

JANUARY, 1943.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday 4th January, 1943.

Present.

Mr A. G. W. Baker — Chairman.

Mrs Leslett, Dr. Cope, Messrs Elbourne, Hardy & the Clerk (T. Kelly). The Rev. W. E. Goudey, R.D.C. was also present.

Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Bee & Maynard.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Bus Route 403.

Main Bus Stops

in Croydou.

The question of giving priority to long distance passengers at the main bus-stops in Croydou was again discussed.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the L.P.T.B. and request that Conductors may be empowered to ask for, & accept long distance passengers before those going only short distances — and further to ask who is responsible for bus queues being maintained at the main stopping places in Croydou — whether it is the public, bus authorities, or the police?.

And to point out that it has been observed that when the bus arrives at the head of the queue the file of people break-up & those at the end of the file double round & succeed in boarding the vehicle before those at or near the head of queue etc.

Footpath-Tolus

Road to Manor

House.

The Clerk was instructed to write & draw the attention of Mr Miles, Gorse Down Farm, to that portion of the path adjoining Mr Cove's garden which is in a very bad condition owing to his cattle walking over it etc, and request that he put the path in a passable condition for pedestrians who use the highway etc.

MARCH, 1943.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Wednesday 3rd March, 1943.

Present.

Mr A. G. W. Baker — Chairman.
Mrs Laslett, Dr Cope, Messrs Bee, Hardy, Maynard,
Rev W. E. Goundry, R. D. C. and the Clerk (Mr T. Kelly).

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Bus Route 403.

Queues & Priority.

A letter was read from the L.P.T.B. which stated that it was not possible to discriminate between passengers travelling short or long distances — no power to select their passengers. With regards to queues & boarding vehicles in proper order — the responsibility devolves upon the public, & is governed by "The Regulation of Traffic (Formation of Queues) Order dated March 16th 1942 made by the Ministry of War Transport

After discussion — The Chairman suggested that copies of the correspondence with the Transport Board be sent to the Ministry of War Transport, & enquire how queues can be controlled when buses arrive at the stopping places &c. This was agreed to & the Clerk was instructed to act accordingly.

With regards to Priority for long distance passengers, Mrs Laslett proposed & Mr Hardy seconded "that the Clerk write to the Clerks of the Parish Councils for Westsham, Boasted, Sundridge, & Chevening, & ask if these Councils will consider taking joint action with other Councils on this question of priority for Route 403?" Carried.

Footpath from

Johns Rd. to

Manor Road.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Miles, & inform him that unless he takes action to have the path repaired, the Council will consider having the work done, & make him pay the cost of repair.

Continued.

V Vacant

Allotments.

The Clerk reported that the following Allotment
were now vacant: - Nos. 11, 12, 20, 22, 23, 26 & 27.

He would put up notices drawing attention
to this ^{matter} ~~question~~.

VI

Parish representative
on the Godstone
R.D. Youth Committee

Mrs Lalett proposed & D. Cope seconded that
Mr Hardy be appointed to represent the Parish
the Parish on this Committee. (Mr Hardy agreed
to act if meeting place convenient). Carried.

VII

Parish Council
requirements for
year 1943-44.

The Chief Financial Officer wrote on 16th February 43
calling for a return of the Council's requirements
for Financial year 1943-44. The Chairman agreed
that a sum of £50 would be required to meet the
expenses of the Parish Council during the year
in question, & the Clerk informed the R. D. C.
to that effect.

VIII

Accounts for
payment.

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

(i). Clerk's salary for quarter ending 31-3-43.
£7-10-0.

(ii)

Mr F. Thairlwall.

Workmen's Compensation Insurance. P. C.
£0-9-3.

Carried.

A. G. Baker. 28/4/43.
Chairman.

frontage owners would

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 1943.

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held at the School on Wednesday 3rd March, 1943.

Chairman

Mr A. G. W. Baker.

Attendances

A fair number of Parishioners were present.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of last meeting (25.3.42) were read & confirmed.

Resumé of the work done.

The Chairman gave a summary of the work done by the Parish Council during the past year, mentioned the loss sustained by the Parish through the death of Mr W Coker Cliffe who had given unstintingly of his leisure time & service to the interests of the Parish, on the R.D.C. Also the Council had lost another valued colleague in Mr Chadman who, owing to pressure of business was forced to resign.

Among the questions put to the Chair were the following:—

(i) Miss Palmer asked why nettles & other weeds were not cut before seeding, causing damage to gardens & the surrounding land adjoining the Common?

The Chairman replied that each year application is made, in good time, to have the grass & weeds cut, there is always a difficulty in getting labour to do the work at the proper season.

Mr Geary asked what limitations were placed on children playing on the greens? The Rector replied that he would look up the regulations on this matter.

(ii) Mr Geary wanted to know what provision has been made for playing fields etc. — The land behind the Westmore Cottages was available before the War, but is not so now. Provision has been made for a playing field on some acres of land adjoining Tatsfield Road.

(iii) Mrs Hastwell asked if the Dist Council would clean out the drain in Old Lane so as to prevent flooding by the storm water from the main roads & damage to roadway?

The Chairman said that Old Lane was not an adopted R.D. & the Highway Authy would not accept responsibility. The frontage owners would have to clean out this drain & do repairs.

A. G. Baker, 15/3/44.
Chairman

APRIL 1943.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at the School on Wednesday 28th April, 1943.

I Present.

Mrs Laslett, Mr Cope, Messrs Baker, Bee, Elbourne, Hardy, Maynard, Rev W. E. Gundry, R.D.C. and the Clerk (T. Kelly).

Footpath -
Johns Rd. to Man
House.

II Election of Chairman.

Proposed by Mr Cope & seconded by Mr Bee "that Mr A. G. W. Baker be elected Chairman. Carried

R.D.C. and the
Red Cross Agri-
cultural Fund.

III Vice Chairman.

Proposed by Mr Maynard & seconded by Mr Elbourne "that Mr J. A. Bee be elected Vice Chairman. Carried

IV Allotments &

Footpaths Committee. It was agreed that the retiring members be re-elected Allotments - Mr G. E. Cope, & Mr F. J. Hardy. Footpaths - Mr J. Elbourne, & Mr H. Maynard.

V Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

VI Precept £40.

Proposed by Mr Maynard & seconded by Mr Elbourne "that a precept for £40 be issued on the Rating Authority to meet the Council's requirements for 1943-44. Carried

VII Bus Route 403.

The Clerk reported that he had written to Westerham, Brasted, Sundridge & Chevington enquiring if they would take joint action to get Transport Board to give priority to long distance passengers?

accounts for
payment

Westerham & Brasted were not in favour - for reasons stated. Sundridge was in favour, while Chevington did not reply.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Sundridge Council to inform them about letter received from Regional Transport Commissioner, London, ~~inform them~~ that under the circumstances, set out in the letter, the Tatesfield decided not to proceed with the joint action, set out in previous letter to them, & to return thanks mentioned for the offer of help.

Council

Footpath -
Johns Rd. to Manor
House.

As no reply had been received from Mr. Miles as to the repair to this footpath - the Clerk was instructed to write to the Div. Highways Surveyor stating the facts & condition etc of this path, & request him to take the matter up Mr Miles.

R.D.C. and the
Red Cross Agric.
ultural Fund.

A letter was received from the Clerk R.D.C. asking that the Parish Council should make an effort to organise a Victory Garden Week, or Garden Show to help an appeal made by the Red Cross Agricultural Committee.

After discussion the Clerk ^{was} directed to write to the R.D.C. to inform them that the P.C. very much regretted it would be unable to help in this appeal, and to point out that Tatsfield Gardening Society was dissolved for the duration of the War, that its members or patrons have either joined the Forces or are otherwise employed on War Efforts. Further inform the R.D.C. that the residents of Tatsfield have during the War made special efforts - through weekly collections, sales, & in other ways subscribed towards this Fund.

The P.C. considers that in view of the immense amount of work & Time required to organise such Shows, & the fact that the majority of the residents would not be available to help preclude the idea of making ^{at} a success.

Accounts for
Payment

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

I. Stitney Estate Company.
Rent for Allotment land to Ladyday 1943. £2-0-0

II Mr T. Kelly.
Clerks Petty Cash £3-0-0
Carried.

A. G. Baker.
7/6/43.
Chairman.

JUNE, 1943.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday the 7th June 1943.

I Present.

Mr A. & W. Baker - Chairman
Mrs Galett, Mr. Cope, Messrs Bee, Ellbourne, Hardy, Rev W. E. Goundry R.D.C. and the Clerk (T. Kelly).

II Minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

III Control of Queues on Route 403.

Referring to the Council's letter of 9th March 1943, & addressed to Minister of War Transport on the question of control of Queues on this route:—

The Regional Transport Commissioner, London, wrote that it has now been possible to proceed with a proposal made by the Board for the segregation of stopping places at the "Swan & Sugar Loaf", South Croydon, which will enable passengers to queue separately, & instructions have been given for the work to be proceeded with, & when this stop has been segregated, no further difficulty should be experienced in the breaking of the queue. He further points out that passengers could, as an alternative, board the bus at West Croydon where some accommodation is always available, or Tatsfield passengers might proceed to Sanderstead Station where they would probably find accommodation on the Tatsfield bus etc.

IV Footpath Johns Rd. to Manor House

Ref to letter of 30-4-43 - The Clerk R.D.C. wrote that this question had been referred to the footpaths committee for consideration at their next meeting.

Straying
Animals in the
Parish.

Complaints were made at the Council meeting as to animals belonging (Horses & Cattle) to Mr R. Miles, Gossey Down Farm, and Mr Dagois, Leehurst, Maesman Rd. straying on to the Commons etc.

The Clerk was instructed to write and request them to prevent the animals from trespassing on the Commons, & to keep them under proper control etc.

Also to write to The Clerk R.D.C. and draw his attention to this matter.

Uncovered Well

King Edwards Mr Bee drew the Councils attention to an uncovered memorial ground well on this land, & to the risk that somebody might fall into the well etc. Rev W.E. Goudry informed the meeting that this matter was being seen to.

Accounts for
payment.

Proposed by Mr Bee & Sec^d by Mr Haddy "that the following Accounts be passed for payment" —

(i). Commons & Footballs Association
Annual Subscription — £0-10-6 P-6

(ii). S. C. Council.

Hire of School Room for Meetings £1-2-6

(iii). Mr T. Kelly.

Clerks Salary to 30-6-43. £7-10-0.

Carried

A.G. Baker.

5/7/43.

Chairman

JULY, 1943.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday 5th July, 1943.

I Present.

Mr A.G.W. Baker. — Chairman.

Miss Laslett, Mr. Cope, Messrs Bee, Elbourne, Hardy, Maynard, Rev W. E. Goundry, R.D.C. and the Clerk (T. Kelly).

II Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

III Allotments Void

Clerk reported that Allotments Nos 11, 12, 20, 22, 23, 26 & 27. Void.

IV Cutting of grass on vacant Allotments and repair to Fence etc.

The Clerk reported that all the vacant Allotments were over-run with grass, weeds, etc and asked for instruction upon this matter.

Mr Hardy reported that the fence was broken down & animals were trespassing etc.

Proposed by Miss Laslett & Bee^d by Mr Hardy: — that the grass be cut, & fence repaired etc Carried.

The Clerk was instructed to have this work carried out as soon as possible.

V Straying Animals on Greens etc.

The Clerk reported that he had written to the R.D.C., also to Messrs Miles & Dagois requesting them to keep their animals under proper control etc.

so far as he knew there had been no trespass on the greens during the past month.

VI Accounts for Payment.

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

Messrs Hooker Bros

Stationery. £0—19—10.

Mr T. Kelly.

Taking Books for Audit. £0—2—6. Carried. P. 6.

A.G. Baker

6/9/43

Chairman.

SEPTEMBER, 1943.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday 6th September, 1943.

- Present.** Mr A. G. W. Baker - Chairman.
Mrs Lalett, Mr. Cope & the Clerk (T. Kelly).
- Absence.** Apologies were received from Messrs Hardy, Elbourne, Maynard and Rev W. E. Coundey.
- Minutes.** The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
- Fencing allotments.** It was agreed that Mr C. Cutbush be asked to repair the fence round Allotments as best as he can - for the present.
- Fire Risk in parts of the Parish.** Mr S. Whinnett (Senior Warden) wrote drawing the Council's attention to the risk - in the event of a fire occurring at the Church, or adjoining cottages, pointing out that the nearest hydrant was at the bottom of Church Hill, which was so far away that the Trailer Pump could not be used. He suggested that the P.C. use its influence to get the Water Board to install a hydrant opposite the Church Cottages. After discussion it was decided to defer this matter to the next full meeting of the Council.
- Contracts of Local Authorities.** M. of H. Circular letter No. 2835 - Pointing out that in present conditions it is wasteful to invite tenders for goods which are controlled, or in respect of goods where competition leads to unnecessary use of road or rail transport etc.
- Cutting down trees at Tatfield Green.** The question of people felling & removing trees from this Green was deferred till the next meeting.
- Hours of Meeting.** The question as to whether an earlier hour for the P.C. meeting should be fixed was deferred to the next meeting to discover the feeling of the majority.
- Miscellaneous.** The mis-spelling of Biggin Hill signpost, and likely changes in Parish Councils deferred to next meeting.
- Accounts for Payment.** Proposed by Mrs Lalett & Sec^d. by Mr. Cope that following acct. be passed for payment: -
 I. Mr C. Cutbush - £1-2-6. Clearing vacant allotments.
 II. Mr T. Kelly - Salary to 30-9-43 £2-10-0
Carried
- VICE-Chairman. *J. Lalett*

OCTOBER 1943.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday 4th October, 1943.

I Present.

Mr J. A. Bee — Chairman.

Mrs Haslett, Dr. Cope, Mr. Hardy, Rev W. E. Gounady & the Clerk (T. Kelly.).

II Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs A. G. W. Baker, Elbourne, & Maynard.

III Minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

IV Fencing of Allotments.

The Clerk reported that Mr Butbush would proceed with the work as soon as he had received the necessary stakes.

V Fire Risk in parts of the Parish.

The question of "Fire Risks" & the provision of Hydrants in certain parts of the Parish was discussed at some length. Among the suggestions made were the following:— (i). Cheaper to apply for extension of hose. (ii). Chairman pointed out that no matter how small the pump is we have to apply to the N.F.S. (iii). Mr Hardy pointed out that there were other parts of the parish worse off — e.g. Parkwood Road, Mr Robinsons farm etc. (iv). Dr. Cope suggested the Councils (R.D.C.) attention be drawn to the Church ^{bottages} & ~~bottages~~ as they are not covered, etc.

Mr Hardy proposed & Dr. Cope seconded "that the attention of R.D.C. should be drawn to various isolated spots in the Parish which are unprovided against "Fire risks" (e.g. Robinsons Farm, Parkwood R.D. etc.)" Carried.

The Clerk was instructed to send the Senior Warden's letter to the Clerk R.D.C. & request that this matter be attended to re.

VI Cutting down trees on Tatfield Green.

The Rector reported that the people concerned have had permission from the Sanitary Inspector to cut down & remove certain trees from this wood (probably dead trees).

Continued.

Hours of

Sign change

Status Parish

Footpa

House—

Defect at Payne R.D.

Tacon

Allotm

Green

Council

Hours of Meeting

Mr Hardy proposed & Mrs Lalett ^{sec.} that the hours of meeting be the same as at present (7-30pm) Carried.

Sign Post & changes in

It was agreed that the question of Biggin Hill sign post be held in abeyance for the present.

Status of Parish Councils

It was also agreed that the question of the Status of Parish Councils after the War, be deferred for some future occasion.

Footpath Manor House - John R.

The R.D.C wrote in reply to the P.C.'s complaint of 30th April about the condition of this path near the Manor House. This matter was considered by the Footpaths Committee, & it was decided that as Mr Miles was leaving Gorsey Down Farm - the question of this Footpath would be taken up with the new farmer when he is in occupation.

Defective Stile at Lainesfield R.D.

The question of a defective stile at Lainesfield R.D., on the path leading to Kinchams R.D., was reported by N. Bope - a young woman received a badly lacerated leg recently when crossing this stile &c.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Monteith & request him to put this stile in a safe condition &c.

Vacant Allotments

The Clerk reported that the following allotments were void: - Nos 3, 11, 12, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26 & 27. (26 Allot^s in Occupation)

Allotment Rents

The Clerk reported that allotment Rents (£2-2-6) to 25.9.43 had been paid into Bank & that there ^{were} no outstanding rents.

Green's Committee.

The Rector informed the Council that this Committee had ceased to function since the War. After some discussion N. Bope proposed Mr Hardy ^{sec.} that the R.D.C. be asked why this Committee ceased to function? & request that it be re-constituted.

Carried

A. Baker 1/11/43.
Chairman.

Tatfield Parish Council

NOVEMBER, 1943.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday 1st November, 1943.

I Present.

Mr A.S.W. Baker — Chairman
Mrs M. M. Laslett, W. Cope, Messrs Bee, Hardy, Maynard and the Clerk (T. Kelly).

II Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Rev. W. L. Gandy.

III Minutes

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

IV Fire Risks in the Parish.

The R.D.C. acknowledged receipt of correspondence on this question - stating the matter shall receive attention. Mr Maynard pointed out that there was an "Air Valve" opposite the Church where water could be obtained &c. no special adjustment reqd.

V Stile at Painesfield Road.

The Clerk reported that Mr Monteith had put up a new stile. Mr Hardy proposed & W. Cope Secd. "that a letter be sent to Mr Monteith thanking him for his prompt attention."

VI Greens Committee.

The R.D.C. wrote that this question had been submitted to the Fin & Genl. Purposes Committee & it was decided that in the opinion of the Council existing circumstances did not warrant the appointment of a separate Committee, & added that the Greens are under the control of the Sanitary Insp^r. & if the P.C. will communicate with him any proposals connected with the Greens, the matter will receive due attention.

VII Fencing Allotments

The Clerk reported that Mr Butbush would complete this work during this week or next.

VIII Council Meetings

Pro by Mr Hardy & Sec by Mr Maynard "that P.C. Meetings in future be held not monthly but when Chairman & V. Chairman think there is sufficient business."

IX Accounts for Payments

Pro by Mr Hardy & Sec by Mr Bee "that following A/c's be passed for"
I Titsey Est Co. Rent for Allotment land to 29-9-43 - £2-0-0.
II S.C.C. Ack^t for seat on Highway - £0-1-0

A.S.W. Baker, Chairman
24/1/44.

Present.

Absence.

Minutes
overhanging
blackboards
Sussex Court
Book Drive

alleged
Richard's Hill
Lansley

Painesfield Parish Council