

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Parish Council of Ashburnham & Penhurst held at the Reading Room at 7.10 p.m. on Thursday March 24th 1960.

Present. Mrs. F. Boorman
Mr. J. Norris
Mrs. D.E. Robotham
Mr. J.R. Bickersteth.

1. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.
2. The Council agreed to accept membership of the East Sussex Association of Parish Councils at an annual subscription of 13/-
3. Mrs. Boorman drew attention to an unsatisfactory drain outfall below Reedlands Farm.

Chairman *Joe Norris*

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Parish Council of Ashburnham and Penhurst held at the Reading Room at 7 p.m. on Tuesday May 24th 1960.

Present
Mrs. F. Boorman
Mr. A. Bunday
Mr. J. Norris
Mrs. D.E. Robotham
Mr. J.R. Bickersteth.

1. Mr. J. Norris was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. The Council approved the accounts for the year ending March 31st 1960, on which date there was a balance of £3,18,3d in hand.
4. The Council approved the following expenditure for 1960/61.

Clerk's postages	3	7d
Audit Stamp	5	0d
Hire of room for meetings	10	0d
Subscription to Sussex Assoc. Parish Councils	14	0d.

5. It was resolved that Mrs. D.E. Robotham be appointed to represent the Council on the Management Body of the Dallington School.
6. A Letter from the Clerk of the Battle Rural District Council relating to a proposed overhead electricity line was considered by the Council. It was resolved that the Council could take no action.
7. The date of the next meeting to be fixed by the Chairman.

Joe Norris
Chairman.

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Parish Council of Ashburnham and Penhurst held at the Reading Room at 7.10 p.m. on Friday March 17th 1961.

Present.
Mr. K. Baker
Mrs. F. Boorman
Mr. A. Bunday
Mr. J. Norris
Mrs. D.E. Robotham
Mr. J.R. Bickersteth.

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read approved and signed by the Chairman.
2. The Clerk reported on the revised route of the suggested overhead power line.
3. The Clerk undertook to bring to the notice of the County Council the absence of village name boards.
4. The Clerk told the Council that he was not prepared to continue his service as Clerk beyond the date of the Annual Meeting.
5. Mrs. Boorman reported on an offensive drain near Reedlands Farm. Resolved that no action should be taken by the Council.

Chairman

Joe Norris

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council of Ashburnham & Penhurst held at the Reading Room at 7 p m on Friday June 2nd 1961.

Present Mr K Baker, Mr A Bunday, Mr J Norris
Mrs D E Robotham, Mr J R Bickersteth.

- 1 Mr Norris was elected chairman for the forthcoming year.
- 2 The Minutes of the previous meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 3 The Council approved the accounts for the year to March 31st 1961, on which date there was a balance in hand of £ 1.0 9d.
- 4 The Council approved the following accounts -

1960/61	Shaw & Sons (forms)	1	4	11
1961/62	Clerk's postages		5	8
	Audit Stamp		5	0
	Hire of room		10	0
	Assoc. Parish Councils		14	0
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- 5 The Council resolved to make a precept of £2 on the Battle Rural District Council, and the appropriate form was signed.
- 6 The Council accepted the resignation of Mr J R Bickersteth as clerk to the Council, and appointed in his place Mrs Clarice June Bunday of Court Lodge Farm, Ashburnham at an annual fee of Seven Guineas, the amount of such fee to be reconsidered annually.
- 7 The date of the next meeting to be fixed by the Chairman.

Chairman

J. Norris

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Ashburnham & Penhurst held at the Reading Room at 7 P.M. on Thursday Oct. 12th 1961.

Present Mrs Robotham, Mrs Bootman, Mr K Baker, Mr J. Norris, Mr A. Bunday, & Mr J. R. Bickersteth.

1. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters Arising: Mrs Bunday was welcomed by the Chairman.
3. Civil Defence: The Chairman read a letter from the clerk of Battle Rural District Council asking the Parish Council to help with a Recruiting campaign. Mr Bickersteth proposed that a Public Meeting be called and the Rural District Council should be asked to send a speaker to explain matters. Mrs Bootman seconded and the motion was carried.

4. The Clerk read a letter dated 5/9/61 from the secretary of the Village Hall Committee, requesting the Parish Council to accept the offer of the School on behalf of the Parish. Mr Baker moved that this Council agrees to act as holding Trustees of the proposed Village Hall, and will execute such documents as the clerk of the East Sussex County Council may from time to time advise to give effect to this resolution, and Mrs Bootman seconded this.

5. The clerk read a letter from Westminster Bank requesting fresh signing instructions, Mr Bickersteth proposed that the clerk and one other signature would be sufficient, this was agreed to, Mrs Robotham, Mr Baker & Mr Bickersteth and the clerk signed specimen slips.

6. Mrs Robotham asked the Parish Council for guidance on being a school manager, Mr Bickersteth said that she had been appointed to the job as their representative, and they would abide by her decisions.

7. Mr Bunday asked if a representative for Penthurst could be elected, it was agreed to ask Mr Dick Harman to fill the vacancy.

Joe Norris
Chairman.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Ashburnham & Penthurst held at the Reading Room at 7PM on Tuesday January 9th 1962

Present Mrs Bosman, Mr Norris, Mr Baker, Mr Bickersteth, Mr Bunday and Mr Harman.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs Robotham.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were read approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. Coming from the Minutes Mr Harman was welcomed by the Chairman as Representative for Penthurst, and he signed a Declaration of acceptance of office.

The clerk reported that provisional arrangements had been made to hold a Public Meeting on Monday Feb: 5th at 7.30 when Col. Watts would speak on Civil Defence, this was agreed to, and the clerk was asked to put up 4 Posters to this effect.

3. Battle Rural District Council requested an estimate of the Parish Council's expenses for the year 1962-63. Mr Bickersteth proposed that the sum of £15 and Mr Baker seconded this.

4. Correspondence.

a) A letter was read from the Chief Education Officer informing the Council that their representative on Dallington School Managing Body was due to retire on 31st March 1962, Mr Baker proposed that Mrs Robotham be reappointed and Mrs Bosman seconded, and the clerk was instructed to notify the Education Department of this decision.

b) A letter was read from the Battle Association of Parish Councils with a plan whereby Parish Councils and foremen of Maintenance Yards can be brought into closer contact. The Council was asked to consider the plan and if in favour nominate a Representative to be introduced to the foreman in charge of the Highway Maintenance yard responsible for this Parish, after some discussion the Council resolved that the suggestion was a good one and Mr Baker proposed that Mr Bunday be appointed to represent the Council and Mrs Bosman seconded this.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council of Ashburnham & Pentworth held at the Reading Room at 4 P.M. on Tuesday May 22nd.

Present. Mr K. Bates, Mr Hamman, Mr Sunday, Mrs Robotham & Mrs Bosman, Mr J. Norris
Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bickersteth.

1. Mr J. Norris was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed and signed.
3. Accounts, showing a balance in hand of £1-3-8 for the year ending March 31st 1962 were presented & approved.
4. The following payments were approved for the current year —

Clerk's Salary	£7. 7-0
Postage	4-0
Stationery	2-2
hire of Rooms	15-0
Audit Stamp	5-0
Cash for Hours	1- 4-0
Sunset Association of P.C.	14-0
5. The Council agreed to make a precept of £15 on the Battle Rural District Council and the form of precept was duly signed.
6. Correspondence. A letter was read from Mr Bickersteth explaining that the Old School

Building at Ashburnham now belonged to the Parish Council, and the clerk was requested to ask the Parish Council whether they would like the conveyance & other documents of title kept in the safe at the Estate Office Ashburnham or the Westminster Bank at Battle. The clerk was instructed to ask Mr Bickersteth to keep these documents in his safe.

- a) A letter was read from the Battle Rural District Council re letter - Bins. It was decided to take no action for the present.
- b) A letter was also read from the Charity Commission regarding the registration of charities in the district.

attention was drawn to the possibility that the old school building was uninsured, the clerk was instructed to find out about this matter.

John Norris

Minutes of the first Meeting of the Ashburnham & Pentworth Parish Council held at the Reading Room on Tuesday October the 9th 1962 at 7 P.M.

Present: Mr K. Baker Mr J.R. Bickersteth Mrs Boorman
Mrs Robotham Mr A. Bunday Mr Hasman.
Mr T. Norris was in the Chair

- Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- Declarations of acceptance of office were signed
- After some discussion on the Deeds of the proposed New Village Hall it was decided it was the Parish Council's duty ^{as Trustees} to call a Public Meeting to be called the first Annual General Meeting on Monday October 22 1962 at the Reading Room at 7.30.
Mr Bickersteth proposed that Mr Baker should represent the Parish Council on the New Village Hall Committee Mrs Robotham seconded this proposal. The clerk was instructed to write to the other organisations to be represented to obtain their respective Representatives before the Meeting.
- A letter was read from the East Sussex County Council regarding the signposts at Tilly Lane and Hammer Hill, it was decided they caused some confusion and it was proposed by Mr Bunday & seconded by Mr Hasman that the signpost at Tilly Lane should read Tilly Lane instead of Ashburnham as at present, and the signpost at Hammer Hill

should in future read Ports Green was proposed by Mr Baker & seconded by Mr Bickersteth the clerk was instructed to write to the County Council to this effect, it was also suggested that in the case of the Hammer Hill signpost the Hilage should be cut out and the clerk was asked to see if it would be possible to have the word "Ashburnham" put in a small circle on top of the signpost.

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The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council of Ashburnham & Pentworth held at the Reading Room at 7.30 PM on Tuesday June 11th 1963

Present: Mr K. Baker, Mr Bunday, Mrs Robotham & Mrs Boorman Mr J. Norris.
Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bickersteth

- Mr J. Norris was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.
- Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed and signed
- Accounts showing a balance in Bank of £5-12-4 for the year ending March 31st 1963 were presented & approved. The clerk also showed a petty cash account balance of £220/3 in hand out of the £1,400 allowed for purchasing forms.

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4. The following payments were approved for the current year: -

Clerks Salary	£77-0	£16-7-0
Postage		5-6
Hire of Room		10-0
Sussex Assoc.		14-0
New Minute Book		1-11-0
Audit Stamp		5-0

A New Minute Book price £1-11-0 was agreed upon, the clerk to purchase

5. Mr Baker proposed & Mrs Boorman seconded a resolution that the Council make a precept of £15 on the Battle Rural District Council this was agreed to and the form was duly signed.

6. Mr Baker proposed & Mrs Pakeotham seconded a resolution that the Council should in future pay the clerk £10 per year this was agreed to with one abstention

7. Correspondence - A letter was read from the East Sussex County Council regarding a possible grant of £3 per mile of used footpaths for our Parish, after discussion the clerk was instructed to write back saying the Council did not wish to participate in the scheme at the moment.

A Circular was read from the Sussex Association of Parish Councils in which it was noted that existing Insurance policies would only run until May 31st 1963 through the association, in future Parish Councils were advised to deal direct with the Ocean Insurance Co Ltd. The clerk was instructed to write to the association for advice on

our liabilities

8. Any other Business - The clerk reported that a new Minutes Book would be required shortly, and it was agreed that a new one be purchased when necessary from Messrs Hadden, Best & Co Ltd for 3/1-

It was reported that there was a sign marked "PRIVATE ROAD NO PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY" erected on Lenhurst Buxleway NO 1. Mr Baker proposed & Mr Bunday seconded a resolution that the clerk write to the Battle Rural District Council asking them to have the sign removed.

Mrs Boorman felt that she could no longer undertake to represent the Council on the Battle District Association of Parish Councils, after the Chairman had thanked Mrs Boorman for her service in the past it was agreed that in future the correspondence in this connection should be sent to the clerk who would notify Mr Baker, Mr Bunday & Mr Norris alternately to attend meetings on behalf of the Council.

Joe Norris

Minutes of the Meeting of the Ashburnham
& Penhurst Parish Council held at the Reading Room
on Friday January 24th 1964 at 7 P.M.

Present. Mr J.R. Bickersteth, Mr R. Baker, Mrs Robotham,
Mr Harman, Mr Sunday & Mr J. Norris was in the Chair.
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Bowman.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed
& signed by the Chairman.
2. Arising from the Minutes: The Clerk reported
that the matter of Penhurst Brideway 1.
was still in hand at Battle Rural District
Council Offices, they had over 150 Footpaths
to inspect after complaints and ours would
be dealt with as soon as possible.
3. Proposed Overhead Electricity Transmission
Line, the Clerk read a letter from the
Surveyor of Battle Rural District Council
asking for our Council's observations
on a deviation of the approved route
of Line A/63/1024. A letter was read
from one of the landowners concerned
explaining that the Electricity Board originally
intended that the line should run within
400 yards of his house and it was now
proposed to run the line to the north of
the house, but after some discussion it was
decided resolved by Mr Bickersteth & seconded
by Mr Sunday that the Clerk should inform
the Battle R.D. Council Surveyor that this Council
have considered the letter & the plan and have

no reason to think that the original line
could be improved upon.

Estimates for the Parish Council Expenses,
Mr Bickersteth proposed that £10 would
be required Mr Baker seconded this.

Correspondence: A letter was read from
Mrs Bowman pointing out that the footpath
NO8. Church Road to the School was very wet
and it was likely in the future to be used
more Mr Baker proposed & Mr Sunday seconded
a proposal that no action be taken.

Another letter was read regarding
Mr Rupert Spier's plan to get a Rural Bus
service, Mrs Robotham asked that the Clerk
should do what she could in this matter.

A letter was read from Battle
Rural District Council Re Housing Accommodation.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held at the New Village Hall on Tuesday March 3rd 1964 at 7.15 P.M.

Present: - Mrs Bootman, Mrs Robotham, Mr Baker, Mr Haeman, Mr Sunday and Mr J. Norris was in the Chair.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
2. Arising from the Minutes the Clerk read a letter from Battle Rural District Council stating that the offending sign on Penthurst Bridleway No. 1 had now been removed, there was also a letter from the East Sussex County Council saying that they had instructed Messrs Bush, Morse & Selling to remove the sign.
3. The Clerk stated that the Parish Council were to be asked to look after the Sports Club cups and Minutes Book, it was decided that nothing could be done until a letter was received from them.
4. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that they owed Mr Bickersteth something for insurance for a short period on the old school during the hand over to the Management Committee on Oct. 22 1962. It was decided to leave the matter on the table owing to Mr Bickersteth's illness.
5. Mrs Robotham proposed that Mr Baker should represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Management Committee for the coming year.

Mr Haeman seconded this, and Mr Baker was duly elected unanimously.

6. The Clerk stated that it was possible that the Reading Room Committee might want to wind up their affairs shortly, and she was given permission in this case to pay the account of 10/-.
7. It was proposed to make the next Meeting of the Council on June 4th 1964 unless the audit was before that date.

K. Baker (Acting Chairman)
May 19 1964

Minutes of the Meeting of the Ashburnham & Penthurst Parish Council held at the New Village Hall on Tuesday May 19th 1964 at 8.30.

Present: - Mrs Bootman, Mrs Robotham, Mr Baker, Mr Haeman & Mr Sunday.

The Clerk explained that Mr Norris instructed her to call the meeting in his absence to give his apologies and ask for a nomination for an acting Chairman for the Meeting. Mr Baker was duly elected.

The only Business before the Council was: -

1. The approval of the Council's accounts for audit which came before the next prearranged Meeting. The Clerk stated that expenditure was £10-17-8 Balance in Bank £9-14-8, and in Petty Cash (not) out of £1-3-9 a total of 17/6 had been spent leaving sufficient to purchase a 5/- Audit Stamp.

2. The New Village Hall accounts were presented to the council for their approval as Trustees the Statement of Account up to March 31st 1964 shows that Receipts were £1503-4-7 Expenditure was £1380-9-10 Balance in Hand £122-14-9.
- Mr Robotham proposed that the Village Hall accounts be approved Mr Bowman seconded this.
- On amendments Mr Bunday stated that it was most difficult to come to any conclusion about the accounts, as they did not know how much money was still owing.
- Mr Bates said he was sorry but at this moment he really did not know the final figure.
- Mr F.W. Hasman said he felt that the auditors would not pass it as it did not state on the sheet what was still owing.
- No vote was taken.

Joe Norris

Minutes of the Annual Ashturnham & Penthurst Parish Council, held at the Village Hall on Thursday June 4th 1964 at 7.30 P.M.

Present: - Mr J. Norris, Mr F.W. Hasman & Mr Bunday.
Apologies for absence were received from Mr Pickersley.

1. Mr J. Norris was elected Chairman for the ensuing year at the end of the Book for the 18th year.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed & signed.

3. Arising from the minutes, the clerk reported that the Parish Council accounts had been audited but the auditors were unable to approve the New Village Hall accounts, and advised the Parish Council to look into the matter again. He pointed out that there was no record in the Minutes of the approval of the Parish Council for the application for a grant and enquired as to whether J.E. Salter was appointed Auditor Treasurer in accordance with the conveyance.
- After a short discussion it was decided that as our Representative on the New Village Hall Committee was not present the clerk should write asking what money (if any) was owing and had Mr Salter been officially appointed Auditor Treasurer.

4. The following payments were approved for the year: -
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| Audit Notices | 5.5. |
| Stationary | 3.6. |
| Clerk's Salary | 10.0.0. |
| Sunset Resurrection | 1.0.0. |
| Audit Stamp | 10.0. |
| Hire of Room | 1.10.0. |
| Notices | 15.0. |
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5. Mr Bunday proposed that a Precept for £10-0-0 be sent to Battle Road District Council. Mr Hasman seconded this and the Precept Book was duly signed.
6. A letter was read from Mr S. Cressley regarding the Ashturnham sports club, asking the Council to take care of books, records and cups. This was approved.

Joe Norris