 Conversion of stables to a three bedroomed dwelling.
The Parish Council supported a refusal .A submission was prepared by Cllr Burfoot that can be seen by request to the Parish clerk.

3. Rocks Farm RR/1999/1328 Extension to existing garden.
The Parish Council supported a refusal. The full submission can also be seen on request to the Parish clerk.
The meeting closed at 9.00pm

ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the 29th June 1999

1 Apologies were received from Cllr .J.Andrews..

2 All Councillors present signed a Declaration of Acceptance of office.

3 Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.

4 Housing.

The Parish Council discussed two further allocations to the new houses.They were pleased to note that both tenants had connections to the Village.

4 2 Cllr R White reminded the Parish Council that Hyde Housing Association had promised £ 2000 towards tarmacing the Village Hall car park and that this work is now becoming urgent..There could also be eligibility for a grant towards the work from Rother District Council.

4 3 Playing field.

Cllr R White reported that he had received an invitation from Rother District Council to attend a meeting with Sport England (the Sports council link with the lottery).Four members of the millenium committee attended and found the meeting to be very instructive.Cllr R White also passed around a budget cost estimate for the pavillion and all the new facilities that would be included in the new playing field.Cllr.C Baker queried whether the cost justified the use that the new facilities would attract.Cllr.R White replied that when the facilities were there it would then be utilised more than at present.Cllr R White also thought that we should apply for full planning permission as soon as possible.Money so far raised for the project was approx. £ 10,000.further funds were to be raised from two concerts to be held at Ashburnham Place and a sponsored horse ride around the Village.It was hoped that all together about £ 20-£ 30,000 would be raised.

5. New Planning Peltham RR/1999/1459 Replacement of old barn with a new barn
The Parish council felt that the new barn was too close to the road but were not against it in principle, although as proposed some screening from the road would be advisable.

6 A.O.B.

It was reported that some building work was taking place at Frankwell Farm. The Parish Council did have recollection of some planning permission being granted in the recent past. The clerk was asked to contact the planning officer to shed some light on the situation.

Cllrs were also concerned with the number of accidents happening at the junction of the Battle road and Boreham Street hill. The clerk was asked to contact Mr Tuck at Highways.

The next meeting was decided to be held on 17th August 1999.

R. White
Aug 17 1999

ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on the 17th August 1999 in the Village Hall

1 Apologies for absence was received from Cllr. Burfoot. Cllr Mrs. W Miers attended

2 The minutes of the last meeting held on 29th June 1999 were approved and signed as correct.

3 Matters arising.

3.1 Housing. Cllr. R White stated that the Parish Council has some dissatisfaction with Rother District Council's allocation process of some of the new houses. Also a parishioner has enquired why it has taken so long for his application to buy one of the houses to be processed. Cllr W Miers agreed to try to ascertain the reasons for both these issues.

3.2 Village Hall car park Cllr. R White read a letter from Strutt & Parker confirming that work can commence on tarmac on the car park. up to the budget of £2000 from Hyde Housing. There will be a site meeting between Cllr R White, Strutt & Parker and the contractors.

3.3 Playing field Cllr R White read a letter from Strutt & Parker stating that the Bickersteth family are in agreement with plans drawn up by Bernard Baker for the new Pavilion and also for the reallocation of land from a neighbouring tenant of the Ashburnham Trust to enable the enlargement of the Playing field. Cllr C Baker queried the cost versus the use and the upkeep of the pavilion and reiterated his view that perhaps the demand for these facilities was not apparent. Cllr R White said that he had received some interest from football enthusiasts etc. and further felt that once in place the usage would increase. Cllr R White also stated that the building was designed to be as maintenance free as possible. The Parish Council agreed that planning permission for the pavilion should proceed.

3.4 Penhurst Lane The clerk reported that although having reported to Highways that the hedge was overgrown and obscuring motorist's view at the end of the lane, nothing had been done. The clerk was asked to write to Mr. Tuck to remind him of the situation. The clerk was also instructed to contact Ninfield Parish clerk and also Wartling to make a joint approach to East Sussex Highways Dept with regard to the continuing frequency of accidents at the Kitchenham Road and Boreham Street hill junction.

4 New planning Glydes RR/1999/1766 Two storey extension to side and rear. The Parish Council recommended a refusal on the grounds that this would create over development of the original farmhouse.

4.1 Old vicarage RR/1999/1882 New detached garage and revert existing garage back to accommodation.

The Parish Council were not against this in principle but felt that it would be better sited linked to the existing garage.

5 A.O.B.

Dst. Cllr W Miers informed the Parish Council that Rother now has a policy that notices put up advertising local events etc. had to have permission granted 3 months prior to the event to put notices on the verges of the area. The notices also had to be removed speedily after the event.

5.1 The clerk was asked to inform Highways dept. of various holes in the roads that are causing hazards.

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

The next meeting will be held on the 19th October 1999 at 7.30pm

*Ray White to
Cllr 19/10/99*

ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th October 1999 at 7.30pm

1 All Councillors were present

2 The minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.

3 Matters arising

3.1 Highways Darvell Hole junction with Penhurst Lane has been improved by cutting the hedge back although there is still some degree of hazard when joining the main road.

3.2 Boreham Bridge Cllr. R. White suggested a meeting of Councillors from the two adjoining parishes (Ninfield and Wartling) should meet on site to discuss the dangerous nature of the road junction.

3.3 Cllr. E. White reported that there is a hole in the road at Mansfield Cross. The clerk was instructed to report this to the Highways Dept. *etc*

3.4 Cllr C. Baker reported that the residents of Thorndale Farm had been requested by the Highways Dept. to remove the hedge at the front of their property as it was considered to be a traffic hazard. They do not fully understand the motivation for this action. Cllr. Baker agreed to keep the Parish Council informed of any more information.

3.5 Car Park Cllr. R. White reported that the car park will be gradually finished by Hailsham Roadways. They will put a thin top layer on the surface when suitable material becomes available. This would also keep the cost down. Cllr. R. White also felt that some screening between the new houses and the car park would be advantageous. Shrubs or bushes 4-6' high were suggested it was also agreed that the Parish Council could pay for these plants.

4 Outstanding Planning

4.1 Clays Farm RR/1999/844

A letter was received from Mr. T Smith outlining his concerns that the Parish Council had not supported his application.

4.2 Rocks Farm RR/1999 The Parish Council queried whether the application for the swimming pool had been deferred or refused. It was agreed to ask Dist. Cllr. W. Miers to see if she could find out the present state of any application.

5 New Planning

5.1 The new Pavilion RR/1999/2098

Cllr. R. White reported that he had spoken to Mr. B. Baker the architect, who in turn had spoken to the Sport England. Sport England preferred separate disabled toilets and separate facilities for referees therefore the pavilion had to be slightly lengthened. The police had advised that strengthened glass would be appropriate for the windows. The Environment agency also commented on the placement of the waste-water tank.

6 Finance

7 The Parish Council voted that the Village Hall Committee could have 2 years to repay the outstanding loan of £2000. The completion date would be 31st December 2001. The clerk was instructed to write to the secretary of the Committee to advise her of this date.

8 Correspondence

Cllr. R. White read a letter that he had received from Mr. Fiefield at R.D.C. Rother were concerned at the time the notices for the Summer concerts at Ashburnham Place were left on the verges

9 A.O.B Cllr. R. White suggested that wrought iron signs to be positioned at Ponds Green and The Pound would be a gesture for the Millennium celebrations. The cost of these would be further investigated.

The next meeting will be held on the 18th January 2000

*R. M. White
Sat. 25/10/99*