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PROCEDURE AS TO PARISH MEETINGS.

Conveners of Parish Meeting.

Where a parish has a parish council the chairman of the parish council or any two parish councillors may at any time convene a parish meeting.

In a parish not having a parish council the meeting may be convened by the chairman of the parish meeting, or any person representing the parish on the Rural District Council.

Whether there is a parish council or not, any six local government electors for the parish may at any time convene a parish meeting.

Times and Places of Meeting.

The parish meeting are required to assemble at least once in every year, on some day between the 1st of March and the 1st of April (both inclusive). The meeting may take place on a day in March or on April 1st. The proceedings of a parish meeting must not begin before 6 o'clock in the evening, Greenwich mean time or summer time. Where a parish has no separate council, the parish meeting must assemble not less than twice a year.

Subject to these provisions, the days, times and places for holding parish meetings will be fixed by the parish council, or, if there is no parish council, by the chairman of the parish meeting.

A parish meeting should not, where it can be avoided, be convened to meet on a bank or other public holiday.

School and other Rooms.

In a parish in which there is no suitable public room vested in the parish council or in the representative body of the parish which can be used free of charge, the parish meeting (whether there is a parish council or not) may meet free of charge at all reasonable times and after reasonable notice in any suitable room in the school house of any county school or in any suitable room maintained out of any rate; but the room in either case must not be one used as part of a private dwelling-house. When any such room is required, a resolution directing notice to be given to the persons having control of the room should be passed by the parish meeting. In some cases it might be convenient that a standing resolution should be passed at each parish meeting empowering a committee to take the necessary steps in preparation for the next meeting.

Public Baths.

A parish council may, during any period from October 1st to April 30th, close any swimming bath or bathing place under their management and, while it is so closed, may use it, or allow it to be used for such purposes as they think fit.

Licensed Premises.

The parish meeting are prohibited from meeting in premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor, except in cases where no other suitable room is available either free of charge or at a reasonable cost.

Notice of Meeting

Not less than seven clear days before any parish meeting, public notice must be given specifying the time and place of the intended meeting and the business to be transacted, and signed by the chairman of the parish council or parish meeting or other conveners of the meeting. When the business relates to the establishment or dissolution of a parish council, or the grouping of a parish, or the adoption of any of the adoptive Acts, not less than fourteen days' notice must be given. In reckoning the seven or fourteen days, as the case may be, both the day when the notice is given and the day fixed for the meeting must be excluded.

Copies of the notice must be affixed on or near to the principal door of each church and chapel of the Church of England within the parish, and be posted in some conspicuous place or places within the parish. Notice may also be given in such other manner (if any) as appears to the persons convening the meeting desirable for giving publicity to the notice.

Adjourned Meeting.

Where a parish meeting is adjourned, no further notice of the adjourned meeting is necessary if no new business is to be transacted at the adjourned meeting.

Constitution and Powers of Parish Meeting.

Only local government electors registered in the parish or in part of the parish are entitled to attend and vote at a parish meeting held for the whole parish or part of the parish. No quorum is prescribed by statute. A meeting may discuss any parish affairs and pass resolutions thereon.

Any act of the parish meeting may be signified by an instrument executed at the meeting under the hands, or, if an instrument under seal is required, under the hands and seals of the chairman presiding at the meeting and two other local government electors present at the meeting.

The representative body of a parish (not having a parish council) must act in manner directed by the parish meeting.

Business of Annual Meeting.*Election of Chairman for the Year.*

In a parish not having a parish council, the meeting, after having appointed a temporary chairman, should proceed to choose a chairman for the year, who must be a local government elector. The chairman of the meeting should not be a candidate for the office of chairman for the year. If more than one candidate is proposed and seconded for the office, the temporary chairman should put separately to the meeting the names of the several candidates and take the votes by show of hands in favour only of each candidate. A candidate may vote for himself. After counting the votes, the chairman should declare to be elected that candidate who has obtained the largest number of votes. The candidate elected chairman for the year should, in the event of his being present at the meeting, take the chair.

Chairman.*Usual Chairman.*

The chairman of the parish council, if present at a parish meeting, will be the chairman of the meeting. He is entitled to attend whether he is or is not a local government elector for the parish, but if not such an elector, he shall not be entitled to give any vote at the meeting except a casting vote.

Chairman of Meeting.

In the absence of the chairman of the parish council or the chairman for the year, as the case may be, the parish meeting should appoint a person to take the chair. That person has, for the purpose of that meeting, the powers and authority of the chairman.

Duties of Chairman.

The chairman should conduct the meeting in accordance with any standing orders which may have been made by the parish council for the regulation of the proceedings and business of the parish meeting. Where there is no parish council, the parish meeting may regulate their own proceedings and business.

Minute Book.

Minutes of the proceedings of every parish meeting must be kept in a book provided for that purpose, and should be signed by the presiding chairman at the same or the next ensuing assembly of the meeting.

Majority of Meeting to decide Questions.

Every question to be decided by a parish meeting will, in the first instance, be decided by the majority of those present and voting on the question.

In form of Resolutions.

Questions should be submitted to the meeting by the chairman in the form of a resolution, and he should take the numbers of those voting for and those voting against a resolution.

One Elector one Vote.

Each local government elector may, at any parish meeting, or at any poll consequent thereon, give one vote and no more on any question.

Casting Vote of Chairman.

In addition to his right to vote in the first instance as a local government elector, the person presiding at the meeting will, in case of an equality of votes, have a second or casting vote.

Decision of Chairman.

The person presiding at the meeting is required to announce his decision as to the result of a show of hands at a parish meeting, and that decision is to be final unless a poll is demanded.

Polls.*When Polls may be Demanded.*

A poll may be demanded at any time before the conclusion of a parish meeting on any question arising thereat, (except that of the election of parish councillors which, under section 60 of the Representation of the People Act, 1948, must in all cases be conducted by means of nomination and, if necessary, a poll).

Generally a poll is not to be taken unless either the chairman of the meeting assents, or the poll is demanded by either one-third of the local government electors present, or by five of such local government electors, whichever number is the less. Where one-third of the number of the local government electors present is less than five, that one-third may demand a poll; where five is less than one-third of the number of local government electors present, those five electors may demand a poll. To take examples; if there are thirty local government electors present, five may demand a poll, as being less in number than one-third of the electors present; if there are nine electors present, three may demand a poll, as being one-third of the electors present, although those who form the one-third are less than five electors.

Ballot.

A poll consequent on a parish meeting must be taken by ballot in accordance with the Parish Meetings (Polls) Rules, 1950.

Close of Meeting.

When the business for which public notice of the meeting was given has been disposed of, the chairman should close the meeting by leaving the chair. No other business should be transacted.

Parish Meetings for Parish Wards.

Where a parish meeting is required or authorised to be held for a parish ward or other part of a parish, the persons entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, or to vote at any poll consequent thereon, will be the local government electors registered in respect of qualifications in that parish ward or part of parish; and generally, the provisions with respect to parish meetings for the whole of a parish, including those with respect to the convening of a meeting, apply as if the parish ward or part of the parish were the whole parish.

PROCEDURE AS TO MEETINGS OF PARISH COUNCILS.

Date of coming into Office, and of Annual Meeting.

The term of office of a parish councillor is 3 years. In the year of the ordinary election, that is to say, in the year 1949 and in every third year thereafter, the newly-elected councillors come into office on the 20th May. In every year on or within 14 days after the 20th May the parish council must hold an annual meeting. The date for the meeting may be any day from the 20th May to the 3rd June inclusive. In the year of the ordinary election, it would be the incoming councillors who would attend any meeting held on or after the 20th May.

Other Meetings.

Three other meetings in each year must also be held.

Meetings to be public.

Every meeting is to be open to the public unless the council otherwise direct.

Conveners of Meetings.

The first meeting of a parish council constituted after June, 1934, will be convened by the chairman of the parish meeting at which the first parish councillors are nominated.

A meeting of the parish council may at any time be convened by the chairman of the council or by any two members of the council if the chairman, upon a written requisition signed by two members, either refuses to convene a meeting or without refusing does not do so within seven days after the presentation of such a requisition.

Notice of Meetings.

Notice of every meeting of the parish council must be given to each member by way of a summons to attend the meeting. The notice must specify the time and place of, and the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting, and it must be signed by the Clerk of the Council. Three clear days must elapse between the day on which the notice is given and the day on which the meeting is to be held. Thus, if the day fixed for the meeting is Friday, the last day on which the notice can be given is the preceding Monday. A notice may be left at or sent by post in a prepaid letter to the usual place of residence of a member. The letter must be posted so that in the ordinary course of post it would be delivered not later than the last day on which the notice can be given. Notice of an adjourned meeting is not necessary unless some new business is to be transacted at the adjourned meeting.

Notice of the time and place of an intended meeting must also be affixed, three clear days previously, in some conspicuous place in the parish; and, where the meeting is called by members of the parish council, it must be signed by them and specify the business proposed to be transacted.

Place of Meeting.

Vestry Room or Church.

The parish council is entitled to meet in the vestry room of the parish church or in the church itself where there is no vestry room, or the room is insufficiently large; but if either of the Vestries Acts, 1831 and 1850, is in force, the meeting cannot be held in the church, and if the later Act is in force it cannot be held in the vestry room, except in case of urgency and with the previous approval of the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

School and other Rooms.

In a parish in which there is no suitable public room vested in the parish council which can be used free of charge, the council may meet free of charge, at all reasonable times, and after reasonable notice, in any suitable room in the school-house of any county school, or in any suitable room maintained out of any rate; but the room in either case must not be one used as part of a private dwelling-house.

The parish council could direct their clerk to give the required notice.

The hours during which a room in a schoolhouse is used for educational purposes must not be interfered with.

Public Baths.

A parish council may, during any period from October 1st to April 30th, close any swimming bath or bathing place under their management and, while it is so closed, may use it, or allow it to be used for such purposes as they think fit.

Licensed Premises.

The parish council must not meet on premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor, except in cases where no other suitable room is available either free of charge or at a reasonable cost.

Expenses.

If, by reason of the use of a room for the purpose of a meeting of a parish council, any expense is incurred by the persons having control over the room, or any damage is done thereto or to any furniture or fixtures therein, such expense or the cost of making good such damage must be defrayed as expenses of the parish council.

Determination of Disputes.

If any question arises as to what is reasonable or suitable in connection with the use of premises for meetings of parish councils it will be determined by the Minister of Education in the case of a room in a school-house, by the Home Secretary in the case of a room used for the administration of justice or for the purposes of the police, and by the Minister of Housing and Local Government in any other case.

Election of Chairman at Annual Meeting.

The first business of the annual meeting is to elect a chairman. The chairman must either be a councillor or a person qualified to be a councillor. His office is an annual one. Unless he resigns or ceases to be qualified, or becomes disqualified, he is to continue in office until his successor is elected, although at the triennial election of parish councillors he may not have been re-elected. A retiring chairman will preside at the annual meeting at which his successor is elected. He is himself eligible for re-election at the annual meeting, but some other member of the council should take the chair if the retiring chairman is a candidate for re-election.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

The parish council may, if they think fit, appoint one of their number to be vice-chairman. Unless he resigns or ceases to be qualified, or becomes disqualified, he is to continue in office until immediately after the election of a chairman at the next annual meeting of the council and during that time shall continue to be a member of the council. Subject to any standing orders, anything authorised or required to be done by, to or before the chairman may be done by, to or before the vice-chairman.

Candidates may vote.

A candidate for the office of chairman or vice-chairman may vote for himself.

Acceptance of Office by Councillor.

A person elected chairman of the parish council or parish councillor *must*, in the case of the chairman, at the meeting at which he is elected and, in the case of a councillor, at the first meeting after his election, or in either case if the council at the *First Meeting* so permit, then at a later meeting fixed by the council, make, in the presence of some member of the council, and deliver to the council a declaration in the prescribed form of acceptance of office, and if he fails so to do his office will become vacant. If the chairman of the parish council is elected from the council he will make the declaration as a parish councillor.

Minute Book.

Minutes of the proceedings of every parish council and of any committee of the council must be kept in a book. The minutes must be signed at the same or the next ensuing meeting by the presiding chairman.

Standing Orders.

Subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1933, a parish council may make, vary, and revoke standing orders for the regulation of their proceedings and business.

Quorum.

No business can be transacted at any meeting of a parish council unless at least one-third of the whole number of members are present, but in no case is the quorum to be less than three. Where more than one-third of the members of the parish council become disqualified at the same time, then, until the number of members in office is increased to not less than two-thirds of the whole number of members of the council, the quorum is to be determined by reference to the number of members remaining qualified instead of by reference to the whole number of members of the council.

Chairman of Meeting.

At a meeting of the parish council, the chairman of the council, if present, *must* preside; if he is absent and the vice-chairman is present, the vice-chairman *must* preside. If both are absent such councillor as the members present choose shall preside.

Votes to be Recorded.

The names of the members present at any meeting of the parish council must be recorded. The mode of voting at meetings must be by show of hands, and on the requisition of any member, voting on any question must be recorded so as to show whether each member present and voting gave his vote for or against that question. The voting must not be by ballot.

Majority to Decide.

All acts of a parish council and all questions at a meeting of a parish council are to be done and decided by a majority of the members present and voting thereon at a meeting of the council. The majority required is not a majority of members present, but a majority of those who, being present, vote.

Casting Vote.

In case of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting has a second or casting vote. The casting vote is in addition to any vote which the chairman may give as a member of the council. He has an original vote, whether elected from within or without the council, as when elected chairman he becomes a member of the council.

Execution of Instruments.

Any act of the parish council may be signified by an instrument under the hands or, if an instrument under seal is required, under the hands and seals of two members of the council.

Cheques.

Every cheque or other order for payment of money by a parish council must be signed by two members of the council.

Filling of Casual Vacancies.

A casual vacancy among parish councillors will be filled by the parish council, and the council are required to be forthwith convened, for the purpose of qualification of any members. An election to fill a casual vacancy among their members or by any defect in the election or qualification of any members. An election to fill a casual vacancy in the office of chairman of the council shall be held not later than the next ordinary meeting of the council or, if that meeting is held within 14 days after the vacancy, then not later than the next following ordinary meeting of the council. A meeting for the election may be convened by the clerk. The persons elected to fill casual vacancies must be qualified to be parish councillors. A quorum of the council must be formed before they proceed to the business of election.

Proceedings of Committee.

A parish council appointing a committee and a parish council and other local authorities appointing a joint committee may make, vary and revoke standing orders respecting quorum, proceedings, and place of meeting of the committee or joint committee.

Subject to any such standing orders, the quorum proceedings, and place of meeting, shall be such as the committee or joint committee direct, and the chairman at any meeting of the committee or joint committee shall have a second or casting vote.

Parish Council Elections.

Under the Representation of the People Act, 1948, the ordinary elections of parish councillors must in all cases be conducted by means of nomination and, if necessary, a poll; and any provisions for their election at a parish meeting, or a poll consequent thereon, ceased to have effect.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held at the New Village Hall on Thursday April 1st 1965 at 7.10 P.M.

Present: Mr Norris Mrs Bootman, Mrs Robotham, Mr Baker Mr Harman & Mr Bunday.

Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed & signed.

Mrs Bootman queried the remarks in the minutes regarding the Village Hall, the clerk explained that as requested the Parish Council had become the Custodian Trustee's of the Property, this meant that a copy of the conveyance and a copy of the Village Hall Management Committee's Balance Sheet had to accompany the Parish Council Book at the annual audit. Further since the Parish Council called the first Annual General Meeting on Oct 9 1962 there had been no report to the Council more had there been any request for permission for grants. Mr Baker felt very strongly that this had nothing to do with the Council. The Clerk felt that before the end of this Council's three year spell, some record should be entered in the Minute Book. After some further discussion Mr Baker left the meeting in protest, asking that it should be recorded in the Minutes that he was disgusted. Mrs Bootman thought there had been some misunderstanding & the Chairman Mr Norris felt that things had been most unsatisfactory from the

Parish Council's part of view. The accounts were approved. But all other Business was left until after the election of new councillors.

John Norris

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Sept 9th 1965 at 7 P.M.

Present: - Mr J. Norris Mrs Bootman, Mrs Hunter Mr Harman & Mr Bunday.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bickersteth. Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed. The members present signed

1. Declaration Forms, and Mr J. Norris was duly
2. elected Chairman for the ensuing year.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed. The chairman welcomed Mrs Hunter.
4. It was decided to apply to Bathle Rural District Council for a Precept for £15, as this was the amount estimated in January, but it was agreed that £20 should be applied for in January 1966 to enable the Council to pay up quick.
5. The Clerk stated that Mrs Robotham had signed the Parish Council cheques in the past, but now she had retired the Council would have to appoint someone else to sign the cheques, and a specimen signature would have to be sent to Westminster Bank. Mr F. W. Harman proposed that A. Bunday signed the cheques,

as this would obviously be most convenient, Mrs Hunter recorded this, and this was agreed to. ^{The council agreed to a cheque for £11-6-2 being paid to the clerk} It was suggested that a letter of thanks was written to Mrs Robotham who had served on the Parish Council for 14 years, she had the furthest to travel, frequently in appalling weather conditions. This was unanimously agreed to and the clerk was instructed to attend to this.

6. Correspondence. A letter from the East Sussex County Council Education Dept. asked the Council to appoint a Representative for Dallington C.E. School Managing Body. Mr F.W. Harman proposed Mr Bunday and this was carried.

7. Any other Business.

The clerk reported that we should appoint a representative of the Parish Council to sit on the Village Hall Committee. Mr Bunday proposed Mrs Hunter for this, and Mr Harman seconded.

Mr Harman asked if something could be done with the signposts in Ashburnham & Penhurst, it was agreed that the finger post at Church Road - Forge Lane was most confusing, and one at Oliver's Hill wasn't very helpful. After some discussion it was decided that Mr Bunday should see the Divisional Surveyors and try and sort the matter out.

Joe Norris

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Ashburnham & Penhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on April 29th 1966 at 7.10 P.M.

Present: - Mr J. Norris, Mrs Booman, Mrs Hunter, Mr Harman, Mr Bunday, & Mr Baker.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bickersteth.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed & signed.

2. Arising from the Minutes

The clerk reported that the sign post at Forge Lane had recently been altered, after some further discussion it was decided that the other signposts in the village would have to be left as they were.

3. Expenses. The clerk asked permission to pay the account of £1-0-0 from the Village Hall for hire of Room. The clerk also reported that some new financial ~~any other business~~ statements, and Audit Notices were required, owing to increased prices the exact cost was not known, but the clerk was instructed to purchase these necessities.

4. Any other Business. After some discussion about the signposts, some of which had now been altered it was decided that they would now have to be left, for the time being.

A. Bunday

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Ashburnham & Penhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on May 30th 1966 at 7.30 P.M.

Present: - Mrs Hunter, Mr Harman, Mr Bunday

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Norris & Mr Bickersteth.

The clerk reported that the necessary quorum was three, so the business could be transacted.

Mr Harman proposed Mr Bunday should take the Chair for the Meeting & Mrs Hunter seconded this.

1. The Council Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed & signed.
2. The Parish Council accounts were shown and approved, Mr Harman asked about the Village Hall accounts, but these were not available for approval.
3. Expenses. The council approved that the clerk was paid his salary - £10-0-0.
Postal expenses. 14.2
4. It was agreed to serve a Precept of £20. on Battle Rural District Council and the Precept Book was duly signed.
5. Mr Bunday reported that the kissing gate at the entrance to the footpath to the Church was broken, & Mr C. Keeley would have no alternative but to fence it up to keep his cattle in, unless the gate was repaired. It was agreed that repairs should be carried out, as it was obviously the council's responsibility. The Meeting was then closed to enable the councillors to go and inspect the

gate. On inspection it was a post that was required, and it was agreed that if the council procured a post, Mr Harman & Mr Bunday would erect same. They were duly thanked by Mrs Hunter.

Joe Morris

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Ashburnham & Penhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Oct: 5th 1966 at 7.30 P.M.

Present: - Mr Norris, Mrs Bootman & Mr Bunday.

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Mrs Hunter.

Mr Harman.

Mr Bickersteth.

The Meeting was called to elect a representative of the Parish Council to be present in Battle Abbey on the occasion of the Royal Visit of Her Majesty the Queen on Oct: 27th 1966 to Battle.

The Chairman Mr Norris asked Mrs Bootman if she would like to go, but she felt she would have to decline, and as neither the chairman or Mr Bunday were able to attend, it was decided that the clerk should represent the Parish.

It was decided to leave over until the next meeting a letter from the Road Safety Committee as there was only three councillors present.

Mrs Bootman raised the question of Tumbling Bay

Bridge, which is in bad condition, it was agreed that the clerk should find out if this was the Parish Council's responsibility.

Joe Norris

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on May 24 1967 at 7.30 P.M.

Present: - Mr J. Norris Mr F.W. Hamman Mrs Bowman
Mr Bunday & Mr K. Baker.

Apologies: - for absence were received from Mrs Hunter.

1. Mr J. Norris was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year
2. Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed & signed.
3. The Financial Statement was presented & approved
The expenditure of: - Clerks Salary £10-0-0
Hire of Room 1-10-0
Petty Cash 13-0

The Clerk reported that the Village War Memorial fence was broken, and some people in the village felt that something should be done to keep this tidy, it was agreed that it was in order for the Parish Council to undertake this job, the Chairman stated that the council did so little this was something we do, Mr Baker proposed that an estimate be got for the work necessary, and should it be less than £15 the go ahead be given.

Joe Norris

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on 16th Nov. 1967. at 7PM.

Present. Mrs Hunter, Mrs Bowman, Mr Hamman, Mr Norris & Mr Bunday.

1. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed & signed.
2. An estimate for the work of erecting a new fence round the War Memorial was presented, it was agreed that it was too expensive for the council to undertake at the moment. ^{The Balance at the Bank was £15-19-6} The clerk reported that she had approached Battle Rural District Council for a possible grant for the work, and was informed the £24 in any one year would be the limit available.
3. The Correspondence concerned the proposed Power line from Winfield to Crowborough, after the Chairman Mr Norris had outlined the proposed scheme, as he understood it, and reported on a Meeting he had attended of objections from the Warbleton area, it was decided to instruct the clerk to write to Battle R.D.C asking them to rescind their approval of this plan, and inquiring why we had not been consulted, or even notified of the proposals. It was further agreed to object to the Ministry of Power. This was proposed by the Minister of Mrs Bowman and seconded by Mr Hamman. Mrs Hunter thought that everything should be done possible.

to fight this plan, and it was decided to hold a Parish Meeting on Tues 5th Dec at 7.30 PM to hear the views of the villagers on this matter, and to hear what action they wished us to take on their behalf.

4. The Clerk had two matters to raise in any other business, firstly she pointed out that Mr Bickersteth had very kindly agreed to keep the council's Deeds & Documents in his safe at the Estate Office since 1962 but it was felt that the time had come now to transfer these documents to Westminster Bank. Mrs Bowman proposed that the clerk arranged for this to be done. The other matter was the vacancy on the council caused by the death of Mr Bickersteth. Mr Bunday proposed & Mr Hannon seconded the suggestion that Mr E. White should be asked to fill the seat; it was agreed that this was particularly apt as Mr Frank White had been co-opted onto the council in 1917 and had served until 1947. The Chairman felt that living in the centre of the village he would hear more opinions & complaints than most of the councillors.

Joe Norris

The Minutes of the Ashburnham & Pentwest Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Feb 6th 1968 at 7.30 PM.

Present: - Mrs Hunter, Mr Hannon, Mr Norris, Mr Baker, Mr White & Mr Bunday.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed.
2. Mr White signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, & the Chairman Mr Norris welcomed the new members of the Council.
3. Mr Bunday proposed that Mr Norris be appointed as Representative to the Parish Council at the Public enquiry into the proposed electricity line from Winfield to Crowborough, ^{to be held at Bexhill on April 30} Mrs Hunter seconded this, and this was agreed to. Mr Baker suggested that the clerk write to Mr T.H. Evans to get a day and an approximate time when Ashburnham's case would be heard. This was approved.
4. There was a thorough discussion on the inadequate County Council Road Signs, it was agreed that the sign at Hammer Hill should read to Ashburnham and cut out Brown Bread St. At the ^{Corner} Pound the left should read to Bodle St and the right to Brownbread St. The Clerk was ~~for~~ instructed to write to the East Sussex County Council asking for a Representative to meet Mr Bunday to explain this, it was also agreed that the clerk should write to Dullington Parish Council suggesting that this Council felt it would be helpful

to have Ashburnham on the sign at the Swan Inn.

Turning to Village Signs the Council decided on a sign at the Pound and another at Oliver's Mill. It was decided that the Village Sign for Pentwest should be placed beside the signpost at Church Corner Pentwest.

5. Correspondence: after the clerk had read a letter from the Education Dept. regarding a school Manager for Ballington school it was agreed that Mr Bunday should continue to represent the Council on this Managing Body, although he said he was unable to devote as much time to the job as ~~was~~ he would like.

A. Bunday
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The Minutes of the Ashburnham & Pentwest Parish Council held on May 31st 1968 at the Village Hall at 8 P.M.

Present: E.C. White W. Barden and A. Bunday
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Hunter & Mr Norris & Mr F.W. Harman.

Those present signed the declaration forms, Mr Bunday was appointed acting Chairman for the meeting, and it was decided that in the absence of several Councillors only essential business was done.

The Clerk said the Audit was on June 13th and asked that the accounts be approved. This was done.

The Council were then asked to approve the following expenses:—

Petty Cash (owing)	1.10
Forms	13.6
Wages	10 0 0
Hire of Room	2.0.0
Audit Stamps	5.0
Petty Cash	10.0
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This was agreed to.

Joe Norris

The Minutes of the Ashburnham & Pentwest Parish Council held on Nov. 4th 1968 at the Village Hall at 7 P.M.

Present: J. Norris K. Baker E. White F.W. Harman
W. Barden Mrs Hunter & A. Bunday

1. Mr Baker proposed, and Mr Bunday seconded the proposal that Mr J. Norris should be elected Chairman for the year. This was agreed to.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed.
3. Arising out of the Minutes was a query by the auditors regarding a loan to the Village Hall but Mrs Hunter explained that this loan had been accepted to enable the committee to apply for a grant.
4. The housing situation in the village was discussed and it was decided that a list of those requiring

houses would have to be produced first, and then the prospects were not very good.

5. Correspondence - included a notice from the Treasurers Dept of Battle R.D.C. regarding Rate Rebates, councillors were handed leaflets and notices had been put up by the clerk regarding this.
- a letter from the E.S.C.C. regarding the Footbridge ~~was~~ on Path NO2 was read, asking the council to find someone to do the necessary work at a reasonable price and they would then be reimbursed, but the council decided that the clerk should write to Mr. Tills first to see if he would be prepared to repair the bridge. The Council were shown the Hastings Town Map and the long list of objections sent by Battle R.D.C. it was decided that this needed considerable time to study and councillors agreed to study this at home and pass it on.

The clerk read the new Countryside Act as it affected the Parish Council.

There was also a Report from the Electricity Council, and a reminder of Registration of Common lands.

Joe Norris

The Minutes of Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held on Friday 3rd of January 1969 at the Village Hall

Present: J. Norris, K. Baker, F. W. Hamman, U. Barden, Mrs Hunt, E. White & A. Burdary

The Minutes of last meeting were read confirmed & signed.

An Emergency meeting was held to discuss the Diversion of Footpaths 9, 9.10 in Ashburnham, after some discussion, and careful study of the map it was decided, proposed by Mr Baker & seconded by Mr Hamman that the clerk should write to Battle Rural District Council agreeing to this diversion providing the owner of the property provides a stile in the southern corner ref: 724-323.

Mr Baker proposed Mr Barden seconded that the Parish Council applied for the full amount of £23 for Ashburnham, £3 for Penthurst for precepts from Battle Rural District Council.

A letter was read from the Health Dept regarding meals on wheels, Mr Baker proposed that a notice was put up in the shop asking for volunteers for this service, it was also suggested that the clerk should write to two or three local people with cars and the time, asking them if they would consider volunteering.

Joe Norris

The Minutes of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held on Tuesday April 1st. 1969 at 7.10^{PM} at the Village Hall

Present J. Norris, Mrs Hunter, A. Bunday, W. Barden, E. White, F.W. Hasman.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed
2. Arising out of the Minutes a letter was read from Battle Rural District Council regarding the diversion of Footpaths 9 & 10 in Ashburnham explaining that it would be some time before the matter could be concluded.
3. Correspondence. The clerk read a letter from the Justice Clerks Office informing the Parish Council of the transfer of the licence at the Ash Tree Inn to Mrs B.H. White. The clerk was asked to acknowledge safe receipt of this.

A. Bunday
30/5/69.

The Minutes of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held on Friday May 30th. at 8 P.M. at the Village Hall (1969)

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Hunter & Mr Norris.

Present were A. Bunday, E. White & J. Barden

The Accounts were presented and approved and the account Book was signed as correct. The clerk asked the council to approve the following expenditure:—

Wages	£10-0-0
Hire of Room	£ 1-10-0.
Hadden Book Co	£ 1 11-10.
Credit Stamp	5. 0.
Bal outstanding on Petty Cash	3. 10.
Petty Cash	10-0.
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Mr Barden asked if the Balance Sheet of the Village Hall accounts was available, and the clerk said she had not received them this year.

The Precept for £26 was signed for the clerk to send to Battle Rural District Council. Mr Barden raised the question of the County Council mowing the grass verges, but the council felt that although it spoilt the flowers, it had to be done.

It was reported that the Footbridge on Path 2 at Penthurst has not yet been repaired. The

The Minutes of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held on Tuesday April 1st. 1969 at 7.15 PM at the Village Hall

Present J. Norris, Mrs Hunter, A. Bunday, W. Barden, E. White, F. W. Harman.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed
2. Arising out of the Minutes a letter was read from Battle Rural District Council regarding the Diversion of Footpaths 9 & 10 in Ashburnham explaining that it would be some time before the matter could be concluded.
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30/5/69.

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Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Hunter & Mr Norris.

Present were A. Bunday, E. White & J. Barden

The Accounts were presented and approved and the account Book was signed as correct. The clerk asked the council to approve the following expenditure: -

Wages	£10-0-0
Hire of Room	£ 1-10-0.
Hadden Bostolo	£ 1 11-10
Credit Stamp	5 0
Bal outstanding on Petty Cash	3 10
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It was reported that the Footbridge on Path 2 at Penthurst has not yet been repaired, the clerk was asked to write again to Bostolo &

Selling reminding them that they had agreed to do same.

It was also reported that a Private sign was exhibited on the East Side at the northern end of Bridleway No 2. The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council about this.

Joe Norris

The Minutes of Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 6th 8th 1969

Those present Mr White, Mr Baker, Mr Harman, Mrs Hunter, Mr Barden & Mr Norris in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bunday.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed & signed.
2. Ansing Mr Barden stated that he had been to Battle Rural District Council about the sign on Footpath No 38, since being told that he was unlikely to get it removed by Mr Bunday, where he had been told after inspection by them that it should be removed. Mr Baker moved & Mr Barden seconded that the Clerk should get the sign removed. The Clerk reported that Bush Horse & Welling had not yet attended to the bridge on No 2 Footpath. Mr Baker proposed that the Clerk should write stating that 10 months had elapsed, and the work should now be done. Mr Baker proposed moved & Mr Harman seconded that the Village Hall accounts be approved.

4. Mr H. Peck the Council's representative on the Battle Rural District Council gave a Report on the Hastings Town Development Plan, he stated that Hastings was a depressed area and needed a shot in the arm, but not in the way the present plan proposed, although Ashburnham was not directly affected, Catsfield, Crookhurst and Battle would suffer, a population increase from 38,200 - 10,000 was expected in this area by 1981. Agricultural land in the Westfield area, and many other districts is likely to be taken, for accommodation of people from the Greater London area, not for the benefit of local people and this Mr Peck said was what Battle residents found hard to take. The Chairman Mr Norris said he felt that Hastings was dead at the moment, and Battle's prospects were not as good as they were 10 years ago, he felt that a prosperous Hastings would help us to sell something, we like peace he said, but we are not going to die without it.

Mr Baker said that according to Battle Rural District Council, agricultural workers could live in Hastings, he felt very strongly that as 20 years ago the Parish desperately needed houses for 30 families, to keep young people in the district, and got no support, Battle Rural District Council should not receive support from Ashburnham & Penthurst now. The Chairman then asked Mr Peck what was wanted from us, and Mr Peck answered that as Ashburnham & Penthurst were not defined it was not important but a contribution to the 1066 Fund would be acceptable.

Mr Baker made the following resolution seconded by Mr Barden - that in view of the fact

that B.R.D.C. & the County Council would not allow any building in this village this Parish Council feel no useful purpose would be served by subscribing to the 1066 Fund this was carried, and the Chairman thanked Mr Peck for being once again in the hot seat.

5. Footpaths :- this subject was deferred the clerk being instructed to put it early on the next agenda.

6. The Mand report some literature was handed out for councillors to study a letter from the records office was read the clerk being instructed to obtain further details.

a. letter from the Ashburnham Sports Club was read, stating that as requested a new Recreation ground committee had been formed, and the Parish Council were asked to hand to them the cups held by the Parish Council for the last five years. Mr Norris declared the meeting closed.

Joe Norris

The Minutes of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Dec 1st 1969.

Those present were Mrs Hunter, Mr Harman, Mr White, Mr Barden, Mr Norris & Mr Bunday

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

2. Arising :- Footpaths. Councillors studied the list of footpaths within the two parishes, and after much discussion, it was finally decided not to erect signposts at any of the paths.

3. Each councillor had received a copy of a Draft Resolution from Battle Rural District Council regarding the Hasting Town Plan, and the Council instructed the clerk to reply to Battle R.D.C. to the effect that this Parish Council did not approve of the resolution.

4. Correspondence included a notice informing the Council that Brian Walker of the Ash Tree Inn Ashburnham, intended to apply at the licensing sessions to be held at the Court House Battle on the 8th December 1969 for the transfer of the Justices licence to him.

A letter was read from B.R.D.C. regarding possible transport concessions to the elderly, blind & disabled, and this parish Council considered this was a very helpful suggestion, and the clerk was instructed to convey this to Watch Oak also informing them that we had 6 pensioners eligible on supplementary allowance.

The Chairman handed the cups held by the Parish Council since the Sports Club ceased, to Mr Roy White on behalf of the new Recreation ground Committee.

A. Bunday June 3rd 1970.

The Minutes of the Ashburnham & Pentworth Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Wednesday June 3rd 1970.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Norris.

Those present were Mrs Hunter, Mr Hasman, Mr Baker, Mr Barden, Mr White & Mr Bunday.

Mr Bunday was elected to take the Chair for the Meeting in the absence of Mr Norris. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed & signed.

The Clerk presented the accounts to be audited on June 30th 1970 these were approved and the following expenses were approved: -

Clerks wages £10-0-0

Hire of Room £2-0-0

Petty Cash for Postage 10-0

£12-10-0

+ Charles Knight & Co £5-2-0 for a new account Book.

The Council agreed to sign the precept Book for the total sum of £27.

Mr Baker agreed to take on the job of School governor and the clerk was instructed to write informing the County Council.

for Norris

The Minutes of the Ashburnham & Pentworth Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Wed: Dec: 23rd 1970.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr E. White.

Mr J. Norris was elected Chairman for the year. Minutes of last Meeting were read confirmed & signed.

The clerk reported that the bus service to Ashburnham had been re-priced for the time being at least, and read a letter to this effect.

The Bank statement showed a balance in hand of £35-14-6 now £35-73

A letter was read from Battle Rural District Council explaining 70-71 Precept which would be in new pence, after considerable discussion Mr Baker proposed that the whole £27 be applied for for Ashburnham & £7 for Pentworth although this money was not actually required it was felt that to take less the rates would not be any less, and this was unanimously agreed to.

As representative for the Parish Council

on Dallington School of a very good
Mr Baker reported that on his visit to the
school he found everything very satisfactory
there were 6 Teachers and 102 children,
and he was pleased to say they had a
very good football team.

Joe Norris

The Minutes of Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish
Council held at the Village Hall on Wednesday
March 31st. 1971

Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed
& signed

The main business of the meeting was to
discuss a Notice that appeared in the local
Paper in which the Eastbourne Waterworks
proposed considerable increases in charges
after some discussion it was agreed to
ask the clerk to write objecting most
strongly to the increases.

Other correspondence was read from Battle
Rural District Council regarding letting of Council
houses, and an appeal from "shelke"

A. Bunday
1/6/71

The Minutes of Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish
Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday
June 1st. 1971.

Present: Mr White, Mr Baker, Mr Bunday, Mr Haman
& Mrs Hunter.

Apologies for absence were received from
Mr Norris & Mr Barden.

Declarations were signed by all those present.

Mr Baker proposed & Mr Haman seconded that
Mr Bunday be appointed Chairman for
the meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
confirmed & signed.

The accounts were presented for 1970-71
and were approved for audit on June 4th 1971.

The following expenses were approved: -

Clerks wages	£ 10.00.
Hire of Room	£ 1.50.
Petty Cash	£ 1.30.
Audit Stamp 1971	50.
	£ 13.30.

The Clerk was instructed to write to
Battle Rural District Council expressing
concern at the lack of co-operation
recently regarding the proposed increase
in Water Rates.

The new Definitive Map was inspected,
and it was noted that the new diversions
on Ashburnham 9 & 10 had not been added,
there being no other business the meeting closed

The Minutes of the Ashburnham & Penthurst
Parish Council held at the Village Hall
on Tuesday November 30th 1971

Present: Mr Baker, Mr White, Mrs Hunter, Mr Borden
Mr Hamman & Mr Sunday.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Norris.

Mr Baker proposed Mr Sunday be appointed
Chairman for the Meeting Mr Borden seconded
this, and it was agreed that Mr Norris be
appointed of the Council for the year in his absence
The Clerk read the Minutes of the last
meeting and they were duly confirmed & signed
 arising from the Minutes a letter from B.R.D.C
was read, expressing their Chairman's surprise at
this Council's dissatisfaction with their handling
of the Water Rate issue. Mrs Hunter felt
it might be helpful for a meeting to be
arranged between Mr Norris & Mrs Wilson
Mr Borden seconded this, but there was one
vote against this.

After some discussion about the Precept,

Mr Baker moved that the whole amount be
applied for i.e. £54 for Ashburnham & £7 for Penthurst
bearing in mind that money was required
for the War Memorial Fence, Mr E. White seconded
this.

There was correspondence ~~from~~ read about
Dutch Elm Disease, pest Holes in the area
and a Questionnaire on Social Services in the
area. The Battle Rural District Council Accounts
were available for inspection, and a lot of

deba about the proposed amalgamation of
Battle Rural District Council.
A. Sunday.

The Minutes of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish
Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday
30th May 1972 at 8.15 P.M.

Present: - Mr Baker, Mr Borden, Mrs Hunter, Mr Hamman
& Mr Sunday.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Norris
& Mr White.

Mr Baker proposed Mr Sunday be appointed
Chairman for the Meeting.

The Minutes were read confirmed & signed
the accounts were approved for audit.

The Village Hall accounts would be available
next week with apologies it was stated.

Expenses as follows: -

Hire of Room £1.00.

Clerks Wages £10.00.

Audit Stamp £1.00.

£12.00 were approved

Balance at the Bank was £86.42

It was proposed by Mr Baker & seconded by Mr Borden
that the War Memorial Fence should now be
repaired and it was agreed that Mr B. Walker
should be asked to give an estimate for the work.

Correspondence: - from Sussex Association of Parish
Councils. after some discussion it was
decided that the subscriptions were too high.
A Subscription of £3 per year for Penthurst was

out of proportion when the precept was only £7 per year for Penthurst, and Mr Barden felt that it was not worth the Parish Council paying £7 per year.

There was a circular from E.S.C.C. notifying the Parish Council that Maintenance allowances for Public Paths is increased to £6 for used Paths, gates & Stiles are the responsibility of the landlord with 25% contribution from the County Council. The clerk reported that there had been a complaint about the gate on Footpath from Forge Lane to the school, it was decided by the council that the clerk should inspect the path and if necessary write to Smith & Parker asking that the gates should be put in order.

There was also correspondence regarding the Housing Finance Bill, the Eurogugga which Westfield appealed for support to prevent, and from the Sussex Volunteers who wanted Villages to have an Emergency Plan.

Any other Business: The clerk reported that it was felt very strongly in the village, that there should be signs put up to indicate to motorists that they were approaching a village. The traffic had increased alarmingly recently, and there was considerable danger of an accident it was agreed that the council should try and get something done.

Mr Barden asked why there was a 2p Rate

levied on Penthurst, as the precept was only for a 1p rate, the clerk agreed to find out.

Joe Morris

The Minutes of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Wednesday Sept 20th 1972 at 7.30 P.M.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed & signed
 arising from the Minutes it was reported no progress had been made regarding the War Memorial Fence, Mr Harman suggested that Mr P. Kerley should be asked to submit a quotation.

The Matter of the Rate levied on Penthurst, the Road signs, and the kissing gates in need of Repair was held over until the next meeting, to enable the Council to discuss the proposed overhead Power line from Winfield Substation to the substation at Mountfield passing over Ashburnham & Penthurst. After a careful look at the Map and studying the proposed route, it was felt that the Council could not make an objection to this.

Mr Baker gave a report of the successful running of Dallington School

A. Bunday.

The Minutes of Ashburnham & Penhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday July 16th 1973 at 8 P.M.

Present: - Mr Norman, Mr White, Mr Borden & Mr Baker & Mr Sunday.

Mr Baker proposed that Mr Sunday took the Chair for the evening in the absence of Mr Norris.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed & signed. Arising out of the Minutes: - The Clerk read a letter from the County Council regarding Road Signs in the Village, the County Council provide such signs on only Class 1 or 11 roads i.e. main traffic routes bearing an A or B route number. The Parish Council felt that it was unfortunate that cattle warning signs had been erected at the same time as our request had been refused, but it was agreed that it was useless to pursue the matter any further.

The Clerk reported that Sturt & Parker had now repaired the two gates on the footpath from the Village Hall to Doye Lane, the gateways had been brushed out and a stile erected at each gate.

A letter was read from Botolph Claydon Rural District Council concerning Penhurst Rate, confirming that this had been miscalculated and that the Penhurst account should be credited with the sum of £4.64, meaning that it should not be necessary to levy an additional item on Penhurst in 1973/74.

The matter of the War Memorial ^{since} was then

raised and Mr Sunday reported that the estimate he had received to do the job as it had previously been done would be in the region of £300, after discussing the possibility of doing without a fence, it was suggested that a cheaper version of the fence be erected, but Mr Baker felt that anything very cheap would be a disgrace, Mr Borden proposed that the Council when applying for a Precept, would have to submit for a 1 penny rate but there was no second, eventually after much thought consideration Mr Baker proposed that a Parish Meeting be called before the Precept became due to put the following proposal to the Meeting: - that the Parish Council should apply for a 1 penny rate to be put on to pay for a less elaborate War Memorial Fence.

The Accounts were examined and approved and the Clerk asked for approval of the following expenditure: Hire of Room £1.00
Clerks wages £10.00
Audit Stamp

also for permission to purchase 100 Forms to Summer Meetings. This was agreed to.

Mr Baker proposed that a letter Bin be put at the County Council site near 'Beech Ponds' this was seconded by E. White, and the Clerk was instructed to get permission off of E. B. County Council to erect same and arrange for it to be emptied by Botolph Claydon Rural District Council.

for Norris

The Minutes of Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Feb 7th 1974

Present: ^{were} Mrs Norris, Mr Harman, Mr Baker, Mr Borden, Mr Bunday & Mrs Hunter

Apologies were received from Mr E. White

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed

The Council studied the proposed plan for a cricket Pavilion, the Chairman said he was so glad to hear the clubs involved had still got the enthusiasm to raise the money, and try to get a new Pavilion he thought it was a thoroughly good thing and wished them the best of luck, all the council agreed with this. Mr Baker moved that the council support the plan & Mr Harman seconded.

A letter was read from the East Sussex County Council regarding the Interim Rural Settlement Policy it was decided to instruct the clerk to write thanking the County Planning Office for his letter and that the Parish Council have noted its contents.

Mr Borden complained about the overhanging ledge on the north side of Forge Lane, it was agreed that it was bad, but nobody knew who were the present owners of Ponds Green Wood, Mr Baker proposed that the clerk write to the East Sussex County Council asking them to deal with this matter.

after discussion it was decided to call a Parish Meeting in a few weeks time: - Mr Baker proposed & Mr Borden seconded that at this annual Meeting the public be asked to discuss the replacement of the War Memorial Fence and how the Parish proposes to raise the finances.

The Chairman reported to the Council that he had met the Rother District Council Chairman and had found them very keen, and helpful and at least they meant to try to be cooperative.

J. Norris

The Minutes of Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on April 16 1974

Present: - were Mrs Norris, Mr Harman, Mr Baker, Mr Borden, Mr White, Mrs Hunter & Mr Bunday

The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed & signed

The clerk read a letter from the East Sussex County Council regarding the provision of a litter Bin at the County Council pull-off north of Ashburnham Post Office, stating that in their experience the erection of a bin at rural sites created far bigger problems, and tend to attract large quantities of bulky & offensive refuse, and they therefore could not

recommend the provision of one, they went on to state that if our council were prepared to provide one & make arrangements for its frequent emptying, they would be prepared to consider this.

The Chairman thought his suggestion was diabolical, we have to pay enormous rates and we should be provided with a bin the clerk had enquired from the Watch Oak and the bin would cost £5 would have to be collected from this yard & erected by the Parish Council, after some further discussion the clerk was instructed to write to the Technical Services pointing out that we asked for very little, and had very few facilities available to us, and felt very strongly ~~that~~ that we should be provided with a bin free of charge.

The clerk was asked to arrange a Parish Meeting to discuss the replacement of the War Memorial Fence on April 30

The clerk had an acknowledgement of the complaint of the overhanging hedge in Forge Lane but no further information.

Leaflets giving details of the new Rotham District Council, with addresses of the various services were distributed.

Then the council discussed the first Planning applications that they had been notified of namely 0012 a Residential Casavan in Honey Lane for Mr A. Woodall, Mr Barden opposed this, & Mrs Hunter thought a casavan site was a horrifying thought but it was pointed out that one Residential Casavan was required by a

hard working man, who also proposed to erect a cattle yard & haybarn as well, the clerk reported that Mrs Faulkner after reflection, felt she must live & let live, and she had no grievance Mr Bunday moved that the council should approve this for a hard working man Mr Hasman seconded this.

The next application was 0067 alterations & extensions & garage at Puykoll Farm, there was no objection to this, providing external extensions are kept in keeping. The third application 0054 Outline Planning Permission for 1 dwelling on OS 131 at Pentwest Mr Barden objected in principle, Mr Baker objected because when erected it could be sold to weekenders, as there was no agricultural tie. After a lively debate the chairman asked for a vote Mr Hasman withdrew, Mr Bunday abstained, Messrs Baker, Barden & Mrs Hunter objected, & Mr White was in favour because he felt that for so long houses had been needed in the village, we could not now object. This meant a 3 to 1 objection.

It was suggested that the clerk should write to Mr Joy at the Town Hall Bexhill asking that where necessary plans should be sent to the council instead of having to visit the Watch Oak to inspect same.

It was also agreed that when the clerk received the weekly list with an application concerning the Parish she should consult the Chairman for him to decide if it was necessary to call a meeting, this was proposed by Mr Baker.

Mr Bunday proposed & Mr Hasman seconded

a resolution that Mr. Baker should serve as the Ashburnham Parish Council representative to the Dallington School Managing Body from April 1st 1974 to 31st July 1977. The clerk was instructed to notify the Education Dept of this.

A letter was read from the East Sussex County Council regarding Postal Mini-Buses. Mrs Bunday proposed & Mrs Hunter seconded that we should write back and show some enthusiasm in the matter as it was always a possibility that the Maidston & District would give up their service. Mr Baker thought that it was diabolical that just before Easter the council houses should work through the village, removing a great deal of scenic beauty, all agreed with this and the clerk was instructed to write to East Sussex County Council.

Joe Norris

The Minutes of Ashburnham & Pentwest Parish Council

Present Mr Norris, Mr Barber, Mrs Hunter, Mr Hosmer, Mr White & Mrs Bunday

A short Parish Council Meeting was held after the Parish Meeting to approve the accounts for audit. The Chairman Mr Norris moved that

the clerk should receive £20 wages as the amount of work was considerably increasing & she had not received a rise since starting the work 13 years ago. This was approved unanimously, it was also agreed that there should be a small telephone allowance.

The following expenditure was approved

Clerk's wages	£20.00
Hire of Room	£ 2.00
Postage	83
Audit Stamp £?	
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	£ 23: 83

also £2.46 to Hadden Best & Co for Fairs.

A letter was read from the Village Hall Committee announcing increased charges for hire of Room.

Joe Norris

The Minutes of Ashburnham & Pentwest Parish Council

Present: Mr Norris (Chairman) Mr Barber, Mrs Hunter, Mr Baker & Mrs Bunday

The Parish Council Meeting was held at the Village Hall on Friday 30th October 1975. Each Councillor had received with the Notice of the Meeting a printed Report by the

Treasurer of Rother District Council explaining the expenditure on concurrent functions.

This was discussed at some length.

and it was finally proposed that Rother District Council should be informed: -

The observations of Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council are as follows: - The Council reluctantly accepts the second solution suggested in the report, but considers that Bexhill should contribute more than the 2p ~~extra~~ rate for the amenities that they enjoy. This resolution was proposed by Mr Baker & seconded by Mrs Hunter. Mr Bunday wished his objection to this to be recorded in the Minutes.

Mr Norris stated that now he had moved out of the Parish he would not under any circumstances continue as Chairman after May, and the clerk said it was unlikely that she would carry on. Mr Barber also indicated that he would not seek re-election but he said his neighbour was willing to stand.

Kenneth Baker Chairman
Nov 2 1976

The first meeting of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council after the ordinary election was held on Nov: 2nd 1976 in the Village Hall at 7 P.M.

Those Present Mr Hasman Mr Bunday Mr White, Mr Baker, Mr Toop, Dr Hunter & Mrs Hunter.

There were no apologies for absence.

1. All 7 members signed Declarations of Acceptance of office.
2. The clerk asked for nominations for election of a chairman, Doctor Hunter proposed Mr Baker this was seconded by Mr Hasman, Mr Bunday proposed Dr Hunter this was seconded by Mr White, Mr Baker was duly elected chairman.
3. It was unanimously agreed that the clerk should send a letter of thanks to the retiring chairman Mr Joe Norris after serving 30 years in that capacity.
4. It was proposed by ~~Mr~~ Mr Hasman & seconded by Mr White that Dr Hunter should be elected vice-chairman this was agreed to.
5. The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed as correct.
6. Matters arising: - The clerk handed in a letter of resignation to take effect from Nov: 9th 1976 Mrs Hunter wished to thank the clerk, before proposing that Mr Toop be asked to accept to post of Clerk & Paper Officer to the Council this proposition was seconded by Mr Hasman and agreed to.
7. Mrs Hunter proposed & Dr Hunter seconded a resolution that Mr Baker continue as representative for Dallington School for 1 year.

It was proposed by Mr Harman and seconded by Mr White that Mr Bunday continue as Highway representative after these appointments the chairman intimated that he would like to take item 11 on the agenda :- the War Memorial a letter was read from Mr H. Keeley complaining of the state of the War Memorial, the condition of the surround of the Telephone Kiosk at Ponds Green, and the roadside ledges. after some discussion over the War Memorial it was decided that Mr Baker would look into the cost of the oak Posts that are required before the next meeting, and Mrs Hunter proposed that Mr Norris be written to, asking him to fence the back part, as previously arranged.

The Telephone Kiosk was then discussed Mr Toop proposed that the council try to get it moved, this was seconded by Mr Harman after making the proviso that the clerk should find out if there would be any charge. ✓ The clerk was asked to answer Mr Keeley's letter saying that the council had his first two complaints in hand, his third it was felt was nothing to do with this council, and suggest he should take that complaint to the East Sussex County Council

9. The Council then moved back to item 9 on agenda authority to sign cheques. The clerk was instructed to inform the Bank Mr & Mrs Toop would sign cheques in future, and arrangements were to be made regarding access to the village Hall conveyance also in the Bank

10. Authority was given for the clerk & the chairman to examine the weekly Planning Lists and the Chairman undertook to ring the Members should there be any local applications to get their views
13. Correspondence :- the Precept for 1977 It was proposed by Mr Bunday & seconded by Mr White that the full amount should be taken up, but it was left to the new clerk to ascertain the amount from Rother District Council first. a letter was read from Claverham College regarding the clearance of footpaths, the clerk was instructed to answer, that we were giving the matter consideration

Chairman
R. Bahn Nov 30th 1976

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham and Penhurst Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 30th November 1976.

Present Mr Baker, Mr Harman, Mr White and Mr Toop

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Dar Memorial:

The clerk reported that she had spoken to Mr Norris who said that he would speak to Mr Harman regarding the erection of the stile fence. Mr Harman said that he had not done so as yet and that he had been unable to contact him. If he could not do so in the near future that he Mr Harman would undertake to erect the fence himself. Mr Baker reported that the cost of the posts for the chain link fence were £1.25 each and it was agreed that he should purchase same. Mr White agreed to collect the chain from Mr Bunday and arrange for Mr ^{Beale} Wilbrow to erect posts and chain. Mr White would also speak to Mr Doubleton re future upkeep.

Telephone Kiosk.

Mr Baker reported that he had met Mr Cooper of the post office and despite what they had said before to Mr Toop, they were unwilling to pay the cost of the removal of the box as it only produced an annual income of £60. The cost of removal would amount to £300 and it was agreed that this was outside the council's ~~limits~~ ^{bounds}. After discussion it was agreed that some hard core should be put down to provide a park which it was hoped would help the position and Mr Baker said he would speak to Mr Rodman.

Planning Appeal by Mrs T. Hill.

After consideration it was agreed that the Council would not take an action in this respect nor would it in respect of an appeal lodged by Mrs Clarke regarding the conversion of a barn at Redpole Farm to a residential dwelling.

Foot paths

The clerk reported that she had received a letter from Mr Watts of Claverham Community College who wished to meet a representative of the Council. She understood that the College wished to walk the footpaths effect clearance where necessary and repair or provide stiles etc when required. After discussion it was agreed that the clerk should represent the Council at a meeting to be arranged.

Membership of the Sussex Association of Parish Councils.

The chairman said that he considered that the Council should be a member of the Association. Mr Toop said that the annual subscription would be £11 but for this year would amount to £2.75. It was agreed that application for membership should be made.

Estimates for 1977.

During a discussion regarding the estimates for 1977 it was decided that the Council would not arrange any special celebrations for the Queen Silver Jubilee but that the clerk should communicate with Mr Mascall of the Rotter D.C. to see if the Council

had any centralised events.

A resolution proposed by Mr Baker and seconded by Mr Harman that the following estimate be submitted to the District Council was passed unanimously

Subscriptions £11.
Hire of Hall £5
War Memorial £30
Clerk's Salary £30.
Telephones & Postage £10
Audit Fee £10.
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Bank Account.

The form of Mandate enabling any 2 councillors or one councillor and the clerk to sign the account was signed by those present. Mr Toop confirmed that the conveyance of the Village Hall could be withdrawn from the bank on an authority signed in accordance of the Mandate. It was agreed that Mrs Bunday should be paid monies due to her.

Rural Transport

The clerk referred to a letter she had received from the Sussex Rural Community Council and said she would endeavour to get the survey forms completed

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Minutes of the meeting of the Ashburnham & Penhurst Council held in the Village Hall on Friday March 11th 1977

Present: Mr Baker, Mr Harman, Mrs Hunter, Mr Toop, Mr White. Apologies were received from Dr Hunter.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

War Memorial.

The chain & post fence has now been erected as previously agreed and Mr Norris had replaced the spike fence to the rear of the site. Mrs Hunter said that she didn't think there was much improvement as the whole was marred by the sports pavilion. After discussion it was agreed that the chain fence should be extended around the back and Mr Baker & Mr White were authorised to buy the Post & Chain respectively. The planting of shrubs or hedges to improve the overall effect was considered but no decision was made. Mr White reported that Mr Beale & Mr Forman did not wish to receive any payment for their work in erecting the fence and it was agreed that the clerk should write expressing the council's appreciation.

Telephone Kiosk.

Mr Baker said that Mr Redman had agreed to form a rubble path to the kiosk as and when so to do. It was convenient for him so to do

Footpaths.

The clerk reported that Claverton school had

walked the Ten Hill footpath but as yet
she has not received a report.

Jubilee Celebrations

Mr Baker said that since the last meeting interest had been shown in the ~~village~~ village and arrangements had been made for a public meeting on Monday 14th March. During a discussion which took place the clerk reported that she had been in touch with Mr Mascall of R.D.C who said that there was no joint celebrations it being left to individual Parishes to make their own arrangements, the meeting felt that the council could not bear any responsibility.

Mr Baker

April 22nd 1977

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham & Penhurst council held in the Village Hall on Friday April 22nd 1977.

Present Mr Toop, Mr Harman, Mr Baker, Dr Hunter & Mrs Hunter.

Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed.

Matter Arising

The clerk reported that she had not as yet received a report from Claveston on the footpath.

War Memorial.

The additional post and chain had not yet been erected but the matter is in hand. The council felt that there was still a naked look to the memorial and after discussion it was thought that a hedge would be more in keeping than a plastic mesh fence, the subject was left in abeyance for three months.

Telephone Kiosk

Mr Baker reported that whilst Mr Redman had not supplied any hard core, he had promised so to do. Mr Baker undertook to keep the matter under review.

Post Box

Mrs Hunter said that the box to which she was referring was that at Newbuildings and not the Pound. It was agreed after discussion that Mr Harman would speak to Mr Doubleton to have the repair made.

Correspondence

Bus Services Local Publicity

The clerk read a letter which she had received from R.D.C. and it was agreed that the council would arrange to deliver leaflets regarding the change of timetables to the villagers.

East Sussex County Council

A letter had been received from the education dept regarding the appointment for four years of a representative of the managing body for Dullington CE school. It was proposed by Dr Hunter & seconded by Mr Toop that Mr Baker should be appointed, the motion was carried unanimously. A circular from Sussex Association of P.C. was shown to the meeting and the clerk agreed to

circulate copies to the councillors.
Mr Baker said he had ~~been~~ received a letter from Mr Keeley who wished signs to be placed on the Ninfield - Woodcorner Road to indicate the start of Ponds Green. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the County Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for 20th May at 7.30.

A brief discussion took place as to the future position of Mr Sunday as the 6 months disqualification would have expired before the next meeting.

Kimeth Behm
May 20 1977

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ashburnham & Penhurst Council held in the Village Hall on Friday 20th May 1977.

Present Mr Baker, Mrs Hunter, Mr White, Mr Toop & Dr Hunter.
Apologies were received by Mr Harman.

Election of Chairman.
Mrs Hunter proposed & Mr Toop seconded that Mr Baker be elected for the chairman.

of the Council for the coming year, there being ~~no~~ other nominations, Mr Baker was duly elected & signed the declaration form.

Election of Vice Chairman.
Mr Toop proposed & Mr White seconded that Dr Hunter be elected vice chairman for the ensuing year, there being no other nominations he was duly elected.

Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed & signed.

Matters arising.
The County Council had no objection to the signs being erected at the start of Ponds Green but that the site plan would have to be agreed with them and the cost amounting of about £65 be borne by the Parish Council, after discussion it was agreed that it was inappropriate to commit the rate payers to this expense at this time and the matter was left in abeyance, the clerk was requested to inform Mr Keeley accordingly.

As Mr Sunday was now automatically disqualified as a councillor a notice would have to be posted announcing a vacancy, 2 electors of Penhurst could request the RDC to hold an election, if no such request was made the Council would have to fill the vacancy within 60 days of the expiry of the ~~request~~ ^{required} period of the notice.

Dr Hunter reported that a considerable trouble had been experienced with the new drainage at the Village Hall and to date his efforts to resolve the matter had been unsuccessful as Stenton and Parker were not replying to his letters; The council suggested that he should write once more to the agents & if this did not receive any response then he should approach Mr Bickersteth.

Clerks Salary.

At the request of the chairman Mr & Mrs Toop left the room during the discussion on the salary which the clerk should receive. The council approved a salary of £30 and expenses of £5 the cheque for £35 was signed.

Kenneth Baker
July 8 1977.

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham & Penhurst Council held in the Village Hall on Friday 8th July 1977.

Present Mr Baker, Mr Harman, Dr Hunter, Mrs Hunter, Mr Toop

Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed & signed.

As there had been not been any other nominations for the vacant position on the council, Mrs Wallis was duly co-opted and welcomed by all present. Mrs Wallis signed the declaration of office.

The chairman advised the meeting that a planning application had been submitted to the R.D.C. to convert the Double garage & billiard room at Great Sprays Farm into a separate dwelling, he had asked the clerk to lodge a objection thereto as it did not come within the guide lines of the county Plan. Mr Harman considered it was a pity that this view had been taken as he was of the opinion it was necessary to encourage people to become resident in Penhurst and anything to assist could only be beneficial.

The following correspondence had been received

- The notification of the transfer of the license of The Ash to Mrs O.F. Ramsden
- Notification from Ninfeld P.C. that a preservation order had been placed on the frontage of Beechurst, Manpts Lane, Ashburnham.

The clerk was asked to write to the County Council concerning the hedge rows of Little Bead Farm & the Ashburnham Estate.

Mrs Wallis was appointed Highway representative^{at five}

K Baker
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27th Jan 1978