

March 4 1907

The annual Parish meeting was held in the School Room - Tatsfield on Monday the 4th day of March 1907. at 8 P.M.

Present Mr. G. Denton. Messrs E. H. Wilkins, G. H. West, J. S. Brown, J. H. Duddy, and about 40 Parochial electors. Mr. E. H. Wilkins was elected Chairman.

Minutes

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

After a few remarks from the Chairman he said the first business was to elect 5 members to serve on the Parish Council. 6 nominations papers were handed in and on a show of hands resulted as follows.

Mr. W. Potter	42
Mr. G. Denton	35
Mr. G. H. West	33
Mr. J. Brown	25
Mr. J. Vincent	23
Mr. W. Tasker	23

The last two candidates having tied the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. J. Vincent, which left Mr. Tasker as the non-elected candidate.

The Chairman then gave the usual 10 minutes for anyone to demand a poll if so desired.

Mr. Duddy therefore requested a poll. In this he was supported by Messrs J. Cooper, J. M. Annet, & Davis, & C. Newell.

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The Chairman here pointed out that a poll would involve the Parish in the of some £15 -

As the demand would not be withdrawn Mr Denton said he would withdraw rather than put the Parish to the unnecessary expense of a poll. Mr Justice was therefore elected.

Mr Denton then briefly reviewed the work of the Council for last year, which showed an expenditure of only £1.15.11. leaving a balance in hand of £29.19.9. The allotments etc showed a deficit of £2.2.8. on the proposals of Mr Denton and seconded by Mr Brown these accounts were received and adopted.

The Parish fighting

Mr Brown then proposed that the sum of £20 be expended next winter on fighting purposes. seconded by Mr West.

on being put to the vote the resolution was lost.

Resolution

Proposed by Mr Duddy & seconded by Mr Justice. That this meeting of Satisfiers & Parishes electors, be to bring to the notice of the Godstone Rural District Council, the dangerous condition that the estate roads have been left in by the contractors who laid the water pipes. In its present condition it is a danger to the public & detrimental to the letting of property. carried. Mr West proposed & Mr Brown seconded that the District Council be written to on the matter. The meeting then closed.

Arthur Duddy

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April 16 1907

The first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council was held in the School Room Tatesfield, on Tuesday the 16th day of April 1907 at 8 P.M.

Present Mr G. Denton, Mr G. H. West, J. Vincent, W. Tasker, W. Potter, J. Brown & Mr Clerk R. J. Taylor

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

Election of Officers Mr Vincent proposed that Mr G. Denton be asked to act a chairman again. Mr West seconded, and on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

Chairman

Mr Denton thanked the Council for the honour conferred on him, and said he was sure they would all work together & support each other in furthering the interests of the Parish.

Vice Chairman Mr Vincent proposed & Mr Brown seconded that Mr West be elected Vice-Chairman. carried.

Overseers Mr Denton proposed that Mr West be elected overseers seconded by Mr Brown. carried

Mr Brown proposed that Mr Vincent be elected an other overseer seconded by Mr Potter. carried

School Manager Mr West proposed Mr Potter seconded that Mr Brown be elected to represent the Council as school manager. carried.

Committee

allotments Messrs Brown, Tasker & J. Vincent were elected on the allotments committee. proposed by Mr West seconded by Mr Potter. carried

Committee's
continued
footpaths
lighting

The Chairman & Messrs Brown & W. Tasker were elected on the footpaths committee, proposed by Mr West, seconded by Mr Vincent.

The Chairman said the necessity for a lighting committee had ceased at least for a time it was suggested that the Parish might be lighted by voluntary subscription.

Mr Vincent he had also been approached on the matter, and he strongly supported efforts being made to do so. It was decided to appoint a Committee, Messrs West, Vincent, Potter were elected

The Roads

Mr Brown called attention to the state of the roads owing to the laying down of the new water mains, after discussion the Clerk was instructed to again write ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{district} Council on the matter

Farm Pond

Mr Vincent raised the question of having a Parish Pond, for straying cattle.

Mr Tasker pointed out that any farm yard or stable was a pond, if the straying cattle were locked up, Mr West strongly supported the erection of a central pond.

The matter was left for enquiries to be made before the next meeting.

Ricketts Hill
improvement

Mr West asked how far arrangements had got for the widening of Ricketts Hill, & the Clerk reported that the District Council had given instructions that the work should be proceeded with at once.

contains
Hill in
Park Meadow

accounts

Mr. Tasker drew attention to the dangerous
state of the Hill recently erected in the Park
opposite Shep Well. Mr. Vincent promised
to have the matter seen into immediately, and
a satisfactory alteration should be made.

The following ~~ap.~~ were present

Mr. C. Frost	were meeting at	2-17-6	-
Mr. G. Lupton	repairing Lamp	2-3	.
Mr. Crane	putting up meeting	6-	-
Mr. Neal	4 week lighting Lamp	4-3-0	.
Mr. E. G. Head	election expenses	12-6	.

The meeting then closed

Arthur Denton

June 18th 07.

June 18th - 1907

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School Room on Tuesday the 18th day of June 1907. at 7.30 P.M.

Present Mr A. Denton in the Chair. Messrs G. H. West, W. Jastier, J. Vincent, W. Potter, & F. Brown with the Clerk, R. Staley.

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

Parish Lighting The chairman said that he had been approached with the view of getting the Council to raise money by voluntary subscription to have the Parish lamps lighted during the coming winter. He did not however consider it was the Council to move in the matter but if those interested in the matter would come forward with a scheme & subscriptions, the Council would then be prepared to consider the question it was suggested that the Lighting Committee might take the matter up, something like £15. to £18. would be required to carry the matter out.

Mr Jastier said the opposition to the lighting at the last annual Parish meeting, arose out of the lamps being so scattered.

The Chairman remarked he was glad to hear the statement of the last speaker and it

Lighting
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funds were raised. to erect the lamps where they would be of the greatest use.

Mr West asked whether a public meeting could not be called.

The Chairman replied NO; the Adoptive Lighting acts could not be brought up only at the annual parish meeting. after further discussing it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the Lighting Committee.

The Parish
Pound

The Chairman stated that he had made inquiries in respect to a Pound for the parish, & that the body to approach was the Rural District Council he suggested that they might write accordingly.

Mr Justice said the erection of the pound would cost £20. & involve a 2^d rate on the Parish.

The Chairman pointed out that the cost would be spread over the whole of the parishes.

Mr Vincent thought the cost would not reach £20. & he moved that the Clerk be instructed to write the District Council accordingly by Mr West carried.

Stile in
Park meadow

~~Mr Vincent~~
Mr Vincent said that the alteration of the stile in Park meadow was in hand. He had seen Mr Cowdery who had promised to write to the Lord of the Manors, & have it seen to.

Footpaths

The matter of the Footpath leading from Tatsfield & Jofrey was then brought forward. after discussion the Clerk was directed to write Mr Cowdery calling his attention to the closing of the Gate at Cold Harbour Beeches.

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The Allotments

Mr. Vincent raised the question of the disposal of the grass on the unoccupied plots and as to letting them for grazing purposes. The latter would not be advisable, but sub-committee might dispose of the grass.

Mr. Tasker said there was an impression in the Village that no one under the age of 21 years could hold an allotment.

The Chairman quoted from the regulations which specified that the age must be 21.

Mr. West proposed seconded by Mr. Vincent that steps be taken to have the age limit altered. Carried.

Small Holdings

A communication was read from the Surrey County Council, asking for information in respect to demands for small holdings it was decided to reply that there were four small holdings in the Parish, and that there was a demand for them, and that land was obtainable for the purpose.

The meeting then closed.

Arthur J. J. J.
Chairman
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July 30th - 1907

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School Room on Tuesday the 30th day of July at 7.30 P.M.

Present

Mr. G. Denton in the Chair. Messrs J. Finlayson, G. H. West, W. Justice, J. Brown, W. Potter & the Clerk, R. Staley.

Minutes

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

The Parish Pound.

A letter was read from Mr. Head Clerk to the Rural District Council stating that he would look into the question of the Pound, and communicate later on with the Council.

Allotments

A Cheque was drawn for the sum of £2 for rent of the Allotment ground for 6 months. Mr. Justice raised the question of tenants being allowed to exchange their plots without reference to the Council.

The Chairman said the Council must first be consulted. The Allotments were not negotiable articles. If an application for such transfer was received, and approved, by the Council, he thought it would be quite in order for the outgoing tenant to be compensated for his crops by the incoming tenant.

Fighting

The Chairman then brought forward the question of Fighting which was adjourned from the last Council meeting, and asked if the Committee had anything to report on the

Continued voluntary movement. Mr Vincent said he had been approached on the matter and had informed the person to get others to support the movement, and to bring forward something tangible.

Mr West was of the opinion that the inhabitants were not willing to back out. He personally was willing to assist in any scheme.

Mr Brown took it that the members were empowered to tell those who did subscribe that they could use the Camps in possession of the Council.

The Chairman replied certainly if the money was handed over to the Council.

Mr Justice said the lighting had been instituted for the benefit of strangers or visitors to the Parish, and the opposition would be maintained.

Mr West pointed out that it would be against the interest of the Parish to place obstacles to the visitors of the Parish.

The discussion then closed.

Footpaths

The Chairman said a communication had been received from Mr Cowley stating that the gate in connection with the footpath leading from Tatsfield to Cold Harbour beeches. It very would not be locked.

Association of Rifle Clubs.

The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary of the Godstone Union Association of rifle clubs, enclosing resolutions passed at the meeting held at Lingfield on June 20th and expressing the hope that the Chairman

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of each Parish Council would consent to become ex-officio vice-presidents of local associations, which it was proposed should be formed in every Parish of the Godstone district.

In reply the Chairman said he would be pleased to accept office, and had requested, had suggested Messrs J. Vincent & F. Brown as the two representatives to attend the preliminary meeting at Otford on the 31st with the view to forming a branch association at Tatsfield. Both were thoroughly competent to give the benefit of their advice.

Mr Brown was qualified to give instruction in the use of the Rifle and had offered to do so for six months in the event of a club being formed. Mr Vincent had offered a piece of land, but on inspection it had not been found suitable.

Mr West thought it was a splendid idea and ought to have been carried out long ago, he said he had much pleasure in supporting the two gentlemen as their representatives, and in proposing a vote of sympathy with the movement, wishing it every success. This was carried & the meeting closed.

Arthur Dutton

Chairman Oct 16th 07.

October 16th 1907

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School Room on Wednesday the 16th day of October, at 7 P. M.

Present Mr. A. Denton in the Chair. Messrs. J. Barron, W. Jastier, G. H. West, and the Clerk R. Staley

Minutes The minutes of the last Parish Council ^{Meeting} were read confirmed & signed

The Lighting The Chairman said as nothing had been done in regard to raising the money required by voluntary subscriptions, the Council was powerless to do anything in the matter till the next Parish Meeting

The Rifle Club The Chairman said the representatives appointed at their last meeting had attended the meeting held at Beate. The Council were not officially connected with the meeting, but it was proposed to call a meeting in the schools on Friday the 25th. There was no question of rates, so there would be no objection, but contributions would be welcomed from them.

The Pound The Chairman read a letter from the Clerk of the Rural district Council saying that a Parish Council had no power to provide the pound, and it was not clear that a Rural district Council could do so. He thought however that a Rural

The Pond
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District Council would apply for urban powers to enable them to purchase land, for erecting a pond, and also for an order declaring the expenses to be special expenses on the particular contributory places.

The Chairman suggested that no further steps be taken in the matter which was agreed to. Carried

Ricketts Hill
road.

Mr Tasker called attention to the condition of the road at Ricketts Hill it was proposed that the Clerk write to the District Council on the matter

The Green

Mr Tasker asked for information in regard to the strips of Land which the Lord of the Manor wished to retain under the proposed regulation scheme. It was decided from information afforded the Council, that there were certain strips of land adjoining private property and abutting on the road of the Green which were not included in the proposed scheme. The District Commissioner, urged that they should be, with the understanding that the District Council would not place any obstacle in the way of the owner of the land having access to his property.

The meeting then closed

Arthur Denton
Jan 16th 08.

Jan^y 16th 1908.

A. Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School Room on Thursday the 16th day of Jan^y. 1908

Present Mr. A. Denton in the Chair Messrs. G. H. West, J. Vincent, J. S. Brown, W. Potter, & W. Jastin and the Clerk, P. Staley.

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

Allotments The Chairman brought forward the matter of the allotments. The committee reported there appeared to be an error in the measurement of some of the plots, and after discussion it was proposed by Mr. Denton to meet the committee on the allotments on Monday the 20th at 11 a.m. and go into the matter carried.

The Small Holdings act. The Chairman now read a paper from the Clerk of the County Council respecting the Small Holdings, and allotment act. The matter was thoroughly discussed, and it was proposed to call a Parish meeting on Jan^y 30th in the School Room, to lay the matter before the Parishioners carried.

Dangerous state of road leading from Westmore Green to the Craydon Rd. Mr. Vincent brought forward the question of the dangerous road leading from Westmore Green to the Craydon road and thought the Rural District Council

should be approached on the matter
by way of improving the same, after
discussion it was proposed by Mr. Vincent
seconded by Mr. Brown, that the Clerk
be instructed to write the District
Council on the matter. Carried

The meeting then closed

Wm. Arthur Dutton

Chairman
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March 4th 1908

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School Room on Wednesday the 4th day of March at 7.30 P.M.

Present Mr. Denton in the Chair. Mr. Brown, G. H. West, Mr. Tasker, J. Vincent, W. Potter, & the Clerk & Stables.

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

Presignation The Chairman read a letter from the Clerk resigning his post, and thanking the Council for their kindness to him during his term of office. He the (Chairman) expressed regret at their Clerk's resignation, they had always worked most amicably together, and the Council would have been pleased if he could have continued in office. Mr Vincent said he was sorry that the Council would lose a valuable servant and moved that his resignation be accepted with regret, and an appreciation of his services recorded in the minutes.

allotments The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Honey asking for permission to erect a shed on his allotment. Mr. Vincent supported the application. Mr. Brown was of opinion that the shed should be ~~accepted~~ built to the satisfaction of the Council, which view was supported by Mr. Potter, after discussion

allotments
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it was proposed by Mr Vincent and
seconded by Mr Brown, that permission
be granted to Mr Honey subject to the
site & the building being approved by
the allotment Committee. carried.
The Chairman read a letter from the Board
of Agriculture relating to allotments, and
drawing particular attention to the ne-
cessity of keeping the allotment accounts
separate. Applications for allotments
were received from H. & E. Streets, J. Crane,
W. Smith, and W. Standing, which were
approved & signed.

The Parish
Lighting.

The Chairman said the Lighting Act. was
still in force and it would be necessary
to lay before the Annual ^{Parish} Meeting, shortly
to be held, an estimate for the upkeep
of the lamps, for whatever period was
decided upon, it was decided that the
Lighting Committee should prepare an estimate
this was agreed too.

Tatfret
Green

Mr Tasker drew attention to the con-
dition of Tatfret Green, which was
littered with hedge cuttings. The Chairman
said it had been done by workmen of the
Squire. after discussion, it was suggested
that the Council should employ a man
to clear up the debris. carried.

Mr Brown drew attention to the dangerous
state of the gullies in Poyresfets Road
complaints had been frequently made but
nothing had been done, after discussion,
it was decided that the Clerk write to

to the Rural District Council on the matter, also to notify Mr. Wilkins the District Councillor and ask him to watch the case. Proposals by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Potter carried.

The meeting then closed

March 16th 1908 April 16th 08,

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School Rooms on Monday March 16th 1908.

Present

Mr. Denton in the Chair. Messrs. G. H. West Vincent, Potter & Mr. Clerk R. Staley

Assistant Overseer

The Chairman said the first business was to choose an assistant Overseer in the place of R. Staley resigned. There were three applications sent in namely, Mr. H. Male, Mr. Ireland, and Mr. Scott. The Chairman then read the applications, & testimonials from the several candidates, & remarking that he would leave the matter entirely in the hands of the members of the Council after discussion Mr. Brown proposed Mr. Scott for the post, seconded by Mr. Vincent. Messrs. Brown, Potter & Vincent voted for. Mr. West did not vote. no other candidate being proposed Mr. Scott was duly elected.

New Road
across Tatsfield
Green

A discussion took place respecting the application for a new road across the north side of Tatsfield Green, connecting the new road with a road being

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made by the owner of the Property.
The Chairman said nothing could be
done till the Council had seen a plan
of the proposed new road; it was
therefore decided that the Clerk should
write the Clerk of District Council &
forward a copy of the plan

Arthur Watson

April 16th 08.



Jan^y 30th 1908

A parish Meeting was held in the School Room Tatsfild, on Thursday the 30th day of Jan^y. 1908

Present Mr. Denton in the Chair. Messrs Brown, Vincent, West, Tasker, Potter, Dudley Ireland, and about 30 parishioners.

The Small Holdings & allotments act.

The Chairman said this meeting was called in accordance with a notice issued from the County Council asking for a return of the number of people wishing to become small holders, and also if there was available land to be had in the parish after reversion from the Chairman Mr. Dudley, Mr. Kibble & others. The following resolution was agreed to & the Clerk was instructed to forward the same to the County Council.

That the County Council & Board of Agriculture be requested to carry out the provisions of the small holdings and allotments act. By assisting the Tatsfild Land Club in its co-operative work, and also to help to get suitable people started on the land by the provision in cases of money for the purchase of manure seeds &c and that both authorities be desired to cooperate with the Land Club Union in promoting the return of the people to the land and the revival of country life.