

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the above held at
the Lodge on the 29th March,

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous
Annual Meeting were read & con-
firmed & signed.

Present

Messrs J. Hetherington, S. Duddy,
A. Hitchcock, C. J. Parsons,
Members of the Parish Council
& the Clerk Jas. Lott. & five other
parishioners

Chair

In the absence of both the Chairman
Man & Vice-Chairman of the Parish
Council Mr J. Hetherington proposed
that Mr S. Duddy be Chairman of
the Meeting. Resolved by Mr C. J.
Parsons & Carried.

The Chairman gave a summary
of the Parish Council work during
the past year. The Council had endeavored
to obtain control of the Tatesfield
& Muston Greens but the District
Council has refused to hand over
their powers to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council had now asked
the District Council to appoint two or
three Members of the Parish Council
on the Greens Committee.

The allotments were now for the first time all let.

Attention was drawn to the large number of empty houses, it was however hoped that by drawing on the reserve fund there would be no immediate increase in the R.R.

Foreign
Posts

Mr W. Lupton said that the re-letting of the finger-posts had not been carried out according to the request of the last Annual Parish Meeting. Although it has been made the wording was in certain cases misleading.

The Chairman said the Parish Council had reported this to the Diocesan Council & doubtless the matter would be attended to.

Mr A. Skelton referred to an accident that had occurred some months ago near Church Hill in which a motor man had been assisted out of a dangerous position by the Diocesan Council engine. He moved that the following Resolution be sent to the Diocesan Council:— "The attention of the Parish Council having been called to the unsafe factory site of the Jones which we are informed was caused by a collision of one of Messrs Walker & Collyer's lorries & the Western Laundry Lorry. We should like to know

WHY THIS FENCE WAS NOT PROPERLY

installed after the collection

It is of course presumed that adequate compensation for damage has been paid to your Council also for the use of the Council's engine for pulling out the lorry.

We take this opportunity of asking that if one of the Council's engines are in the vicinity we shall be in order in seeking its use in similar cases.

There are frequently roads straddled by very sharp hills, which would be very grateful for a pull up the hills & would we feel sure be pleased to pay for the services rendered.

The same was discussed by Mr J. J. ^{Hanahan} ~~Duffy~~ & Council, & voting for & none against.

National
Service

The Chairman said that a letter had been received from offering assistance to the Parish Council in working the National Service Scheme now begun in the County.

Mr Parson proposed & Mr Nathaniel Seaman that a request be made for a speaker at a public meeting to be held in the village - Carina.

Mr Adams proposed a vote of thanks to the Parish Council for their service during the past year. This was agreed to. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

W. H. [Signature] March 28th 1918

20, APRIL, 1917

Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the School on the above date.

Present

Dr H. D. Hoffman, T. Duddy, A. Hitchcock, F. H. Keeble, J. Hetherington, C. J. Parson & the Clerk Jas. Lott

Minutes

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Election of Chairman

Dr Hoffman presiding asked for nominations for the Chairmanship of the Council for the ensuing year.

He reported having received a letter from Mr S. J. Thomas saying that as he was now abroad it was unlikely he could attend the meetings he would feel in no way slighted if the Parish Council did not re-elect him Chairman.

Mr Duddy said that notwithstanding that letter he thought that as a matter of courtesy they ought to re-elect Mr Thomas & it was an honour to the Council that their Chairman should be in active service. He therefore proposed Mr Thomas as Chairman.

Mr A. Hitchcock seconded & the motion was carried.

Vote of C. Man

Mr Hitchcock proposed that Mr Duddy be Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Dr Hoffman. Mr Hetherington proposed that Dr

Mr Parsons said he could not accept the new chairmanship unless it were ~~to~~ by the unanimous vote of the Council

Dr. Hoffman then declared Mr & Duddy, elected Vice-Chairman

Messrs

Mr Parsons proposed & Mr Hitchcock seconded that Mr Duddy be appointed Treasurer. Carried

Mr Parsons proposed Mr. Henshaw as Treasurer Mr. Hetherington seconded the motion was 2 for 3 against

Mr Keeble proposed Mr Birch as Treasurer Mr. Hitchcock seconded the motion was 3 for 2 against Carried

Committee

On the proposition of Mr Duddy seconded by Mr Hitchcock the following were elected members of the Allotments Committee. Messrs Duddy, Hitchcock & Parsons Carried

F. Path

On the proposition of Mr Parsons seconded by Mr Keeble Messrs J. Hetherington, Hitchcock & Dr Hoffman were appointed members of the Foot-paths Committee Carried

Land & Housing

Proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Keeble that Dr Hoffman & the J

Hetherwick be member of the Sanitary
& Housing Committee - Carria

a/c of
Paymen

7/9

Proposed by Mr. Parsons seconded
by Mr. Hetherwick that the following be
be paid

Mr. Wm Stacy Stationery 7/9

Mr. Mow

In the proposition of Mr. Parsons
seconded by Mr. Hetherwick it was
agreed to leave the further discussion
of Mr. Mow's Councilorship till Mr.
Mow had replied to the Council's
letter

County
Police

Mr. Parsons referred to the loss
sustained by the parish in the removal
of Police Constable Kent through illness,
& moved that a letter of sympathy
be sent to Mr. Kent. This was seconded
by Mr. Hetherwick & agreed to.

Roads

Mr. Hetherwick suggested that a letter
of thanks be sent to the surveyor
for the promptness with which
the roads were cleared of snow
during the past winter. Mr. Parsons
thought the time inopportune for
such an expression as during
the long period of frosty weather
the roads had been left in a very
slippery condition. It was owing
to the energetic action of the District
Councilors that the snow had been
PROMPTLY CLEARED WHEN REQUIRED.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN CONCURRED WITH THE VIEW
with the view that the road
had been in a slippery state &
there had been complaints in
the village about it.

On the proposition of the Vice-
Chairman. Resolved by Mr Parson
a vote of thanks was accorded
to Mr Hoffman for the efficient way
in which he had presided over
the Council meetings during the
past year.

Ernest Duddy
June 8. 1917

28th July 1917

Minutes of a Parish Council
meeting held at the School on
the above date

Present

Mr E Duddy (Chairman) C J Parson
J. Hitchcock J. Hetherwick & the
Clerk Jas Lidd

Minute

The Minutes of the previous
meeting were read & confirmed &
Signed

Correspondence
Rato & Sparrow

The District Council wrote asking
if the Parish Council would
co-operate in the destruction of Rato

Mr Hetherington Leonard
Carried

St Kent Mr Kent wrote thanking the Council for their vote of sympathy, passed at the last meeting.

Seed
Potatoes

The Tabor Hill Gardening Society wrote asking if the Parish Council could see their way to sending to the County War Agricultural Committee a protest against their sending half ware potatoes instead of seed last spring. It was agreed to do this.

Mr Brown

The clerk reported a private letter having been received by him from Mr Brown as to the latter's proposed resignation, but as no reply to the Parish Council was forthcoming from Mr Brown Mr Hetherington proposed that Mr Brown be asked for a reply to the Council's last letter affecting his Councilship seconded by Mr Parsons & Carried.

School
Manager

On the proposition of Mr Parsons seconded by Mr Hetherington, Mr Hetherington was appointed the Parish Council representative on the School Management

Box Slips
(Rev Popham)

The Rev B G Popham wrote asking if the Parish Council could see their way to procuring a supply of coal for the use of the village last winter. Mr Parsons proposed

That the Local Govt Bd be asked what conditions, if any, the Parish Council could borrow the money to buy the coal. learned by Mr. Hitchcock & Council,

Waste
Land

A discussion took place as to waste land the owners of which could not be traced. The chairman promised to make enquiries as to what could be done with these pieces of land.

Mr. J. Thomas

In reply to a question, the Clerk reports that no reply had been received from Mr. J. Thomas, acknowledging his appointment as chairman.

Council
Letter

Mr. Parsons proposed, learned of Mr. Hitchcock, that any letters addressed to the Chairman of the Parish Council, should, in his absence be opened by the Vice-Chairman.

Notice
of Motion
Book

Mr. Parsons said he thought a notice of motion book should be obtained for the Council.

Style
Book

Mr. Hitchcock proposed, seconded by Mr. Parsons, that Mr. Field be asked to put the style in repair. Waste Church

Council
Meeting

In reply to a question by Mr. Hitchcock the Clerk states that the meetings were held last for every 6 weeks. Mr. Parsons

Proposed that the meeting be held
monthly. The subject was dropped
till next meeting.

H. H. Hoffman
pro vice chairman

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Minutes of a Parish Council
Meeting held at the school
on the above date

Present Messrs A. Shitko, H. H. Hoffman,
T. Brown, C. J. Pearson & D. Hoffman
& the Clerk Jas. Smith

Mr Hoffman Proposed Mr Hoffman be
by Mr A. Shitko that Mr Hoffman
& D. Hoffman take the chair
Carried

Minutes The minutes of the previous
meeting were read & confirmed
& signed.

The Proposed Mr Shitko received
a copy of Mr Keck's letter
of resignation read at the last
meeting having appeared in the
"Wesleyan Herald" newspaper
was asked how the copy had
been obtained seeing that the
paper had not been represented
at the meeting. The Clerk replied
that a representative of the paper
had obtained a copy from him
The meeting then adjourned

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of the motion, but this Council as the
letter had been read publicly & the
Council had given no instructions to
prevent the letter being published

Mr. H. H. H. proposed
that no reports should be
allowed to have for publication any
correspondence of the P. Council unless
he was present at the meeting when
the said correspondence was read

Mr. J. Parsons expressed the
view that the action of the Clerk
in this matter was in accordance
with the general practice with
local government bodies.

The motion was not seconded

Chairman
Motion

Mr. H. H. H. produced a letter
he had received from Mr. J. Thomas
thanking the P. Council for electing
him a chairman & stating that
he had received no official no-
tification of his appointment. In
reply to a question the Clerk stated he
had notified Mr. J. Thomas but had
received no reply. The Clerk was
instructed to send Mr. Thomas a
copy of the official letter.

Rats
& Sparrows

The R. D. Council were enclosing
the Local Govt Board & have for
appendix in a statement of Rats
& Sparrows.

Mr
Weston
Green

The G. R. Dist Council were
expressing their purpose to go
to the pond on the Green & asking
for observation by the Parish Council.
Mr Ashby has proposed
that a reply be sent expressing
approval provided the expense
be borne by the District.

Mr Parsons seconded, suggesting
that material for the purpose
used when making drains was
improvements including the
use of Oil. - Carried

Potato
Requirements

The Dairy & Agricultural
Committee were asking that
the potato requisitions for
sent out in May should be returned
by July 20th

Mr Parsons proposed & Mr
Ashby seconded that
no action be taken

Mr Brown

Carried
Mr Brown made a personal
statement as to his position.
On the Council & said he had
not seen any necessity for
his resignation. He voted hope
to be able to attend the Parish
Council meetings more regular.
After discussion the matter was
dropped.

Recd of
Allotments

Proposed Mr Parsons seconded
Mr Hechtman that the cost of the
ALLOTMENTS BE PAID - £2

The Com. was instructed to make the Ross Survey, asking that a supply of gravel be placed at the midway on each slope of ship hill for use during frosty periods during the winter.

Altogether
butcher

The same benevolent Committee took enclosing leaflet on the subject of sheep.

On the proposal of Mr. Parsons seconded by Mr. Hetherington it was agreed to take no notice of this.

Fire
Hydrants

The Rural Dist Council wrote asking if the Fire Hydrants were tested periodically.

The Com. was instructed to report that no hose being available the tests were not carried out.

Coal

The District Council wrote asking if the Parish Council had in contemplation any steps for providing a supply of coal in the village for next winter. Mr. Parsons proposed that the District Council be informed of the action already taken by the Parish Council & to keep the District Council to send a supply of 50 tons to the village. Mr. Hetherington seconded & this was carried.

Dist Council
Office
Address
shown

The Dist Council was to be notifying that their address should be given to Station Road New Office.

meeting

PROPOSED BY MR. WATSON
Seconded by Mr. Hetherington
That the meeting of the Council
be held on the first Monday
in each month.

Carried

Ernest Duddy
Sept. 3rd 1917

3rd September '17

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting
held at the Lakes on the above
date

Present Messrs. Duddy (Vice Chairman) &
J. Hetherington A. C. Birch & Hetherington
C. J. Pearson & the clerk Jas. Linn

Minutes The minutes of the previous
meeting were read & confirmed
& signed

Pond The District Council wish
saying they proposed at some
time to fill in the pond on Westmore
Green by the Lord of The Manor
concourse.

Seeds The Dairy War Agricultural
Potatoes Committee desire through the
Parish Council for their co-

operation in providing seed potatoes
last spring & asking for a report on this
year's crop
It was agreed to continue next meeting
the provision of a list of names of
purchasers of seed potatoes last
spring

Mr Dudd reports that complaints
had been made as to damage done
to the allotments & that one boy had
been caught in the act.

On the proposition of Mr Parsons
seconded by Mr Wetherill it was
decided to prosecute this boy if evidence
could be obtained

The Council went to the one acre
asking if ^{any} houses would be re-
quired after the war. None.

lights
at P.C.
meeting

Mr Parsons asked whose duty it
was to pay for the extra labour in
shading the windows of the school house
on the occasion of Parish Council
meetings

Mr Dudd said the Parish Council
had no power to ~~interfere~~ interfere with
the caretaker in this matter.

Mr Parsons suggested that the
caretaker should be paid by the
Parish Council for the extra
labour involved

MR BIRCH ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD

be possible to meet at the Parish
Hall where no labour would be
thus incurred

It was finally agreed that
the clerk should ascertain by
the next meeting whether the hall
could be hired at what cost
including fire & light & that in June
the meeting would commence at 6.30 P.M.

600c

The question of the Coal Supply
for the winter was raised & Mr
Parsons said he understood
that the Dist. Council has the
matter in hand.

Re Mr. Brown

Mr Parsons said that at the
previous meeting Mr Brown had
said that there was a conspiracy
on foot on the part of the Parish
Council to turn him out. As there
appeared no reason for this he
would ask the clerk to read the
the copies of the his letters to Mr Brown
dealing with the matter of his position
in the Council

The clerk then read the letter
Mr Duddy said that he had opened
a letter addressed to the Chairman of
the Parish Council the had
handed it over to Dr. H. J. F. as it
contained personal charges against
the latter

Mr Parsons said this was the

Just announced as to this letter that Mr. Duroy had no right to open the letter except at a Council meeting. Mr. Duroy explained that he had opened it in his capacity as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. McChesnut said Mr. Duroy had acted rightly in opening the letter but it should have been read at a Council meeting.

After further discussion the Club was instructed to write Dr. H. S. Parnes asking for the letter in question to be sent to him or produced at the next meeting.

Augustus C. Stevick
Oct. 1st 1914

18th October, 1917

Minutes of a Parish Council
Meeting held at the School
On the above date

Present Messrs J. Duddy, C. J. Parsons,
J. Heekman, C. H. Birch, D. H. Hoff,
& the Clerk J. J. J.

Mr Duddy said that before
the proceedings commenced
he wished to make a statement
with reference to the letter which
as he had personally announced
he had opened

The letter had been addressed
by Mr Brown to the Chairman of
the Council the right to both
open the letter & moreover to retain
possession of it in his capacity
as Vice-Chairman. He had been
challenged by the action & he
asked the Parish Council to
state their attitude in the matter

Dr Hoffman said that Mr Duddy
had a long time ago handed the
letter to him. He understood that
the letter had been read to the
Parish Council. There was nothing
personal in it & nothing that
should be hidden. He now
produced the letter & Mr Duddy
read it aloud

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Messrs Parsons & Birch agreed that there was nothing of particular importance in the letter & they failed to see why it had not been produced before.

In reply to Mr. Hetherwick. Mr Duddy said he had acknowledged the letter.

Mr Hitchcock said he was not sure of the legal position. He suggested that the Dist Council clerk should be asked to state the law on the subject.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Local Government Board of the ~~trust~~ ~~chairman~~ the following question

In cases of letters addressed to the chairman of the Council & opened by him has he the power to withhold the contents from the Parish Council & thus regard the letters as his own property or must he reveal the contents of the letters to the Parish Council.

Mr Duddy said he regarded the decision as a vote of want of confidence in him therefore tendered his resignation of the Vice-Chairmanship & then left the Council room.

On the Motion of Mr Hetherwick seconded by Mr Parsons. Mr Hitchcock WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING.

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Fire Hydrants

The Dist. Council wrote saying they had instructed Mr Barret to inspect & report upon the condition of the hydrants from time to time

School Windows

Regarding the matter of shading the School windows when Parish Council meetings are held the Clerk was instructed by the Survey & Question Committee asking them to provide blinds

Coal

No definite information being to hand regarding a coal supply for the village the Clerk was instructed to write the Dist Council pointing out the seriousness of the position & stating if a supply might be expected

Thos Brown

Feb 2nd 1917