

**ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST
PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held at
Ashburnham Church Hall
at 7.30 PM on Wednesday 27th January 2010**

Present: Cllrs R Burfoot (Chair), N Harman, G Ratcliffe, R Jones, C Baker, A Wooding Jones (Clerk)

In attendance: Cllrs A Davies, K Field,

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Winfield

2. Disclosure of Interest:

Village Hall - Cllr Ratcliffe, R Jones, C Baker

3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th November 2009 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising:

a. Crime update – five arrests reported over deer poaching. Encourage PCSO Holter to make use of the Parish Magazine

b. Parish Action Plan. 30 questionnaires received to date, closing date on 31st January.

c. Village Hall.

- Strutt and Parker calculate the project is not viable on their figures and requirements of various owners of the land based on Parish Council assessment of Village Hall cost. They are not yet being clear on when the project would be deemed 'viable'.
- Refund of credit is in process but is proving to be complicated.
- Whilst the Parish Council hope the project will become viable in the meantime the Village Hall committee to be invited to comment on their preference/s for next step.
 - i. Continue to 'pause' on any repairs
 - ii. Minor repairs
 - iii. Or major refurbishment in lieu of new village hall
 - iv. Or wait for review of new village hall proposal

**5. Planning
New**

a. RR/2009/2424 Tower House Entrance roadway – Rely on comments from Highway department but comment on restrictions on stable activity (light, manure burning)

·Old ·

- a. RR/2009/2353/6/7/9 Various – Sprays Oast Farm, Penhurst - granted
- b. RR/2009/2372/3 Conversion of outbuildings – Peans Farm, Penhurst
– withdrawn
- c. RR/2009/2521 3 Lodging Houses - relocate shed - Granted
- d. RR/2009/2764/2880 Sprays Oast Farm - Fencing, Pergola,
Garage doors, Curtilage - refused

6. Finance

- a. Current bank balance is £13,142. End of year balance expected to be approximately the same.
- b. Precept – proposed at £7000 (proposed Cllr Burfoot / seconded Cllr Jones)
- c. 2010/11 Budget presented and approved


7. Correspondence

- a. Village Maintenance Team – members invited to let the Chairman know if any work required by the end of January.

8. AOB – none

9. Next meeting -

Wednesday 24th March 2010 – Cricket Pavilion with Rother DC visitors


24/3/10