

Parish of Ashburnham

19th December, 1894. At the first meeting of the Parish Council held this day, in the Board School, at 7-30 P.M., after due notice; the following members were present.

The Right Honourable The Earl of Ashburnham, Messrs Tom Jenner, Edward Back Kitchiff, Daniel Cornford, Thomas James Isted, John Peters and John Creasey, each of whom signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

Chairman It was proposed by Mr Tom Jenner, seconded by Mr Daniel Cornford, & carried unanimously that the Earl of Ashburnham be Chairman of the Council for the year ending April 1896.

Vice Chairman Mr Tom Jenner on the proposition of Mr E. B. Kitchiff, seconded by Mr J. Peters was unanimously appointed Vice Chairman.

Treasurer. The next business was the appointment of a Treasurer of the Council, the members of which all agreed to invite Andrew Murray Esq of the London & County Bank, Hastings, to take the office.

Clerk. As no member of the Council was desirous of becoming Clerk, that office was offered to and accepted by Mr Edward J. Kayser.
The next meeting was fixed for April 15th 1895.

Ashburnham } Chairman

15th April 1895.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held this evening at 7-45, after proper notice, the members present were:—
The Right Honourable The Earl of Ashburnham, Messrs Tom Jenner, Edward Back Kitchiff, John Peters, Daniel Cornford, John Creasey, & Thomas James Isted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed with the exception of that relating to the appointment of Chairman whose term of office according to the Local Government Act expires with this the Annual Meeting.

Chairman Therefore it was proposed by Mr. T. Jenner, seconded by Mr. E. B. Kitchiff and carried unanimously that the Earl of Ashburnham should be the Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Vice " Proposed by the Earl of Ashburnham, seconded by Mr E. B. Kitchiff & carried unanimously that Mr Tom Jenner be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Overseer Proposed by Mr. Tom Jenner, & seconded by Mr. Thomas James Isted that Mr. E. B. Kitchiff be appointed Overseer of the Parish for the ensuing year.

On the proposition of the Earl of Ashburnham seconded by Mr E. B. Kitchiff — Mr John Peters was appointed Overseer also for the ensuing year.
Both propositions carried unanimously.

Call of £12. Proposed by the Earl of Ashburnham, seconded by Mr John Peters, and resolved that a call of twelve pounds be made upon the Overseers in order to supply the Parish Council with funds with which to meet various expenses incurred under the Local Government Act

Precept A precept signed by the Chairman, Messrs Tom Jenner and John Creasey, & countersigned by the Clerk was accordingly made out for this amount to be paid to the Treasurer on the last day of June 1895.

Salary of Assist. Overseer. Proposed by Mr Tom Jenner, seconded by Mr John Peters and carried unanimously that the annual salary of Mr Edward J. Kaynes be increased by three guineas, making his yearly salary as Assistant Overseer Twenty three pounds three shillings in consideration of the extra duties thrown upon him on becoming Clerk to the Parish Council.

A letter from Mr Andrew Murray, stating that he accepted the office of Treasurer of the Ashburnham Parish Council was produced and read by the Chairman.

Mr Murray's Guarantee Policy (No 90.745) for a hundred pounds was also laid before the meeting.

July 8th was fixed for the next meeting

Tom Jenner } Chairman

July 8th
1895.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Board School Room at 7-45 in the evening, Mr Tom Jenner presiding in the absence of The Right Honourable, The Earl of Ashburnham.

The other members present were:—
Messrs E. B. Kitchiff, J. Peters, D. Cornford, J. J. Isled, and J. Creasey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Cheques

Cheques were drawn for the payment of the following:—

1. Returning Officer's charge for conducting the election of Parish Councillors last December
2. Printer's bill
3. Expenses of holding Parish Meeting last December
4. List of Voters for use at Parish Meeting.
5. A copy of the Local Govt Act.
6. The Treasurer's Premium on Guarantee bond

Fire proof safe.

Proposed by Mr D. Cornford, seconded by Mr J. J. Isled and resolved that the Clerk write to Knight & Company of 91 Fleet Street London, asking their terms for supplying the Fireproof Safe, Size 7, as shown in Catalogue.

Resolved that the next meeting be held on the second Monday in October.

Ashburnham
} Chairman

14th October
1895

At a meeting of the Asburnham Parish Council, held in the Board School Room, on the evening of the above date, all the members were present viz The Rt Hon The Earl of Asburnham (in the chair) Messrs E. B. Kitchiff, J. Jenner, J. Peters, D. Cornford, J. Creasey, & J. J. Isled.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Fire proof safe. The meeting resolved to make further enquiries respecting a fire proof safe for the Parish books, with a view of obtaining a cheaper and more suitable one than that for which an estimate was presented.

Footpath A discussion, emanating from Mr. E. B. Kitchiff, arose as to the desirability of improving the footpath leading across the fields from the School to Forge Lane. It was proposed by Mr. Cornford, seconded by Mr. Peters & unanimously resolved that a Committee consisting of Messrs Jenner, Kitchiff & Creasey, be formed to inspect the said footpath and report at the next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday the 4th of November 1895

Asburnham } Chairmen

November 4 - 1895

The Parish Council met on the evening of the above date at 7-45, the Right Hon The Earl of Asburnham presiding. The other members present were:— Messrs J. Peters, J. Creasey, J. J. Isled, D. Cornford, E. B. Kitchiff, & Tom Jenner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk and confirmed.

Report of Committee on footpath. The Committee appointed at the last meeting reported on the state of the footpath leading from the School to Forge Lane, and it was unanimously resolved to repair it with gravel which the Right Hon The Earl of Asburnham generously offered to the Parish Council free of expense. The Council gratefully accepted His Lordship's kind offer.

Tenders for ploughing the sides of the footpath, & carting the gravel were received from:—

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Tenders for | Mr. Samuel Saunders | whose estimate was | 1 " 15 " 6 |
| the same. | " William Muggidge | " " | 1 " 18 " 0 |
| & | " John Barden | " " | 2 " 0 " 0 |

On the proposition of Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Cornford it was unanimously agreed to accept Mr. Saunders' tender. On the motion of the Chairman it was unanimously resolved that the Committee be empowered to appoint a person to superintend the work at their discretion, and they are not to be restricted to the exact amount of gravel mentioned in the accepted tender viz 14 loads from Feltham

at one shilling and sixpence per load, & loads from the Forge at two shillings per load, but are to be allowed to order whatever more they in their judgment may deem necessary, and the charge for carting this extra amount is to be according to the terms mentioned in the tender.

Abburnham
chairman

March 9th 1896

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at seven o'clock in the evening of the above date, when the following members were present.

The Rt Hon

The Earl of Ashburnham (Chairman)
Mr. Tom Jenner
" Edward Back Kitchell
" John Peters
" John Creasey
" Thomas James Islet
" Daniel Cornford

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Date of On the proposition of Mr Tom Jenner, and meeting seconded by Mr E. B. Kitchell it was resolved that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council should be fixed for Monday the 20th April at half past six in the evening. (Carried Unanimously)

Abburnham } Chairman

April 20th 1896

The Annual Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held after due notice in the Board School Room at half past six in the evening when the following members were present:-

The Rt Hon the Earl of Ashburnham
Mr. J. Jenner, Mr. E. B. Kitchell, Mr. D. -
Cornford, Mr J. Peters, and Mr. J. J. Isled.
Each member having signed a declaration accepting office, Mr. Tom Jenner by the Unanimous consent of the meeting was voted to the Chair.

Chairman It was then proposed by Mr. Tom Jenner, seconded by Mr John Peters & carried unanimously, that the Rt Hon the Earl of Ashburnham be the Chairman of the Parish Council during the ensuing year.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were then read by the Clerk & confirmed.

Overseers The Earl of Ashburnham, ^{who now presided} then proposed, & Mr. Tom Jenner seconded the re-appointment of Mr John Peters and Mr Edward Back Kitchell as Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year. The proposition on being put to the meeting by the Chairman was carried unanimously.

Date of next meeting. Resolved that the next meeting be held on Monday the 20th of July at half past six in the evening.

Ashburnham
Chairman

July 20th 1896

The Parish Council met on the evening of the above date at half past six.

The members present were:-

The Right Honourable the Earl of Ashburnham (Chairman) Messrs E. B. Kitchell, John Peters, Thomas James Isled, and John Creasey.

* Mr John Creasey, being absent from the annual meeting on April 20th when each of the other members signed a declaration of acceptance of the office of Parish Councillor, it was proposed by the Earl of Ashburnham, seconded by Mr E. B. Kitchell and carried unanimously that he be allowed to sign a declaration at this the second meeting of the Parish Council.

It was unanimously resolved that the next meeting should take place on the third Monday in October - 19th

* The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Tom Jenner } Chairman

October 19th 1896

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 6-30 in the evening of the above date, the following members were present:—

Present

Messrs Tom Jenner, Daniel Cornford, John Peters, John Creasey, and Thomas James Isted.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk and confirmed by the meeting.

Chairman

On the proposition of Mr John Peters, seconded by Mr J. J. Isted, Mr Tom Jenner was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting.

Cheque.

By the unanimous consent of the meeting a cheque was drawn for fourteen shillings and sixpence, being the amount due to Mr F. G. Ticehurst for acting as Returning Officer at the Parish Council Election of 1896.

Next meeting

Proposed by Mr John Peters, seconded by Mr John Creasey and carried unanimously that the next meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council should take place on the third Monday in January 1897 at the usual hour of half past six in the evening.

Edw. B. Ratcliff } Chairman

January 18th 1897

The Parish Council met after due notice at 6-30 in the evening of the above date, when the following members were present:—

Present

Messrs John Peters, Edward B. Ratcliff, Thomas J. Isted, and John Creasey.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Chairman

On the proposition of Mr J. Peters, seconded by Mr J. Creasey, Mr E. B. Ratcliff was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting.

Letters were read from the Earl of Ashburnham and Mr Tom Jenner regretting their inability to be present.

Cheque

A cheque for five shillings was drawn payable to Mr Andrew Murray whose Bond Premium was due.

Footpath.

Proposed by Mr J. Peters, seconded by Mr J. J. Isted & carried unanimously that Mr John Isted be employed to clean out the ditch by the footpath in the field leading to Forge Lane, for which he be paid the sum of five shillings, the superintending of the work being left in the hands of Mr E. B. Ratcliff.

Foot-bridge

Proposed by Mr J. Creasey, seconded by Mr J. J. Isted, and resolved that the Clerk write to Mr W. Cook asking him to send, at his earliest convenience, an estimate, to the Parish Council of the cost of constructing a new footbridge

at Pigknowl Bottom similar to the old one.

Unanimously resolved that the next meeting be held at 6-30 in the evening of Monday the 4th of February.

Gravel.

Resolved that Mr E. B. Kitchell should arrange for the carting of seven cart-loads of gravel for the footpath mentioned above.

Edw. B. Kitchell } Chairman

February 1st 1897

At half past six in the evening of the above date a meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Board School Room.

The following members were present:—

Present Messrs D. Cornford, E. B. Kitchell, J. Creasey, and J. J. Isled.

Chairman On the proposition of Mr. D. Cornford, seconded by Mr J. J. Isled, Mr E. B. Kitchell was unanimously chosen Chairman of the meeting.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed

Gravel Carting Mr Kitchell reported that he had made the necessary arrangements with Mr. Samuel Saunders for carting the seven loads of gravel referred to on page 13, at the rate of two shillings per load.

Ditch Mr Kitchell further reported that the ditch by the footpath in the field leading to Forge Lane had been cleaned out.

Estimate for Bridge A letter was read from Mr Walter Cook stating that he would construct a bridge at Pigknowl Bottom, consisting of two deal planks 9" by 3" and sixteen or seventeen feet long at a cost of one pound; or for the sum of one pound, twelve shillings, and sixpence, he would construct it of oak planks of the same size and thickness as the above.

Proposed by Mr. D. Cornford, seconded by Mr. J. Creasey, and carried unanimously that Mr Cook be instructed to make

the bridge of oak planks as specified in his estimate at a cost of £1.12.6
The Clerk to write to him on the matter.
Resolved that the next meeting be held on March 18th 1897 at $\frac{1}{2}$ past six in the evening.

Ashtownham Chairman

March 18 -

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at a quarter to seven at the Board School Room

The members present were:-

Chairman The Rt Hon the Earl of Ashburnham who presided.

Present Mr. E. B. Kitchin, Mr Tom Jenner, Mr. John Creasey, & Mr. John Peters.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by the meeting, the Chairman afterwards signing them. A letter was read from Mr Daniel Cornford stating that half past six was an inconvenient time for holding the Parish Council meetings, and suggesting seven o'clock instead. On the proposition of His Lordship, seconded by Mr J. Creasey, the meeting unanimously resolved to hold future meetings at this latter hour.

Cheque. A cheque was drawn for three pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence which to pay the following bills all of which were produced at the meeting.

| | | | |
|----------|-----------|----------|--|
| £ | s | d | which were produced at the meeting. |
| 1 | 5 | 6 | Mr. Teehurst for books & forms £1.5.6 |
| 1 | 12 | 6 | " W. Cook for Constructing footbridge 1.12.6 |
| | 7 | 6 | " J. Isled " Ditch & Footpath. 7.6 |
| | 14 | 0 | " S. Saunders " Carting 7 loads gravel 14.0 |
| <u>3</u> | <u>19</u> | <u>6</u> | |

Unanimously resolved to hold the Annual meeting of the Parish Council on Monday the 19th day of April at seven o'clock in the evening. Ashtownham Chairman

M.C.
Nov. 4. 97

April 19 - 1897

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held after due notice in the Board School Room at seven o'clock in the evening.

The following members were present:—

The Rt Hon the Earl of Ashburnham, Mr Tom Jenner, Mr J. J. Isted, Mr D. Cornford, Mr E. B. Kitchell and Mr John Peters.

Chairman On the proposition of Mr Tom Jenner seconded by Mr John Peters the Rt Hon the Earl of Ashburnham was unanimously appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Mr Tom Jenner, seconded by Mr D. Cornford and carried unanimously that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded His Lordship for his services as Chairman of the Parish Council during the past year.

His Lordship replied, thanking the Councilors for their continued confidence.

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

Overseers Proposed by Mr D. Cornford, seconded by the Earl of Ashburnham, & carried unanimously that Mr Edward Beck Kitchell, and Mr John Peters be re-appointed Overseers to serve for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously resolved to hold the next meeting on the 19th of July at seven o'clock in the evening.

It should be added that before the meeting commenced each member present signed a declaration accepting office.

Ashburnham
Chairman

July 26

At seven o'clock in the evening of the above date a meeting of the Ashburham Parish Council was held in the Board School Room after proper notice.

The members present were :-

The Right Honourable the Earl of Ashburham (Chairman) and Messrs Jenner, Creasey, and Peters.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk, and signed by the Chairman; after being approved by all present.

Mr J. Creasey, who was absent from the Annual Meeting, then signed a declaration accepting office, which was witnessed by His Lordship and Mr Tom Jenner.

Cheque A cheque for fourteen shillings & sixpence was drawn, and made payable to Mr F. G. Ticehurst, the Returning Officer at the Parish Council Election in 1897.

The next meeting was by general consent fixed for Monday the 11th day of October at seven o'clock in the evening.

There being no other business the meeting closed at twenty minutes past seven.

Ashburham } Chairman

November 11 - 1891

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Board School Room after due notice at seven o'clock in the evening of the above date, the Rt Hon, the Earl of Ashburnham presiding.

The following members were also present:— Messrs J. Jenner, E. B. Radcliff, J. Peters, D. Cornford, J. J. Ested and J. Cressy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk, approved by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

Footbridge Proposed by Mr John Cressy, and seconded by His Lordship, that the footbridge at the bottom of Reed Wood should be repaired by the Parish Council.

Proposed by Mr Daniel Cornford, and seconded by Mr John Peters, that Messrs J. Jenner, and J. Cressy be appointed to carry out the above work, giving instructions to the carpenter at their discretion.

Both propositions were carried unanimously. It was resolved that the Clerk should write to Mr W. Cook, asking him to give an estimate for repairing the above named footbridge with oak timber.

Cheque A cheque for five shillings was drawn, & made payable to Mr Andrew Murray for the premium on his bond.

Receipt A receipt was made out, calling upon the overseers to pay five pounds to Andrew Murray Esq, the Treasurer of the Parish Council on the fifteenth day of November.

The next meeting was unanimously fixed for the second Monday in January 1898 at seven o'clock in the evening.

Ashturnham (Chairman)

Jan 10th 1898. A meeting of the Ashturnham Parish Council was held after due notice in the Board School Room at seven o'clock in the evening under the presidency of the Rt Hon the Earl of Ashturnham the Chairman of the Council.

The following members were also present: - Messrs Jenner, Creasey, Isled, Kitchiff, Cornford and Peters.

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

Cheque A cheque was drawn for five shillings, being the amount paid by the Clerk for an audit stamp on November 4th 1897.

Messrs Jenner and Creasey reported that the footbridge at the bottom of Reed Wood was satisfactorily repaired by Mr W. Cook, whose estimate for the work was three pounds eighteen shillings. A tender had also been received from Mr Alfred Parkhurst, of Bodle Street, who offered to repair the said footbridge for five guineas. This, the two members in whose hands the matter was left at the last meeting decided to refuse.

Cheque A cheque was drawn for the sum of three pounds eighteen shillings, & made payable to Mr Walter Cook for the work done to

the said footbridge.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the Parish meeting for the annual election of Parish Councillors on March 14th 1898 (Monday) at a quarter to seven in the evening.

Ashturnham } Chairman

April 18th

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at seven o'clock in the evening of the above date, proper notice being given to each member. The following members were present: The Rt Hon, the Earl of Ashturnham, Messrs J. Jenner, E. W. Kitchiff, J. Peters, D. Cornford, J. Creasey, & J. F. Isled.

Chairman The first business was the appointment of Chairmen of the Council for the ensuing year. Proposed by Mr J. Peters, seconded by Mr J. Jenner, and carried unanimously that the Earl of Ashturnham be Chairman for the year ending March 31st 1899.

His Lordship thanked the members of the Council for their continued confidence.

Vice Chairman Proposed by His Lordship, seconded by Mr J. F. Isled and carried unanimously that Mr J. Jenner be appointed Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

Overseers The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr D. Cornford seconded by Mr J. F. Isled, Mr E. W. Kitchiff was re-appointed Overseer of the Poor for the ensuing year.

His Lordship then proposed, and Mr J. F. Isled

seconded that Mr J. Peters be re-appointed Overseer also for the ensuing year.

Both propositions were carried unanimously. The Parish Council accounts for the past year were then examined by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

A cheque was drawn for eight shillings & sixpence and made payable to Mr F. Ticehurst for printing notices, forms etc

It should be mentioned that at the commencement of the meeting each member signed a declaration accepting office for the year ending March 31st 1899.

The next meeting ^{was} unanimously fixed for Monday the seventh day of July at seven o'clock in the evening.

Mr D. Cornford then called the attention of the Council to the lumps of sidings left lying by the roadsides in the Parish, which were often the cause of horses shying and doing considerable damage.

At the unanimous request of the meeting the Clerk was directed to write to the Chairman of the Rural District Council asking that something might be done to alter the state of things complained of.

Abburnham
Chairman

July 11th

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at seven o'clock in the evening of the above date when there were present:—
The Rt Hon the Earl of Ashburnham,
(Chairman) and Messrs James Peters & Isted.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Rural District Council of the Battle Union stating that the lumps of sidings complained of at the last meeting of the Parish Council should receive attention.

Cheque 5/-
C.D. 70.4

By an order of the Parish Council a cheque for five shillings was made out in favour of the Clerk to meet the cost of a stamp for the Audit held on July 13th 1898.

Precept 1/
£2" 10" 0.
C.D. 70.4

At the unanimous request of the meeting a precept was made out calling upon the Overseers to pay to the Treasurer of the Parish Council on the first day of August next, the sum of £2" 10" 0.

A new form of Treasurer's Agreement having been received from the County Council, from which it appears that the Parish Council have now no power to pay the Premium on the Treasurer's Guarantee Policy, the Clerk was directed to write to Mr Andrew Murray on the subject and report at the next meeting which the Council fixed for the tenth day of October 1898 at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

John Peters
Chairman

October 10 - 1898

At seven o'clock in the evening of the above date the Parish Council held its third meeting at which there were present Messrs E. B. Kitchell, John Creasey, and John Peters.

On the motion of Mr Kitchell, seconded by Mr J. Creasey, Mr John Peters was elected Chairman of the meeting.

A letter was read from the Rt Hon the Earl of Ashburnham stating that His Lordship was unable to attend.

The Clerk examined the following, and found it correct viz a bill sent in by Mr F. G. Trechurst for acting as Returning officer, and providing nomination papers for the last Parish Council Election. (March 1898)

By an order of the Parish Council a cheque for 14/6 was made out in favour of Mr F. G. Trechurst.

It appears from the Treasurer's Book produced at the meeting, that the sum of £2 " 10 " 0 has been paid on precept.

The Chairman read the correspondence between Mr Murray and the Clerk respecting the Treasurer's new agreement which was produced at the meeting, and which appeared complete with the exception of the required sixpenny stamp, which the Clerk was directed to affix, and afterwards forward the agreement to Mr Murray for his signature.

The next meeting was fixed for Monday

January 9 - 1899 at seven o'clock in the evening

Tom Jenner

Chairman

January 9th 1899

The Parish Council held its fourth meeting at seven o'clock in the evening. There were present:- Mr T. Jenner, Mr J. Peters, Mr T. J. Isled, and Mr John Creasey.

Proposed by Mr J. Peters, seconded by Mr John Creasey that Mr Tom Jenner take the Chair. Carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's agreement properly stamped and signed was produced at the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from the Earl of Ashburnham stating that His Lordship was not well enough to attend the meeting. By the unanimous wish of the Parish Council, and on the proposition of Mr Peters, seconded by Mr Tom Jenner, the Clerk was directed to write to His Lordship expressing their ^{sympathy} ~~regret~~ on hearing of His Lordship's recent illness.

It was proposed by Mr T. J. Isled, seconded by Mr T. Jenner and carried unanimously that a new hand rail should be put by the side of the footbridge at Pigeons Shaw, which was considered dangerous in its present condition. The Clerk was instructed to put the matter in the hands

of Mr. Walter Cook, and ask him to charge the same to the Parish Council.

Ashturnham
Chairman.

Ex. J. H. 30. 10. 99
1899
April 17th

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Board School at seven o'clock in the evening after due notice.

The following members were present: -
The Rt Hon, the Earl of Ashturnham,
Messrs J. Jenner, E. B. Ratcliff, J. Creasey,
J. Peters & G. R. Lovell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Each of the above signed the usual declaration of acceptance of office, which was duly witnessed by two members of the Parish Council.

Chairman Proposed by Mr. J. Jenner, seconded by Mr J. Creasey, and carried unanimously that the Earl of Ashturnham be re-appointed Chairman for the ensuing year. His Lordship replied, thanking the Council for their continued confidence, ~~and~~ expressing regret at the loss of Mr Daniel Cornford, and welcoming Mr. George Robert Lovell as a new member.

Vice Chairman On the proposition of His Lordship, seconded by Mr John Peters, Mr Tom Jenner was unanimously elected Vice Chairman.

Overseers. Proposed by Mr. Tom Jenner, seconded by Mr. George Lovell & carried unanimously that Mr. E. B. Ratcliff, and Mr John Peters

be re-appointed overseers of the Parish of Ashturnham for the ensuing year.
Forthridge His Lordship then proposed, and Mr. Peters seconded, that Mr. Ratcliff should make arrangements with Walter Cook, with a view of repairing the Forthridge leading from Court Lodge to Penturst Church. The proposition met with the unanimous approval of the Parish Council.

Monday, the ~~second~~^{third} day of July, was fixed as the date of the next meeting.

The Clerk examined the following and found them correct.

Mr. F. G. Ticehurst for acting as Returning officer, & supplying nomination papers at the 1899 election — 14/6

Mr. Walter Cook for repairing Forthridge at Pignole Shaw — 7/6

Mr. F. Ticehurst for books, forms, etc for the year ending March 1899 — 13/5

Cheque. By an order of the Parish Council a cheque for £1-15-5 was made out in favour of the Clerk, with instructions to pay the above bills.

1-15-5
C. H. 405

Tom Jenner Chairman

July 3rd

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at seven o'clock in the evening of the above date the following members were present: - Mr E. B. Katelyff, Mr Tom Jenner, Mr J. Peters, and Mr J. J. Isled.

Proposed by Mr E. B. Katelyff & seconded by Mr J. J. Isled that Mr Tom Jenner should take the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, ^{by the Clerk} and signed by the Chairman, with the unanimous approval of the meeting.

Mr J. J. Isled then signed his declaration accepting office, which was duly witnessed.

On the proposition of Mr Katelyff seconded by Mr Isled a precept was issued upon the Overseers requesting that the sum of two pounds ten shillings should be paid to the Treasurer on the 8th of October 1899.

Mr Katelyff reported that the Footbridge leading from Court Lodge to Penhurst Church was completed according to the instructions. A letter was read by the Chairman from the Light Railway Commissioners stating that on Thursday the 13th July there would be a public enquiry at the Drill Hall Westham as to the expediency of granting the application which has been made to them to authorise the above named Light Railway.

The next meeting was fixed for the first Monday in October, at 7 P.M.

Atchamham
Chairman

October 2nd

The Parish Council held its third meeting at seven o'clock in the evening. Present - The Rt Hon, the Earl of Ashburnham (Chairman) Messrs J. Jenner, J. Peters, and J. Cresser.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read by the Chairman from Mr Regis Golden applying for the post of Assistant Overseer and Clerk of the Parish Council, which offices he had heard were likely to become vacant. The Clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr Golden, stating that the Parish Council were not prepared to decide the matter at present.

His Lordship, after proposing a vote of thanks to the Clerk for his past services, (and this being seconded by Mr Tom Jenner) also proposed that Mr E. J. Kayser be allowed to carry on the duties of Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council until the Annual meeting in April next - Carried unanimously. It appears from the Treasurer's book which was produced at the meeting, that the sum of £2-10-0 has been paid on precept.

By an order of the Parish Council a Cheque ^{of £1-14-0} was made out in favour of Mr Walter Cook for repairing the Footbridge leading from Court Lodge to Penhurst Church. The next meeting was fixed for the second Monday in January 1900.

Tom Jenner Chairman

18th December 1899. A meeting was held at seven o'clock in the evening, after giving due notice to each Parish Councillor, as to the date of the meeting and the business to be transacted.

The following members were present:— Messrs E. B. Ratchiff, J. Jenner, & J. Peters.

On the proposition of Mr Ratchiff, seconded by Mr Peters, Mr Tom Jenner took the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting being read by the Clerk and confirmed, the Parish Council ordered a cheque to be made out for five shillings in favour of Mr E. J. Kayner to defray the cost of a stamp used at the last Audit. A letter was read from the Rt Hon the Earl of Ashburnham resigning his seat on the Parish Council, & thanking the members individually & collectively for the courtesy his Lordship had received from them, during his term of office as Chairman.

Proposed by Mr John Peters, seconded by Mr Tom Jenner, & carried unanimously that his Lordship's resignation be accepted with sincere regret, the Clerk being instructed to acknowledge his Lordship's resignation.

Proposed by Mr E. B. Ratchiff, & seconded by Mr J. Peters, that Mr Kayner's resignation of the offices of Assistant Overseer, & Clerk of the Parish Council, be accepted, in accordance with the statement contained in a letter from him on the subject.

Proposed by Mr E. B. Ratchiff, seconded by Mr Tom Jenner, & carried unanimously, that Mr Samuel William Challies be appointed Assistant Overseer, & Clerk of the

Cheque 5/-
C. B. 70.3

Parish Council at a salary of Twenty Pounds per annum, and three guineas per annum respectively.

A letter was read from Mr H. J. Stevenson complaining of the dangerous state of the pond at Pout Green, in the Parish of Ashburnham. The Parish Council unanimously decided that the Clerk be instructed to refer him to the Rural District Council.

Tom Jenner
Chairman

Samuel Challies
19/11/00

April 19th 1900. The Annual duly convened meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Board School at 7 o'clock in the evening. The following members were present:— Messrs J. Jenner, E. B. Ratchiff, J. Breasey, J. Peters, J. Isted and G. R. Lovell. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Chairman Mr E. B. Ratchiff proposed, Mr J. Breasey seconded and it was unanimously carried that Mr Tom Jenner be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr Jenner thanked the members and expressed regret that circumstances prevented the Earl of Ashburnham from renewing the office which he had so nobly filled in the past.

Mr Chairman: Proposed by Mr J. Jenner, seconded by Mr Geo. Lovell that Mr E. B. Ratchiff be