

May 16th 1905

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School Room Tatsfield on Tuesday the 16th of May at 6.30 P.M.

Present

Mr Denton Chairman. Messrs Duddy, G. H. West, J. W. Keble, & R. Staley. Clerk.

Minutes

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting were read confirmed & signed.

Allotments

The Chairman said the only business on the agenda was the allotment question, & he called on the Sub-Committee for their report. Mr West said the matter had been gone into with Mr Liverson Gower, who was willing to let them have the quantity of land they might require. a letter was read from Mr Liverson Gower to the Rev. J. W. Parsons to that effect.

Mr Keble raised the question whether it was definitely known what quantity of ground was to be required. Mr Duddy replied that up to the present under 2 acres had been applied for. After discussion Mr West proposed that 2 acres be applied for, seconded by Mr Keble & carried. In the meantime the Chairman suggested the sub-committee consider the necessary rules, & regulations. The clerk was requested ^{to apply} to Mr Liverson Gower for the 2 acres required.

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Mr. Parsons . The Clerk was requested to write, The Revd.
letter F. W. Parsons, & ask permission to take a
copy of his letter from Mr. Leeson
Gower.

Arthur Denton
June 13th 187.

June 13th 1905

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School Room, Salsfield, on Tuesday the 13th day of June at 8 P.M.

Present Mr Denton in the Chair. Messrs. G. H. West, A. H. Lock, F. W. Keeble, & the Clerk, R. Staley

Minutes The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting were read, confirmed & signed.

Parish

Allotments. The Chairman said he had received a letter from Mr Cowdrey enclosing a plan showing the position of the 2 acre plot for the purpose of Parish allotments. It being the only offer the Tibsey Estate can make, Mr West proposed that Mr Lawson-Gowen's offer be accepted & that we make the necessary application for the 2 acres to start with. This was seconded by Mr Keeble & the Clerk was instructed to write accordingly to Mr Cowdrey.

The Breeches
Footpath

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Mr Keeble drew attention to the diverted footpath at the Breeches, & the Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council respecting the same.

Hills

After discussion it was decided to again write Mr Streets respecting the condition of the stile on the far side of the Cricket ground, also to write Mr Bodington respecting a stile at the back of Schools.

Wm Denton Chairman.
July 11th 1905

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A Special Meeting of the Parish Council, was held in the School Room, Salford on Tuesday the 11th of July at 8. P.M.

Present Mr. B. Denton (in the Chair), Mr. F. W. Hable,
Mr. G. H. West, & R. Staley, the Clerk,

Minutes of former meeting, was read & signed.
Parish Allotments. The Chairman brought forward the question of allotments, he said the agreement, was before them for acquiring 2 acres of land from Mr. Leve son Gower, and only required their signatures. After discussion it was agreed to sign the agreement. In the mean time, the question of the necessary regulations would be gone into.

The Lighting Act.

Respecting the Lighting Act, the Chairman, said this was a matter, which must be gone into, as the recent annual Parish Meeting had committed themselves to a Lighting Act.

The question remained as to the best ways & means for adopting it. he suggested that as a first step, the Clerk should obtain information from the neighbouring Parish Councils, for submission to the Council at their next meeting. This was agreed to & the meeting then closed.

William Denton
Chairman 11/7/05

July 20th 1905.

A Special Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Mr. Denton's, on Thursday the 20th day of July 1905 - at 8 P.M.

Present

Mr. G. Denton, (Chairman), Mr. J. W. Keeble
Mr. G. H. West, Mr. W. G. Ho. (Clerk. Pro tem, in
the absence of R. Staley, who had to attend
the Assizes at Guildford.

Minutes

The Chairman said their seals had been attached to the Agreement, and the necessary Cheque forwarded.

The Chairman said it was for the members to decide whether they would adopt the Local Government Boards Regulations, or draw up a set of Regulations of their own.

Mr. Keeble proposed that they should adopt the Local Government Boards Regulations. This was seconded by Mr. West.

The regulations were then gone into, and the various points discussed.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. West & Mr. Keeble should form a sub-committee, and take the matter up, and submit their recommendations to the Council, at the next Council meeting. This was agreed to.

Lighting

The Chairman said this matter should be gone into at once, and that as soon as the Clerk had received replies from the local neighbouring bodies respecting this question

Lighting
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A Council Meeting should be called & Inspectors appointed to draw up a scheme for Lighting. In the meantime the Chairman suggested that as he would be away, that Mr. Keeble should act as Vice Chairman.

Rag Hill
Improvement.

This was generally approved. The Chairman brought this matter forward and pointed out the desirability of getting the District Council to treat Rag Hill in the same way as they had done Ship's Hill, which he thought would be of great benefit to the whole District.

Mr. Keeble suggested writing to the Cudham Parish Council & get them to approach this District Council in the matter, before they took steps. This was seconded by Mr. West. The Clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

Roads.

The Chairman said they might find out if Painesfield Road had ever been a road under the care of the Highways Authority, if so they could compel the District Council to put that road in order. Mr. Keeble said that question had been gone into by the Roads Committee here at his house, but it was found impossible from that anything had been done to the road by the Authorities. The Chairman thought the attention of the District Council should be called to the dangerous corners of certain roads. The meeting then terminated.

Arthur J. Smith
Oct 10.

October 5th 1905.

A. Special Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School Room, Tatsfield, on Thursday the 5th day of October 1905, at 8¹⁵/₄.

Present Mr. A. Denton, Chairman, G. H. West, E. Duddy, A. H. Locke, & the Clerk, R. Staley.

Minutes The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting were read confirmed & signed.

Allotments The allotment question was then brought forward. The Chairman said the regulations had been sent to the Local Government Board, to be confirmed. They had returned them to have a few alterations inserted. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to return them to the Local Government Board for their final confirmation. The Clerk was then requested to communicate with Mr. Cowdrey with a view of getting the land measured off. Mr. West proposed & Mr. Duddy seconded that 2 gross of pegs be ordered, with numbers. Mr. West proposed that 100 forms of regulations, & 100 copies of agreements be ordered, seconded by Mr. Duddy.

The Adoptive Fighting Act.

Mr. Denton then brought this matter forward. He said the Act had been adopted at the last Parish meeting, & it was necessary for them to go on with it. He suggested

Lighting Act
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that the sub-committee should prepare an estimate of the cost, and submit the same to a meeting of parishioners, as soon as possible. Mr. West then proposed the following resolution.

That in view of the fact that the Annual Parish meeting decided by the necessary majority to adopt the Lighting Act (1853. 3 & 4. William the IV. Chap. 90.) for the whole of the Parish that 6 Lamps & standards of pattern G 21422 in Messrs O'Brien & Thomas & Co. catalogue be bought & erected as follows.

- no 1 At the first sharp bend in the road from Church to Village near footpath to Westmore Green
- no 2 Opposite junction of roads by Schools.
- no 3 Between School & Gaddards.
- no 4 At the foot of Ship's Hill.
- no 5 Painesfield Road at cross-ways - beyond Post Office.
- no 6 Top of Goutfields Road at Cross Roads.

That the Lamps be all lit not later than one hour after sunset, and extinguished not earlier than 10.30 P.M. That the approval of the District Council be asked, for the positions of the Lamps, & permission to erect them. That tenders be asked for in the parish only, for lighting, extinguishing & keeping in order, & filling the Lamps, & supplying the Oil, & wicks. Mr. D. boldly thought it would be advisable to start with twelve Lamps - After discussion: it was decided, that

the Clerk should issue tenders for each of six Lamps & was therefore requested to write to Mr. White of Chiselhurst. The meeting then closed. The

Wm. O'Brien & Thomas
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October 19th 1905

A Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School Room on Thursday the 19th day of October at 7.30 P.M.

Present Mr A. Denton Chairman. Messrs. E. Duddy
A. H. Lock, J. H. Keeble, G. H. West, & R. Staley (Clerk)

Minutes The minutes of the former Parish Council meeting were read confirmed & signed.

Allotments The Chairman then brought forward the Allotments scheme & said the Local Government Board had returned the regulations sent to them with a few minor alterations which he thought were of very little importance regarding the measuring & fencing of the land. At present nothing had been done. The Clerk had communicated with Mr Cowdrey & had also seen him ^{him} self, on the 6th inst. & he promised to see to it the following week, but had failed to do so. The Clerk was therefore instructed to write to Mr Wrightwell and ask to have the work of fencing carried out without delay.

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The diverted footpath at the Breeches The Chairman said he had met some of the members of the District Council, at the Breeches & had gone over the diverted footpath, and everything had been satisfactory arranged as regards the throwing the said footpath open.

Vote of Thanks Mr Keeble proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr Dreds for the very satisfactory way he had done the footpath across the ploughed field leading down to Titsey Church, seconded by Mr Duddy.

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Vote of Thanks

The Clerk was therefore instructed to write to Mr. Street to that effect, and to ask him if he would have the stile of the Cottage repaired.

Parish Meeting. The matter of the Parish Lighting was briefly discussed, and the meeting closed.

Arthur Denton

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October 25th 1905.

A Special Meeting of the Parish Council, was held in the School Room on Wednesday the 25th day of October at 6.30 P.M.

Present

Mr. A. Denton. Chairman. Mr. J. H. Kable
Mr. E. Duddy. Mr. G. H. West. + R. Staley. (Clerk)

Minutes

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting, were read, confirmed & signed.

The Allotments

The Chairman then read a letter from Messrs Morrison + Nightingale, stating that Mr. Cowdrey had been instructed to get the fencing of the allotments put in hand at once. The Chairman now thought that the work could ~~now~~ be got on with as regards the letting. Mr. Duddy proposed that ^{for letting} notices be circulated in the village seconded by Mr. West. It was then decided to leave all necessary arrangements in the hands of the Sub. Committee

Parish Lighting

Mr. White's estimate

The Chairman then brought forward the Lighting Question. Mr. Duddy proposed that Mr. White's estimate to erect the 6 Lamps complete, + to paint the standards after fixing for the sum of thirty shillings £1.10.0 ^{be accepted} seconded by Mr. West. Carried.

Sub Committee

Mr. Kable proposed that Mr. West + Mr. Duddy be elected on the Sub Committee. seconded by Mr. Denton. Carried. It was then decided that the Sub Committee should ^{arrange} ~~decide~~ where to erect the Lamps.

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Parish Lighting
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Mr. West proposed that the Clerk issue notices in the village, soliciting estimates for lighting, extinguishing, & keeping in working order & supplying oil, wicks, & c. for the 6 Lamps, for 20 weeks from Monday the 6th day of November, seconded by Mr. Dudley Carver. The meeting then closed.

Arthur Denton
Chairman
Dec 4th 18.

October 19th

A. Parish Meeting was held in the School Room, Tatsfield, on Thursday the 19th day of October 1905

Present.

M^r A. Denton in the Chair. Messrs. E. Duddy. G. H. West. F. H. Keeble. A. H. Lock. E. H. Wilkins, and about 20 Parishioners.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Parish Meeting were read confirmed & signed.

The adoptive
Lighting
Act

The Chairman said this meeting was called to consider a proposition to raise the sum of Thirty three pounds for the purpose of buying, & erecting 6 Lamps, and for necessary expenses connected with the same. M^r Denton then read to the meeting the resolution put in by M^r West, and said it entirely rested with the Parishioners, whether they would have the Lamps or not, or wait till the next annual Parish meeting, and bring it forward again.

M^r G. H. Wilkins then briefly addressed the Meeting and proposed that two additional Lamps be bought, one placed on the Croxdon Road, at the junction of Road by the Rectory leading to Titsey, the other at the Bottom of Church Hill. seconded by M^r Scott, when 5 voted for the proposition, & against. The proposition was lost.

The adopting
act. Cont^d

Mr Fairhall proposed that directions be written on the Lamps to act as finger posts. But the Chairman thought that would not be gone into at present.

Mr Lavercomb.

Mr Lavercomb in a brief speech strongly objected to the scheme.

Mr Hable.

Mr Hable thought the time was not ripe at present, for going into the matter, it would be better to wait for a time, and then thoroughly light the parish. he could not see the use of a few lamps placed about the Parish. he would therefore oppose the resolution.

Mr Duddy
Proposition

Mr Duddy said the erection of 6 Lamps was not his scheme, he proposed at the annual meeting for 20 Lamps but on account of the heavy rate in the Parish, he had not gone into the matter, but however, now he would propose that 12 Lamps be erected instead of the 6, seconded by Mr Neale when 5 voted for the proposition and 12 against, the proposition was lost.

Mr West's
resolution

The Chairman then informed the meeting that it entirely rested with them whether they would have the Lamps or not. He therefore read Mr West's resolution & put it to the vote which was carried by 10 votes to 8. The Chairman then put the original proposition to the meeting. That the

sum of thirty three pounds be
raised by rate for the purpose
of Lighting this Parish. for which
the Lighting & Watching Act. has
been adopted. seconded by W^m Wesh
when 10 voted for the proposition & against
Carried.

The Meeting then closed.

Arthur Denton

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December 7th 1905

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School Room. Jatojo on Thursday the 7 Day of December at 8.15 P.M.

Present

Mr A. Denton, Chairman. Mr P. Duddley
Mr G. H. West, Mr J. W. Kable & the Clerk
R. Staley.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting, were read, confirmed, & signed

Condolence

The Chairman proposed that a letter of condolence be written to Mrs Lock, widow of the late Councillor Lock, seconded by Mr Kable. Mr Kable was asked to write the letter.

Election of

Parish Council. The Chairman then brought forward the Election of a Parish Councillor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr A. Lock after discussion it was decided to adjourn the matter till the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Allotments

A letter was read from Messrs Morrison & Nightingale stating they had written Mr Cowdrey giving him instructions to proceed with the fencing of the 2 acres of ground at once. Mr West said it would be advisable to write or see Mr Cowdrey to hurry the work on. The Clerk was therefore instructed to do so.

The lighting
Act.

Mr Neale's estimate for lighting, cleaning
& saturating the lamps, for about 20
weeks at 13/- per week, as previously agreed
by Messrs. West & Dudley, was laid before
the Council and accepted. Mr. West
proposed that Mr Neale be paid monthly
retained by Mr. Dudley.

Mr Neale's
Wages

Barbed Wire

Mr Hebble called attention to the barbed
wire put up in St. Johns Road, which
was a danger to the Public. Mr. Dudley
suggested that the attention of the District
Council be drawn to the matter the
Clerk was instructed to write accordingly.
The meeting then closed.

Present

The adjourned meeting of the Parish
Council was held in the School Room
on Tuesday the 19th day of Dec^r. at 7.30 P.M.
Mr A. Denton in the Chair. Messrs. West,
J. W. Hebble, & the Clerk, R. Staley.

Election
of Councillor

The Chairman brought forward the
question of the election of a Parish
Councillor in place of the late Mr. Lock,
and said it was usual to elect the one that
was next on the list to the successful
candidates at the last election, who
in this case was Mr. Vincent, but it was
for them to decide after discussion.
Mr. West proposed that Mr. J. Brown be
elected a parish councillor, seconded
by the Chairman Mr. Denton. Carried

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the Water
Supply to Tatsfield

The Chairman now read a letter from the District Council, stating that they were about to enter into a contract with the Metropolitan Water Board for a supply for Tatsfield, and that the draft was deposited at the office of the Council in Station Road. Offered for inspection for 14 days, from the date of letter.

Rolling Station. The Clerk was instructed to write the President of the Local Government Board, with reference to the Parliamentary Rolling Station at Tatsfield.
The meeting then closed.

Arthur Denton

Chairman
July 25th 06

December 19th 1905

A Parish Meeting was held in the School Rooms, Tatsfield on Tuesday the 19th day of December 1905

Present Mr. A. Denton in the Chair. Messrs. West, Kable, Duddy, E. H. Wilkins, Cooper & about 70 parishioners.

Minutes The Minutes of the last Parish Meeting were read, confirmed, & signed.

Tatsfield & Westmore Greens. The Chairman said the Parish Council had been asked to call the meeting to consider the action of the Council with reference to the control of Tatsfield & Westmore Greens. He then called on Mr. Cooper to read the resolution.

Resolution

Mr. Cooper then read the following resolution that this Statutory Parish Meeting is not desirous of any change in the control of Tatsfield & Westmore Greens, and regrets the action of this Parish Council in conjunction with the Rural District Council in formulating a scheme to that end, thereby opening the door to unlimited expenditure, over which we have no control, without first ascertaining the wishes of the parishioners in that direction.

seconded Mr. Jupp seconded the resolution.

continued Mr. Farshall said he & several others had signed a petition which purported to protect the Greens for the use of the people, and to clear up doubts asked that it might be read.

The Petition. Mr. Cooper then read the petition signed by 140 parishioners.

It stated the wishes of the inhabitants of Salford, had not been consulted, that the Parish Council was not justified in incurring a great and absolutely unnecessary expenditure without the consent of a Parish Meeting, that they did not wish for any alteration, and protested against the expenditure already incurred.

Discussion The Chairman then solicited a discussion on the matter.

Mr. Nicholson & several others asked if the £10. already incurred would be exceeded, to which the Chairman replied, No; unless they wished themselves at any future time to improve the Greens.

Mr. Duddy said they were not bound to go to the District Council, the Parish Council had power to approach the Board of Agriculture under the Commons Act 1875. He contended that a further expense would be incurred for the six notice boards, at \$12 each, with the £10. already charged would amount to £22.

The convenience of the tradesmen ought to be considered in allowing them the use of the greens with their carts.

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Mr. French said he had signed the petition under gross misrepresentation, that the meant a large outlay in drainage &c. which he thought was unfair to the promoters, as it evidently was not intended to put the Parish to extra expense.

The Chairman then addressed the meeting he said they had been asked for the authority given to the Parish Council for their actions in regard to the Greens. It was by their own mandate when they elected them, as he himself not only spoke to everyone, but it was printed on a form and circulated amongst the ratepayers that it was highly necessary to take steps for the preservation of the Greens. His intention was to preserve to the working men the absolute right, for ever, to the use of these Greens, and the only way was by taking the steps they had.

They had also acted on the advice of Mr. Chubb secretary to the Society for the preservation of Commons & greens.

They had an opportunity of preserving the Greens for a nominal sum, and he knew people who would voluntarily subscribe the £10, so that the charge would not fall on the rates. Under the District Council the Bylaws would be enforced with less friction, but in time the control would be handed over to the Parish Council, and the Lord of the Manor would not be entitled to interfere with their rights. He left the matter with them hoping they would give it their full consideration.

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Mr. E. H. Wilkins supported the Council, he had given much thought to the question in order that he might represent it properly to the District Council. It was an important thing that the open spaces, in and about London should be preserved for the use of the people. When the question was first brought before the District Council they asked the Lord of the Manor for a plan of the greens, and they found 2 acres had been fenced in, and they were deprived of it. The only persons to recover this would be the Lord of the Manor & the Commoners. There was not a single person living in Tatsfield who had any rights in the matter. By the scheme the inhabitants of the district & neighbourhood would have a right of free access to every part of the Commons, and a privilege of playing games, subject to the Byelaws. It was intended to regulate carts, & horses, but not to exclude, sheep & cattle, only to properly provide for them. As to the expense there was not the slightest intention to spend more than £10.

Resolution

The Chairman then put the resolution to the Meeting when 33 voted for, and 24 against. It was therefore carried. The meeting then closed.

Wm. Fenlon
Chairman

March 20/1885