

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Ashburnham with Penhurst held
on Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Ashburnham Sports Pavilion**

Parish Councillors present: Cllrs Jay Ashworth, Nicci Gagel, Ron King, Chris Sinden,
Richard White (Chairman) and Fraser Williamson.

Parish Councillors absent: Cllr Paul Spicer

In attendance: Brian Holdstock, Clerk to the Council

- 1) **Apologies for absence**
Cllr Paul Spicer
- 2) **Disclosures of interest**
None
- 3) **Additional agenda items**
 - a) As item 4) b) - PN notification

4) **Planning**

- a) Planning application RR/2022/840/P – Beech Farm, Sedlescombe
Demolition of storage building and roadway. Construction of carbon negative live work unit, parking and restricted curtilage. Addition of landscape and biodiversity enhancements to the wider site and new access to the B2244. Stopping up of access to the northern boundary of the site.

Members discussed this application in a nearby parish and viewed online the details at the RDC website. Members were horrified to learn that the RDC Planning Committee are minded to approve this application in defiance of all planning law and code of conduct requirements following a declaration of a pecuniary interest by the Planning Committee chairman who is also the applicant.

On the motion of the Chairman members unanimously resolved to instruct the clerk to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities urging him to use the powers of his office to call the application in for his decision.

- b) Householder Prior Notification
RR/2022/2026/PN3 - Church Farm, Penhurst Estate, Penhurst Lane, Penhurst TN33 9QP - *Notification for Prior Approval for the change of use to building 1 from agricultural to C1 (Hotel/Guest house) and a change of use from agricultural to B8 storage and distribution to building 2 and 77m2 of its associated curtilage.*

Members viewed this application and were disquieted to lean that Household Prior Notifications (suffix PN) are not published and are not subject to consultation.

On the motion of the Chairman members unanimously resolved to instruct the clerk to advise the case officer that parish council considers these changes of use to be sufficiently significant as to merit consultation based on a planning application. Further, to make it clear that they are not necessarily opposed to the application.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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Signed (Chair)

Date