

ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Ashburnham Sports Pavilion at 7.30 PM on Wednesday 22nd September 2010

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

In attendance: Cllrs A Davies, K Field, Mr A Rowland (RDC), Mr K O'Leary (RDC), 5 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence: none

2. Disclosure of Interest:

Village Hall - Cllrs Ratcliffe, R Jones, R White, C Baker
Old Furnace Cottage: Cllr C Baker

3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st July 2010 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising:

a. Village Hall

- Planning and designs quotes from Mayflower Planning £9,600 and Pump House Designs £12,000. Both figures include £4242 for planning and build reg. fees and £1000 for possible structural survey. Town and Country Planning to review quotations particularly over what could be paid by Parish Council and what by developer or whether it could it all be paid by a developer?
- Possible argument of 1+4 houses on basis of existing house being redeveloped or replaced.
- If Parish council proceed £5000 from Village Hall Committee and balance from Parish Council.
- Mr Rowland suggest that an Enabling development considers cost of building new Village Hall against reasonable return on new development.
- Reconsidered question of creating village hall by extending pavilion

b. Akehurst Field

- Mr O'Leary explained that Akehurst Field is an Exception Site so local connection criteria and on housing register is only allocation criteria.
- Priority to Ashburnham and Penhurst first then Brightling, Catsfield or Dallington
- Put procedure in parish magazine. Clerk to ask Mr O'Leary for form of words.

c. Village Action Plan

- Public Transport discussion in progress
- Vegetable boxes discussion in progress

d. Pavilion

- Quote to upgrade and extend kitchen (cooker and fridge) £3000ex vat agreed
- Quote for heating in pavilion awaited

5. Planning:

Old –

RR/2010/1581	Strutt & Parker	1 New Buildings Farm Cottages
	Non compliance with Agricultural Occupation condition - granted for 5 years	
RR/2010/501	2 Saunders Wilsons Farm	Extension to annexe - granted
RR/2010/671	2 Hoad - Peans Farm	Conversion of outbuildings – pending

New -

RR/2010/1817	Gray - Glydes Farm - Expand curtilage 2 against, 5 absentions – no comment	
RR/2010/1930	Thompson - Olivers Hill - Retention of farm track Already approved with conditions by RDC	
RR/2010/1718	Wallace - Old Furnace Cottage - Extend and alter cottage Awaiting archaeological survey	
RR/2010/2034	Braxton – Court Lodge Farm - Erection of barn Supported	
RR/2010/1410	Thacker - Ammerbrook / skylights and boiler house Supported	

Chairman to put article in Parish magazine about planning applications.

6. Finance:

- Finance update: Balance is £12186. Precept due in October. Net increase around £1600
- Ride and Walk raised £2650 to Village Hall, Hospice and Cricket Club.

7. Correspondence:

- Contested elections. Reminder of cost to Parish Council of £1600-2000 if not concurrent with other elections.

8. AOB

- Pot Holes below Peans Farm
- Fill Grit bins

9. Next meeting - Wednesday 17th November 2010 - Pavilion