

**ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST
PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held at
Ashburnham Church Hall
at 7.30 PM on Wednesday 24th March 2010**

Present: Cllrs R Burfoot (Chair), N Harman, G Ratcliffe, R Jones, R White, P Winfield, A Wooding Jones (Clerk)

In attendance: Cllrs A Davies, K Field, Cllr Martin Mooney (Chairman of Rother DC) and Derek Stevens (Chief Executive), Scott Lipa (Action in Rural Sussex)(*item 1-4*) , 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr C Baker, Cllr K Field

2. Disclosure of Interest:

Village Hall - Cllr Ratcliffe, R Jones, R White
Churchyard – Cllr R Burfoot

3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th January 2010 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising:

a. Parish Action Plan was circulated and adopted

- i. Action 4 Recycling - RDC representatives to follow up glass recycling
- ii. Action 7 & 8 Community Transport - £200K available to kickstart transport needs parish by parish. (Scott Lipa) Need for further consultation Cllrs White & Ratcliffe agreed to move this forward.
- iii. Action 9 - Housing Needs Survey (RDC to look at this)
- iv. Action 6 – Parish Produce Directory – suggest link to Village WI directory Cllr Winfield to liaise

b. Village Hall – update

- i. Still an impasse. Village Hall Committee has suggesting trying to re-open negotiations with Ashburnham Thanksgiving Trust. Suggested work on planning permission was in danger of over-lapping with Parish Council responsibilities.

5. Planning:

Old –

RR/2009/2424	Sherress	Little Beech Oast	Access to Tower House paddock
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Approved conditionally

New -

RR/2010/317	Sinden	Red Barn	Holiday Cottage
Support			
RR/2010/222	Sherress	Little Beech Oast	Horse paddock
Support but limit to private use, limit lighting, no burning manure			
RR/2010/311	Hann	Manor House	Steps
RR/2010/312	Hann	Manor House	Steps
Support			
RR/2010/336	Jago	High Ridge	New house
Support			

6. Finance:

- a. Finance update: Balance is £12532
- b. Churchyards: agreed £400
- c. Magazine expenses: agreed £20
- d. Pavilion heating and kitchen: agreed to get estimates
- e. Sports fees: Recommend keep at current levels

7. Correspondence

- a. Akehurst Field adopted as highway maintainable at public expense

8. AOB

Potholes – please pass Grid References to Clerk

9. Next meeting - Wednesday 19th May 2010 (AGM) (apologies Cllr Harman)