

ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2000 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

- 1 Apologies were received from Cllr. J Andrew
- 2 The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as correct.
- 3 Matters arising
  - 3.1 Highways The clerk was requested to inform Highways dept. of several holes that had developed in the parish's roads i.e. Mansfield Cross, Penhurst lane(south of Great Sprays) and ruts forming in Forge Lane.
- 4 Outstanding Planning Rocks Farm  
The clerk reported that the planning officer had visited the property to investigate reports of building taking place. The work taking place on the kitchen had been approved and granted. The retrospective planning application for the swimming pool had been refused on appeal.
- 4.2 The New Sports Pavilion RR/1999/2098/P granted 30th Nov 1999
- 5 New Planning The Old barn Lakehurst Lane Ashburnham RR/2000/20 extension study/bedroom It was reported that an outbuilding appears to have been converted for habitation. The parish council felt that this application would not be in keeping with the character of the existing building
- 6 Finance A precept of £3200 was proposed by Cllr. C.Baker and seconded by Cllr. N.Harmer.
- 7 A.O.B.
  - 7.1 It was reported that there appeared to be substantial building work taking place at Bray's Hill House. Dist. Cllr. W>Miers said that she would ask the planning Dept to investigate
  - 7.2 Ponds Green Re the phone box.  
  
The Parish council felt that access to the phone box was still being restricted by parked cars. Dist. Cllr. W.Miers suggested that the area could be looked at as a whole and a positive approach adopted as to cleaning up that area. Cllr. R.White and Cllr.E.White would compile a short history of the Ponds Green area. Dist. Cllr. W>Miers wondered if the land at the front of the shop was a public green Dist .Cllr. W Miers also informed the Parish council that planning permission would not be needed for road signs at the Pound and Ponds Green

The date of the next meeting will now be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2000 instead of the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2000-

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ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2000 at 7.30pm

- 1 Apologies were received from Dist.Cllr. W Miers
- 2 Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.
- 3 Matters arising

3.1 Potholes The councillors reported that some of the potholes in the Village have been repaired but there are still some that are outstanding. Cllr E White also reported that at Farthing Bridge on the western side of the road there is poor drainage from the road. Cllr.J Andrew also reported that the lane into Brigden Hill Farm is breaking up and needs repairing. The clerk was asked to inform R.D.C.

3.2 Footpaths The footpath at Rocks Farm has again been blocked. Cllr. C Baker expressed despair at Rother's inability to to enforce the clear state of the path.

Beech Estate has entered into a Countryside stewardship agreement with the Min .of Agr.and is to create public access to a permissive Footpath from adjacent to Little Sprays Farm and joining the public footpath north of Rocks Farm.

3.3 The sports pavilion Cllr. R.White reported that an application to Sport England can now be made for funding., also the Village will also have to still raise further funds in the coming year. Cllr.J Andrew asked if the area inside the pavilion would be large enough to have keep fit classes etc to further expand the use of the pavilion.The Parish council felt that there was enough Parish council funds to donate some money to the appeal. Cllr. J Andrew proposed £2000 Cllr. C Baker seconded the proposal.

3.4 Cllrs E White and R White will proceed with compiling a short history of Pons Green

4 Outstanding planning

4.1 Rocks Farm Appeal re the swimming pool. A response to the appeal was prepared to this application stating that it is contrary to the local plan policy H22 and would cause harm to the rural character of the area.

5 New planning

5.1 Archers Farm RR/2000/298 Conservatory and extension  
The Parish Council had no objections

5.2 Keepers Cottage RR/2000/496/497 side extension and en suite bathroom  
The Parish Council had no objections.

5.3 Frankwell Farm RR/2000/495 2x pole barns for storage of feed,hay and equipment

The Parish council felt that this application was not necessary for the small amount of land that the Barns would service.

6 Finance 4 cheques were signed. £53.88 Retirement Party  
£7.50 S.E. Water  
££50 Village Hall  
£525.84 Clerks salary

7 A.O.B.

7.1 Two letters were read out by the Chairman one each from Bert Peters and Fred Chacksfield thanking the parish Council for their retirement party.

7.2 Mountfield Waste Plant the chairman read a letter from Mountfield Heritage Group with regard to the proposed waste site at Mountfield.They are the force behind the campaign to stop the site being set up at Mountfield. The Parish Council supported the group and were prepared to offer further help when required.

7.3 Now that the post office is closed the Parish council discussed whether the Notice board should now be moved, the notice board at the Chapel was put forward as a possibility. The chairman agreed to approach the Chapel

8 Date of the next meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2000.

ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the special planning meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2000.

1 Apologies were received from Cllr.C.Baker and Dist.Cllr. W.Miers.

2 New Planning  
Bailiffs Cottage Beech Farm RR/2000/555 Change of use from a shooting Lodge to a dwelling

The Parish Council felt that that this was originally a cart shed and was converted to a shooting lodge without planning permission, which was subsequently granted.The Parish council is opposed to this application as it is also against the County structure plan.

A written submission can be seen on request from the clerk.

2.2 An application to divert the footpath at Rocks Farm was received and the Parish Council agreed to recommend the diversion.

2.3 Ashburnham Christian Trust. Ashburnham RR/2000/784

The Parish Council felt that Ashburnham Place is adequately sign posted at present and that the proposed signs are in effect traffic signs and as such is the responsibility of the Highways Dept. Also, the Parish Council is opposed to signs of that nature at the proposed height at that site.

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## ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2000

1 Cllr. R. White was proposed as chairman by Cllr. J. Andrew and seconded by Cllr F. Akehurst. Cllr. E. White was proposed as vice chairman by Cllr. R. Burfoot and seconded by Cllr. N. Harman.

2 All the Parish Councillors were present and Mrs W. Miers Dist. Cllr. There were also a considerable number of members of the public.

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

4 Matters arising.

4.1 The clerk reported that she had told Rother District Council of the poor drainage at Farthing Bridge and at this time had not received any more information.

4.2 Dist. Cllr W. Miers reported that the Planning Department had not received any planning application for Bray's Hill House

4.3 The Pavilion Cllr. R. White gave a short update of fund raising etc. and also reported that Mr. B. Baker was obtaining experienced help in obtaining funding from Sport England.

5 Outstanding Planning

5.1 Rocks Farm. There was no news of an appeal re. the swimming pool

6 New planning

6.1 Old Sprays Penhurst RR/2000/591 The Parish Council felt that if permission were to be granted, conditions should be applied i.e. that no other structure should be allowed within the curtilage they would also wish to see restrictions applied with regard to the disposal of manure from the stables. They would also like to see further conditions applied preventing any future development to preclude any habitation of the buildings.

6.2 Deer Fence RR/2000/ erection of Deer fencing.

Cllr. R. White opened this debate by commenting on the strength of feeling this had aroused in the Village, he also introduced Dist. Cllr. Wendy Miers to the meeting. He further stated that he had a meeting with the estate managers to discuss this matter. A submission was read out that outlined the Parish council's concerns regarding this matter. In summary, this statement in effect suggested a compromise by moving the fence back from the road to make it less obtrusive. Cllr R. White then opened the meeting to the public for further discussion.

A lively discussion followed Some members of the public were strongly opposed to the fencing. The main reasons being the appearance, too close to the road, closing off a well trodden path that the deer have used to cross the road and doubt that dormice and butterflies would actually benefit from this application.

In defence of the application it was stated that there had been a fence erected there in the past that was 1 metre high with barbed wire along the top, however this was damaged in the storms some years ago. Dist. Cllr. Mrs Miers outlined the planning regulations regarding this application and stressed that retrospective permission was looked at as if this was an application from scratch. The Parish council decided to recommend a refusal of planning permission as the fence now stood but recommended that if it were moved back away from the road it would be more acceptable.

6.3 Ashbourn RR/2000/786 Extension of fishing hut.

The chairman Mr. R White introduced the owners of Ashbourne who were happy to answer any questions regarding this application. Cllr. F Akehurst declared an interest and would not vote on this matter. The applicants said that the fishery was not for corporate entertaining but would be restricted to 50 members and only 10 at any one time. Business entertainment was planned and this was the reason for an extension to the fishing hut was required. The application also stated that there would be a facility for extra country pursuits. Cllr W. Miers asked for further clarification, the response was walking, shooting etc. The Parish Council decided to defer a decision to allow them to fully consider this application. Since this meeting the Parish council voted to recommend a refusal of this application

7. Finance. The clerk read the financial annual report. The accounts were signed as correct.

8 A.O.B.

8.1 Cllr E White queried whether there was any news regarding the building excavations at the Corner House. There was nothing to report.  
The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on the 05<sup>th</sup> July 2000 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

1 Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.

2 Matters arising

2.1 Farthing Bridge. The area around the bridge has been washed away and there is a danger that cars may become grounded. The clerk has already reported this to Highways but they had not been in contact. The clerk will report on this to Highways again and report at the next meeting.

2.2 Mansfield Cross The clerk had also reported to the planning Dept. that there were apparently two ponds being dug out on the property that may also be known as Corner House Farm. There had not been a response from planning at this time.

3 Outstanding Planning.

3.1 The Deer Fence Ashburnham Christian Trust. RR/2000/ Granted

3.2 Ashbourne Extension of Fishing Hut RR/2000/786 Refused

4 New Planning

4.1 Ashburnham Christian Trust RR/2000/1082/LD The Orangery Lay marble flooring. The Parish council supported an approval

4.2 Ashburnham Christian Trust RR/2000/1079 Demolition of lock up garages etc and construction of extension to kitchen and 24 bedrooms for the conference centre. The Parish Council felt that there was not a legitimate reason to recommend refusal for this application.

4.3 Lattendens RR/2000/1408

removal of flat roofs to existing single storey extensions and construction of pitched roofs and reconstruction of front porch, replacement of windows. The Parish council supported an approval

4.4 Great Sprays Penhurst RR/2000/1510/1512

garden room extension to the house and implement store/woodstore. The Parish council supported an approval

4.5 Lakehurst RR/2000/1459 cleaning out pond etc The Parish council supported an approval.

5 Finance

The chairman reported that an anonymous donor has paid for new curtains for the Village Hall. The V.A.T. would be reclaimed by the Parish Council.

6 A.O.B.

The clerk read a letter from Mountfield Heritage re the proposed incinerator. The Parish Council asked the clerk to write stating their support and noting their letter.

6.2 New notice board

The chairman proposed that the existing notice board should be moved from the site of the old Post Office and resited perhaps at outside the Ash Tree Inn. Cllr. C. Baker will ask Mr. M Baker, the landlord if this would be possible.

6.3 Fence at the crossroads at Penhurst Church.

The Parish council was concerned that a small fence has been erected around the small grass area at the crossroads. They felt that it is a traffic hazard and would like to see it removed. The clerk was asked to inform the highways dept.

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ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the special planning meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2000

This meeting was convened to discuss the following planning applications

RR/2000/555 The Shooting Lodge Beech Estate. Conversion of the premises to a dwelling.

This application was submitted as the applicant felt that due to an apparent error in the refusal i.e. Class 3 was typed instead of Class C3, this being the Parish Council believe a typing error.

The Parish Council felt that in the original application RR/90/0692 permission was granted (February 1994) subject to class C3. This was very clear 'these premises shall be used for this and no other purpose'. This was applied to the application for the original shooting lodge. The applicant did not query the meaning of this condition at the time that it was granted, and the Parish council felt that the original meaning was very clear.

The Parish council voted to recommend a refusal

2 The Deer Park Ashburnham Reinstatement <sup>dear RW</sup> of hanging lodge on the island in the lake.

The parish council had no objection.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 6.00pm on the 06<sup>th</sup> September 2000.

- 1 All Councillors were present.
- 2 Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.
- 3 Matters Arising
  - 3.1 Farthing Lane The clerk was asked to continue asking the Highways Dept. to report on the condition of the road by the bridge
  - 3.2 Mansfield Cross. The clerk reported that the Planning Dept. had visited the site where some excavation had been taking place and they had advised the owners that they should apply for planning permission.
  - 3.3 Penhurst Green re. The fence. The clerk reported that Mr. Humble from Highways Dept. was liaising with the agents representing the owners of the adjacent property. Mr. Humble said that the fence was a hazard to traffic etc. and that it was not permitted to fence this type of area.
- 4 Outstanding Planning
  - 4.1 The clerk reported that The Studio at Brays Hill had applied for retrospective planning permission
- 5 New Planning
  - 5.1 Baccapipe Penhurst RR/2000/1929 Dining room extension and decking area adjacent. The Parish Council had no objections.
- 6 Finance
  - 6.1 The Chairman Mr.R.White reported that a grant of £3000 had been granted to the millennium fund by Rother District Council towards the pavilion fund. The clerk was asked to write to thank R.D.C.
  - 6.2 A cheque for £18.14 was signed for water rates at the recreation ground.
- 7 A.O.B.
  - 7.1 The pavilion  
Mr. R. White reported that the extra land had not yet been transferred from A.C.T. but a draft deed had come through.  
One clause caused concern to the Parish Council. This clause stated that after 21years of the 50 year lease the landlord (A.C.T.) could terminate the lease with 1 years notice if they should obtain planning permission for development of the site. Further, the landlord should provide or pay compensation to the value of an alternative site with the same facilities at the date of the commencement of the lease. The Parish Council felt that this would not include replacing the pavilion The Parish Council felt that this was not fair to the parishioners who had raised the funds for the pavilion. The Parish Council agreed that the Chairman should consult legal advice concerning this clause.
  - 7.2 Periodic review of District Councillors.  
The Parish Council was asked to comment on a proposal to review the areas that District Councillors represent. In the case of this Parish it was proposed putting Ashburnham and Penhurst together with Telham and Marley. The Parish Council felt that this would not be viable as this parish has little in common with more urban districts. They further felt our identity lies with other rural parishes.

The next meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2000 in the Village Hall.

*R. White*  
*Oct 25 2000*

ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the special meeting held on the 08<sup>th</sup> October 2000 in the Village Hall.

This meeting was primarily convened to discuss the lease terms of the recreation ground.

- 1 Mr. R White introduced Mr. Ian Stewart, a solicitor who had come to advise the Parish council regarding the terms of the lease.

Mr Stewart explained to the Parish council that there were several things to consider. Firstly that as the lease stood now, the landlord could terminate the lease after 21years with 1 years notice without compensation for any building on the land. Secondly, Sport England required at least 21year lease to consider a grant. Thirdly, as the rent on the site would be a peppercorn rent the value left on the lease after 21years would be nil therefore no compensation would be a possibility.

Mr. Stewart suggested some paths that the Parish Council could follow

- 1 Buy the freehold on the land if possible. If this was not possible then he suggested that this clause be excluded and a 50 year agreement apply without termination after 21 years
- 2 Talk to Mrs. Bickersteth who is one of the trustees with a view to overcome this problem.

Mr. Stewart further explained that the trustees of the *Trustees of the Ashburnham Estate* have a legal obligation to ensure the best possible return on the property. The Parish council asked Mr. Stewart to represent them in any further discussion with A.C.T. He agreed to do so. The Councillors thanked Mr. Stewart for attending the meeting.

*Trustees of the Ashburnham estate*  
Appeal of Asbourne re the refusal of the extension to the fishing hut. RR/2000/7861P

The Parish council felt that the original submission that they sent to Rother was still based on the fact that this development is contrary to the County structure Plan. The Parish Council agreed that a further submission should be sent outlining their objections. Cllr. R. Burfoot agreed to attend the hearing that was to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2000 at the De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill-on -sea .

Finance The Parish Council agreed to donate £100 towards the Mountfield campaign fund that is fighting the proposal for a waste site in the Village.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

*R. White*  
*Oct. 25 2000*

ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2000 in the Village hall at 7.30pm

1 Apologies for absence was received from Mrs J Andrew. Cllr. Mrs W. Miers attended and several members of the public.

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

3 Matters arising

3.1 The pavilion Cllr. R. White read a letter from Mr. Stewart the solicitor who is representing the Parish Council in this matter. The letter was regarding a proposed clause to the lease which outlined a compensation scheme. This letter has been sent to Mr. Bridgeland at Strutt and Parker.

3.2 The fence at Penhurst church Cllr. N. Harman reported that the fence has now been removed. The clerk was asked to write to Mr. G. Humble at the highway dept. for a statement with regard to the legal position of fencing such areas.

3.3 Ashbourne Fishery Cllr Burfoot reported to the council about the planning appeal held at Bexhill-on-sea. Several parishioners attended and the meeting was informal with attendees able to express their views. Cllr. Burfoot was hopeful that the appeal would be refused.

4 New Planning

Vodafone Ltd. RR/2000/2276

Cllr. R. White outlined the Government's guidelines on mobile-phone masts and also said that the main concern from parishioners was the size and position of the proposed mast. Vodafone would need a licence as this application is in an A.N.O.B. The meeting was then opened to the floor for members of the public to air their views.

A parishioner asked if it was true that masts were to be sited in a grid pattern 3kms apart. Cllr. Miers agreed that this was so, she added that this mast was one of the first to be sited in this area so there was some room for negotiation with regard to the site. Further concerns were with regard to the health aspect regarding microwaves emitted from the masts Cllr. Miers advised that the health aspect was not an issue that the Parish council could consider at this level.

Cllr. C. Baker suggested that mobile phone users should not be too surprised that eventually a mast would be near them. He also read a planning refusal at Glydes farm due to the visual impact., he suggested that the same guidelines should be implemented for this application.

Dist. Cllr. Miers suggested that a another site should be investigated due to lack of cover at this site.

Mr. B Andrew on whose land the mast was proposed to be sited, stated that he was approached by Vodafone and that he was led to believe that the mast would be much smaller.

He also thought that he siting could be improved and also the size. The Parish Council voted to support a refusal.

4.2 Archers farm Penhurst RR/2000/ 2172

The siting of a solar panel on the roof.

The Parish Council has no objection.

5 A.O.B.

The Parish Council decided to put a new notice board by Akehurst Field

The Parish Council also decided to fix dates for the forthcoming year for the P.C. meetings. This would be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of alternate months.

*R. White*  
25/10/2000