

# ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the meeting held at Ashburnham Sports Pavilion at 7.30 PM on Wednesday 17th November 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, 2 members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence:**

**2. Disclosure of Interest:**

Village Hall - Cllrs Ratcliffe, R Jones, R White, C Baker

**3. The Minutes of the Meeting** held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**4. Matters Arising:**

a. Village Hall

- Cllr White and others met with Mike Pickup (planning consultant) who advised that Parish Council should not bear planning costs. Rees Maynard, potential developer, concurred.
- Other builders / developers have also expressed interest.
- Artists Impression of new village hall for Village meeting and Ashburnham Trusts is required but not full plans.
- George Stone builders have indicated cost of renovation of toilet area £60-80,000 to existing Village Hall taking total outstanding works to c£100,000.
- Investigations to continue and update at January 2011 Parish Council meeting.
- Recognised that whilst an extension of Pavilion was possible a separate Village Hall was preferable.

b. Akehurst Field – suggest that article in Parish magazine is repeated each year.

c. Village Action Plan

- Local produce market – local producers may be promoted through village directory feature in magazine in early 2011 (Cllr Winfield to action)

d. Pavilion upgrades

- Kitchen completed under budget
- Quote sought for movement sensor (with override) outside lights
- Agreed budget for heating of £3000. Possibility of stone based with electric element but maybe over budget. Agreed by all (proposed Cllrs Harman, seconded Cllr Baker).
- Matting to be stretched and re-glued by Battle Interiors estimate of £250 agreed.
- Damp patch on internal wall noted

## 5. Planning:

### Old:

RR/2010/671,2	Peans Farm - conversion of outbuildings <i>Granted with conditions</i>
RR/2010/1817	Glydes Farm - Expand curtilage - <i>Granted</i>
RR/2010/1930	Olivers Hill - Retention of farm track – <i>Granted</i>
RR/2010/1718	Old Furnace Cottage – Extend and alter cottage <i>Pending English Heritage</i>
RR/2010/2034	Court Lodge Farm - Erection of barn <i>Granted</i>
RR/2010/1410	Ammerbrook – Skylight and boiler house <i>Granted</i>

### New:

RR/2010/2306,7	Redesign of roof – Street Cottage, Ashburnham <i>Supported by Parish Council</i>
RR/2010/2589/FN	Workshop/Store for Forestry Management – Penhurst Lane <i>Farm notification at this stage</i>
RR/2010/2586	Removal of Condition – Old Post Office, Ashburnham <i>No comment from Parish Council</i>
RR/2010/2587	Tree House etc, – Old Post Office, Ashburnham <i>No comment from Parish Council</i>
RR/2010/2613	Mobile Home for Ag. Worker – Burnt Barn Farm, Ashburnham <i>Parish Council question some of the validity of the arguments (including the viability of the farm) used to express need of a Mobile Home on Burnt Barn Farm. The view of the County Surveyor will be respected.</i>

## 6. Finance

- a. Current position - £11,331
- b. Precept decision in January 2011
- c. Grant to Battle Area Community Transport - £100 agreed
- d. Grant to PCCs – Churchyards maintenance – agreed £300 each church in January 2011.
- e. Tug of War – Ian Roberts has not yet paid pavilion rent of £25. Cllr Ratcliffe agreed to pursue this.

## 7. Correspondence

- a. Councillor Training – now fully booked
- b. Funding training at Brightling – Cllrs White and Burfoot to attend

## 8. AOB

- a. Question over Royal Wedding – Pavilion offered for event

## 9. Next meeting - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – Church Hall