

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham
& Penhurst Council held in the Village
Hall on Friday 27th January 1978.

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

Dr Hunter apologised for the absence of
his wife. Mr Baker said that he had
only recently heard of her illness and
asked Dr Hunter to convey the good wishes
of the council to her.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
confirmed and signed by the chairman.
The clerk reported that the hedges referred
to had now been cut. There was still a
considerable amount of cuttings to be
cleared away. Mr Baker considered
that the County Council would be looking
after the matter.

War Memorial.

Mr Toop said that he had asked that this
item be put on the agenda in accordance
with a resolution passed at an earlier
meeting bearing in mind that the sum of
£30 had been allowed in the Precept
for 1977/78 and there was a possibility
that it might not be possible to carry
it forward to the next financial year.
After discussion a proposal by Mr Toop
seconded by Mr Harman that the clerk
obtain a quotation from Mr Wallis

for the planting a green beech hedge on
the three sides away from the road
and be empowered to proceed if the ^{quotation} estimate
fell within the estimate.

It was agreed that Mr Doubleton should
be asked if he would be prepared to upkeep
the memorial, the exact work being explained
to him, on a proper business basis.

Precept 1978/79.

The chairman advised the meeting that
it had been necessary for the clerk to
submit the precept for the following year and
after consideration with him it had been
submitted providing the same figures as
for the present year. A proposal by Dr
Hunter seconded by Mr White confirming
the action taken was passed.

Correspondence.

The clerk reported that she had received
from Claverham College details of its footpath
project and that they would be walking from
the Forge to Rocks Farm and Penhurst Lane,
that coming Sunday and all would be
welcome. Their project had been placed
third in the schools competition.
Parish Boundaries & Electoral Boundaries.
The Clerk said she had attended on the
25th January the quarterly meeting of the
Association of Parish Councils when
the Boundaries review had been
discussed at length and the councillors
agreed that they could see no reason

In change of the Boundaries. She also said that she had received an invitation from Battle Town Council for the chairman and herself to attend a meeting held on 31st January at 7.30 p.m. at Watch Oak. There was also a meeting held by Potter District Council at the Town Hall, Baxhill at 10.30 a.m. on the 21st Feb.

Other Business

Mrs Wallis asked if Mr Harman could confirm that the rumours going around that he was to erect a barn were true. Mr Harman confirmed his intention and replying to Mrs Wallis said that it was to be sited between Springfield and Peans Farm on the opposite side of the road. He said that it would be a Dutch Barn measuring 60' by 60' and would be about 18' high, he himself had wished to site it lower down the hill but the officials had overruled him as it would pollute the river.

Mrs Wallis regretted that the landscape would be marred by this building.

Mr Baker replying to Mrs Wallis confirmed that the replanting of Anderson Wood had started.

Mr White said that he had had complaints regarding the bus services as it only allowed two hours for shopping in Hasle. After discussion the clerk was asked to write to the bus company to see

if it would be possible to double the duration of its stay in Hasle. Mrs Wallis reported that the gas containers were empty and this had been very annoying due to the ~~icy~~ ^{icy} conditions. The clerk was asked to write to the council ~~to~~ ask that the containers be refilled and further containers be provided were necessary.

Mr Baker reported that he had received a letter from the clerk tendering her resignation. During discussion the clerk said that she would be willing to continue until the end of the year to give time for the appointment of a new clerk. Mr Baker asked that the councillors give the matter ^{consideration} ~~some thought~~ and if they thought of a suitable person they should contact the clerk in order that a meeting could be called.

K Baker May 11th 1978.

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham & Penhurst Council held in the Village Hall on Friday 12th May 1978

Present: Mr Baker, Mr Harman, Mr White, Mr Toop, Mrs Wallis, Mrs Hunter.

Apologies from Dr Hunter

The clerk advised the meeting that having written to the County Council she had been informed by them that due to financial reasons they were unable to provide additional grit containers or to refill the existing containers. Although she had written to the Mendips & district bus company regarding the bus services she had not received a reply to her letter.

The chairman referring to the pending resignation of the clerk was advised by Mrs Hunter that she had approached Mrs Andrew but that she considered that she had not got the necessary time. Mr Baker said that he understood that Mr Toop would be willing to accept the position if Mrs Toop was not proposed to continue. Mrs Toop declined the offer and a proposition by Mr Baker seconded by Mr White that Mr Toop be proposed as clerk of the council was passed. Mr Baker thanked Mrs Toop for her past services.

School bus

Mr White had asked that this item be put on the agenda as the present

position was far from satisfactory. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that he should write to the education officer expressing the council's displeasure at the existing arrangements and ask that an improvement can be made to ensure that young children were not expected to walk along a very dangerous road.

Planning Applications: Springfield, Forge Lane,

After discussion a proposal by Mr Toop, seconded by Mrs Hunter that the council lodge an objection to the removal of the agricultural restriction from the existing bungalow was passed by 4 votes to 1 with one abstention. A proposition by Mrs Wallis seconded by Mrs Hunter that an objection be lodged to the proposed extension was passed by 3 votes to 2 with one abstention.

Correspondence

The Clerk read to the meeting a letter she had received from Mr Ross regarding the footbridge at Tumble Bay and it was agreed that the matter should be referred to the District Council.

A. Sturges
Vice Chairman

22nd Sept. 1978

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on 28th September, 1978

Present Dr Hunter Mr Baker Mrs Hunter Mr White Mr Harman and Mr Toop
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Wallis

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 12th May were read and signed by the Chairman.

Arising therefrom Mr Toop said that he had been advised by the Area Education Officer Mini Bus would be in full operation from the beginning of the present term and that he had been assured that there would be no further breakdown in the arrangements. Mr Baker reported that this was far from the case and that the contractors had now been dismissed. He said that the parents were holding a meeting to discuss the matter generally with the idea of devising a rota system - an allowance for school being made by the County Education Office. It was agreed that until the outcome of the meeting was known the Parish Council could take no further action.

Dallington School - The right to attend
Mr White said that he had been approached by Mr Lewington as ^{whilst} one of his children

attended Dallington School another a foster child had been refused entry as it appeared that the class to which this child would have been eligible was full. Mr Lewington felt that children living in the encachment area should receive priority over those residing outside it. Mr Baker said that he had raised the question at a Governors' meeting held on the previous Monday and confirmed that the class in question was overcrowded. Mr Baker advised the meeting that no outsiders had been admitted during the last two years and after discussion it was agreed that no action could be taken.

Application for Precept for 1978/79
The form of application was duly signed.

Clerk's Salary and expenses 1977/78
A proposal by Mrs Hunter seconded by Mr Harman that the clerk be paid a salary of £30 and an expense allowance of £5 was passed unanimously.

Village Hall Drainage
Dr Hunter reported that following the advice given at the last meeting he had approached Mr Bickersteth and was pleased to be able to report that due to Mr Bickersteth's intervention he was hopeful that the matter would be brought to a successful conclusion. The cost of the works he borne by Mr Bickersteth the Ashburnham Estate and Stuart Parker.

Correspondence.

Mr Toop reported that he had received a copy of a letter which had been sent to Rother District Council by the local Government Boundary Commission for England stating that this ^{public} meeting which was originally arranged for 21st February this year would now take place on the 23rd November at 10.30 am at the Delahave Pavilion and that Mr T. Ford had been appointed to hear representations the review of the electoral arrangements.

H. Bahn Dec 13 1978

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on 13th December, 1978

Present Mr Baker Mrs Hunter Mrs Wallis Dr Hunter Mr White Mr Harman Mr Toop.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th September 1978 were read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

It was reported that the problem of the school bus had now been resolved satisfactorily.

Dr Hunter that the overflow to the septic tank at the Village Hall had now been laid in accordance with the 1967 specification.

Receipt 1978/79

A resolution proposed by Dr Hunter seconded by Mr Harman that following receipt be submitted was passed unanimously:-

Subscriptions	£20. -
War Memorial upkeep	30
Hire of Halls	5
Postages etc	10
Audit Fee	5
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	£ 70

Parish Council election

After the clerk reminded the meeting that the Parish Council elections would be held on the first Thursday in May next a brief discussion on the subject took place.

H. Bahn Feb 8th -
1978

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on 8th February 1979.

Present Mr Baker Dr Hunter Mrs Hunter Mrs Wallis Mr White Mr Hamman and Mr Toop.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th December were read and signed by the Chairman.

Planning Applications

Mount Lodge Farm It was reported that the Clerk after consultation with the Chairman had lodged an objection with the District Council on the grounds that the siting of tents would be detrimental to the area, ~~so that~~ the ~~proposed size~~ and that the access lanes were of insufficient size to cater for the additional traffic created by a development of the size proposed and would be hazardous. The action taken was confirmed.

Reedlands Farm Demolition of Oast. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to make no comment to the District Council on the application.

Preservation Order Andersons Wood 15 Oak Trees.

The Chairman in advising the meeting that he had asked the Clerk

to request the District Council to place a preservation order of trees situated in the North East corner of the wood said that they had been purchased some years ago by Mr Findon the then owner of Trinity Cottage to preserve the amenities of that area. The cottage had now been sold to a Dr Bolton and a dispute had arisen between them concerning the trees and Mr Findon despite his original intentions was threatening to have them felled.

Parish Council Elections

During the brief discussion which took place Mrs Hunter and Mr Toop said that they did not propose to stand.

Footpaths.

Mr White said that he had received a complaint regarding the state of the footpath from the Village Hall to ~~Penhurst~~ ^{Foxe} lane as it was being used as a Bridle Path. After discussion Mr White agreed to speak to Mr Roy White over whose land the path passed.

Brown bread Street Stud

Mr White advised the meeting that it had been brought to his attention by Mr Roy White that a new farm building at this Stud was being used for Maudie

purpose. After discussion a proposal by Mr White seconded by Mr Harman that the matter be referred to the District Council was passed by 5 votes to 1 with one abstention.

Receipt Certificate

The certificate for the year 1979/80 was signed.

31st May 1979

Kenneth Baker

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Council
Held at the Village Hall on the 31st May, 1979.

Present Mr Baker, Dr. Hunter, Mrs Wallis, Mrs Ramsden, Mrs Oldroyd
Mr Harman, Mrs White.

- (i) Declarations of acceptance of office were signed.
- (ii) A proposition by Mrs Ramsden seconded by Dr. Hunter that Mr Baker be appointed chairman for the ensuing year was carried unanimously.

A proposition by Mrs Baker seconded by Mrs Wallis that Dr. Hunter be appointed vice chairman for the ensuing year was passed unanimously.

Mrs Baker welcomed Mrs Ramsden and Mrs Oldroyd to the council.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th February 1979, were read and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising
ensuing

Brownbread Street Stud

The clerk reported that he had received a letter from the enforcement officer of Rother District Council and after discussion it was agreed to take no further action for the time being.

Andersons Wood

The clerk reported that he had advised by the Rother District Council that permission to fell the 15 oak trees had been given and therefore it was not possible to place a preservation order on them.

Footpaths

Mr White reported that Mr Roy White had agreed to erect a gate on the footpath from Forge Lane to the Village Hall

Planning Applications

Land at Brays Hill (RR79 0693)

The chairman reported that an objection had been submitted to Rother District Council re the application by Mr J. Filsell for a agricultural mobile home on the grounds that it would not be incongruous and that it would not be viable to farm the site of just under 8 acres.

Ashburnham Burnt Barns Farm (RR79 0789)

The chairman reported that no action had been taken on behalf of the Parish Council re the application D.J& J.C Isacc to erect a general purpose agricultural building.

Any other business

Representation on Village Hall ^{Committee} ~~Committee~~

A proposition by Mr Harman seconded by Dr. Hunter that Mrs Oldroyd be the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall ^{Committee} ~~Committee~~ was carried unanimously.

Hedges

Mrs Wallis reported that she would ask Dr. King and Mr Vander Meyer to cut their hedges as she had received complaints regarding them.

Telephone Kiosk

Mr Baker said that he had been approached by the Telephone Managers office regarding the state of the path to the telephone kiosk at Ponto Green. After discussion ^{discussed} which Mr White said he would place some more hard core on the path, it was agreed to take no further action for the time being.

Accounts

Cheques for the £6.25 to the Ashburnham Village Hall and £14.70 to G.W. Toop re expenses were signed.

A new form of bank mandate was ^{Completed} ~~formed~~

Kenneth Baker

12th September 1979

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on the 12th September, 1979.

Present Mr Baker Dr Hunter Mrs Lillis Mrs Rameden Mrs Oldroyd Mr Harman

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st May, 1979 were read and signed by the Chairman

Matters arising The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer of the Rother District Council would be recommending to the next Planning meeting that notice be served on Mr Fitch to remove the caravan which he had installed at Brays Hill when planning permission had been refused.

Hedges As Dr King had not been willing to cut his hedges in Brownbread Street the matter had been referred to the County Council.

Planning Applications RR 79 14741

Cinderhill Farm Application for a two storey extension.

Vale Cottage (RR 79 1413) Application for the continuation of an outbuilding as a studio.

Brownbread Street End (RR 79 1088) Application to run a riding school.

The Chairman reported that no objection had been made to the District Council re these applications.

Henley Bridge Stud Farm RR 79 1327 Application for a further 6 ~~boxes~~ ^{wooden} boxes. Stables

The Chairman said that as he had received a representation re this application regarding the proposed siting of the ~~boxes~~ ^{stables} he had asked the Clerk to approach the District Council. It would appear however that Mr Bounn had spoken to the Council himself and it appeared that he had been mistaken as to the actual siting and was now satisfied on this point.

Sussex Rural Community Council Survey

The Clerk reported that the first notification he had received concerning the project was a telephone call from the Community Council saying that they had not received a reply to the questionnaire they had sent out. The Clerk read to the meeting a letter defining the aims of the survey and after discussion it would appear that the Council would not participate.

Village Sign. Road Marking

Dr Hunter advised the meeting that he had asked that the question of Village Signs should be included on the agenda because as a result of recent events he considered the area

Ashburnham should be advertised.

A proposition by Dr Hunter seconded by Mrs Ramsden that 2 signs bearing the name Ashburnham should be erected one to the north of Ponte Green Post Office and one to the south of the Pound the cost being borne by the rate payers was passed.

It was reported that a white line had been placed on the road at the Pound and it was agreed that the County Council be asked to mark the following junctions in a like manner.
Penhurst Lane Broadhead St & Farthing Lane

Correspondence

Middle Shays Farm

The Clerk said that at the request of one of the Councillors he had approached the District Council re the prefabricated ~~lab~~ building which were being erected at this location. He said that he had received a letter from the Planning Office stating that the one in course of erection replaced a similar one which had been blown down. The second building would be subject to building regulation permission being obtained.

Review of County Electoral Arrangements

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from The East Sussex C.C. re this subject. There was no change as far as Ashburnham and Penhurst

were concerned.

Finance For Business Conference

The Clerk said that a conference organised by the County Council would be held later in the year.

East Sussex Structure Plan 1979 Review

Copies of the document were handed to those interested.

Ramblers Association

The Association were holding a footpath bank in 1980 and asked if the Council would be prepared to participate. After discussion it was agreed to decline.

East Sussex Conservation Cup 1981

Mr Emmeray had asked that a letter which he had received from the District Council be brought to the notice of the Council. Members were asked to consider the question as any suggestions which they had as to which claimant Community College could participate should be reported at the next meeting.

Any Other Business

Cheques for £19 and ^{supers} £75 in respect of the subscription to the Association of Parish Councils and the annual Audit fee were signed.

The Clerk agreed to find out who was responsible for the maintenance of Hydrant signs.

A. Bahr Chairman

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Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham
with Penhurst Parish Council held at the
Village Hall on the 13th December 1979,

Present Mr Baker Dr Hunter Mr Hamman
Mrs Ramsden Mrs Lollis. Mrs Oldroyd.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the
12th September 1979 were read and signed
by the Chairman

Matters arising

The Clerk read to the meeting a
letter which he had received from the East
Sussex County Council concerning the Village
Signs after which it was agreed that no
further action should be taken. The County
Council had confirmed that white lines
would be painted on the junctions at Penhurst
Lane, Broadhead Street and Farthing Lane.

Planning Applications

The following applications had been
lodged with the Planning Authority

~~Broadhead St Stud Use as a Sunday
School in addition to the present use of breeding
and training base. (RR 79 1058)~~

Henley Bridge Stud - the siting of erecting
residential Caravan (RR 79 1377)

Land at Highams Stationing of Caravan
for use as hut for Ashburnham Quil Quack
Company. (RR 79 2243)

During the discussion which followed it
was agreed that the Parish Council should
object in principle to caravans being sited
in the Area.

A proposition that the Parish Council
is against planning applications for infilling
except for good reason was carried.
Receipt

It was agreed that an application
similar to that for the year 1979/80 should
be submitted.

Any Other business

Mr Baker said that there had
been no improvement in the state of the
ground around the Lekehouse Wood and
after discussion he agreed to speak to
the Surveyors for the Estate

CHAIRMAN

17th March 1980

T Baker

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham with Penhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on 17th March 1980.

Present Mr Baker Mrs Wallis Mr Harman Mrs Ramsden and Mr White

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Oldroyd and Dr Hunter.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th December were read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Telephone Kiosk. The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the Surveyors for the Estate who had shown no interest, it was decided that no further action should be taken for the time being.

Planning Applications

The following applications had been lodged with the Planning Authority:
Brigden Hill Farm. Conversion of
Oast to Agricultural Dwelling (RR80 0107)

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council had taken no action in this matter. He understood that the ground floor was to be used for storage and the first floor converted to a flat.

Correspondence

The Clerk reported that he had received various explanatory documents from the County Council re the County Rate for 1980/81.

He had received a letter from the National Pure Water Association re fluoridation which was available for those interested.

Any Other Business

Caravans

The number of caravans in the area seem to be increasing and after discussion it was agreed to approach ask Cdr. Emmear to approach the District Council.

Hedges

It was reported that DeKing had not as yet cut his hedge in Brownbread Street. The Clerk said that he had referred the matter to the County Council and he was asked to do so again.

Peane Farm

It was reported that the Septic tank at Peane Farm was overflowing onto the road. Mrs Wallis said that she was aware of the problem and as soon as conditions permitted the fault would be rectified.

Fences

It was reported that the fence by the bridge at the Forge had collapsed and Mrs Wallis was asked to speak to Mr Chalton as it caused a considerable hazard.

CHAIRMAN
27th May 1980
Kenneth Baker

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham with Perkhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on 27th May 1980.

Present Mr Baker Dr Hunter Mrs Ramsden Mrs Oldroyd Mrs Wallis Mr Harman and Mr White.

Dr Hunter proposed and Mrs Ramsden seconded a motion that Mr Baker be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mrs Ramsden proposed and Mr Harman seconded a motion that Dr Hunter be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Both proposals were passed unanimously and the relative declarations signed.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th March were read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising.

Brigden Hall Farm The clerk reported that the District Council had granted permission for the conversion of the East.

Hedges Mrs Wallis said that Dr King had still not cut his hedge in Broad Breed Street and said that she would speak to the County Council.

Pears Farm Mrs Wallis said that the Septic Tank would be repaired as soon as the weather permitted.

Caravans The Clerk reported that Cdr Emeru had spoken to the Planning Authority who would take whatever action was necessary with regards to the unlicensed caravans.

Planning Applications

Springfield Removal of Agricultural Dune. A proposal by Mr Hunter seconded by Mr White that the Parish Council should support a refusal was passed with 3 abstentions.

Payment of Accounts.

The following cheques were signed

Village Hall	£3. 75
Insurance of P.C.'s	22. 91
Clerk's Expenses	21. 62

Any Other Business

Mr Baker said that the roof of the Oast at Redlands had not been reinstated as originally built. After discussion it was agreed to take no action.

CHAIRMAN 6. October 1980

Thomas Baker

Minutes of a meeting of The Ashburnham & Penhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on 6th October 1980.

Present Mr Baker Dr Hunter Mrs Wallis Mrs Oldroyd Mrs Ramsden Mr Harman and Mr White.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 1980 were read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

Mrs Wallis reported that no action had been taken with regard to the trees in Broad Broad Street and said she would speak to the County Council again.

Planning Applications

Land at Brays Hill - Mobile Home - Septic Tank (80.037)

An objection had been lodged with the District Council who had referred the matter to the County Surveyor. The clerk was asked to pursue the matter further with Rother.

Redlands Farm. Conversion of existing barn to dwelling house 80 1434

An objection had been lodged. The clerk reported that the application

had subsequently been withdrawn,

Forge Cottage conversion of barn
to Grand Annexe (80.1508)

An objection had been lodged.

Land opposite Forge hedge - erection
of single detached garage (RR 80.1659)

NO comment made.

Village Hall

De Hunter outlined the serious
financial position the Village Hall Committee
found themselves in and the extensive
repairs which it required. After discussion
it was agreed that De Hunter's request for
a Parish Meeting be met. The date to be
announced after De Hunter had spoken to
the Road. Bickneth. De Hunter agreed
to approach the District Council to see if they
could assist in any way.

Correspondence

The clerk replied that he had
a copy of the latest Circular issued
by the Sussex Association of Parish Councils
available for those interested.

A letter had been received from

Mr Jack Rose complaining about the condition
of the hedge on the football at Tumbling Bay.
Mr White agreed to make enquiries re overhead.
Mr Rose also complained about the state of
the football opposite Pig Knoll, leading to
Lichburnham Church. As this was an Estate
path the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Rose
suggesting that he might like to approach the
Estate direct.

The East Sussex C.C. had written
regarding the proposed revision bus services
and after discussion it was agreed to take
no action.

Any other business

Bunglaries. The meeting discussed
the two recent bunglaries and Mrs Ramsden
agreed to speak to Sgt Hillis to see if
the police could approach with less
noise on future occasions.

Accounts. A cheque for £4.00
in favour of the Dept of Environment and
for was signed.

Chairman 15.12.80

H. Baker

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham & Penhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on the 15th of December 1980.

Present; Mr Baker; Dr Hunter; Mrs Wallis; Mrs Ramsden; Mr Harman and Mr White.

Apologies for absences were received from Mrs Oldroyd.

The minutes of the meeting, held on the 16th October were read and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

Land at Brays Hill - Mobile House - Septic Tank. The clerk read to the meeting a letter which he had received from the Planning Officer of Rother District Council, from which it was noted that if the District Council had not consulted the County Estates Summary then the District Council could be justifiably criticised at a subsequent appeal for not following its normal practice.

FOOTPATHS

After discussion it was agreed to refer Mr Roses letter regarding the footbridge at Tumbling Bay to the County Council.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Brown Bread Street Stud (RR 80 2004) Erection of bungalow for farm worker

An objection had been lodged with the District Council.

Brown Bread Street Stud (RR 80 2005) Two storey extension to existing farmhouse.

No comment had been made to District Council.

Ashburnham - Reedlands Farm (RR 80 2009) Conversion of barn to dwelling house.

An objection had been lodged with the District Council. After a discussion which followed a proposition by Dr. Hunter seconded by Mr. White, that the Council would support a further application for such a conversion should be lodged with the District Council was passed unanimously. The Council were dismayed to see that a similar barn had been demolished.

Ashburnham - South of I Thordon Cottage (RR 80 2105) Outline erection of bungalow with parking space.

An objection had been lodged with the District Council.

Penhurst - South West Corner of Ten Acre Gill Outline Ground Water Source and pumping station.

No comment had been made to the District Council.

Estimates 1981/82

A resolution made by Mr Harman, seconded by Mr White, that the Clerk be paid a salary of £50 for the Current Year was passed.

It was agreed that an application for a precept of £138 be submitted, made up as follows;

Subscriptions	£25
War Memorial	10
Clerks Salary	50
Hire of Hall	10
Telephone,	
Postage, etc.	35
Audit Fee	8

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It was agreed that a sum of £10 be forwarded to Mr ^{Dumbleton} Dobleton as an expression of the Council's gratitude for the manner in which he has maintained the War Memorial.

Kenneth Baker

Feb 16 1981

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 16th February 1981

Present: Mr Baker, Dr Hunter, Mrs Ramsden, Mr Harman, Mr. White, Mrs Oldroyd and Mrs Wallis.

Apologies were received from Mr. Toop.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Chairman reported that the meeting had been called at the request of two members of the Council, Mrs Ramsden and Mrs Oldroyd. They wished for further discussion on the Appeal made by Mr & Mrs Sheffield of Springfield, Penhurst against the decision made by Rother to refuse their application for the lifting of the agricultural restriction on their house.

After a lengthy discussion of all the factors involved some points emerged.

1. A letter had been sent to Rother by the Clerk on 7th January, 1981 saying that this Council had seen the surveyors report and was still of the opinion that the application should be refused. But no discussion of the matter had in fact taken place on the Council since a meeting on 27th May 1980 - before that report was available.

2. It had been a great help to members of the Council in discussing this matter to have all the relevant documents made available to them by Mr. Sheffield. The whole question of which planning applications we discuss, which we ignore, and which we leave to the Chairman and Clerk, wanted clarifying; though the fault seems to be with the local Government Act, rather than with this Council.

3. The Chairman did not feel that any decision taken by this Council would affect the outcome of the appeal. However, a resolution was proposed by Mrs Ramsden as follows:

"That the Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary

of State for the Environment supporting Mr. Sheffield's appeal."

There was no seconder for this, so the resolution was dismissed.

Mrs. Ramsden then put forward another resolution:

"That in future if there are any planning applications, or any decisions needing to be taken, every member of the Council should be consulted."

This was seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

A copy of a letter had been received from Commander Ennever to Rother. He referred to a planning application from Mr. Bolton to change the barn at Trinity Farm into a private dwelling. The Council did not wish to discuss this until it had all the details of the planning application itself to hand, and the Chairman was asked to obtain more information.

A letter had been received from Mr. Toop resigning his post as Clerk to the Council. There were no volunteers

for the position from Council members. The Chairman then asked if members of the Council would make inquiries ^{around} the village and make some nominations.

Dr Hunter and Mrs Wallis had been to a meeting of the Rother Council on Home Defence and Dr. Hunter gave a brief report. A booklet had been prepared which every member of the Council should read, as over the next three months we need to collect information on local conditions. The whole matter would have to be discussed at a future meeting.

Mrs Wallis reported that there had been a near-accident at the Pools Green end of Forthings Lane, and she asked that some action be taken over signs for the junction there. She was asked by the Council to look into the matter and seek advice from the Highways Committee.

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At June 1' 1981

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall on the 1st June 1981.

Present; Mr Baker; Dr Hunter; Mrs Ramsden; Mr Harman; Mr White; Mrs Oldroyd and Mrs Wallis.

Mrs Ramsden proposed and Mr Harman seconded a motion that Mr Baker be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr Baker proposed and Mrs Oldroyd seconded a motion that Dr Hunter be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Both proposals were passed unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th February were read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Civil Defence; The matter was deferred to a later meeting.

Planning Applications;

Reedlands Farm Conversion of Oast to Residential Accommodation, agreed to support an approval.

Henley bridge Stud Outline for single dwelling agreed to support an approval providing it replaced the mobile home.

Payment of Accounts;

The following payments were approved and cheques signed.

Ashburnham Village Hall	£1.25
G.W. Toop Salary and Expenses	£84.10

Mrs Oldroyd proposed and Dr Hunter seconded a resolution which was passed unanimously that the accounts for the year ended the 31st March 1981 be approved.

Clerk to the Council.

After discussion it was agreed that Mr J. Beaney be appointed Clerk to the Council. The Chairman thanked Mr Toop for his services and it was agreed that he should receive Salary up to the 1st June.

J.C. Bahn
July 23 1981

SHORT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON 24th JUNE at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. K. Baker - Chairman
Mrs. Ramsden
Mrs. Wallace
Mrs. Oldroyd
Dr. Hunter
Mr. Harmer
Mr. White
Mr. Beeny - Clerk of the Council

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mrs. Yates, Chairman of the Rural District Council asking if she could come to a Parish Meeting in the near future and expressed her wish that anything we might like in the way of help we are to let her know.

Letter from David Ames, our new elected County Councillor of the Battle Ward, also wishes to attend a similar meeting.

The Chairman suggested that the Clerk invite them to a November meeting and give them a choice of the following dates:- 12th, 24th, or 29th November.

PLANNING APPLICATION

R81/1181 of Middle Sprays Farm, Penhurst. Applicant Mr. M.R. Mann was refused. The reasons were over, development in a small area, upsetting the rural scene, access road too close to neighbouring property.

It was pointed out that the barn for proposed development was not redundant as there were a considerable amount of bales in store.

Meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

J.C. Bahn
July 23 1981

PRESENT: Mr. K. Baker - Chairman
 Dr. Hunter
 Mrs. Oldroyd
 Mrs. Wallis
 Mr. R. Harman
 Mr. E. White
 Mr. J. Beeny - Clerk

Minutes of meeting held on 1st June approved and signed. No matters arising.

Minutes of meeting held on 24th ^{JUNE} ~~July~~ approved and signed. No matters arising.

The parish Clerk has now confirmed a date to have an Open Meeting on 26th November where upon Mrs. Yates, Chairman of Rother District Council; Mr. Harding, District Clerk; also Mr. Amies, of Battle Ward will be present. A questions and answer programme is proposed, questions from anybody living in the Parish are invited to give their views either in person or in writing.

Payment of Accounts. £108.26 in the account before payments to -

Mr. Toop final salary and expenses	£11.58
Audit Fees for Parish Meetings	£ 5.75
Hire of Village Hall	£ 3.00
Sussex Association of Local Councils	£23.93

Mr. Harman produced a cutting from the local paper of an advert for an Agricultural ~~estate~~ ^{estate} to be built on the plot of land opposite the Ash Tree Public House. The Committee expressed concern as there was no plan application put forward. The Clerk was asked to look into it.

Home Defence Plan for Nuclear War

The Chairman asked Dr. Hunter to explain briefly the purpose of the document (held in the minute file by the Parish Clerk) and added that not everybody would be wiped out but many would survive the blast of the bomb but would die through the fall out. Also it would be probable that a great number of refugees would flock into the District. After much discussion it was agreed that members of the Council would find out in their neighbourhoods how many cellars and wells there are that could be used. Mrs. Oldroyd was going to approach Rev. John Bickersteath on the availability of the cellars at Ashburnham Place.

Dr. Hunter made it clear if too many refugees were allowed into the District food supplies would soon diminish. It was pointed out that perhaps armed guards would be necessary to protect the food stocks.

The Chairman decided at this point that the meeting had gone on long enough, as there was no further useful information forthcoming. A further meeting would be held after Council members had collected information that was required as laid out in the Minutes. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write and inform the Emergency Services Division at Lewes of our progress so far.

As there was no further business the Meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

K Baker

Minutes of the ASHBURNHAM & PENTHURST Parish
Council Held at The Village Hall Nov 26 1911

Present: Mr K. Baker Chairman.
Dr Hunter. Vice Chairman.
Mrs J Oldroyd
Mrs F. Rosewell.
Mrs D. Wallis.
Mr. Weston
Mr White.

Parish Clerk

In attendance Councillors Mr Yate
Chairman of R.D.C.

Mr Harding Clerk of District Council.
Councillor C. Curwen.

2 Minutes of the July 23rd were approved &
signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising The Clerk received a
letter of reply to inquiry re Colons
Estate St, proving that the proposed
Cottage to be built opposite Ash Tree Dr
were for Agricultural workers. The Wardens
pointed out an enquiry is to be held
~~at~~ in the near future. & he will well
be informed

3 The account stand at £64.30.

Two letters received from village 1) Glass in
Corned workers left at Beechfield Pond
& lack of letter Bhs. 2) Pot holes in the
road at the ^{south} place so bad that
children have to cycle well out

with the road so becoming very
dangerous for passing traffic. Clerk
was asked to write to the Works Engineer.

4 The Clerk was to write a letter to
Lewington Nurseries Bray Hill asking
the owners to take machinery off the
side of the road & clear up litter ^{etc} giving
the area an embody appearance.

5 Foot Bridge Claps on foot path from
The Ash Tree Inn to ~~the building~~ ^{G. Lydes}
Jawn. Clerk was asked to write to
County Engineer's office about replace-
ment.

6 A sign post Mansfield Cross The sign
post had been missing now for some
years Clerk was asked ~~if a new one could~~
~~be put up~~ to write to the Highways
department about having a new one put up.

7 Mrs Wallis reported that the property called
"Great Springs" Penthurst was up for sale
but sale was lost owing entirely road
side & verges. made so by the ^{ing} members
Farmers. A letter by the Clerk ^{to be} written
to Mr Aldson at Bald Oak reporting
this.

8. The Business meeting was then closed
The Chairman called a general
discussion where by Mrs Yate, Mr
Harding were asked to give us their
views on how the local councils

will be run in the future. but
after about 30 minutes the Chairman
had to bring the interesting proceedings
to a close owing to everybody being
so cold as the heating system was
broken down in the Hall.

The Chairman thanked Camille Yates
Camille Coates & Mr Hudding for
giving their time & closed the meeting
at 9.05 PM.

Kenneth Baker Jun 26 1982

Minutes of a meeting of ASHBURHAM &
PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL held at the
Village Hall on 26th January 1982.

Present: Mr K. Baker Chairman.
Dr. Hunter Vice Chairman
Mrs J. Oldroyd
Mrs. Ransden
Mrs Wallis.

Minutes were read & approved. so signed
by the Chairman.

Matters arising Mrs Wallis said the
problem of pot holes in the road at
Beechfield Point will be repaired by
C. Council as soon as ^{the} frosts have gone
but letter Bms will not be placed
there but a ^{PENALTY} sign would be
erected.

No. Correspondence

Mrs Oldroyd reported that the Village
Hall committee have plans ^{STARTED} for repairs
on the Hall. Total repair Bill to
be over £9500 so about £3000 is
going to be spent on south side repairs,
part of Wallis Roof & Windows. Breaking up
the small ^{windows} ~~etc.~~ All work will be
carried out in a day Bases. The
cleaning will be done by members of the
committee.

Any other Business The Chairman

asked Mrs Wallis to approach the owner of Homdens Cottage, about cutting back these hedges as the growth is now growing over the road.

Being no other Business The Chairman closed the Business meeting. at 8.10 PM

^{INVITED} + asked Mr John Hubbard from the County Hall Lewis to explain to the Council the Emergency Home Plan.

Mr Hubbard explained in great detail a recovery program that would be needed after atomic bomb explosion as this Council district would most likely be a fall out area so possibly 70% population would survive

He stressed the importance of a Plan for Parish leaders to be able to cope with the situation.

After considerable discussion The Chairman thanked Mr Hubbard for coming out such a long way.

Meeting closed at 9.30 PM

Kenneth Baker
March 25th 1982

Minutes of AISHBURNHAM & PENHURST Parish Council
was held 25th March 1982.

Present Mr K Baker Chairman

Mrs Oldryld

Mrs Rumden

Mrs Wallis.

Mr. Warner

Mr White.

also D. Cornells Amos was present. ^{of Battle Green}

Dr. Amos sent as a apologise.

Minutes were read approved & signed by the Chairman.

no matters arising.

1. a) Correspondence.

The foot bridge at Teubling Bay Map Ref 671152 ~~can~~ County Council footpaths Department have approved that a new foot bridge may be erected.

(b) Bottle Bank Ash Tree Inn have kindly consented to have ^{Bottle Bank} their containers put on the Car park.

2. Mrs Oldryld Chairman of Village Hall committee reported that there are major problems with roof & walls & further discussions are taking place to overcome the cost of the problem.

3. Home Defence.

It was decided after lengthy discussion, and with the help of

Mr Ames, that being a very scattered
~~area~~ parish Council area there would
be two groups, it was agreed
Mrs Waller & Mr. Harms would take care
of Pentworth interest & Co. ops where
residing. The Ashburnham Group
would ^{be} Mr Bakes, Mr White, Mrs Oldroyd &
Mr Beeny. who would take care of
important duties & Co. ops persons where
residing.

4. Mr White reported that short distance of
road between Ash Tree Inn & ^{of Mills Field} Mansfield
Cross was very dangerous. The Clerk was
asked to write to County Council
to see if it is possible to widen the
short distances.

5. Mr Ames was invited by the
Chairman to say a few words.
He said firstly he was very concerned
about the deterioration of public
services i.e. Mrs Brownie's transporting
children to school. Battle Education
problems. He also asked people
to come forward & discuss with him
anything that might be a problem
or concern in his ward.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ames
for sparing his time in coming to
the meeting & taking part in the long
discussion.

meeting closed 9.15 PM

K. Baker

Minutes of Ashburnham Pentworth Parish
Council held at the Village Hall 7 PM
Wednesday November 17th Present:-
Mr K Bakes Chairman
Mrs Oldroyd
Mrs Ransden
Mrs Waller Vice Chair
Mrs Harman White
& Beeny the Clerk.

Minutes were read approved after one
correction & signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising 'Tumble Bay' bridge
is now rebuilt & completed total
cost £277-60 which has been paid.

Boiler Bank was put into place at
the Ash Tree Inn in May 1982.

1. Village Hall Committee Report.
Mrs Oldroyd gave a lengthy report and
gave the Council some good news that
Mr John Bickworth has generously
taken on hand the contractual repairs
of the Hall i.e. Roof Walls Windows,
^{three} estimates for the same have been seen
ranging from 5750 to 10300. also
further 17000 could be spent on the
walls windows & wiring Electrical
fittings. Leaving the funds of the
parish committed have raised for
equipping new kitchen extra lighting
decorating also Electrical heating
so doing away with the poor heater

Managers and leaders. Also at
the A.G.M. on 24 November of the Real
Committee they will decide if to
carry on as the job is basically
done so leave and find raising
for the Hall to perhaps a sub-committee
of the Village Hall Committee.

2. Correspondance a letter Jan 1983
Subscript-^{of} 25 was approved to ^{continue}
membership of Siessen Mrs. Parish Council.
Letter writing on Office of the Council
to Parish Conference at Benhill on the
24 Nov. Chairman thought he could
go.

3. Augustine Bussers The Clerk reported
he had a hand full of letters from
Brown Bread that ~~was~~ owned
using his premises for Sunday
take off of three Craft Motorcycle
racing on Sundays. The cars belong
to people attending the auto cross
meeting parked on the lane so
completely blocking the road also
disturbing quiet Sunday peace.

It was pointed out that it was
difficult to stop any of the activities
but a complaint to the Police for
obstructing the road will be made.
The Clerk was asked to write to ~~the~~
Mr. Smith of Brown Bread that could
inform the Police when he proposes
to have any future events

also to remind him he is breaking
a bye law by using Public sign posts
for his use.

Mr. Hurna brought to the Committee
notices that Little Mays + Spring
fields ^{are} ~~are~~ both been used as
repairs + workshops for cars

Mr. Hurna reported that some drains
in Parlour were met by the Council
maintain staff. Could that be
rectified.

The Chairman requested + approved
by the whole Committee that the
Clerk write a letter of thanks to
Dr. Hunt who has now moved
away to Norfolk to live, for all
the work he has done for the
Council + village as a whole. He
has served since March 1976.

Being no other business the
Chairman was very glad to bring the
meeting to a close at 7.50 PM.

K. J. Baker

MINUTES OF THE ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST COUNCIL Held on the 23rd February
1983

PRESENT. Mr K, Baker - Chairman.
Mrs D. Wallis,) v/c
Mrs Oldryld
Mrs ramsden,
Mr Harmer
Mr white and Beeny Clerk. also Councillor C. Ennever.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising. Bottle Bank has been removed from The Ash Tree Inn, owing to the problem of extra costs to have two bottle Banks in the park, one for coloured glass and the other for plain glass so they were redrawn as un economic.

At Little Sprays it is still been used as a car repair workshop. the meeting asked the clerk to write to the imforcement officer at Rother District Council to report this illegality also the caravan at Clear View.

Village Hall Committee Report. As given by Mrs Oldryld, the roof is now finished work is in progress on the rebuilding of the outside damp course, also the old chimney in the main Hall is been taken down a purchase of boarding for refurbishing the Hall was bought for half price at £530.

It was hoped the the building program will be advanced enough so to start the Nursery School in the autumn term.

The old billard table that once was purchased by the Hall committee for the Youth Club, but since folded up will nos be sold off, the proceeds put in to the Village Hall funds.

Parish Elections. Nomination papers will be available at the Post Office at Ashburnham, by the middle of April.

Councillor Ennever was invited by the Chairman to report on any business that might be of interest to the meeting. Firstly he said, at the forth coming elections he would not be standing as he was now living out of the district, but there are two candidates, a Mrs Culverwell of Darlington and a Mr Cox of Sheep Shaw, Ashburnham.

Mr Ennever reported the the new rate will be 60p in the pound, also a further 50 redundances have be given to help keep done the running costs.

Mr Ennever finally thanked the Parish Council for all the surport they had given while he had been in office. The Chairman thanked Mr Ennever for all the hard work he had put in the job, and the interest he always took in the village affairs, and it was the wish of the whole committe that he had a long and happy retirement.

Correspondence. Sussex Rural Community Council sent forms for the best kept Village conference to be held at Lewes on 29th March, but it was shelved.

Any Other Business. None.

Date of the next meeting is to be a arranged.

Meeting closed at 8.47pm. after the Chairman thanked everybody for coming on such a wintery night.

MINUTES OF THE ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Held on 18 May 1983

PRESENT: Mr. K. Baker Chairman
Mrs. D. Wallis Vice-Chairman
Mrs. J. Oldroyd
Mr. F.L. Harman
Mr. L. Keeley
Mr. E.G. White
Mrs. C. Edwards Acting Clerk

Apologies for Absence

A letter was read from Mr. Beeny, the Clerk to the Council, apologising for his enforced absence from the meeting, due to a recent car accident.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 23 February 1983, were read.

The following amendment to the Minutes was made: the correct address of the recently elected Parish Coucillor is Sheep Shaw Brightling, and not Ashburnham.

With this amendment, the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

(a) Village Hall. Mrs. Oldroyd commented that the workmen hoped to work three nights per week in order to expedite the repairs.

(b) Caravan at Clear View The present situation was to be checked.

Election of Officers

Chairman: proposed by Mr. White that Mr. Baker should continue as Chaiman; seconded by Mrs. Oldroyd.

Vice-Chairman: proposed by Mr. Harmer that Mrs. Wallis should continue as Vice-Chairman; seconded by Mr. White.

Village Hall Committee: it was agreed that Mrs. Oldroyd should continue to be the representative of the Council on this Committee.

Dr. Thurston's Surgery

A letter was read from Hooe Parish Council, wanting to know how much inconvenience had been caused to people in this Parish by the closure of Dr. Thurston's Surgery in Ashburnham.

It was agreed that the Council had no evidence of any kind that people are suffering hardship.

It was resolved that the matter should be left in abeyance.

TE Baker 18.5.83

MINUTES OF THE ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Held on 30 June 1983

PRESENT:

Mr. K. Baker	Chairman
Mrs. D. Wallis	Vice-Chairman
Mrs. J. Oldroyd	
Mr. F.L. Harman	
Mr. L. Keeley	
Mr. E.G. White	
Mrs. C. Edwards	Clerk
Mr. Ian Cox	

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18 May 1983, were read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Hedges: The Tebbs' hedges were reported by Mrs. Wallis as being very bad indeed. They had not been cut, even though a letter had been sent by Mrs. Wallis as agreed at the last meeting. There was general agreement that the hedges in Ashburnham were, in general, in a very bad state. The Council agreed that David Wallis, the Divisional Highway Engineer at Bexhill, should be approached concerning the whole question of hedgecutting in the Parish. *

Further Discussion of Clearview:

The following report was delivered by Mr. Cox:

Both enforcement officers of the Rother District Council (RDC) were at present absent. The proposed discussion of Clearview at a meeting of the RDC on 23 June was not therefore actually carried out. However, the question is coming before the Planning Committee on 27 July. Mrs. Ham had been spoken to and the position explained to her; and she has not, in fact, applied for planning permission to live in the caravan on the site in question. Mr. Cox summarised by saying that he was satisfied that everything possible is being done to remove the caravan.

Mr. Keeley added that the Hams had, in fact, returned to their flat in Hastings to live for the time being.

Mr. Cox confirmed that the Hams were not allowed to live in the caravan, even though it was on the land when they purchased it (previous PP NOT having been granted). He gave a copy of the Exemptions from Planning and Site Licence Control relating to Caravans to the Clerk for the Council's guidance and retention.

All were agreed that the matter should be left with RDC for future action.

Planning Application RR83.1216 at Brigden Hill Farm

Mr. Cox confirmed that permission had already been granted for a farm worker's dwelling to be erected. He read from the document relating to the granting of this building, which stated that after the construction of the house the caravan must be removed. On this understanding PP had been given for the siting of the caravan on a temporary basis only.

Any Other Business

Hedges: Mrs. Wallis reported that the hedges of the Tebbs of Mansfield Cross had not been cut and presented a hazard to road users in their present state.

It was resolved that Mrs. Wallace would write concerning this, using the utmost tact.

Cheque: A cheque for £1.50 was paid to the Village Hall Committee for the hire of the Hall.

The Meeting closed at 8.24 p.m. after the Chairman had thanked Mrs. Edwar for acting as clerk on this occasion in the absence of Mr. Beeny.

End.

Keith Baker

30. June 1983

Appointment of additional Parish Councillor, and of Clerk

A letter was read from RDC stating that since there had only been one valid nomination for the post of Councillor, it had been duly filled by Mr. Beeney the sole applicant with effect from 23 June 1983. The Chairman confirmed that Mrs. Edwards had been appointed as Clerk to the Council.

Beech Estate

The Clerk reported that Mr. Rudman of ~~Rocks Farm~~ had told her personally that Beech Estate were intending to sell off the Farmhouse, and to bring back the farming land in to the Estate when his lease expired in 1984. Mr. Rudman had also said that the tenant of Little Beech Farm is in the same position.

The Chairman abhorred the tendency for farmhouses to be sold, and for agricultural dwellings subsequently to be built in connection with the farming land which now had no dwelling attached to it.

Although it was agreed that little could be done to prevent such matters arising, Mr. Cox promised that he would do his utmost to stop this tendency. He also confirmed that he will inform the Parish Council of these situations as soon as they arise.

Fencing At Middle Sprays

It was moved by Mr. Harman, that, since the Council has had the upkeep of the fencing in question for many years, a letter should be written to the RDC concerning the repair of the broken fence section. *

Courses for Councillors

The relevant information was read to the Council. Mr. Beeney expressed an interest, but pointed out that the farming activities of the Councillors in this Parish make attendance on the course dates impossible.

Best Kept Village Competition

It was agreed that the matter should be left.

The question of unlicensed motor vehicles, and motor vehicles which were an impediment to road users, arose; Mr. Beeney reported that during his time as Clerk he had investigated this position with the local police. They had informed him that provided the road was not blocked, they could not take any action. It was agreed that the matter should be left to the police.

Any Other Business

1. Mr. Harman pointed out that a large quantity of shale had been washed down the road just by the Tower House. It was agreed that this should be raised with Mr. David Wallis. *

2. A report was given by Mrs. Oldroyd on the Village Hall. Work is progressing steadily. As funds are obtained, so they are spent on another stage of the work. There are funds in hand. It is difficult to name a completion date, but the main hall should be usable by September 1983.

3. Mr. Cox said that Dr. King had raised with him the question of the possible provision by RDC of passing places on the road between Glydes Farm and Redpale Farm, since the traffic has increased due to the birdwatching holidays (advertised in Country Life). This point should also be raised with Mr. Wallis.

4. Mr. Beeney tabled a letter from Radio Brighton concerning possible items of news interest from the Parish; and also a fresh Mandate to be signed by the new Clerk for the Bank.

5. Mr. Beeney pointed out that the Parish Accounts had still not been audited. Mr. Cox promised that he would raise this with RDC.

The meeting closed at 8.32 p.m., after the Chairman had welcomed Mr. Beeney onto the Council; thanked the Clerk for acting; and thanked Mr. Cox most warmly for attending.

Edmund Barber

17 August 1983

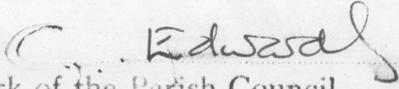
PARISH OF ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST

Notice of Meeting of Parish Council.*

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hereby give you notice that a Meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL of the above-named Parish will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, the 18th day of August 1983, at 7.30 p.m.

Dated this 13th day of August 1983


Clerk of the Parish Council.

To Mr. K. Baker, Chairman.
Buckwell Farm, Ashburnham

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Matters arising therefrom:
 - (a) Highway Matters: report by the Clerk.
 - (b) 'Clearview': letter from the Hams.
3. Planning Applications:
 1. RR83.1403: 5 bedroom house to replace existing caravan used as residence at Henley Bridge Stud, Lower Brays Hill.
 2. RR83.1512: Pump Starter/Telemetry House and new well heads to two existing boreholes, and construction of access road at Ten Acre Gill, Penhurst Lane, Penhurst.
4. British Rail Timetable 1984.
5. Sussex Association of Parish Councils: Seminar 8.10.83.
6. Any Other Business.

*This notice must be left at or sent by post to the usual place of residence of every Member of the Council three clear days at least before the Meeting.

Cat No. P.C. 3. Hadden Best & Co., Ltd., Bell Green Lane, London SE26 5AE
Shaw & Sons Ltd., Shaway House, Lower Sydenham SE26 5AE

MINUTES OF THE ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Held on 17 August 1983

PRESENT: Mr. K. Baker Chairman
 Mrs. D. Wallis Vice-Chairman
 Mr. F.W. Harman
 Mr. L. Keeley
 Mr. E.G. White
 Mrs. C. Edwards Clerk
 Mr. I. Cox

Absence Mrs. J. Oldroyd could not attend the meeting, due to a Guide Camp at Ashburnham Place.

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 30 June 1983, were read and approved.

Matters Arising

1. The Clerk reported that following her meeting on 28 July 1983 with the Assistant Divisional Highway Engineer, all the matters relating to the highways in the parish, with the exception of passing places in Farthing Lane had been rectified.
2. 'Clearview': the Clerk read out a letter received from the Hams, complaining about harassment by RDC. The Council moved that a short reply should be sent to the Hams, explaining that this matter was now out of the hands of the Parish Council.

Planning Applications:

1. RR83.1403: In view of the fact that a house would be preferable to the existing caravan in appearance, the Council moved that a letter should be written to the District Planning Officer stating that the Council had no objection to the proposed house, providing that:

- (a) the Planning Committee should carefully consider whether the size of the applicant's family (1 adult plus 1 child) really warranted a house of this size;
 - (b) the caravans should be removed;
 - (c) the house should be in keeping with the style of local architecture;
- and
- (d) the position of the house would not be unpleasantly obtrusive.

2. RR83.1512: Plans relating to this development had kindly been supplied to the Clerk by Mr. Broomhall. These were examined, and the Council moved as follows: that a letter should be written to the District Planning Officer listing the following provisos to the agreement of the Council to the proposal:

- (a) the timber cladding to the buildings should be on all sides;
- (b) the roof should not be obtrusive;
- (c) careful planting of trees in front of the development should take place, and several varieties of trees native to the area should be planted;
- (d) the access road should blend in with the environment and not be of solid white concrete;
- (e) any telephone wires should be laid underground.

Copies of both letters should be vetted by Mr. Cox before despatch

4. The British Rail Timetable for 1984 was tabled.

5. Sussex Association of Parish Councils: Seminar 8.10.83.

The Chairman moved that Mrs. Wallis and the Clerk should attend this Seminar.

Kenneth Berke

20.10.83

MINUTES OF THE ASHBURNHAM AND PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Held on 20 October 1983

PRESENT: Mr. K. Baker Chairman
Mrs. D. Wallis Vice-Chairman
Mr. F.W. Harman
Mr. L. Keeley
Mr. E.G. White
Mrs. C. Edwards Clerk
Mr. I. Cox

Absence: Mr. J. Beeny could not be present.

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 17 August 1983 were read and approved.

Matters Arising: (a) Planning Application RR83.1512.

Mr. Cox reported as follows: that he had attended a site meeting with Mr. Broomhall, and

- (i) the telephone cables were to be laid underground;
- (ii) the access route had been altered to run along the field edge and not straight across Mr. Sheffield's field;
- (iii) the Eastbourne waterworks Co. are very conscious of conservation, and the buildings would probably not be visible from the road;
- (iv) brick and tile construction is not really feasible;
- (v) the tree screening is suitable.

There was no further comment from the council to this report.

Planning Application RR83.1736 Little Beech Farm, conversion of oast-barn
Plans for this conversion were examined, and it was decided that the Council could not really object to the planning application.

Financial Matters (a) Audit: the Audit of the Parish Accounts is to be carried out on 13 November 1983.

(a) It was decided to ask for an increase of £25.00 in the funds allocated to the Parish Council; and this was proposed by Mr. Harman and seconded by Mrs. Wallis. *

(b) Village Hall: Mrs. Oldroyd reported that the tarman surround to the Hall was in a bad state of repair, and that this item had not been included in the gift to the village by Mr. Bickersteth. It was concluded, however, that no increase in the rates of the village could be countenanced for this.

(c) The subscription to S.A.P.C. was not to be renewed*
Proposed by Mr. Keeley, and seconded by Mr. White. ✓

Any Other Business

(a) The Clerk read a letter from the Chief constable of Sussex to the effect that he was anxious for the local police to be involved in Parish Council Meetings which concerned the police force. *

(b) Planning Application RR83.1403 Henley Bridge Stud. Mr. Cox reported that at the hearing of this application recently an objection was raised by him concerning the material in which it was proposed to build the house.

This was a substance called Aercrete, which is a sythetic aerated concrete. When this objection was reported back to the applicant, she said that she did not wish to use traditional materials. It was decided by the council that a very strong letter of objection should be written, stating that this material should very definetely NOT be used. *

(c) Road Signs to Penhurst

Mrs. Wallis said that the signs had disappeared to penhurst from Ashburnham and also from the Battle Herstmonceaux road. In addition the sign to Ninfield had disappeared from the small lane near to Ashburnham Place. A letter is to be written concerning this by the clerk *

The meeting closed at 8.32 p.m. after the Chairman had warmly thanked Mr. Cox for attending and for all his help.; and had thanked Mrs. Oldroyd for the use of her home.

Kenneth Baker

30 November 1983.

MINUTES OF THE ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Emergency Meeting

Held on 30 November 1983

PRESENT: Mr. K. Baker Chairman
Mr. F. Harman
Mr. E.G. White
Mrs. J. Oldroyd
Mrs. C. Edwards Clerk

Absence: Apologies for absence were received from: Mrs. Wallis, Mr. Cox, Mr. Beeny and Mr. Keeley.

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 20 October 1983 were read and approved.

Matters Arising Therefrom; Planning Application RR83.1403: Henley Bridge Stud. The Clerk reported that Mr. Cox had told her during a telephone conversation that: (a) The plans had got to be re-submitted for approval to RDC; and (b) The building material had got to be traditional. These two factors had been decided at a meeting of the Planning Committee of RDC.

Precept upon the Rating Authority: During a recent meeting with Mr. Stevens of RDC, the Clerk had been informed that the District Council were holding some £300.00 which are the Parish Council's. It was necessary to submit a precept (order) for this sum before December in order to have it transferred to the Parish Council's Bank Account in Battle. The Precept was approved by the Council.

Statement of Net Expenditure: This statement had to be submitted to the District Council at Bexhill by 5 December 1983. It was approved by the Parish Council. The Clerk's salary was raised to £70.00 p.a. (Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. White).

SAOPC: The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary, in which she explained that the Parish Council's subscription of £25.00 had already been paid on our behalf from the Association's Funds. In addition the Clerk explained that during the abovementioned meeting with Mr. Stevens it became clear that the exact amount of the subscription could be claimed in full by the Parish Council from Rother on its Statement of Net Expenditure. This would not raise the rate in the Parish, nor make inroads into our funds.

Approval of Clerk's Salary and expenses to date: This was given. Also see Statement of Net Expenditure above.

Planning Application RR83.2052: Extension to form study to The Furnace, Lakehurst Lane. No comment was made on this by the Council.

Penbur Farm, Penhurst Lane: The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Mr. Cox and Mrs. Wallis who informed her that RDC was going to make an inspection of this property due to its extreme untidyness having been reported to them.

Any Other Business;

1. Mr. White reported that a nuisance had arisen at Ponds Green. This was due to the fact that sewage had started to flow down the ditch just below Reedlands Oast; and also that there was an open pipe behind the telephone box. Both were extremely offensive. It was decided to write to the Health department of Rother in order to ask for an inspection.

2. The Clerk read out a letter that she had received from the Eastbourne Waterworks Co. concerning the development at the Site opposite the Tower House. The Council decided that there was really nothing to be done in view of the fact that the matter was a fait accompli. The letter was filed for future reference.

3. The Clerk reported that a grant may (and probably would) be available towards the cost of tarmacadaming the surround to the village hall. Since only $\frac{1}{3}$ of the cost would be given in grant form, however, and since it was estimated that the likely cost would be some £3000, the Council decided not to proceed with this.

4. Mrs. Oldroyd reported back on the state of the village hall.

(a) Work is progressing slowly due to the complete absence of volunteers; (b) Funds are still in hand for the work.

(c) It seemed likely that the main hall could be used from January 1984.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m. after the Chairman had thanked the Clerk for the use of her home.

Kenneth Baker

28 February 1984

GREAT SPRAYS HOUSE,
PENHURST, NR. BATTLE,
EAST SUSSEX.

25 October 1983

Dear Sir,

RE: PLANNING APPLICATION RR83.1403: A 5 BEDROOM HOUSE TO
REPLACE THE EXISTING CARAVAN AT HENLEY BRIDGE STUD, LOWER
BRAYS HILL, ASHBURNHAM.

At a meeting of the Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Council on Thursday 20 October 1983, it was reported that this application had been heard by the Planning Committee of the Rother District Council and had been turned down on account of the material with which it was proposed to build the property, a substance called Aercrete.

It was also reported that an appeal had been made against this by the Applicant, and that the Application was due to be heard again this week.

I have been instructed by the Council to write to you urging our objection in the strongest possible terms to the use of this material in this case, and to the actual style of the property proposed.

This parish has very ancient traditions and origins, and this strong sense of history is reflected in the natural building materials used in the past and in the more recent construction of dwelling houses in this area.

Throughout this country whole areas are being spoilt through the ill-considered and ill-advised use of unnatural, untraditional building materials; natural beauty is being blotted; and those who have chosen to live in a certain isolated and beautiful spot are being constantly deeply-disturbed by the appearance of buildings unsuited in design, materials and appearance to their environment.

The Council are horrified that it could even be suggested that 'Aercrete' should be used to build a house in this parish, where brick and tile house construction is almost ubiquitous. We believe that this substance has never been tested as an exterior house building component, and indeed it crumbles to the touch. The material is strident and would stand out in an appalling manner in the countryside.

This Council urges the Planning Officer that in no circumstances whatsoever should this application be allowed to proceed using this building material. We feel sure that when the mature reflection of the committee has been given to this matter, and to the terrible ramifications of allowing a precedent of this type to proceed, they will rightly and speedily refuse this application.

I know that there is such strong feeling concerning this application that many of the parishoners are writing to you, supporting the views put forward in this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the Council

The Planning Officer,
Rother District Council,
Town Hall,
BEXHILL ON SEA,
EAST SUSSEX.

ITEM ②

GREAT SPRAYS HOUSE,
PENHURST, NR. BATTLE,
EAST SUSSEX.

Brightling 403

26 August 1983

Dear Sir,

RE: PLANNING APPLICATIONS: RR83.1403 and RR83.1512

At a meeting of the Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Council held on Thursday 17 August 1983, the Chairman instructed me to write to you in connection with the above two planning applications, as follows:

RR83.1403

In principle, the Parish Council have no objection to the erection of a house on this site, but it does have four important provisos:

1. Would the Planning Committee please consider whether the size of the proposed house is warranted, bearing in mind the size of the family of the Applicant (1 adult and 1 child). The Council were anxious that the house may merely be built in order to be sold and thus to make a large financial gain, rather than to provide a family home.
2. The Caravans must be removed after the construction of the house, as they are unsightly.
3. The style of the property ought to be in keeping with the local style of architecture.
4. The position of the house in relation to surrounding properties ought carefully to be considered by the Planning Committee, in order to avoid its being unpleasantly obtrusive.

RR83.1512

Plans relating to this development were examined by the Parish Council and I list below the Council's conditions for its approval being given to this proposal:

1. The timber cladding to the buildings should be on all sides.
2. The roof should not be obtrusive.
3. There should be careful planting of trees in front of the development and several varieties of trees native to the area should be planted.

4. The access road should blend in with the environment, and should not (for example) be of solid white concrete.

5. Because of the relative proximity of Peans Farm and Springfield any telephone wires should be laid underground.

I would add that I visited Mr. Sheffield, who owns Springfield, in the company of Mr. Ian Cox of Rother District Council, and Mr. Sheff told us that the Eastbourne Water Company had not approached him concerning access over the field, which he owns, to the site in question in Ten Acre Gill. He was extremely upset about this oversight.

I trust that you will give sympathetic consideration to the points raised above, which were all discussed at length, and with feeling, by the Parish Council.

I would very much appreciate learning the outcome of these planning applications as they are heard.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the Council

Planning Officer,
Town Hall,
Bexhill on Sea,
Sussex.

c.c. Mr. Ian Cox, Sheepshaw Farm.