

Allotments.

Rents.

The Clerk reported that he had paid into the Bank the sum of £2-5-0 rents due for allotments to 25-9-39.

Mr Kelly's death.

The Council Agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Mr Kelly & Family on the death of The Clerk's Wife

A. G. Baker.

Chairman
7-2-40.

FEBRUARY 1940.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Wednesday 7th February, 1940.

Present.

Mr A. G. W. Baker - Chairman.
Messrs Bee, Elbourne, Sliffe & The Clerk (T. Kelly).

Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Mr Maynard, & Mr Monteith.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Footpath from Tangland Castle to Lusted Lane.

Mr Elbourne reported that no steps had been provided for the Stiles on this footpath. The Clerk was instructed to write again to Mrs Gooding & request that steps be provided for the two Stiles.

Annual Parish Meeting.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held on Wednesday 6th March - 40

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Annual Parish Meeting.

at 6 pm, and that the Parish Council Meeting be held previous to the Annual Parish meeting, to commence at 5 pm.

VI Annual Parish Council Meeting.

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday 22nd April, 1940. at 6-30 pm.

VII P. Council Requirements 1940-41.

Proposed by Mrs Elbourne and seconded by Mrs Bee "That a sum of £50 would be required by way of precept to meet the Parish Council's expenses for year ending 31st March, 1941.

VIII Accounts for Payment.

Proposed by Mrs Bliffie & Sec^d by Mrs Bee "That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

✓ (i) F. Thairwall, Esq.

Workmen's Compensation Insurance £0-10-6

✓ (ii) Mr T. Kelly.

clerk's salary for Q^r ending 31-12-39. £7-10-0

Carried.

IX National Savings in Tatsfield

A discussion on invitation of R.D.C. to establish a N.S.C. in Tatsfield to encourage investment in Govt. War Loan. It was agreed that as Mrs Skinner was already adequately covering the ground, would rather be left alone to do it, that such Committee be not formed.

X Collection of Waste Paper & Refuse

The Clerk to inform Mrs Hammond that Mr W. Baker Bliffe would bring up this matter at the appropriate Committee meeting of the R.D.C.

XI Allotments Vacant

It was agreed to discuss this question at the next meeting - the Clerk to post notices of vacant plots

A. S. Baker.

Chairman

6th March, 1940.

MARCH 1940.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at The School on Wednesday 6th March, 1940.

Present.

Mr A.G.W. Baker - Chairman.

Messrs Bee, Chadman, Elbourne, Maynard, & the Clerk

Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Mr Cliffe.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Overhanging Hedges

Westmore Rd. &

Broydou Rd.

Complaints were received about an overhanging hedge in Westmore Rd. & Redhouse Road. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Cooper, Redhouse Rd. & request him to have these hedges cut back &c.

Mr Maynard drew attention to the state of hedge opposite the Old Rectory - Broydou Rd.

The Clerk to write the Dist^l Surveyor & request him to see into this matter.

Allotments

Footpath at

Westmore Rd.

It was agreed to let Allotments Nos 8 & 26²⁷ to Messrs Street & Posier^{From 1-4-40.}

Attention was drawn to the state of the footpath - on the W. side near the P. O. This portion of the path was broken up for repair about six months ago & the work never proceeded with &c.

The Clerk was instructed to write the County Dist^l Surveyor & request that the surface of this path requires attention as it is extremely difficult to walk along in the dark &c.

Accounts for

Payment.

Proposed by Mr Bee & Sec^d by Mr Chairman that the following Accounts be passed for payment:-

✓ I Mr T. Kelly - Salary to 31-3-40 - £7-10-0.

✓ Sec^d National Council S. S. - Affiliation Fee £1-1-0.

Carried.

A.G. Baker
Chairman.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 1940.

Minutes of the proceedings of The Annual Parish Meeting held at the School on Wednesday 6th March, 1940.

- I Chairman Mr A. G. W. Baker.
- II Attendance A small but representative meeting was present.
- III Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of last meeting (22nd March, 1939) were read & confirmed.
- IV Resumé of the Work done The Chairman gave a resumé of the work done during the year.
- V Letting of Council Houses. Mr W. Baker Bliffe - R. D. C. mentioned the difficulty of letting Council Houses to local people & hoped it would not be necessary to go have to go outside Tatsfield to find tenants. The Chairman remarked that the rents were, on the whole, rather less than those in some other parts of Godstone R. D. etc.
- VI Waste Paper Collection of. Mr. Bliffe mentioned he had arranged for Roy Beards of Worsingham to collect waste paper at Tatsfield, and Mr Hammond was making a depot at the School etc.

John R. Baker
 Presiding Chairman



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ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday 22nd April, 1940.

- Present. Messrs Baker, Chairman, Elbourne, Sliffe, Maynard & The Clerk (T. Kelly).
- Election of Chairman. Proposed by Mr Chairman & seconded by Mr Maynard "that Mr A.G.W. Baker be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried.
- Vice Chairman. Proposed by Mr Sliffe and seconded by Mr Elbourne "that Mr Bee be the Vice Chairman. Carried.
- Allotments and Footpaths Committee. It was agreed that the retiring members be re-elected for the ensuing year.
- Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
- Letting of Allots. Proposed by Mr Sliffe & sec^d by Mr Chairman "that, subject to their signing the usual agreement the allotments Nos 7, 10, & 17 be let to H.W. Roberts, (7). A. Simpson, (10). & W. Shoebridge, (17). 1-9-40. Carried.
- Allotment Rents. The Clerk reported that he had paid into the Bank £1-9-0 - rents due to 25-3-40. There are no outstanding rents.
- Precept for £40. Proposed by Mr Maynard & seconded by Mr Elbourne "that a precept for £40 be issued on the Rating Authority to meet the requirements of the Parish Council.

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for the Financial Year 1940-41. Carried.

XV Accounts for Payment.

Proposed by Mr. Elbourne & seconded by Mr. Bliffe "That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

- I. Titrey Estate Company.
Rent for Allotment Land - £2-0-0.
 - II. S. C. Council.
Hire of School Room for P. C. Meetings £0-19-6.
- Carried

X Parish Council Meetings

It was agreed to hold Council Meetings in the future as and when required instead of on the first Monday in each month.

XI Allotments

Void on 1-4-40.

The Clerk reported that the following allotments were vacant on 1-4-40:-
Nos. 2, 4, 11, 12, 20, 21, ^{22, 23} ~~27~~ & 29.

XII P. C. Accounts

for Fin. Year 1939-40. The Clerk presented the Accts. for 1939-40. which were approved.

A. G. Baker.
Chairman.

Present

Apology Absent

Minutes

Salvage

Waste

Footpath

Richell

Biggin

Accounts of Payment

JUNE, 1940.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday 3rd June, 1940.

Present

Mr A. G. W. Baker — Chairman.
Messrs Bee, Chairman, Eliffe, Maynard & The Clerk (T. Kelly).

Apology for
Absence.

An Apology for absence was received from Mr Elbourne.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Salvage of
Waste.

The Clerk read correspondence received from The Ministry of Supply, Iron & Steel Control, & from the R. D. C. outlining a scheme for the Establishment of Scrap Iron Dumps in each Parish.

This matter was discussed at some length and it was agreed to ask 6-8 parishioners if they would be willing to help in canvassing for and in collecting material. The Clerk to interview the persons named & then call a meeting at an early date.

Footpath from
Rickells Hill to
Piggin Hill.

The Clerk reported that this footpath had been stopped by wire — that he had written the owner & the matter was being put right.

Accounts for
Payment.

Proposed by Mr Maynard & Sec^d by Mr Chairman "that the following accounts be passed for payment:—

I Mr T. Kelly — Salary to 30-5-40 £7-10-0

II " " — Petty Cash. £3-0-0.

A. G. Baker.
Chairman.

JULY, 1940.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Parish Council meeting held at the School on Thursday 18th July, 1940.

I. Present.

Mr A. G. W. Baker — Chairman.

Messrs Bee, Chairman, Elbourne, Sliffe, Maynard, Monteith, & The Clerk (T. Kelly).

II. Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

III. Salvage of Scrap Iron & Steel.

The Organiser (T. Kelly) reported that about 4 tons of Scrap had been collected at the dumps, & that the Ministry of Supply (Scrap Steel) had cleared it away ~~except for~~ today.

The Organiser said he was grateful to those who had helped in the collection of the stuff, and especially to Mr R. Miles for the loan of horse & cart.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr Miles for his help.

IV. Audit of A/c's.

Income Tax on rent for Allotment Land.

The Clerk reported that the Audit of Parish Council Accounts took place on the 19th June, 1940.

The Auditor raised the question why Income Tax was not deducted from the rent (£4 per Ann) at its source — He was informed that this had never been done as it was assumed the Titsey Estate paid this Tax. The Auditor instructed the Clerk to write the Estate & ascertain if this was so.

The Estate replied that they were unable to trace on the demand notes from the collector that the Estate had been charged with I. T. on the Allotment ground & suggested an enquiry to

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The Collector at Redhill.

The Collector replied that there was no charge under Schedule "A" for 1939/40.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Collector expressing the Council's desire that he should settle with the Tithe Est. the future procedure for payment of I. Tax on the Allotment Land at Tatsfield & acquaint the Council with the result.

Mr T. J. Watson
Fire Protection
under the A.R.P.

A letter was read from Mr Watson suggesting that Men & Women should be trained in the use of the Stirrup pump & also the housing of these pumps etc.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Easter, Surveyor, R.D.C. & enclose Mr Watson's letter with the hope that he can make use of Mr Watson's services.

Roadside Verges
& Banks

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Wilkes & draw his attention to the grass on Verges & Banks especially Church Hill Road, Rag Lane, Franklyn & Woodlands corners, & to point out that these roads are particularly bad & dangerous for Traffic etc.

Water -
Alternative Supply

A letter was received from R.D.C. on the question of Alternative Supplies in the event of damage to Main etc as a result of Air Raids, & requesting the Council to cause a survey of the Parish with a view to furnishing the Dist Council with a schedule of the position of any Springs, or Wells in the Parish & giving an indication as to whether Wells are open or have been sealed up.

The Clerk was instructed to furnish this information as early as possible after the Survey had been made.

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VIII Air Raid Shelter on Westmore Green.

The question of the provision of a shelter against Air Raids for that part of the Parish adjacent to Westmore Green was discussed at some length:

Mr Monteith proposed & Mr Bee Seconded "that the R.D.C. should seriously consider the question of a suitable Air Raid Shelter on Westmore Green for the Council House Tenants & other residents.

Great anxiety prevails owing to proximity of B.B.C. Station on one side, & Biggin Hill Aerodrome on the other"

Carried Unanimously.

The Clerk to write R.D.C. & forward a copy of the resolution & request that the Council should give this matter urgent consideration.

IX Mr Monteith's failure to attend meetings.

The Clerk drew the attention of the Council to Mr Monteith's absence from meetings over a period of six months.

Mr Monteith expressed his regret & explained his reasons for non-attendance.

The Council agreed that the failure was due to the reasons given, & no action was taken.

X Accounts for payment.

Proposed by Mr Maynard & seconded by Mr Elbourns "That the following accounts be passed for payment:-

- (i). Sec. Footpaths Preservation Society
Annual Subscription £0-10-6 PC
- (ii). Mr F. B. Watson.
Car Hire - Books to Audit £0-16-0.
- (iii). Audit Stamp - 1939-40. 1 0-0 PC

Carried.

John Bee Chairman
Jun 20th / 1940

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NOVEMBER, 1940.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Parish Council meeting held at the School on Wednesday, 20th November, 1940.

- Present.** Mr J. A. Bee - Chairman.
Messrs Elbourne, Maynard, Monteith & the Clerk (T. Kelly).
- Absence.** An apology for absence was received from Mrcliffe, & Mr Baker.
- Minutes** The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
- Damaged seat on Tatesfield Green.** The Clerk reported that he had written to the O. C. Troops, Manor House, drawing his attention to the seat opposite Manor Rd. which was demolished by a Military Wagon - requesting that it be repaired & replaced. The seat was sent to Mr Emerson - Colestople Hill, but was found to be beyond repair etc. It was agreed that if the new seat had been started on - the Parish Council would pay half the cost, if - on the other hand, he had not started to make a new one, the question should be left in Abeyance until after ^{the} War.
- Income Tax**
- Allotment Land** The Clerk read a letter from the Collector of Taxes (d/- 11-11-40) stating that he understood no Schedule "A" tax will be payable for the year 1940-41. The Council, therefore, agreed to pay the rent for $\frac{1}{2}$ yr Mich - £2-0-0.
- Extra Telephone line to Westerham** Owing to the difficulty of getting Telephonic Communication with areas outside the Parish, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Head Postmaster, & request that an extra line be provided between the Auto-Exchange Westerham.
- Allotment Rents** Clerk reported that £2-5-0 had been paid to Bank ^{(rents for the} Sept. 2nd 40.
- Matters for payment proposed by Mr Maynard & Mr Elbourne that the following be passed for payment:-**
- I Mr T. Kelly - Salary for Oct 30-9-40 - £7-10-0.
 - II Taxes Est. Coy - rent for Allotment Land 2-0-0
 - III National Council of Social Service Affil. Fee - 1-1-0
- Carried.
A. G. Baker
Chairman
19-2-41