

Report of Working Party appointed by a Meeting of Parishioners  
held on 10th November 1970

Present:- Mr.M.A. Wilmot, (Chairman in the Chair) (3); Mr.D.E. Broom (3);  
Mrs. H. Dunne (3); Mr. Mansfield (3); Mr.Parmenter (3); Mrs.E. Sharpe (2);  
Mr. J. Softly (2) and Mrs. E. Wilmot (3)

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1. Chairman

We elected Mr. M.A. Wilmot as our Chairman.

2. Terms of Reference

The Meeting on the 10th November requested us to consider ways and means of improving the appearance of Tatsfield and to report our proposals to a Meeting of Parishioners to be held by the 15th November 1971.

3. Views of Residents and Societies

In order to ascertain the views of as many residents and Societies as possible, we addressed a letter to all Residents whose names were on the Register of Electors and to all Societies known to us. We realise that the Register of Electors may not be up-to-date and that there may be Societies and other Bodies who are not known to us or to those whom we consulted but we feel the distribution was as wide as was possible in these circumstances.

We received many replies, mostly verbal. All supported the idea that action is necessary to tidy Tatsfield and attention has been drawn to the following items :-

- (a) Appearance of the Pond, including damage to paving. The need for the frequent removal of rubbish.
- (b) The need for planting shrubs and trees by the Pond, selected water plants in the pond and bulbs elsewhere on the green.
- (c) The lack of maintenance of the Pond and the type of maintenance carried out by the Rural District Council.
- (d) The apparent cessation of the cutting of grass on that part of Tatsfield Green which lies between Ricketts Hill Road and Old Lane.
- (e) The riding of horses on the Greens.
- (f) Rubbish deposited in the lanes and hedgerows.
- (g) The amount of broken glass (principally bottles) strewn about the area with serious danger to children.
- (h) The damage which is done to private roads by the activities of builders who do not reinstate trenches properly and who strew rubble indiscriminately on the roads, causing hazards to pedestrians.
- (i) The unnecessarily harsh pruning of trees by the Electricity Board (for example, Crossways.)
- (j) Car breaking activities resulting in unsightly car shells being abandoned or stored, usually on private land.
- (k) The need for grass and similar verges to be tidied.
- (l) The number of large dogs allowed to roam about the area.
- (m) The unnecessary driving of vehicles on verges and greens.
- (n) The storage of cars in the streets when garages and drives are available.
- (o) The need for planting trees and shrubs on the footpaths within the Village.

- (p) Annual clean-up.
- (q) The appointment of Street Wardens or Conservators to keep an eye on the natural amenities of the streets.
- (r) The planting of a hedge on Westmore Green at the rear of premises in Westmore Road.
- (s) The need for ensuring that footpaths are kept in a usable condition.

4. Further Action

(a) Having discussed this matter at our Meetings and with Residents, we have come to the conclusion that a Society should be formed which has as its sole purpose the improvement of the visual amenities of Tatsfield, with particular reference to public open spaces. We consider that it is important that the proposed Society should not be involved in other activities but that it should seek to obtain the co-operation and help of all other bodies and residents. In fact that it should be a Society of all the Residents of Tatsfield, meeting at quarterly intervals so that every resident may have an opportunity of attending and making his or her views known. It would thus be a voluntary body co-ordinating the help both financial and physical which it is hoped would be forthcoming from the various Residents' Associations and other organisations in the Village and from Residents and obtaining assistance from the Parish and Rural District Councils.

(b) It follows that if this view is acceptable to the Meeting, a method of financing the Society must be found, as it will be seen that if every Resident is to be automatically a member of the Society, a subscription cannot be required. We feel that by donations both in cash and kind from residents and other village organisations and by fund raising events it should be possible to achieve what we have in mind.

(c) It would be necessary for the Society to appoint a Standing Committee to carry out day-to-day operations.

(d) In order to implement these views :-

We Recommend -

(a) That a Society be formed to encourage and co-ordinate the activities of all organisations and residents who wish to conserve and improve the visual amenities of Tatsfield and to prevent its urbanisation, particular regard being given to public open spaces and to this end to provide such advice, guidance and help as may be possible.

\*(b) That the name of the Society be "The Tatsfield Society".

\*(c) That every Resident of the Parish of Tatsfield be automatically a member of the Society.

(d) That subject to the adoption of recommendations (a) and (b) above the meeting do appoint a Standing Committee of the Society consisting of :-

- (i) Chairman.
- (ii) Hon. Secretary
- (iii) Hon. Treasurer
- (iv) The Tatsfield Representative of the Rural District Council.
- (v) A representative of the Parish Council.
- (vi) Five Residents, one of whom must be under the age of eighteen years.

- (e) That the Standing Committee should have the power to co-opt.
- (f) That the Officers and the Committee be elected annually by the Society.
- (g) That meetings of the Tatsfield Society be held at quarterly intervals and at such other times as the Committee may decide and that such meetings be convened by the exhibition of posters in appropriate positions in the Village.

#### 5. Finances

The sum of £4.7s.8d was collected at the Meeting on the 10th November 1970 and this remains in hand.

The cost of duplicating, posters and postage has been met by Members of the Working Party.

6. The Chairman wishes to express publicly his thanks to the members of the Working Party, the two Observers and the Hon. Secretary for the helpful manner in which they have approached this matter and for the hard work they have carried out, particularly in delivering circulars during bad weather. He also offers his thanks to the Press for the support given in their recent articles. The Surrey Mirror supplied copies of one of their articles for distribution to Residents. He thanks also the Residents and Shopkeepers who have exhibited posters.

#### 7. Discharge of Terms of Reference

We Recommend - That our terms of reference be discharged.

M. Wilmot.  
Chairman