

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON JANUARY 18TH 2006
AT ASHBURNHAM SPORTS PAVILION

1. Apologies Cllrs B Walker, A Wooding-Jones, John Kemp
2. Disclosure of Interest- None
3. Minutes of last Meeting- Read and signed
4. Matters Arising

Pavilion

Kitchen units to be fitted with new fronts and tiling above work surface to be completed in the near future. At this moment we are awaiting a visit from the building inspector. Work on the disabled toilets is still outstanding but it is hoped this can be completed at a later date this year.

Signposts

Some of the signposts that suffered from vandalism have been attended to, those that need more major work are on the list of the highways department and will be dealt with in the future.

Village Hall

Cllr Finch reported from the village hall sub-committee that plans are moving forward to look for private developers. The sub-committee would now devise a plan and apply for PP. It was made clear that nothing would happen all the time Mrs Hunt was living in the adjoining house.

Reed Wood Hedge

Cllr Ratcliffe informed the meeting that she has contacted the owners and made them aware of the overgrown hedge.

5. Planning- New- None

Old

RR/2005/3065 Lattendens Farm- alterations to listed building-granted
RR/2005/2774 Henley Bridge Cottage- change of use of store to office-granted
Bunces Barn-agricultural use only-granted

6. Finance

Current Situation

£4,000.00 in the current account, a sum of £1435 has been received from the Public Works Loan Board, the chairman reported that his offer to Strutt & Parker to pay off half the legal fees has not been taken yet. all legal fees will have to be paid later in the year. This expenditure will have to be met by an increase in the precept.

Budget

An increase in the precept to £14,000 enable the parish council to balance their books.

Precept

£14,000.00 –agreed by all members

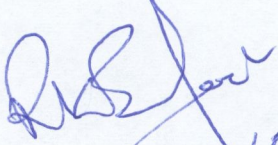
Clerks Salary

£800 an increase of £20 (2.6%) on last years figure.

7. Correspondence

Was brought to the attention of the councillors, no replies needed.

8. NEXT MEETING-15th March 2006


15/3/06

ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
HELD 15TH MARCH 2006
ASHBURNHAM SPORTS PAVILION

PRESENT Cllrs Wooding-Jones, Walker, Harman, Finch, Baker, Burfoot(chairman)
Cllr John Kemp, Cllr Katherine Field

1. **Apologies** Cllr Gill Ratcliffe

2. **Disclosure of Interest** – None

3.Minutes of last meeting – Approved and signed

4. Matters Arising -

Signposts- Clerk to get in touch with the Parish Maintenance Team and ask them to maintain signposts where necessary.

Village Hall - Now waiting for a developer to put forward a development plan.

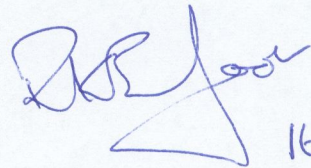
5.Planning-new-RR/2006/382 Street Cottage, Ashburnham-Extension-
Approved

Old-None (Ref Bunces Barn Track-OK no need for planning)

6.Finance- Current situation ^{£5,580} ~~£3,4000~~ - Legal fees to ^{Adams & Remers} ~~Strutt and Parker~~ to be paid off as soon as the first precept payment is received.

7. Correspondence-The Parish Council approved a donation of £100 to Age Concern. Small business rate ^{relief} has been applied for, for the Sports Pavilion.

8. Next Meeting 17.5.06 AGM


16/5/06

MINUTES

ASBURNHAM AND PENHURST

PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT ASBURNHAM VILLAGE HALL

ON TUESDAY 16TH MAY, 2006

COUNCILLORS PRESENT-Andrew Wooding-Jones, Keith Finch, Norman Harman,
Gill Ratcliffe, John Kemp, Katherine Field

1.Election of Officers-Chairman, Vice Chairman

Chairman-Cllr Roger Burfoot
Proposed-Cllr Norman Harman
Seconded-Cllr Andrew Wooding-Jones

Vice chairman-Cllr Andrew Wooding-Jones
Proposed Cllr Roger Burfoot
Seconded Cllr Keith Finch

2.Apologies-Cllr Colin Baker

3.Disclosure of Interest

Pigknoll Farm-Cllr Gill Ratcliffe, Cllr Keith Finch
Oak Bank Farm-Cllr Norman Harman
Old Brew House-Cllr Keith Finch

4.Minutes of Last Meeting-Amended and signed

5.Matters Arising-Pavilion- The building inspector needs to attend and advise further work necessary before final approval

The stoolball club owe £80 and the cricket club £400, both clubs are to be asked for a settlement as appropriate.

The pavilion is to be more closely monitored especially to ensure that people leave it as they find it, that is to say locked, windows shut, lights turned off. Also the presence of the extra key is to be kept an eye on, to ensure its availability is not exploited.

BT phone boxes-No news

Village Hall-Enquires are still ongoing by the sub committee, a meeting has been arranged for the 14.6.06.

Sign Posts-The clerk reported she has contacted the Parish maintenance team, dialog has been set up between the two, they have been made aware of all the signposts that need attention, the clerk is still waiting confirmation.

6.Planning-New

RR/2006/1055/8-Pigknoll Farm-Nursery-Support an approval

RR/2006/1003-Oak Bank Farm-Agricultural Building-Support an approval

RR/2006/1155-Redpale-Replacement of rotten timbers-Support an approval

RR/2006/1180-Little Midge-Extension of residential cartilage-Support an approval

Old

Brew House-Appeal against removal of solar panels-No comment

7.Finance

a).Current situation-£1700.00

Legal fees outstanding from eviction of the travellers now paid, VAT incurred has now been recovered.

b).Accounts for 2005/2006 and statement of assurance were approved by the whole council

8.Correspondence

A letter of thanks has been received from Age Concern for the £100 given by the Parish Council

9.A.O.B.

A letter received by the Parish Council from The Old Brew House, regarding rubbish being dumped in the lay-by near their house is to be forwarded to the Highways Department by the clerk.

Olivers Hill Caravan has approval as the owners are living in it.

At this meeting two P.L.O. attended and reported that in the last year eight crimes were reported in our parishes and an ASBO has been served on John King.

10.Next Meeting 19.7.06

4 Members of the public were present

RMS
19/7/06

AHSBURNHAM AND PENHURST
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY 2006
AT ASHBURNHAM SPORTS PAVILION
AT 7.30pm

Present-Councillors Keith Finch, Brian Walker, Andrew Wooding-Jones, Colin Baker, Roger Burfoot, Gill Ratcliffe, Norman Harman.

1. Apologies-Councillor Katherine Field

2. Disclosure of Interest-Keith Finch-Gardeners Farm

3. Minutes of Last Meeting-Approved and Signed

4. Matters Arising

Oliver's Hill Caravan-Can only be on site whilst improvements to the house are being carried out.

Village Hall

The sub committee of the Village Hall committee appointed to look into the feasibility of repairing the old hall and the cost of a replacement have reported:-

- a. Progress is being made
- b. Maintenance cost to the tune of £20.00 has been quoted for essential work has been submitted.
- c. They want to call a presentation meeting to the village on the 29.9.06.
The Parish Council however after due consideration of this report felt that the following points need to be clarified with them before any such meeting.
The Parish Council need to see the presentation before being presented to the village.
- a. Clarity of expenditure in the planning stage.
- b. Provision for ongoing expenses once complete i.e.:- insurance, rates, running cost etc.,
- c. The feasibility of the project.
- d. What is Strutt and Parkers part in all this?
- e. Worries about working group going beyond their boundaries.
- f. Meeting to be arranged with Strutt and Parker before presentation to the village, to include the whole Parish Council and the sub-committee.

5. Planning-New

Corner House-Replacement store-Council recommends a like for like building in proportion to the acreage

Gardeners Farm-Turn a holiday let into permanent accommodation for the owner, due to failing health but only for their personal use and tied to the main house

Little Midge-Appealing against refusal for holiday accommodation.

Old

RR/2006/1003-Oak Bank Farm- Agricultural Building-granted
RR/2006/1155-Redpale-Replacement of rotted timber-granted
RR/2006/1180-Little Midge-Extension of residential cartilage-granted
RR/2006/1055-Pigknoll Farm-Nursery-granted
RR/2006/383/L+RR/2006/382/P-Street Cottage-Extension-granted

6. Finance

Current account stands at £1.843, loans due for repayment in September £2.500
Rate relief granted this year, to be withdrawn next year.
The Parish Council gave a grant to the Sponsored Horse Ride, to help with the cost of
printing and advertising etc.

7. Correspondence

Brought to the attention of the councillors, no action on any taken.

8. A.O.B.

Reed Wood- Hedge-A request was made last year to Mr Richardson the owner to cut
the hedge, no action has been taken, the Clerk is to ask to ESCC to now intervene.

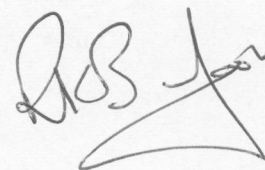
Tidy Pavilion

The Clerk is to ask written quotations from:-
Mr Paul Harmer, Mr Sam Ford, Mr David Gentry and Mr Nigel White.
For the cutting of the hedge and grass inside and out, from the new gate to the old
gate.

Derek Southouse has questioned the charges by the Parish Council to outside cricket
teams, Chairman Cllr Roger Burfoot is to follow it up.

9. Next Meeting

20.9.06


20/6/06

Ashburnham and Penhurst, Parish Council

Minutes

Of meeting held on Wednesday 20th September, 2006 at Ashburnham Sports

Pavilion at 7.30p.m

Present-Councillors Keith Finch, Gill Ratcliffe, Brian Walker, Colin Baker, Norman Harman, Roger Burfoot, John Kemp, Katherine Field.

1. Apologies-Cllr Andrew Wooding Jones
2. Disclosure of Interest-Cllrs Keith Finch and Gill Ratcliffe-Brigden Hill Farm
3. Minutes of Last Meeting-Read and Signed
4. Matters Arising-Village Hall

The meeting was adjourned to allow Councillors to be given a report by Paul Evans, Clive O'Sullivan and Richard White (members of the New Village Hall working group). A brief summary is as follows.

A. Why a new village hall:-

a) Too costly to repair existing village hall and estimate of at least £17,000 has been quoted to restore it to its original condition. Any additions i.e. disabled toilets and an updated kitchen would be an extra expense.

b) Regeneration:-It is felt by this committee that a new village hall would help to regenerate the village; examples of this have been seen in nearby Herstmonceux, Bodle Street, and Boreham Street.

B) Proposals for new hall design and cost one estimate has been given in the region of £600,000

C) Development of old site

Nothing can be done whilst Mrs Hunt is living in her house, it is proposed to move the new village hall to the site of the sports pavilion, the old site would be handed back to the estate and the possibly houses built on the site, it is not clear at the moment how much revenue from this proposal would be made available to the village..

D) Future plans

To retain the existing village hall is out of the question.

The trustees of the Ashburnham Thanksgiving Trust would handle any new development at the old Village Hall site

The need to establish how much the ATT is willing to subsidise a new Village Hall needs to be settled before moving on.

A discussion then took place with members of the public who were present.

The Parish Council meeting then re-convened

Pavilion-No recent developments

5. Planning-New

RR/2006/2287 Bungalow, Brownbread Street, parking area Highways opposed plans; they want an area large enough to turn in.

RR/2006/2441-High Ridge, North End, Penhurst (Panahpur Trust)-Replacement house- Approved subject to -Drawing attention to drains and windows.

Brigden Hill-Re-sitting of hay barn- approved

Old

RR/2006/1711-Corner House Farm-Replacement Ag Store-Approved

RR/2006/1820-Gardeners Farm-Approved subject to accommodation reverting to holiday lets, when no longer needed by present occupants..

RR/2006/2198-Glydes Farm- Extension-Conditionally approved

RR/2006/2229-Brigden Hill Farm-Garages-Approved.

6. Finance:-

The Parish council now has the money due in part by money received from the sponsored horse ride to complete the disabled toilets and complete interior paint work.

7. Correspondence:-

The Parish council gave 100% approval fro a donation to be made of £100 to Rother Rural Trust.

Other correspondence was brought to the attention of the councillors.

8. A.O.B.

The County Council is to pursue the owners of Reed Wood in an effort to gain their co-operation in getting the road hedge cut.

Four tenders were sent out re- tidying the hedges inside and out at the cricket field, only two were returned, the work was given to the lowest quote-Nigel White £120

Chairman Roger Burfoot is to arrange the wreath and clergy for the Remembrance service at the memorial.

Next Meeting 8.11.2006

Bob Burfoot
8/11/06

MINUTES OF ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH November 2006

AT ASHBURNHAM SPORTS PAVILION

Councillors Present Keith Finch, Brian Walker, Gill Ratcliffe, John Kemp, Andrew Wooding-Jones, Colin Baker, Roger Burfoot(chairman)

1. Apologies-Cllr Katherine Field

2. Disclosure of Interest-Ashburnham Church Hall-Cllr Roger Burfoot
Ashburnham Place-Cllr Andrew Wooding Jones
Pavilion-Cllr Keith Finch
Old Brew House-Cllr Keith Finch.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting-Read Approved and Signed

4. Matters Arising

VILLAGE HALL (At this point the parish council meeting was adjourned to allow a public discussion)

The Chairman recapped on points raised at the last meeting. He Told the meeting he had written to Strutt and Parker and gave a brief outline of the contents of the letter which was the trustees would provide £3 for every £1 raised for the repair of the old hall, and also the trustees want a public meeting so a vote can be taken on the wishes of the villagers, a new hall can not go ahead without a majority vote. This meeting has been planned early in the New Year. All the trustees are to be invited. (The Parish Council meeting then resumed)

The local PCSO arrived at this point to introduce herself, and to advertise that on the 2.12.06 in the Sports Field there will be a CCTV mobile van where any parishioner with any worries can go for help and advice.

PAVILION

Disabled requirements are to now be a priority to meet building regulations.

The Chairman notified the council that he has requested £25 per visiting cricket team which amounted to 4 or 5 from the cricket club.

5. Planning-New

RR/2006/2754-Retention of Church Hall-Support

RR/2006/3132 Ashburnham Place - 15 Log Cabins - not supported or opposed

Old

RR/2006/2287-Bungalow, Brown Bread Street-Parking area with room to turn-supported

RR2006/2441-High Ridge, North End, Penhurst (Panahphur Trust)-Replacement House-Modified Plans-No decision Yet

Old Brew House-Removal of Solar panels-Enforcement Order

Ashburnham Place-Development of 15 units three bed roomed in walled garden to accommodate guests-support

6. Finance

Current balance £6073, the half yearly payment of the loan is due, £120 to be paid to Nigel White for the hedge cutting round the memorial area.

It is hopeful to set the precept at £7000 for next year.

7. Correspondence

Donations|-

£100 to Battle Area Community Transport to keep the local bus going

£35 to FWAG

8. A.O.B

9. Next Meeting 17.1.07