

Meeting arranged for 5th July, 1909.

5th July, 1909. "No meeting"
The usual notices were given of a meeting of the Parish Council to be held this evening, the 5th July, 1909, but no member attended.
J. Holdroyd
Clerk to P.C.

The above was written at 7.45 p.m., the meeting having been called for 7 o'clock. At 8 o'clock the following members came forward, so that it was possible to hold a meeting.

Members present: Messrs. J. Peters, J. Parsons, J. Venner.
In the absence of the chairman Mr. J. Peters was voted to the chair.

Correspondence: The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. The correspondence included the usual Relief List.

Other business: The following were talked about and the clerk was asked to bring them forward at the next meeting:
a. The broken fence at the pond, Ponto Green.
b. The repair of by-road at Ponto Green.

Next meeting: Arranged for 1st Monday in October.
J. Holdroyd

Parish Council Meeting arranged for 4th October, 1909.

A meeting had been arranged for this evening at 7 o'clock. At 7.35 p.m. only 2 members - Messrs. J. J. Isted & G. R. Lovell were present, so the meeting was abandoned.

J. Holdroyd.
Clerk to Parish Council.
4th October, 1909.

Parish Council Meeting, 3rd Jan^y, 1910.

Meeting held on Monday evening, the 3rd Jan^y, 1910, at the usual time & place.

Members present - Messrs. J. Norris, J. Peters, G. R. Lovell & John Parsons.
In the absence of the chairman Mr. J. Norris (Vice-chairman) presided.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held 5th July last were read & signed, after which a discussion arose on the 2 matters the clerk was asked to mention at the July meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. John Peters & seconded by Mr. G. R. Lovell that the clerk write to the Battle Rural District Council, calling their attention to the bad state of the ~~road~~ by-road at Ponto Green, asking if they could see their way to improving the same, owing to the dangerous corner close by.

Also Mr. John Parsons proposed, & Mr. Peters seconded a resolution that the Clerk write to the Estate Office about the dangerous fence round the pond at Ponto Green.

Correspondence: This included (a) Letter from the Postmaster at Hastings G.P.O. asking if the Parish Council were agreeable for the Post Office at Ashburnham to be closed for postal business at 2 p.m. each Thursday, the daily despatch of letters, &c. remaining as usual.

(b) Relief List

(c) Circular from Local Govt. Board Board of Agriculture & Fisheries about Small Holdings, &c. With regard to (a) the clerk mentioned that 5 of the members had individually signified their assent to the alteration, & that he had

Written to Hastings, G.P.O. to that effect.

Next meeting: The Clerk notified the members present that the next meeting would be a public meeting for the election of a new parish Council, & that a parish council meeting would be held afterwards. This will be sometime in March.

Tom Jenner

Chairman

Parish Council Meeting, 14th Mch., 1910.

At the close of the Parish Meeting, a meeting of the Parish Council was held, the date being as above.

Members present: All the members of the Council were present except Mr. J. J. Isted.

Minutes: After the minutes of the last meeting had been signed the correspondence was dealt with.

Correspondence: This included:-

a. Letter from the Postmaster at Hastings saying that if the P.C. were agreeable the post office here on Bank holidays would be closed at 10.15 a.m.

b. Letter from Mr. F. G. Ticehurst notifying his appointment as Returning Officer at the election of Parish Councillors.

c. Letter from Education Dept. of East Sussex C.C. asking for names of Managers of the Council School appointed by the Parish Council.

d. The County-rate basis. for 3 yrs.
In reply to (c) the 2 managers appointed, were:

1. For Ashburnham: Mr. John Parsons, Farmer, Ponto Green.

2. For Penhurst: Mr. Luther Cornford, Farmer, Peans Farm, Penhurst.

Accounts: The following accounts were presented & a cheque made payable to the clerk to settle the accounts:-

s	d		
1..	07	1. Mr. E. Banister, printer, for stationery.	9/-
9..	07	2. Mr. E. Banister, " for printing.	9/-
1..	57	3. " J. Holdroyd, clerk, for postage.	1/5 ^d
2..	65	4. " J. Holdroyd, " for fire & lights for year ending 31 st March, 1910.	2/6 ^d

Next meeting: The next meeting was arranged for Monday, the 18th April next.

George B. Lovell
Chairman



Annual Parish Council Meeting, 18th April, '10.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Ashburnham Council School on Monday evening, the 18th April, 1910, at 7 o'clock.

Members present: The following members were present - Messrs. Tom Jenner, J. J. Isted, John Parsons, John Peters, & G. B. Lovell.

Minutes: Mr. Lovell acted as Chairman *pro tem.* & signed the minutes of last meeting.

Officers appointed: The following officers were appointed to act during the ensuing year:-

a. Chairman: Mr. Tom Jenner, who thanked the members, & took the chair.

b. Vice-chairman: Mr. Joe Norris.

c. Overseers:-

1). Mr. Walter Bonner, Farmer, Frankwell.

2). Mr. Walter Cook, Wheelwright, Church Road.

Declaration of office: Immediately after the election of Chairman the 5 members present ~~took~~ signed the usual declaration of office of parish Councillor for 3 years.

Cheque: A cheque for 14s. 6d. was made payable to Mr. F. Gorham Ticehurst for acting as Returning Officer at the election of parish Councillors in March last.

Accounts: The Annual Balance sheets in the book of ^{receipts} Accounts & payments was audited, & signed by the chairman. The balance in hand was seen to be £14. 5s. 3d.

Correspondence: This included:-
 a. Letter from Clerk to R. D. G. (Buttle) about "the alleged dangerous corner, Ponto Green."
 b. Letter from Returning Officer asking for nomination papers to be forwarded. ("See Rule 16 (2) of the General Order for Election of Parish Councillors.")
 The Clerk announced that the nomination papers had already been forwarded.

Fires & Lights: It was decided to continue the previous arrangement for providing fires & lights for the P.C. meetings.

Dates of meeting: The following were arranged as the dates of future meetings - The first Mondays in July, October, & January.

Thomas James Isted
 (Chairman)

Meeting arranged for 4th July, 1910.

No quorum: The usual quarterly meeting called for Monday the 4th July, 1910 had to be abandoned, as Mr. John Peters was the only member present at 7.30 p.m., the meeting having been called for 7 o'clock.

J. Holdroyd
 (Clerk to Parish Council.)

Meeting arranged for 3rd October, 1910.

No quorum: A Parish Council Meeting called for Monday, the 3rd October, 1910 resulted in 2 members - Messrs. T. J. Isted & G. R. Lovell - only putting in an appearance, so at 7.30 p.m. the meeting had to be again abandoned.

J. Holdroyd
 (Clerk to Parish Council.)

Council Meeting held 2nd January, 1911.

A meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held on Monday evening, the 2nd January, 1911, at the Council School; Time 7 o'clock.

Members Present: There were present Messrs. T. J. Isted, G. R. Lovell, John Venner, & J. Parsons.

Declaration of office: Mr. John Venner, on this the first appearance since the election in March, signed the usual declaration of acceptance of office.

Chairman: On the motion of Mr. Lovell seconded by Mr. J. Venner, Mr. Isted became the chairman for the evening.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and

confirmed.

Correspondence: The correspondence was next dealt with. Owing to no effective meeting having been held since April last some of it was rather old. A letter dated 6th May, 1910 had in the meantime been answered by the clerk. It was from the Hastings postmaster, & wished the Parish Council to agree to a further reduction in the hours for postal business at the local post-office. The hours suggested were 8 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., instead of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. as at present. The Clerk reported that he had written to the effect that the P.C. would be averse to any further curtailment of business hours. This was now agreed to as being in accord with the wishes of the Parish Council.

R.D.C. & Guardian: A notice from the Clerk to the Guardians had been received notifying the election of the Rev. H. Sturt as Rural District Councillor, & Guardian in place of Mr. Stevenson, resigned. The usual half-yearly relief list was shown to the members.

Accounts: The clerk having reported that the balance in hand was only 10s. 9d. a precept on the Overseers was made for the sum of £4 (Four Pounds) payable on the 14th January 1911. Proposed by Mr. J. Parsons; seconded Mr. Sted: (unanimously)

Cheque: The clerk presented the following accounts for payment: - Stationery 4/6: Audit stamp 5/-: Postage to Decr 31st 1910 - 1/9: Fires & lights for year 2/6: Total 13s 7d. A cheque for this amount was made payable to the clerk.

Stiles: Mr. John Parsons mentioned a stile that wanted repairing, at Ponto Green. It was proposed by Mr. Parsons seconded by Mr. Sted that it be

repaired by the Parish Council: Carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. John Jenner seconded by Mr. Parsons that another stile be repaired by the Council, the stile being on Mr. Jenner's farm. Carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Lovell the Chairman was asked to see Mr. Walter Cook and get him to repair both the above stiles.

The clerk mentioned that the next meeting would be the Annual Parish Meeting in March next.

John Jenner
Chairman



Council meeting held 10th April, 1911.

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held in Ashburnham Council School at 7 o'clock in the evening of the above date.

Members present: Mr. Joe Norris signed the usual declaration of office. All the members were present except Mr. Lovell.

Officers appointed: The following officers were chosen for the year:

Chairman: Mr. John Jenner: } carried
Prop^d by Mr. J. Parsons; second^d by Mr. Norris } unanimously.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Joe Norris } carried
Prop^d by Mr. J. Jenner; second^d by J. Peters } unanimously.

Overseers:

a. Mr. Walter Bourner, farmer, Frankwell; &
b. Mr. Walter Cook, wheelwright, Church Road.
Prop^d by Mr. Jenner; second^d by Mr. Norris: Carried unanimously.
School Manager: Mr. H. Turley, Mill Farm, Penturest.
Prop^d by Mr. Norris; second^d by Mr. Sted: carried nem. con.

The last was rendered necessary by the resignation of Mr. Latta Cornford, Mr. Turley having been mentioned by the Penhurst Parish Meeting as a suitable successor.

Correspondence

The only matter of importance was a letter from Rev. H. Sturt, Vicar of Ashburnham, pointing out the wretched condition of the footpath from Forge Lane End to the Council School, and asking the Parish Council to put the path into a proper state of repair. After discussing the matter it was proposed by Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Jenner, and carried, that Messrs. John Parsons & John Peters view the path, with power from the Council to act in making the best arrangements possible for the improvement of the footpath.

Accounts:

The book of accounts, showing the receipts and expenditure of the Council for the year ending 31st March, 1911, was seen by the members, & signed by the Chairman.

Cheque

£3..12.0

A cheque was signed to pay the account of Mr. W. Cook for repair of 2 Stiles. The balance on the year's accounts, which was £3..17s..2d, was thus reduced to 5s..2d.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Tom Jenner
Chairman

Council Meeting held 3rd July, 1911.

A Parish Council meeting was held at the usual time & place on Monday evening, the 3rd July, 1911, when the following members

Members present:

were present: - Messrs. T. Jenner, (Chairman), J. Peters, J. Parsons, & J. Jenner.

Minutes:

The minutes were read & discussed, & signed by the Chairman with the approval of the Council.

Footpath:

The footpath-committee then delivered their report. They considered that the footpath should be coated over again with gravel, ^{throughout} and, if possible, a coat of ashes on the top. The ditch in the large field and adjoining the path should be opened out from the oak tree to the middle gate. The gate in Church Road to be placed on the other side of the path; fresh drain pipes will be needed in one or two places. The committee reported having seen Sir Anchtel, the Steward of the Earl of Ashburnham, who promised to dig the gravel & supply it free, the parish Council to defray the cost of carting the same; to supply drain pipes free of cost; & to have the gate removed as mentioned above. He also said that the hedges running near to and parallel to the path belong to Mr. Gates, and the ditches to Mr. John Jenner, & Mr. Owen Funnell's Esors. Mr. John Jenner promised to do what was necessary at the ditch in his field.

Mr. John Jenner proposed & Mr. Jenner seconded that and it was carried nem. con. that Messrs. J. Peters & J. Parsons be asked to

make the necessary arrangements for carrying out the work.

Correspondence This included among others the following:-

- Half-yearly statements (2) of accounts of overseers' payments to Battle Union, & Battle R. D. C.
- Notice of receipt of copy of "notice of appointment of Overseers" by Clerk to Guardians.
- Notice from Sec^y to East Sussex Education Committee of appointment of Mr. H. Turley, as School Manager.
- Circular from Local Govt. Board about "the celebration of the Coronation of His Majesty the King" - General Order.

Fire & Lights: It was proposed by Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Parsons that Mr. Ridel, Schoolmaster, be asked to provide fire & lights for the Council & parish meetings at a cost of One shilling & sixpence per meeting. The general meetings when fire & lights will be required will generally be four in number.

Printing: The clerk was asked to order the printing of 100 notices - for calling the Council meetings.

Sunday delivery of letters: The Chairman announced that at the next meeting in October he would call attention to the Sunday delivery of letters in the parish.

Precept for: A precept was made on the Overseers for Five pounds to be paid to the Treasurer, Mr. Edward Harman, Battle, on Monday, the eleventh day of September, 1911.

Next meeting: The next meeting is arranged for Monday, the 2nd day of October next.

Tom Jenner
Chairman

Council Meeting held 2nd Oct., 1911

A council meeting was held on Monday evening, the 2nd October, 1911 at 7 o'clock, in the Ashburnham Council School, when the following members were present:-

Members present: Messrs. T. Jenner (Chairman), G. R. Lovell, T. J. Isted, & J. Parsons.

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were read and signed by the chairman.

Footpath: The footpath mentioned at the last meeting was again brought forward, and progress reported. It was stated that Mr. John Venner had not cleaned out the ditch in his field; the clerk was requested to see Mr. Venner, and if no satisfactory reply could be obtained, to get someone to do the work, and charge the same to Mr. Venner.

Sunday delivery of letters: The chairman then introduced a discussion on the Sunday delivery of letters in the parish. It was stated that the 2 postmen delivered only as far as the post-office. Those in other parts of the parish had to fetch their letters, or leave them to be delivered on Monday morning.

It was proposed by Mr. Jenner, seconded by Mr. J. Parsons, and carried unanimously, "that the clerk write to the Post-Master General asking for the Sunday delivery of letters throughout the parish."

The next meeting will be on Monday, the 1st day of January, 1912.

Tom Jenner
Chairman

Council Meeting held 1st Jan^y, 1912.

A Council meeting at 7 p.m. was held in the Ashburnham Council School on Monday, the 1st Jan^y, 1912.

Members present: The following members attended:—Messrs. J. Jenner (Chairman), J. Peters, J. Parsons, J. Venner, & J. J. Isted.

Minutes: The minutes were first read and signed by the Chairman.

Footpaths: The footpaths committee presented the account of Mr. Oraban, on the satisfactory completion of the work, and a cheque for the amount of £4..1s..6d was made payable to Mr. Oraban. Another cheque was made payable to the clerk to pay for the following:—

Cheques £ s d
4..1..6
1..0..8

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|---|---|-----------------|
| 1. J. Holdroyd (Clerk) for postage | — | 3..6 |
| 2. Mr. A. J. Ridel (Firesights) 4 ^{rs} | — | 8..6 |
| 3. " E. Bamister (Printing, 4 ^{rs}) | — | 8..8 |
| Total | | £1..0..8 |

Correspondence: The correspondence included a reply from the Postmaster General saying in reply to request for a Sunday delivery of letters throughout the parish, that the matter would be enquired into, and a reply sent later. This was dated the 4th Oct., 1911. Also the Annual Allotments Form which was filled in and despatched in Dec^r last.

Parish Meeting: Arrangements were made for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 25th March next at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Next meeting: The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting, to be held on Monday, 15th April, 1912.

Tom Jenner
Chairman

Council Meeting held 15th April, 1912.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the usual time and place on Monday evening, the 15th April, 1912.

Members present: The following members were present:—Messrs. J. Jenner, (Chairman), J. Norris, J. Peters, J. Jenner, J. J. Isted, & G. R. Lovell.

Minutes: After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and signed, the election of Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with; the following being chosen:—

Officers appointed: Chairman: Mr. Norris proposed & Mr. Isted seconded the re-appointment of Mr. J. Jenner, and this was carried unanimously.

Vice-chairman: Mr. J. Norris was unanimously re-elected on the proposition of Mr. Jenner, seconded by Mr. Peters.

Overseers: The following were re-appointed, being proposed by Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Isted:—

1. Mr. Walter Bourner, Farmer, Frankwell Farm, Ashburnham.
2. Mr. Walter Cook, Wheelwright, Church Road, Ashburnham.

Accounts audited: Mr. J. Norris was selected to audit the accounts for the year ending 31st March last. He found all correct, the balance in hand being 4s..10d.

The Clerk reported that an Audit Stamp (5/-) was required for one of the Financial Statements. Mr. Jenner then gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that a precept for a contribution of Five Pounds be levied on the Overseers.

Correspondence: This included the following:—

1. Two half-yearly balance sheets of the Bechill Water & Gas Co.
2. Statement of accounts for the half-year ending 30th September, 1911 of the Battle Union & the R. D.C. of the moneys received from the parish of Ashburnham.
3. A letter from the General Post Office, London (see pp. 86-7) with regard to postal alterations in the parish, saying the Postmaster-General thought "that the circumstances do not warrant any further extension of the Sunday Services." However, improvements would be made in week-day services as follows:-

Morning collection at Ashburnham Post Office at 11.45 a.m. & from letter boxes on route to Battle, to connect with outgoing mails from Battle P.O. at 1.30 p.m.

Second delivery on route from Battle to Ashburnham, reaching Ash^m P.O. about 2.15 p.m. People in outlying district may call for letters &c at the Post Office.

Sunday delivery: With regard to No. 3. Mr. Jenner proposed & it was seconded & carried unanimously "that after hearing the letter read from the General Post Office, London, dated 8th Feb^y, 1912 with regard to postal alterations in the parish, this Council hereby expresses its dissatisfaction with the arrangements made, and considers that the outlying districts are not benefited in the least by the alterations."

Meetings: It was arranged to continue ~~the~~ to hold the meetings at the usual time on the 1st Monday in July, October & January.

Fire & lights: The arrangement with regard to fire & lights

(see page 85) was continued.

Tom Jenner
Chairman

Council meeting held 1st July, 1912.

Parish meeting held at the usual time & place on the above date, when the following members

Members present: attended - Messrs. Tom Jenner (Chairman), J. Norris, & John Peters.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Receipt: A precept was made on the Overseers for Five Pounds (£5) to be paid to the Treasurer - Mr. Edward Harman, Battle, - on Monday, the 29th July, 1912.

Correspondence: This included

- (1) Notice of receipt of resolution passed by the Council at the last meeting. (See p. 89).
- (2) Notice of receipt of appointment of Overseers from the Clerk to the Guardians, Battle.
- (3) Letter from Rev. H. Sturt asking for 5/- for use of Council School for Parish meeting.
- (4) 2nd letter from Rev. H. Sturt re above, & also ^{about} providing of five lights for use of meetings.

The Clerk read his replies to (3) & (4) which were considered satisfactory by the Council.

Council Rate: The Overseers directed the attention of the Council to the large increase in the County Rate, as follows:-

(County rate basis = £2177)	£ s d
Amt. levied on the parish for half-year ending 30/9/12 = 134.9.0	
County rate (2177 @ 12 th in the £)	= 111.2.4 ¹ / ₂
Extra amount levied on parish for half-year =	23.7.1 ³ / ₄

The Clerk was requested to ask the County Council for a detailed explanation of the income, and if of a permanent nature. This was desired to assist the Overseers in making the Poor Rates for the parish.

County Rate basis: The Clerk reported that the new County Rate basis had not yet been received though other parishes had received theirs. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Council Meeting - 7th October, 1912.

No Quorum: At the Council meeting called for Monday, 7th October, 1912 the only member present at 7.20 p.m. was Mr. T. J. Isted, so the meeting was abandoned.

J. Holdroyd.

Clerk to Parish Council.

Tom Jenner
Chairman

Council meeting: 6th Jan^y, 1913.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Council was held on Monday evening, the 6th January, 1913, at the usual time and place.

Members present: The following members were present: - Messrs. Tom Jenner (Chairman), J. Norris, J. Venner & G. R. Lovell.

Minutes: After the minutes had been read and signed the correspondence was dealt with. This included

a.) Reply from the Clerk to the County Council re County Rate basis, and referring the Clerk to apply for further information to the Clerk to the Guardians, Battle.

b.) The usual form to fill-in from the Board of Agriculture & Fisheries about Allotments & Small Holdings.

Insurance Act, '12: c.) Reply to enquiry from Clerk to P.C. about payments of Employer's Insurance under the new Insurance Act, 1912.

(d.) Two balance sheets for 1911 for payments by Overseers to Battle Union & B.R. D.C.

County Rate basis: (e.) The County Rate basis for 1912 - East Sussex. Ashburnham is assessed at £2218: 1st rate producing £9.. 4s.. 10d: an increase on assessment of £26.

Accounts: A cheque was made payable to the Clerk to the Council to pay for the following items: -

	s	d
1. Audit stamp used 26 th June, 1912: - - - - -	5	0
2. Mr. Ridel's acct. for fire & lights - - - - -	6	0
3. Postage to date - - - - -	1	7
Total - - - - -	12	7

The Bank pass book was shown by the Clerk.

It was decided to hold a Parish Council meeting in March next, on the occasion of the triennial

election of Parish Councillors.

No meeting was held on the 17th Mch. last, as proposed.

G. R. Lovell

Chairman

Council Meeting of 14th April, 1913.

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held on Monday evening, the 14th April, 1913 at the usual time & place when there was a very poor attendance only the following members being present Messrs. G. R. Lovell, J. Peters & J. Jenner.

In the absence of the Chairman and vice-chairman Mr. G. R. Lovell was voted to the chair.

The above three members signed the usual declaration of office for three years.

The minutes of the last meeting having been signed the election of officers was proceeded with.
Chairman: It was proposed by Mr. J. Jenner, seconded by Mr. Lovell, & carried unanimously that Mr. Tom Jenner be re-appointed.

Vice-chairman: Mr. Lovell proposed & Mr. J. Peters seconded that Mr. Joe Norris be re-appointed: carried unanimously.

Overseers: The following were re-appointed:—

- 1.) Mr. Walter Bourner, farmer, Frankwell Farm.
Proposed by Mr. J. Jenner: seconded by Mr. J. Peters.
- 2.) Mr. Walter Cook, wheelwright, Church Road.
Proposed by Mr. Lovell; seconded by Mr. J. Jenner.

School Managers: (term - 3 years)

- (1.) For Ashburnham: Mr. John Parsons, farmer, Ports Green: Proposed by Mr. J. Jenner: seconded by Mr. J. Peters.
- (2.) For Penhurst: Mr. Dan Cornford, farmer, Penhurst.
Proposed by Mr. J. Peters: seconded by J. Jenner.

Treasurer: Mr. Wm. Norris Sheffield, Bank Manager, Battle in place of Mr. Edward Harman, deceased.
Proposer: Mr. G. R. Lovell: Secunder: Mr. J. Jenner.

Auditor: Mr. J. Peters was selected to look over last year's accounts, which were placed before the meeting. These were found correct, & signed by the chairman. Balance on 31st March, 1913 = £4 12s. 3d.

Accounts Audited:

Correspondence:

The correspondence included—

- (a.) Letter from Mr. Sheffield, Manager of London County & Westminster Bank, Battle offering himself as Treasurer to the Council in place of Mr. Edward Harman, deceased.
- (b.) Letter from Mr. Jenner, Chairman, mentioning his inability to be present at the meeting owing to illness.
- (c.) 2 balance sheets of the Bexhill Water & Gas Company.
- (d.) Letter from Mr. Dan. Cornford, Penhurst offering his services as School manager in place of Mr. H. Farley.
- (e.) Circular letter & the usual blank form from the County Council asking for the names of the 2 managers appointed by the Parish Council.

Other business:

Owing to the small attendance of members the clerk deferred the bringing forward of accounts to pay, the arrangement of meetings for next year, & other items.

Stile:

Mr. John Jenner brought under notice a stile on his farm which wanted repairing. It was decided that Messrs. J. Peters & J. Jenner view the stile, & if necessary, ask Mr. W. Cook for an estimate of the cost of repairs.

Tom Jenner

Council Meeting of 7th July, 1913.

A meeting of the Council in the parish of Ashburnham was held on the above date at the usual time and place, when the following 3 members were present:— Messrs. J. Jenner, (Chairman), J. Peters, and J. Parsons.

Members present:

Declaration of office:

Messrs. J. Jenner & J. Parsons signed the usual declaration of office.

Cheque £1/12/3:

A cheque was signed in favour of the Clerk to pay the following accounts:—

a. Audit stamp for financial statement for the year ending 31 st Mch., 1913	5 " 0
b. Printing & stationery to same date	12 " 9
c. Returning Officer's fees for March election	14 " 6
Total.	£1 " 12 " 3

Stile:

Mr. J. Peters reported that he and Mr. Jenner had seen the stile mentioned at the last meeting, that they considered that an entirely new stile was necessary, and that Mr. Walter Cook had offered to erect one at a total cost for labour and materials of 28/-.

Mr. J. Parsons proposed and Mr. J. Peters seconded and it was carried unanimously that Mr. W. Cook be asked to erect the stile for the amount mentioned. Mr. J. Peters was asked to see to the matter.

Date of meetings:

It was decided to continue the meetings on the same dates as previously, viz. The first Mondays in July, October, and January; and that Mr. Ridel be asked to continue to provide fire and lights at the old terms.

Fires & lights:

Tom Jenner
Chairman

Council Meeting of 6th October, 1913.

A meeting of Ashburnham Parish Council at the Council School at 7 p.m. took place on the above date, when only 3 members were present— Messrs. J. Jenner, (Chairman), J. Peters, & J. Jenner.

Members present:

Minutes:

The minutes were read, and in a discussion about the stile to be repaired Mr. J. Peters said that Mr. W. Cook had been so busy that he had not been able to do the repairs.

Stile:

Correspondence:

The Correspondence included letters from Mr. W. A. Haviland bearing on loans in connection with the waterworks at the Ashburnham Council School. He stated that the County Council for East Sussex had spent as follow:—

Loans on

School

Waterworks:

(a) Cost of sinking well, etc. £178 " 2s " 2d

(b) Provision of Windmill Pump 217 " 2 " 8

Total cost—395 " 4 " 10

For (a) a loan of £178 has been raised repayable in 30 years, and for (b) a loan of £205 has been sanctioned by the L. G. B repayable in 15 yrs. The payments for the 1st year or two will be £24, & the amount will decrease as the debt is paid off.

The members commented on the serious state of affairs, especially as other expensive undertakings were in hand.

Declaration of office:

The Clerk called the attention of the Council to the absence of 2 of those elected in March last, who have not yet qualified as members by signing the usual declaration of office. (Local Govern-

ment Act, 1894. (Section 46, Clause 6.)

Thomas Peters Chairman (Pro. Tem.)

Council meeting of 5th January, 1914.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held on the above date at the usual time & place.

Members present: The following members were present Messrs. T. Peters, J. Parsons, J. Venner, T. J. Isted & J. Norris.
Declaration of office: Messrs. T. J. Isted & J. Norris signed the usual declaration of office.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and signed by Mr. T. Peters, who was voted to the chair in the absence of the chairman.

Correspondence: The correspondence included
a.) The Balance sheet (half-yearly) of the Battle Union in account with the parish of Ashburnham.
b.) The Annual Small Holdings & Allotments Form.

The filling up of the latter was approved, and its dispatch to head-quarters sanctioned.

Cheque: £1-16-4
The last cheque in the book was filled up for the following amount, & made payable to the clerk: -

a. Mr. Cook's acct. for repairing stile. (see p. 95) -	1-8-0
b. Postage acct. (presented by the clerk) -	2-4
c. Fines & lights to pay Mr. Ridel to 31 st Mch. 14 -	6-0
	<u>1-16-4</u>

A form was signed for a new cheque book - 25 cheques numbered A4851 to A4875.
Signed Thomas Peters (Pro. Tem.)

Annual Council Meeting of 20th April, 1914.

The Annual Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held on the 20th April, 1914 in the usual place at 7 o'clock p.m.

Members present: The following members were present - Messrs. T. Peters, G. R. Lovell, T. J. Isted, J. Venner & J. Parsons.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed by Mr. Peters, who was voted to the chair in the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman.

Correspondence: The correspondence included:

a: 2 half-yearly Reports & Balance sheets of the Bexhill Water & Gas Co.:

b: A post card from Rev. H. Sturt saying the school would be at liberty for 2 meetings notification of which had been sent by the Clerk.

c: Letter from Mr. T. Jenner, Chairman, resigning his membership of Parish Council as he was leaving the parish.

Resignation of member of P.C.: It was proposed by Mr. Lovell & seconded by Mr. Isted ^{unanimously} that the best thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. Jenner for his past services on behalf of the parish.

Co-optation of member: Mr. Venner proposed & Mr. Parsons seconded the co-optation of Mr. Walter Starwood of Coomb Hill Farm as a member of the Parish Council in place of Mr. Jenner. Carried unanimously.

Motion of officers: It was proposed by Mr. Lovell, seconded by Mr. Venner that Mr. Norris be the Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried.

It was proposed by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Venner & carried unanimously that Mr. Thomas Peters be the Vice-chairman for the year.

Overseers: The following were re-appointed unanimously on the proposition of Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Isted: -
1. Mr. Walter Bourner, Farmer, Frankwell Farm.

Declaration of office: Mr. Walter Cook, Wheelwright, Church Road, Mr. Walter Harwood, being on the premises, signed the usual declaration of office.

Audit of accounts: Messrs. J. Peters & J. Parsons were deputed by the meeting to audit the accounts for the year. These were said to be correct, & signed by the chairman.

Cheque: (A 4851) A cheque was made payable to the clerk to pay for the following:—

- | | | |
|---|------|--------|
| 1. Mr. E. Banister - 2 Financial statements - | 1. 0 | } 6. 0 |
| 2. The Clerk to P.C. for Audit stamp - | 5. 0 | |

Meetings (dates of) & Fires & Lights: It was decided that the arrangements with regard to the quarterly "meetings", & the "fires & lights" continue the same as last year.

Nat. Health Insurance Act: The Clerk reported that a communication had been received with regard to the payment of the Employers' part of the Insurance of the Assistant Overseer & Clerk to the Parish Council.

It was decided that the following Committee be appointed with full power to deal with the matter: Mr. Norris, Chairman, & Mr. John Parsons, & the two Overseers.

Thomas Peters (Chairman)

Committee Meeting: 24th April, 1914.

A meeting of the above committee, all being present, was held by kind permission, at the house of Mr. Parsons, Church Road, on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

The clerk to the Parish Council read out the object of the meeting & the correspondence from the National Health Insurance Commission.

The Clerk reported that he held an exemption certificate.

After fully discussing the matter it was

resolved unanimously to see what other neighbouring parishes are doing, especially with regard to the following points:—

1. The amount of weekly payment.
2. On what dates it is best to make the payments.
3. What authority is to pay; i.e. whether the cheque passes through the Overseers accounts, or through the Parish Councils accts.
4. Who is the proper person to hold the cards, - an Overseer, or the Chairman of the Parish Council.

Thomas Peters (Chairman)

Parish Council meeting: 6th July, 1914.

quorum: A meeting of the Parish Council for Ashburnham was summoned for the above date, at the usual time & place. At 7.30 p.m. the only members present were Messrs. J. Norris (Chairman), & J. Peters, (Vice-chairman). There being not sufficient to form a quorum (See Local Govt. Act 1894. Sched. I part II clause 7.) the meeting was abandoned.

J. Holdroyd
(Clerk to Ashburnham P.C.)

Parish Council meeting: - 5th October, 1914.

On the 5th October, 1914 at 7 o'clock in the evening the usual quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Ashburnham Council School.

Members present: The following members were present: - Messrs. J. Peters, J. Parsons & R. Harwood.

Correspondence: The correspondence included: -

- a.) Copy of Notice of Appointment of Overseers received from the Clerk to the Guardians.
- b.) Note from F. Merrifield, Esq. Clerk to the County Council saying that Mr. Hugh J. J. McIlveen had been appointed to succeed him from the 13th May last.
- c.) P.C. from Rev. St. Start saying that "there is a Country Lecture at the School every Monday evening from October 5th at 7 p.m." (This was in reply to a note from the Clerk requiring the use of a room for the meeting this evening.)
- d.) Letters & cards from the Nat. Health Insurance Commission with reference to the Parish Council paying the employers' part with regard to the employment of the Assistant Overseer.

Explanations of above: The Clerk explained with regard to (c) that he had seen Rev. St. Start, the correspondent, and a room was placed at the service of the Parish Council.

With regard to (d) the Clerk had had an interview with the Inspector, and this ended with a letter from the Commissioners saying that under the circumstances it was not necessary for the employers to pay for the insurance of their clerk.

There was no other business.

Thomas Peters: Chairman

Parish Council Meeting: 4th January, 1915.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Council School at the usual time.

Members present: The members present were Messrs. J. Norris, (Chairman), J. Peters, R. Harwood, & F. J. Isted.

Minutes: The minutes were read with Mr. J. Peters as Chairman, pro tem., after which Mr. Norris presided.

Correspondence: The Correspondence included: -

- a.) The Annual form relating to Small Holdings & Allotments, a copy of which had been already sent to London.
- b.) Notification of passing of Local Authorities (Disqualification Relief) Act, 1914. (from Local Govt. Board).
- c.) The usual half-yearly balance sheet against the Parish - from Battle Union, & Battle R. & B.

Cheque: A cheque was signed to pay the following accounts: -

Mr. E. Barnister - printing & stationery	7 ⁰ / ₁₀
" A. J. Ridal - fires & lights	6 ⁰ / ₁₀
The clerk to P.C. - postage	1 ⁰ / ₁₀
	14 ⁰ / ₁₀

The cheque was made payable to the clerk, & reduced the balance in Treasurer's hands to $\frac{1}{11}$.

Receipt: A precept on the Overseers for £2/10/- was made, to be paid on the 30th January next.

Rate: An informal discussion then arose with regard to the increased ^{rate} - $\frac{3}{2}$ in the £ - said to be the highest in the district, but no resolution was passed. This ended the meeting.



J. Norris : Chairman

Annual Council Meeting.

On Monday evening, the 12th April, 1915, the Annual meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held in the Council School at 7 o'clock.

Members present: The following members attended the meeting - Messrs. J. Norris, (Chairman), J. Peters, J. Venner, & W. Harwood.

Correspondence: The only matter placed before the meeting was the balance sheet report of the Water & Gas Co, Beahill.

Officers elected: The following were the officers elected to serve during the following year:

Chairman: Mr. Joe Norris: Proposer - Mr. J. Peters:

Secunder: Mr. J. Venner: Carried unanimously.

Vice-chairman: Mr. Tom Peters: Proposer - Mr. J. Norris:

Secunder: Mr. J. Venner: Carried unanimously.

Overseers (2):

Mr. Walter Bourner, Farmer, Frankwell Farm.

Mr. Walter Cook, Wheelwright, Church Road.

Proposer: Mr. J. Norris: Secunder: Mr. J. Peters.

Carried unanimously.

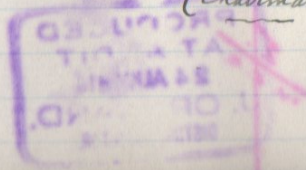
A notification of the appointment of Overseers in duplicate was signed ready to send to the Clerk to the Guardians.

Audit of Accounts: The year's accounts were audited & signed by the Chairman, after inspecting the Bank Pass book, & the Cheque Book.

This ended the business of the meeting.

J. H. Norris

(Chairman)



Parish Council Meeting:

5th July, 1915.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the usual time and place on Monday, the 5th July, 1915, when there was only a small attendance, the following being present, Messrs. J. Norris (Chairman), J. Peters, & J. Parsons.

Members present:

Minutes: After the minutes of last meeting had been read and signed the correspondence was dealt with. This

Correspondence: included (a) A letter from Mr. G. R. Lovell resigning his office as parish councillor.

Resignation of P.C.: (b) Letter from Mr. F. C. Sheppard with regard to making provision for dealing with fires in case of an air raid.

(c) Duplicate notice of Appointment of Overseers returned from Clerk to the Guardians

(d) The usual half-yearly balance sheet of payments to Battle Union, & Battle R. D.C. for the half year ending 30th Sept, 1914.

Adaptation of member: With regard to (a) It was proposed by Mr. J. Parsons, seconded by Mr. J. Peters, that Mr. Robert Keeley of Bridgen Hill Farm be co-opted by the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Lovell (Local Govt. Act, 1894) 47c. 344). Carried.

Fire Raids: With regard to (b) it was stated that a local salvage corps had been formed.

County Rate: The Clerk on behalf of the Overseers brought before the Council the difficulty experienced in obtaining accurate information with regard to the County Rate. After the rate had been made & signed for nearly two months a contribution of £53. 13s. 4d. in excess of the General County rate was levied on the parish. The Overseers

had received no notice of this large excess payment. A penny rate in the £ for the parish produces about eight guineas, so that the difference is more than a sixpenny rate. The Council advised the Overseers to refuse to pay the 2nd contribution of the Rate until more particulars had been obtained.

Miscellaneous The ^{clerk} mentioned that 100 "notices of meeting" forms had been received from the printer, & that a 5/-^d audit stamp had been obtained.

The ^{bank} pass & cheque books were shown to the chairman.

J. Norris
Chairman

Parish Council Meeting.

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday evening, the 9th August, 1915, to consider a letter from the Assistant Overseer for the parish of Ashburnham & Clerk to the Parish Council - Mr. J. Holdroyd, announcing that owing to advanced age and declining health he had been obliged to tender his resignation of the above offices, to take effect on the 30th September next.

The members present were Mr. J. Norris (Chairman), Mr. J. Peters & Mr. W. Harwood.

Minutes: The correspondence was dealt with (after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and signed) and included several govern-

Correspondence:

Parish Rate:

ment papers about the War, also a letter from the County Council saying there would be an additional charge upon the parish of £35 for the next half year commencing 1st October next in respect of the cost of making a sloping way to the playground of the Ashburnham Council School.

The Clerk's resignation was then dealt with, the chairman saying he was extremely sorry when he heard of it, and speaking of the very efficient way in which the clerk had carried out his duties both as Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council.

Salary of Clerk & Clerk: It was decided to put up notices in the parish inviting applications for the combined posts, the salary to be the same as at present, namely, £20 as Assistant Overseer, and 3 guineas as Clerk to the Parish Council. All applications are to be made on or before the 4th September next, and the duties to commence on 1st October next. A meeting to deal with the applications was fixed for the 6th September next.

Resignation of Councillor: At the close of the meeting Mr. Tom Peters handed in his resignation of office as a Parish Councillor.

J. Norris
Chairman

Parish Council Meeting.

A meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held on Monday evening, the 6th September, 1915, at the usual time and place.

The following members were present: Messrs. J. Norris (Chairman), R. Keeley, W. Harwood, J. Parsons and J. Jenner.

Mr. Robt. Keeley made the usual declaration of acceptance of office as Parish Councillor.

A cheque was signed to pay the following accounts, and made payable to the Clerk of the Council:—

Postage — 1.7

Mr. Banister's printing acct. — 3.0

Audit stamp (for 24th Augst, 1915) — 5.0

Total 9s. 7d.

Mr. Harwood proposed & Mr. Robert Keeley seconded a proposition that Mr. George Dawes, Pigknoll, be appointed a parish councillor in the place of Mr. J. Peters, who resigned on the 9th August. Carried unanimously.

The chairman then read the 2 applications he had received for the office of Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council. 200 names were submitted to the meeting:—

Mr. Thomas Peters, Blacksmith, Ponto Green, Ash^m,

Mr. Alfred Thos. Ridel, Schoolmaster, Ashburnham.

Mr. Keeley proposed, and Mr. Parsons seconded a proposition that Mr. J. Peters be appointed, and on being put to the meeting all except the chairman who remained neutral - voted for it.

As Mr. Ridel's name was not proposed the chairman declared that Mr. Peters was duly appointed the Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Council for the Parish of Ashburnham.

Members present:

Declaration of office:

Cheque:

A 4553

Bank book - 22-11-1

Cheque - 9-7

£ 2-1-6

Appointment of member:

Appointment of Assistant Overseer & Clerk:

No October meeting:

Owing to 2 meetings having been held ^{recently} it was decided to dispense with the usual October meeting unless considered necessary.

J. Norris
Chairman

Council Meeting 3rd January 1916

No Quorum

A Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was called for Monday Jan^{ry} 3rd as only 2 Members Mr J Norris & Mr J J Isted were present the meeting was abandoned

Thos Peters

Clerk to Ash^m P C

Parish Council Meeting

A Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held on Monday evening, the 13th March 1916 at 7.30 at the usual Place

Members Present

The following Members were present Messrs J Norris (Chairman) R Keeley J J Isted and G Dawes

Declaration of office

Mr G Dawes made the usual declaration of acceptance of office as Parish Councillor

Cheque

A Cheque was signed to pay the following accounts

Mr Ridel for Lighting - preparatory Room 6/-

Mr Barmister 2 Financial Statements 1/-

Postage 3

7.3

The Chairman

On the proposition of Mr Thos Isted seconded by Mr G Dawes Mr Robert Keeley was unanimously elected a Vice Chairman

Correspondence

1 Leaflets from the Board of Agriculture - Fisheries
2 were handed round to Members also a Scheme of Instruction in and Advice on Agriculture and

allied subjects from the Education committee
 3 A circular letter & Blank Form for Names & period
 of School managers appointed by Parish Council
 The clerk having seen the retiring Members
 stated their willingness to carry on their office for
 another term their being no other names
 brought forward on the Proposition of Mr Keeley
 seconded by Mr Isled

Mr Daniel Comford Penhurst &
 Mr John Parsons Ashburnham
 were duly elected as School Managers for
 3 Years

It was decided to hold the next Council
 meeting on Monday evening April 17th 1916
 at the usual time

J. J. Norris
 Chairman

Council Meeting held April 17th 1916

The Annual Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish
 Council was held in the School room on Monday
 evening 17th April at 7 P.M. when the following
 Members were present Messrs J. Norris (Chairman)
 J. Sawes J. Vinner & W. Harwood

The only matter before the meeting was the
 Ballance sheet & report of the Besshill Water & Gas Co.
 on the proposition of W. Harwood seconded by J. Vinner
 Mr W. Bourner Farmer Frankwell Farm &
 Mr W. Cook Wheelwright Church Road
 were selected for as Overseers for the coming
 year

Audit of accounts Mr J. Sawes having audited the years accounts
 the same were signed by the Chairman

Minutes* The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & signed by Chairman

Letter of condolence

one member

No Meeting

No Quorum

Owing to the death of Mr Robert Keeley Mr Norris
 proposed & it was carried unanimously that the
 clerk write a letter of condolence to the Widow
 The clerk was also asked to approach some other
 ratepayer to fill the vacancy caused by the
 death of Mr Robert Keeley before the next
 meeting

There being no other business the meeting was closed

J. J. Norris
 Chairman

Council Meeting July 3rd 1916

A Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council
 was called on July 3rd 1916 The only member
 present being Mr J. Sawes & the clerk
 at 7.30 the Meeting was abandoned

Council Meeting Oct 2nd 1916

A Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council
 was called on Oct. 2nd at the usual time
 & place Messrs J. Sawes & J. Vinner being
 the only members present all hopes of having
 a meeting were abandoned at 7.30

Council Meeting of June 1st 1918

A Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council
 was held on Monday evening ^{June 1st} in the school
 room at 7 P.M. when the following Members
 were present Messrs J. Norris, (Chairman)
 W. Harwood, J. Sawes, J. Parsons, & J.
 Vinner,

The Minutes of previous meeting were read
 & signed by the Chairman



Payments

The following ^{accounts} payments were submitted for payment

Account Stamp for Financial Statement	5- ^d
Mr. Ridel for Lights & Fires of Year	6 ~
Mr. E. Bannister Printing & Stationery	2 ~
Clerk to P.C. for Postage Stamps	1 ~
	<u>14 ~</u>

Cheque
141-

A Cheque was made out to the Clerk for the above sum to pay accounts

Co-optation of Member

On the Proposition of Mr Harwood seconded by Mr Parsons Mr F W White of Court Lodge was co-opted by the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the Death of Mr Robert Keely

Correspondence

The following Circular letters included (a)

Parliamentary Registration Act (1916) 1

(b) " " June

c Preparation of Jury Lists

(d) Parliament & Local Election Act (1916)

arising out of (a) The Clerk asked if the salary stated in his appointment was intended to include the preparing of the Parliamentary Voting List, as the matter referred to was not mentioned at the time of appointment Mr Harwood proposed Mr J Parsons seconded the following resolution that this Parish Council does not consider that the salary paid to the Assistant Overseer was intended to include the work carried out by him in preparing the Voting Lists, but that a special payment for the work should continue to be made according to the certificate for same by the Revising Barrister, carried Unanimously a copy being signed by the Chairman & handed to the Clerk

Salary of A.C.

Appointment
of Treasurer

A Letter was read from Mr J H Elvey stating that Mr Sheffield had the late Treasurer had been transferred to Sittingbourne & would be unable to serve in that Office any longer He also asked as Mr Sheffield's successor to be appointed as Treasurer to the P.C. Mr Davies proposed Mr Jenner seconded that Mr J H Elvey be appointed Treasurer in the place of Mr J Sheffield carried unanimously

School Footpath

Mr Jenner asked if some alterations to could be made in respect to the gates in the path leading from the School to Forge Lane after a somewhat lengthy discussion the matter was left ^{over} for the time being

J. Davies (Chairman) Pro Tem

Council Meeting 16th April 1917

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on Monday evening April 16th at the usual time & place when the following Members were present Messrs J Davies W Harwood J Parsons & F White in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman Mr J Davies was elected Chairman

Members Present

Declaration of
Office

Mr Frank White of Court Lodge Farm signed the usual declaration of Office

Minutes

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & signed by presiding Chairman

Election of Officers

On the proposition of Mr Harwood seconded by Mr Dawes Mr Joe Morris was selected Chairman for the coming year (carried)
Mr Harwood proposed Mr White seconded Mr G Dawes be Treas - Chairman carried

Curers

Appointment of

Mr Harwood proposed Mr White seconded that Mr Walter Bower of Frankwell - Mr Walter Cook Church Road be re elected as Curers for the Poor of the Parish for the coming Year carried

Audit of Accounts

Mr W Harwood having audited the accounts of the past year the same were signed by the Chairman

Correspondence

The correspondence produced by the Clerk included the following
(a) 2 circular letters from the War Agricultural Committee
(b) " " from the Survey Organisation of land
(c) Statement of Accounts from the Beakhill Water & Gas Co
(d) The Naval Bond & correspondence relating thereto from the Treasurer Mr S H Elvey

It was decided to hold the Meetings as in previous years but owing to the Next Meeting coming in the very busy season it was left for the Chairman & Clerk to determine whether it should there be no important business notified to them before

There being no other business the Meeting was closed

Signed G Dawes Chairman

Council Meeting 1st October 1917

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School-room on Monday evening 1st Oct when the following

Members were present
Mr G Dawes (Chairman) Messrs John Parsons - & W. White

Minutes

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman

Correspondence

The only correspondence was a letter from the War Agricultural Education Committee

Receipt

A Receipt was made for the sum of Five Pounds - £ 5.0.0 on the Curers to be Paid on December 5th 1917

Rat & Sparrow Club

A discussion arose as to the advisability of starting a Rat & Sparrow Club in the Neighbourhood on the proposition of Mr White seconded by Mr Dawes it was decided to call a Meeting for Saturday evening October 13th at the Ark Tree Inn at 7^oclock to see what could be done in the matter the clerk being asked to write notices of same
There being no further business the Meeting closed

Signed

G Dawes Chairman

Council Meeting 7th Jan^y 1918

A Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held in the School room on Monday evening Jan^y 7th at 7 1/2 P M

Members Present

The following Members were present Messrs J Barnes (Chairman) Thos J Isled & F W White

Minutes

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & signed by the Chairman

Accounts

A Cheque was made payable to the Clerk to pay the following Accounts

M ^r E Bannister Receipt - Payment Book	9. 0
" " " 2 Financial Statements	1. 0
M ^r Ridel Lights & Fires 1. 31 st March 1918	6. 0
Audit Stamp for financial Statements	5. 0
Postage 10 Date	1. 4
	<u>£ 11. 2. 4</u>

Pass Book 6. 0. 3

Cheque 1. 2. 4

Balance 4. 17. 11

Pass Book

The Bank Book was shown by the Clerk

Correspondence

- The only correspondence before the Meeting was
- an invitation to any Member of the Council to attend a Meeting at Leves on 17th Jan^y 1918 when a conference of representatives of the Horticultural Committee on the Production of Foods in Allotment Gardens would take place
 - A letter requiring information of the Approximate Area & Number of Allotments in the Parish. The Clerk was asked to reply to letter (b)

Footbridge

M^r Thos J Isled brought under notice the dangerous condition state of Bridge on Gardner's Farm

leading to the Warling Parish after some discussion the Bridge being over the boundary line connecting the Parishes of Ashburnham & Warling M^r J Barnes proposed that the Clerk write to the Warling Parish Council about the defective state of Bridge & enquire if they were doing anything in the matter. M^r Isled seconded carried

Next Meeting

It was decided to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday evening ^{Month} Jan^y 15th 1918 at 7 1/2

J J Morris Chairman

Annual Council Meeting 15th April 1918

The Annual Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom on Monday evening April 15th at 7 1/2 P M

Members Present

The Members present were Messrs J Morris (Chairman) W Harwood & Barnes & F W White

Minutes

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman

Officers Elected

The following Officers were elected to serve during the following year

M ^r J Morris	Chairman	Per W Harwood	
		M ^r J Barnes	carried
M ^r J Barnes	Treasurer	M ^r Harwood	
		M ^r Morris	carried

Census (2)

Census

Mr W Bower Farmer Frankwell
 Mr W Cook Wheelwright Church Road
 Messrs Mr Darwood
 Sec. Saver Carried

Notification of same in Duplicate was signed
 to be forwarded to the Club to the Guardians

Audit of Accounts

Mr Darwood Audited accounts for the last year
 which were signed by the Chairman

Correspondence

Several Circular letters were produced by
 the Club but no action was taken

Foot bridge

A letter was read from Mr Akhurst of
 Lattindens Farm stating that the Bridge
 over the stream leading from Lattindens
 Farm to Red Pale had been washed away
 & asking that the same might be
 replaced

After some discussion Mr Norris proposed
 - Mr Darwood seconded that Mr White
 and the Clerk view the Bridge with
 power to have the same repaired or renewed
 as they considered necessary (carried)

The Clerk stated that certain Forms Stationery
 would be required for use in the coming year
 & was intended to get such as were
 necessary

There being no other business the Meeting was closed
 It was decided that unless the Clerk
 had important business
 to dispose with next
 J. H. Norris
 Chairman

Parish Council Meeting 7th October 1918

A Meeting of above Council was held in
 the school room on Monday evening 6th 7th
 when the following Members were present
 Messrs J Norris (Chairman) J Saver J Parsons
 J Vinner. F W White

Minutes

The Minutes of previous meeting were read &
 signed

Payment of
Account for
Footbridge

The only business before the Meeting was
 the Account from Mr W Cook for the
 Footbridge repairs to Footpath leading from
 Lattindens Farm to Red Pale

Cheque

A Cheque was signed by Chairman &
 Members for payment of above a/c =
 £ 3 - 13 - 6 The Clerk being instructed to
 pay the same

Signed J. H. Norris
 Chairman

Ashburnham Parish Council 1919

In Quorum

A Meeting of the above Council was called
 for Monday evening June 6th at the usual time
 and place there being only 2 Members present
 = Mr J Saver & F W White at 8.15 all hopes
 of holding Meeting were abandoned

Parish Council Meeting ^{March} 1919

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday evening March 17th in the Council School room when the following Members were present:

Members present: Messrs J Morris (Chairman) James Harwood
Vinner White & Isled

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & signed by the Chairman

The following Accounts for Year were produced by the Clerk - Mr Bannister £ 1. 4. 6

Mr Radcl 6. -

Audit Stamp 5 -

Postage 2 3

Total £ 1. 17. 9 ¹

Bank Book There being a Balance only of £ 1. 14. 5 - as shown by Bank Book produced A Precept on the Overseers was made for £ 2. 10. 0 to be paid at once A Cheque was also signed to pay the above accounts leaving Balance £ 1. 16. 8

Mr Harwood asked if the Footbridge leading over the Birmingham Stream had been completed The Clerk rept stated he had not received any reply to his letter dated June 8th 1918 but had seen the Clerk to the Walling Parish Council & was informed that the order had been given for repair of same, & this not having been done the Clerk was instructed to write again on the matter (Pro Vinner See Harwood carriage)

An Application was made by the Clerk for an increase of Salary as Assistant Overseer It was decided to grant the Application & to increase the Salary to £ 5. 0. 0 Making the Remuneration £ 25. 0. 0 as Asst Overseer & £ 3. 3. 0 as Clerk to P.C.

This ended the Meeting

Signed
J. Morris Chairman



Council Meeting of April 15 1919

The Annual Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held on Monday evening April 14th 1919 at the usual time & place when the following Members were present

Members present Messrs Morris James Parsons Isled & J. W. White.

Declaration of Office The above five Members signed the usual declaration of Office for three years

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting having been signed the Election of Officers was proceeded with

Chairman It was proposed by Mr Parsons seconded by Mr James that Mr Morris be re-elected carried

Vice Chairman Mr Isled proposed Mr Parsons seconded the Mr James be re-elected carried

Overseers The following were re appointed

Mr Walter Bowner Farmer Frankwell Farm

Mr Walter Cook Wheelwright Church Road

Audit of Accounts Mr J James audited the accounts for past year which were placed before the Meeting these were found to be correct & signed by the Chairman

The Balance on 31st March 1919 being

Balance £ 1. 16. 8

Correspondence The Statement of Accounts from the Benchell Water Works was produced

Correspondence
Footbridge

(2) A Letter from the Clerk to the Warling P.C. was read stating the Footbridge referred to had been placed in the hands of Mr. Lusk of Barcham Street ~~for~~ to repair but owing to his inability to get Material for same he had been unable to do it but hoped to shortly to complete the work.

Road Transport

A Scheme for opening up the country districts in East Sussex by the Board of Trade Road Transport Board was put before the Meeting by the Clerk as follows

I & had been suggested by the above Board to open up the country districts which had no Railway facilities by petrol driven Vehicles Service I would be from Lewes to Hastings via Hailsham

II Lewes to Hastings via Heathfield

III Lewes to Hailsham Heathfield to Hastings via Ashburnham & Bexhill

Service III suggestions were to run at intervals
1 Vehicle daily to carry 20 to 30 passengers with luggage to 1 1/2 cwt. ^{establisment} Spot to be ~~opened~~ along the route ~~opened~~ with telephone for collecting & depositing goods Road to be prepared by Government.

The following resolution was passed =

That this Council is of opinion that a Public service of transport for passengers & goods would be of great value to the district & encourage settlers & develop the production of Agricultural produce they therefore pledge themselves to give every support possible to any Scheme so commenced they further consider that a Public Service

of Vehicle from Heathfield passing through Pymons Down Wood Corner Park Green. This field would be of special value for providing a connection to the District. Hastings Markets

Signed

G. Dawes
Chairman

Parish Council Meeting October 6th 1919

A Meeting of the above Council was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening Oct 6th at 7 1/2

Members present.

Members present were Mr G Dawes Vice Chairman Mr J Turner. F W White

Declaration of
Office

Mr J Turner signed the usual declaration of Office

Minutes

The Minutes of previous meeting were read & signed

Cheque 11/6

The Clerk presented an Account from Mr F G Jackson Returning Officers for March Election 1919 ~~for~~
A Cheque was signed to pay account

Correspondence

A Circular Letter from the Board of Agriculture was produced but no action taken

Footbridge

A Letter was read from the Clerk to Warling Parish Council re Footbridge over Jolly Stream Asking for Members to view the same also suggesting a Plank and handrail bridge in place of bridal bridge

Mr G Dawes & J Turner were appointed to view the same & report to the Clerk who would send ~~correspond~~ reply to Mr Turners

After discussing the suggestion the Members present considered a bridial bridge necessary & that a Plank and handrail would not be sufficient

Footbridge

Mr Cooks report on Footbridge on Kitchingham Farm stated a new bridge complete was required. also that he could repair adjoining bridge with the old one

There being no further business the Meeting closed

Signed

Chairman

Parish Council Meeting

Special Meeting

A Special meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School room on Monday evening Nov 3rd at 7^{1/2} when the following Members

Members present

were present Messrs Norris Chairman Lawes Farwood Jenner Isled. White

Declaration of Office

Mr W Harwood signed the usual declaration of Office

Footbridge

The object of the Meeting was to discuss a Letter received from the Warbling Parish Council and specifications of Footbridge over Tilly Meam also received from the above council which were read by the Clerk

A somewhat lengthy discussion followed as to whether the council had power to substitute the present Bridal Bridge with a common Footbridge the Tennant of Gardeners Farm having stated should this action be taken he would refer the matter to the County Council

Mr Harwood thought the best way to come to a final decision would be for representatives of the 2 Councils concerned to meet & ~~met~~ proposed that 3 Members be appointed to meet the Warbling Council with powers to decide what should be done carried Mr Harwood proposed that Mr Norris be one of the representatives this was seconded by Mr Jenner carried

Mr Norris proposed Mr White seconded Mr Harwood & proposed by Mr Isled sec by Mr Lawes the Mr Norris should meet the Warbling Council at a date fixed by them The Clerk was instructed to write & make the necessary arrangements the Meeting closed

Signed Ed NorrisChairmanParish Council Meeting
March 15th 1920

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday evening March 15th in the School room at 7^{1/2}

Members present

Messrs Norris Chairman & Lawes W Harwood J Parsons F W White, & J J Isled

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Meetings were read & signed by the Chairman

Accounts

The Clerk produced the following accounts for payment

(Footbridge)	Mr Cook	£ 4. 7. 0
(Printing &c)	Barstow	✓ " 9 "
(Fees, Lights)	Ridal	✓ " 6 "
Audit - Postage Stamp		✓ " 4 "
Total		£ 5 9 7

These Accounts

There being a Balance only of £ 1-2-2 a receipt was made on the books for the sum of £ 5-9-7 - A Cheque was signed and made payable to the Clerk to pay the above accounts

Signed J LawesChairman