

A Meeting of the Council was held
at the Club Office on 6th 18 1939

Members present Mr J R Bucknallth Joe Norris - F W White

Minutes of previous meeting were read & signed

It was decided to hold future meetings of the
Council at Postojun The Clerk stated there
would be no charge for Lighting & heating

There was no further business

A meeting of the Council was held at the
Club Office on March 18th 1940

Members present J R Bucknallth Joe Norris
- F W White

The a/c of the year were as follows

Salary	5-0-0
Credit Members	5 0
Postage	<u>1 10</u>
	5 6 10

A Receipt was drawn on the R & C for the
Sum of £10-0-0

A Cheque was signed to pay the above as & when
the receipt was paid over

This concluded the ~~the~~ business

Signed F W White

A Meeting of the Council was held
on about 18th 1940

The only business before the Council was the
Auditing of a/c's

It was decided to call the next meeting
only - when necessary during the present
crisis

The Annual Parish Meeting was called
to be held on Monday March 17th 1941
when only the Club was present

Signed
F W White
21.4.1941

A Meeting of the Council was held at Postojun
on Monday April 21st 1941 at 7⁰⁷.

Mr J R Bucknallth presided and was supported
by Joe Norris & C K Kelly

The Minutes of previous meeting was passed &
signed

The Clerk stated he had no a/c. to present for
the year

A Receipt was made on the Bath R & C for
the sum of Ten pounds to be paid to Treasurer
by 21 May 1941

Cheque

A Cheque was drawn for the sum of £5-0-0 being

Salary due to the Club for year ending

31st March 1941

The Clerk submitted Invoices from Charles Knight & Co
for the following

1 Receipt - Payment Book	18/6	
6 Annual Statements	6/3	
12 Invoices of Audit	2/-	- £ 1-6-9

which was accepted

The Correspondence Enclosed with following

- 1 appointment of School Managers
 - 2 Sunnyside Produce
- (1) Mrs J Norris of Withenham Farm and
Mr C R Kealey were appointed to serve
as representatives to the School Managers Committee
No date was fixed for the next Meeting this
being left to the Chairman & Clerk to decide if
necessary

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting and Election of
the Parish Council was held in the School
Room on Monday evening March 18th 1946

Attendance

Mr Joe Norris presided over a very small meeting
being supported by only 6 members of the Electorate

Election of Council

The presiding chairman being nominated for
election vacated the chair his place being
taken by Mrs Norris

The following Nominations Papers were handed
to the Chairman as follows
Lady Catharine Ashburnham Ashburnham Place
J R Beckwith Esq, Agmonkham Ashburnham
Joe Norris Esq Withenham
" " " " " "
Mrs Faith Brooman Peltham
" Mr F W West Ash Tree Farm
no other nominations were handed in
and the above were declared elected by
the Chairman

Resolutions (3)

- 1 Three resolutions were unanimously carried as follows
The Annual Parish Meeting strongly urges the
Bathle Rural District Council to press on
with a piped water supply to the Parish
of Ashburnham and to treat this matter as
urgent
- 2 As above To the Hastings Electricity Board
Re Electricity for the Parish
- 3 " " To the Maidstone & District
Re Bus Services through the Parish
Also to the Local Farmers Union Secretary asking
them to operate & support Joe Norris

Parish Council Meetings

The Meeting of the Council was held in the School room on Monday the 21st day of April 1946 at 7⁰⁷.

Members present
 Declaration of
 Acceptance of
 Office
 The following Members were present and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Messrs J A Beckwith J Norris & F W White & Mrs Boorman The Clerk reported Lady Catharine in ability to attend

Officers
 Chairman Lady Catharine Beckwith
 Vice Chairman Mr Joe Norris
 Rating Committee Mr J Norris & T Peters
 Education - Mr F C Harman
 Mr C R Keeley having left the Burdock the appointment of his successor was postponed

Correspondence
 Letters were read acknowledging receipt of
 Water (1) Battle B & C referred matter back to be taken up with the Bixhill Corporation
 (2) Acknowledged from Bixhill Corporation
 (3) " from the Hastings Electricity Board which would be considered at next meeting
 (4) Acknowledgment of receipt of letter from the Muddstone & Easton Bus Company

Resignation
 of Clerk
 The Clerk tendered his resignation to the Council to take effect as early as convenient to the Council after discussion the Clerk agreed to the request of the Council to continue until September to complete 30 years service
 Joe Norris

Parish Council Meetings

A Meeting of the Council was called for Monday July 8th only 2 Members being present the meeting was postponed

A Meeting of the Council was held in the Schoolroom on Monday July 22nd 1946

Mr J Norris presided and was supported by Mr F W White & Mrs Boorman

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & signed

The Clerk produced letters from the Bixhill Corporation referring the matter back to the Battle Rural District Council this being the only Council to give necessary guarantee and to get grants from the Ministry of Health

from the Hastings Electricity Board who were considering claim to be submitted to their Council in July

from the Battle Rural District Council re Housing

The Clerk was instructed to send copy of letter from the Bixhill Corporation also to press for an early consideration of same and to reconsider their letter as sent out on 30th March 1946

also to the same body to reopen the matter re Housing which if granted a Committee be

formed to go into the matter at once

The Clerk to communicate with the Chairman on receipt of reply and if favourable a Committee consisting of Mr Norris Mr White and the Clerk to get the needs of the Tenants in the Parish

This was carried out by personal contact with the Tenants of Farms also with People who had to live in the same house with other tenants and a list of some were sent to the Battle R & Council

Inf. Letchworth

8/1/47

A Meeting of the Council was held at the Schoolroom on Wednesday evening Jan 8th at 7.30 when all the Members of the Council were present

Declaration Lady Catherine signed the usual Declaration of acceptance of Office and Presided over the Meeting

Minutes The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed

Correspondence The Correspondence consisted of Letters received from

attached The Rural District Council of Battle & Horsey and development matters relating to the Parish copies of which are attached to this book and which were circulated to each Member of the Council

A very long discussion followed The Clerk being instructed to frame a reply which should be seen by each member and if agreed should be sent to the Battle R & C urging the need

1 of Houses in the Parish for details of Water

2 supply as applied for

3 To ascertain why Ashburn & Penhurst was the only two Farms which were not included in the R & C Slaughter & Sewerage Scheme

Copy of Letter attached

The Clerk asked if the Council would meet in March to settle a/c for the year that all matters must be settled for the termination of office on 31/3/47

R. Bicknell
Acting Chairman

17th March 1947

A Meeting of the Council was held in the Schoolroom on Monday evening at 7.30 when the following Members were present

Members Present Messrs J Norris J R Bicknell Mr W. P. ... Mr ...

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed

The Clerk submitted the following a/c for the year

Ofcs Barrett of Battle Printing - Stationery 2.2.1
Chat Knight Receipt - Payment Book 1.1.9
S J Muggidge Preparation of Room 6.-
Mrs Peter Ould Stamp - Postage 9.5
Salary 5.-

£ 9.4.3

The Pass Book was presented showing balance in hand of £11-9-7 a Cheque was drawn to pay the above a/c leaving Balance of £1.19.4

Balances 31/3/47

a Letter was received asking that an organiser be appointed by the Council to the Committee of the Battle Safety Fund campaign on the proposition of Mr Bicknell the Clerk was instructed to contact Mr R. Baker of Bicknell Farm to fill the represent the Council

School Closure

- M^{rs} Boorman proposed that a letter of protest be sent to the Education Authority on the closing of Village schools on the ground
1. That children of 5 to 6 years were too young to be sent away - the hours away from too long
 2. The need for Rural education was more urgently required for the advancement of Rural life.
 3. That Town education would be harmful - have for reaching results in the industry appearing to the Rural Industry = Good Production

The Clerk was further instructed to write the Battle R District Council using a reply to the correspondence sent on 10 1 47

Resignation of Clerk

going to the termination of

It was decided to hold the

The resignation of the Clerk taking effect on the 31st March 1947 It was unanimously agreed to appoint Mr M R Norris of Hicheham Ashburnham, to fill the vacancy as from 21 March 1947 at a salary of Pounds per year to include all duties appearing to the office

M Richards
Acting Chairman

21st April, 1947

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom, & the following members were present Mrs. Boorman, Mr. Bickersteth & Mr. Norris. The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. There was no further business.

for Norris
Acting Chairman

At a meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council, held at the School on Monday, June 30th, at 8 o'clock, the following members were present: Mrs. Boorman, Mr. P. White, and Mr. J. Norris. Mr. Norris took the chair, and an apology for absence was received from Mr. Bickersteth.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence re temporary houses in Battle: A letter was received from the Battle R. D. C. offering the chance of temporary houses to Messrs F. Chacksfield, W. Spilsted and D. Vidler, but all three families wished to have permanent houses, preferably in Ashburnham. No reply was received to the Clerk's letter requesting consideration of an application by Mr. W. Chacksfield.

Correspondence re Bus Service: The Maidstone Bus Co. have now refused to consider a service through the village for the time being, and it was decided to drop the matter until a later date.

Appointment of School Manager: Mrs. Boorman proposed that Mrs. Heath be asked to take Mr. C. Keeley's place as a School Manager, and this was seconded by Mr. White. The Clerk was instructed to get in touch with Mrs. Heath, and also to ascertain Mr. P. C. Harman's willingness to continue as a School Manager.

Mrs. Boorman also asked that a letter should be sent to the Education Committee reminding them of their promise to erect School signs.

Mr. Thos. Peters: The Chairman proposed, and Mrs. Boorman seconded, that the Clerk write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Peters in recognition of the long years of his service to this Council, and also that some note of this should be sent to the Sussex Express.

Mrs. Boorman also asked that notes on matters of special interest discussed in the Council should be published in the local paper in order that the people of Ashburnham and Penhurst should be informed.

Clerk's Salary: Mrs. Boorman proposed, and Mr. White seconded, that the Clerk's salary be increased to Ten Pounds per annum.

Ref. Ashburnham

A meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held on Wednesday, September 10th, 1947, at the School. The following members were present: Lady Catharine Ashburnham (Chairman), Mr. J. Norris, Mr. F. White and Mrs. Boorman. An apology for absence was received from Mr. Bickersteth.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Matters arising from the Minutes

A temporary house in Battle has been accepted by Mr. W. Chacksfield, but as his work lies in Ashburnham, he wishes that his name may remain on the list for permanent houses in this Parish.

Mrs. Heath's name has gone forward as a School Manager in the place of Mr. C. Keeley, and Mrs. Norris's name was confirmed as the other Manager appointed by the Parish Council.

The Education Committee said that the matter of the School signs has gone to the County Council.

Proposed Extension of the Borough of Hastings

It was decided that the Clerk should write to the Battle R.D.C making a vigorous protest against the inclusion of the Parishes of Ashburnham and Penhurst.

School

A letter from Mrs. Scott was read, protesting at the absence of a supply teacher pending Mrs. Stubbs' return. It was finally decided that the Clerk should write to the Education Officer asking that an Infant teacher should be supplied as soon as possible, since Mrs. Stubbs could not be expected to carry on indefinitely without aid.

Joehannis

A Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held in the School on April 5th, 1948, when the following members were present: Mr. J. Norris (in the Chair), Mr. Bickersteth, Mr. White and Mrs. Boorman. Lady Catharine Ashburnham was unable to be present.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence

A circular letter from the Battle R. D. C. was discussed and suitable replies were made to the questions. (Copy attached).

The Annual Accounts

The Clerk presented the Accounts to the Council, and it was proposed by Mr. Bickersteth and seconded by Mr. White that these be approved.

Rating Committee

Mr. T. Peters' resignation from the Rating Committee was put before the Council and accepted with regret. It was decided not to appoint any one else, but to leave Mr. J. Norris as the sole representative on the Committee.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairman.

Joehannis

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1948

A meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held at the School on Monday, July 12th at 8 p.m., when the following members were present: Mr. J. Norris (in the Chair), Mrs. Boorman and Mr. F. White. Apologies for absence were received from the Lady Catharine Ashburnham and Mr. J.R. Bickersteth.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter from the Battle R.D.C.

A letter was read from the Battle R.D.C. asking for the number of houses required by this Parish, and the Council decided to apply for 15 Agricultural houses, and 5 Non-Agricultural houses, names being compiled from applications already made.

Battle District Association of Parish Councils.

It was decided that the Council should apply for membership of the Association, and Mrs. Boorman was appointed to attend the next meeting to be held on July 21st.

Dangerous corner at Olivers Hill

In view of the number of accidents during recent years, it was decided to ask the County Council to erect a Danger sign on either side of this corner.

Bus Service

The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Bickersteth if the proposed bus service is definitely to link us with Battle, as the great majority of the village would prefer connection with Bexhill.

School Managers

Mrs. Boorman proposed, and Mr. White seconded that Mrs. Heath and Mrs. Norris be re-appointed School Managers from the Parish Council.

Foot-path A/4

Complaints have been received concerning the state of the gates on this path, and in view of the fact that it is much used by the school-children, it was proposed by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Boorman that Mr. Norris get in touch with Mr. Bickersteth concerning the necessary repairs, the cost to be met by the Parish Council. Mr. Norris undertook to obtain an estimate before the Council's next meeting,

J. Norris

Chairman.

1949

A Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held in the School-room on Monday, January 17th, at 7.30 p.m., when the following members were present: Mrs. P. Boorman, Mr. F. White and Mr. J. Norris (in the Chair). An apology for absence was received from Mr. Bickersteth.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Danger Signals

The Clerk reported that the East Sussex County Council had refused to erect danger signals at the junction of the Lakehurst - Ashburnham Road above the Barn Chapel.

Bus Service

Correspondence was read between Mr. Bickersteth and the Maidstone Bus Company, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Company enquiring the proposed route, and informing them that Monday was not an acceptable day for the service, but that Saturday would be most suitable. Tuesday was mentioned as an alternative.

Footpath A/4

A letter was read from Mr. Bickersteth suggesting stiles as an alternative to the wicket gates. The Council decided, however, that the wicket gates should be replaced, and Mr. Norris was asked to obtain an estimate for their erection.

Estimate of next year's expenditure

It was decided that the sum of Two Guineas should be entered on the estimate of Parish Council election ballots being necessary.

Correspondence

A letter from the Battle R.D.C. asking yet again for the number of "live" applications for houses in the Parish. The Clerk reported having made an appropriate reply - copy attached.

J. Norris

Chairman.

The Ashburnham Parish Council meeting was held after the Parish Meeting on Monday, March 21st, 1949, when the following members were present: Mr. J. Norris (in the Chair), Mr. J. R. Bickersteth, Mr. F. White and Mrs. F. H. Boorman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Accounts

The accounts for the year 1948-1949 were presented, and their adoption was proposed by Mrs. Boorman and seconded by Mr. White.

Football Ground

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Football Club, suggesting their approach to the tenant of the land which they wished to acquire for a playing field. The Ashburnham Estate, through Mr. Bickersteth, intimated their willingness to grant the Club a lease provided an amicable arrangement could be brought about with the present tenant.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairman.

Joeharris

A meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held in the school-room on Monday, July 4th, 1949, at 7 p.m., when Mrs. F. Boorman, Mr. K. Baker, Mr. R. Bickersteth and Mr. J. Norris were present. The Acceptances of Office were duly signed, after which Mr. Bickersteth proposed, and Mrs. Boorman seconded that Mr. J. Norris should be the Chairman of the Council. Mr. Norris proposed and Mr. Baker seconded that Mr. Bickersteth be Vice Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Public Right of Way No. 20.

It was proposed by Mr. Bickersteth that the matter of the new hand-rail be postponed until the next meeting, during which time he promised to inspect the bridge.

Kissing Gates

The Clerk was instructed to get in touch with Mr. Luck concerning the replacement of these gates, the Estate to provide the materials, in accordance with their estimate.

Footpath A/4

Mrs. Boorman pointed out that the hedge was very overgrown and the ditch needed digging out in order that the footpath could be used. She proposed that the tenant of the accompanying land, Mr. Joe Parsons, be written to, and asked to put the ditch and hedge in order, and this was seconded by Mr. Baker.

It was also proposed that the Cricket Club be asked to put back the Parish seat by the Memorial, and Mr. Baker agreed to see that this was done.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairman.

Joeharris

A meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held in the Estate Office at Agmerhurst on Monday, October 3rd, 1949, at 8.30p.m., when the following members were present: Mrs. F. Boorman, Mr. K. Baker, Mr. J. R. Bickersteth and Mr. J. Norris in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Matters arising therefrom

Public Right of Way No. 20; The Clerk was instructed to write to the Wartling Parish Council agreeing to bear half the cost of repairing the bridge, in accordance with their estimate of £1.10s.

Kissing Gates on A/4: Mr. Bickersteth reported that Mr. Luck had the matter in hand.

Account from Battle R.D.C.

The Clerk had received an account from the R.D.C. covering election expenses, for £3. -- 8d., of which £2. 2s. was paid to the Nomination Officer. The said officer having had nothing to do, the cheque for that amount was returned to the R.D.C.

Water

The present scheme was widely discussed, and the Council decided that it was wrong in only onerespect - it fell short of necessity in not going as far as Olivers Hill. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Bexhill Corporation and the Battle R.D.C., asking them to consider the extension in order that those farms en route might be served.

Housing

The names of those people still needing houses were reviewed, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Battle R.D.C. pointing out that as no building was possible until after the completion of the water scheme the matter should be left in abeyance and reviewed at the appropriate time, since it was highly probable that alternative accommodation might have been found for the applicants in the meantime. The Clerk was also to ask the Council to find a house for Douglas Vidler in Battle, as his work now lies there.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairman.

Joe Harris

A Meeting of the Ashburnham Parish Council was held in the School on Monday, January 30th, 1950, when the following members were present: Mrs. F. Boorman, Mr. K. Baker, Mr. R. Bickersteth, and Mr. J. Norris in the Chair.

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

Matters arising therefrom:

Water: The Clerk reported satisfactory replies from the A. E. C. concerning the extension of the water scheme to include Olivers Hill.

Housing: The Clerk reported that a house in Catsfield had been offered to Mr. D. Vidler, which he had refused.

Civil Defence

The Council decided that no Parish Meeting should be called to organise this, and that nothing further should be done in the matter.

Estimate of Parish Expenses

The Clerk will forego her salary if the cost of the replacement of the kissing gates brings the Parish Expenses beyond the usual 4d. rate. This will be communicated to the Battle R.D.C.

Unfenced Pond

Mr. Baker drew attention to the dangerous state of the corner near the entrance to Thorndale Farm due to the lack of a fence between the pond and the road. The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Surveyor on the subject.

Bus Stop

Mrs. Boorman asked if a Bus Stop sign could be placed at the junction of the Ashburnham road with the Boreham - Ninfield road, and although this area is actually outside the Parish boundary the Clerk was instructed to write to the Maidstone Bus Co. asking that this should be done.

Telephone Kiosk

Mrs. Boorman pointed out the difficulty of using the kiosk after dark, and it was resolved that the Post Office be asked to put a light there.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Joe Harris

Chairman.