

JANUARY, 1944.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 1944.

Present.

Mr A. W. Baker - Chairman

(T. Kelly)

Mrs M. M. Lalett, Mr. Boppe, Messrs Bee, Elbourne, Maynard, The Clerk

Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Rev. W. E. Soudry.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Overhanging hedge

Blacketts Lane.

The Div<sup>l</sup> Highways Surveyor wrote that he was seeing into the matter.

Surrey County

Book Drive

A letter was received from the Salvage Officer R. D. C. informing the Council that it was proposed to hold a Book Recovery Drive from the 29<sup>th</sup> Jan to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1944. That all books would be scrutinised by a Committee & divided into three classes: - (1) Books suitable for re-stocking blitzed libraries.

(ii) Books suitable for the Fighting Services. (iii) Books for re-pulping. He suggested that the P. C. would greatly assist in making a success of the Drive by undertaking to provide room the Depôts in the Parish.

The Headmaster wrote that the School would cooperate with the Council, and that the School could be used as a Depôt.

The Clerk reported he had received posters from the Salvage Officer & had that day put them up in the most likely places in the Parish, & that the Salvage work was now under way.

Alleged Footpath.  
Ricketts Hill to  
Kensley Road.

The R. D. C. forwarded <sup>copies of</sup> letters from Messrs F. G. Meridau, J. O'Reilly, & J. D. Adams, protesting against the stopping up of an alleged footpath across the field from Ricketts Hill to the beginning of Kensley Road. After considerable discussion the Clerk was instructed to inform the R. D. C. that the footpath in question was what is known as a ~~not~~ "trespass path" and was never recognised as a "Public Right of Way".

The previous tenant - Mr Miles, & the two or three ~~former~~ previous tenants, have on a number of occasions stopped up this path at the Ricketts Hill end.

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and it was invariably broken through, or a gap was made at other points through the hedge.

As to the question of a "swing gate" mentioned by Mrs Meridew — this gate was made <sup>by</sup> a woman who had it put up for convenience in moving cattle to & from this field of which she was the tenant — this happened some years back, probably 50-60 years ago, & relatives state that there was no footpath at that time. The path was stopped before & after the coming into force of the 1932, Rights of Way Act by Mr Miles, & people have been warned not to use it &c.

VII  
Rural District

## Youth Committee

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an AllotmentIX  
Annual Parishmeeting, also the  
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## Blind Fund.

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Payment

I was agreed that Mr F.J. Hardy, Rose Cottage, should represent the Parish on this Committee.

The Council approved the application of Mrs Sidney Thomas Gould, Wydene, Massman R<sup>d</sup> to rent No 5 Council Allotment - subject to the usual conditions.

The Council agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 44, at 7-30 pm. To be preceded by a P.C. meeting at 7-0 pm. The Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April-44 at 7-30 pm.

It was agreed no action to be taken in the matter.

The Clerk reported that Nos 3, 11, 12, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, & 30 were vacant.

Proposed by Mrs Bee & Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mrs Maynard that following accounts be passed for payment: —

(i) Mr F. Thaiswall.

Workmen's Compensation Insurance — £0 4-6 P<sup>6</sup>

(ii) Mr T. Kelly.

Clerk's Salary to 31-12-43.

£7-10-0

Carried

A.G. Baker.

15/3/44.

Chairman

Footpaths Pres<sup>n</sup> Socy

MARCH 1944.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1944.

Present.

Mr A. G. W. Baker — Chairman.

Mrs M. M. Laslett, D. Cope, Messrs Bee, Elbourne, Hardy, Maynard, Rev W. C. Goundry & the Clerk (T. Kelly).

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Surrey County Book Drive.

The Clerk reported that 1400 Books & 1400 Magazines were collected by the School children, and 150 Books by the Women's Institute.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of appreciation & Thanks to the Headmaster, & Women's Institute.

Hillside Road.

Temporary Stopping of road.

A letter was received from Mr C. Gooding, Gorsey Down Farm, requesting the Council to approve of his "stopping up" a portion of this road at its lower end, at a point near Col Wyatt's garden, as a temporary measure to prevent his cattle straying — He explained that "owing to the shortage of barbed wire he was unable to do the necessary fencing along the road, he would, however, provide two gates to enable pedestrians to use this roadway.

He agreed to remove the obstructions at the end of the War when wire would be available.

After discussion it was <sup>unanimously</sup> agreed to approve this arrangement — but as a War-time emergency only.

The Clerk to inform Mr Gooding that he must put up a "Notice Board" at both ends indicating that it is a "Temporary Fence".

Alleged Footpath  
Hemely Road -  
Ricketts Hill.

With reference to the R. D. C's letter of 11<sup>th</sup> <sup>Jan. 44</sup> asking for the views of the P. C. on this matter the Clerk read letter sent, which was in accordance with instructions give in Min VI 24-1-44.

Dated  
23-2-44

A letter was received from Sir Lawrence Shrubbs, Secy. Footpaths Pres. Society, pointing out "what really matters is

Alleged Footpath -  
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Dated  
26-2-44.

whether or not a path has been freely used by the public as a right of way for the statutory period of 20 years, and not whether it is marked on Ordnance Maps.

A letter was sent to the Secretary informing him that the Parish Council was aware of the limitations of the evidence of Ordnance Survey Maps on the subject of R. of Way.

The P.C. cannot support the claim to this particular

Alleged path for the following reasons:

(i) This alleged path has been stopped many <sup>times</sup> during the past 20-30 years, and the claim to "free use" of the path fails.

(ii) The Council is in possession <sup>of Maps</sup> going back for at least 80 years

which consistently show no path, but on the contrary show that in by-gone days the need for the "short cut" did not arise

(iii) Hence from (i) & (ii) above, the alleged path is not an ancient one, and in modern times its use has always been opposed by the tenant farmer.

Dated  
29-2-44.

The Secy replied stating that "When a path is modern in origin it is impossible to produce evidence of dedication, or of 20 years unchallenged use by the public it is hopeless to advance a claim to it."

VI  
Mr & Mrs Leverson  
Gower - Golden  
Anniversary of their  
Wedding

A letter of Hearty Congratulatory was sent to Mr & Mrs Leverson Gower on the Anniversary of their Golden Wedding.

Mr. Leverson Gower wrote thanking the Council for their good wishes etc.

VII  
Five Risks at  
Tatefield  
(see Min V. 4-10-43)

A letter was read from the Chief Regional Fire Officer, Tunbridge Wells, informing the Council that it is regretted that no action can be taken at this juncture to supply static water to cover isolated fire risks, as this would establish a precedent whereby all rural areas would have to be supplied with water cover where natural supplies were considered inadequate. He is taking up the matter of the rusted hydrant with Fire Force Commanders to give attention to this matter.

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Public  
County Records,  
Private Muniments

A letter received from the Clerk to the County Council dealing with the Preservation of Modern & County Records and Private Muniments was read to the Council upon which it was decided to take no action.

Income Tax.  
Pay as You Earn.

A letter received from H. M. Inspector of Taxes setting out the ~~method~~ method to be followed by Employers & etc as to recovery of income tax, & giving Offices in the district at which to attend.

It was agreed not to take any action as it did not affect the Council.

Estimates for  
Year 1944-45

It was agreed that the Parish Council requirements for the Financial Year 1944-45 would amount to a sum of £50. The Ch Financial Officer to be informed accordingly.

Accounts for  
Payment.

Proposed by D. Cope & Seconded by Mr Bee that the following Accounts be passed for payment:-

- (i) Mr C. Cuthbert.  
Repairs to fence around Allotments.    £1-16-0
- (ii) Mr T. Kelly.  
Salary to the 31-3-44.    £7-10-0

Carried

A. G. Baker.

Chairman.

24<sup>th</sup> April, 1944.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 1944.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the School  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1944.

- I Chairman.
- II Attendance.
- III Minutes.
- IV Resume of Work
- V Children Playing on the Greens.
- VI Notice of Parish Council Meetings.
- VII Hillside Road. Stopping of the Eastern End.
- VIII Vote of Thanks.

Mr A. G. W. Baker.

Eight members of the Parish Council, & six other parishioners.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

The Chairman gave a brief resume of the work done during the past year.

Other Business:—

Arising out of a question at last year's meeting, the Rev. W. G. Gouard said he had looked up the regulations - Children could play on the Greens, but not to erect goal posts or other obstructions, & that Greens were now under the control of the Sanitary Inspector at Osted.

Mr. Cope suggested that notice of Parish Council meetings should be put up on the Notice Board. It was agreed that this would be done.

The Chairman explained that Mr Gooding, Cosey Down Farm had asked the Parish Council to approve of his stopping a portion of this road, to keep his cattle from straying, as owing to the War-time conditions he was unable to obtain barbed wire to fence this road. He had provided two gates for the use of pedestrians, & at the end of the War would remove the obstructions.

The P. Council approved this as a War-time arrangement only. He would be asked to put up Notice Boards, at each end informing the public that this was a "Temporary Fence".

Mr Maynard proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman. This was seconded & carried unanimously and the meeting terminated.

*J. Maynard*  
Chairman  
Mar 19. 1945

- Present.
- Election of Chairman.
- Vice-Chairman
- Allotment Committee.
- Footpaths Committee
- Minutes
- Absence.
- Receipt for £40.
- Allotment Rents
- Allotments
- Fire Risk at Totofie
- Salute Soldier

Letchfield Parish Council

APRIL, 1944.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1944.

Mr Baker

Present.

Mrs Laslett, Mr. Gope, Mr. Hardy, Rev. W. E. Gundry, and the Clerk (Mr. T. Kelly).

Election of Chairman.

Proposed by Mrs Laslett, Seconded by Mr Hardy "that Mr A. & W. Baker be elected Chairman for the ensuing year." Carried.

Vice-Chairman

Mr J. A. Bee having tendered his resignation - it was agreed to ~~postpone~~ <sup>postpone</sup> the election of Vice-Chairman until Mr Bee be asked to re-consider his resignation.

Allotment Committee.

Proposed by Mr Hardy and Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr Gope "that Mr Maynard & Mrs Laslett be the members of the Allotment-Committee" Carried

Footpaths Committee

Proposed by Mr Gope and Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mrs Laslett "that Messrs Maynard & Elbourne be elected" Carried

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Absence.

An Apology for Absence was received from Mr J. Elbourne.

Receipt for £40.

Proposed by Mr Hardy & Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mrs Laslett "that a receipt for £40 be issued on the Godstone Rating Authority to meet the requirements of the P. C. for ensuing year" Carried

Allotment Rents

The Clerk reported that he had paid into the Bank £1-14-6 for 1/2 year ending 25-3-44, & that there were no outstanding rents.

Allotments Void

The Clerk reported that there were eleven Allotments Void. viz - Nos 3, 11, 12, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, & 30 from 1-4-44.

Fire Risks at Tatsfield

This question was again discussed & it was agreed that the matter be dropped.

Salute the Soldier Week

A letter was read from the Hon Secretary, Godstone Rural District Savings Committee informing the Council that it had been

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decided to hold a "Salute the Soldier" week from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1944. The Target being £200,000, the cost of a Squadron of Churchill Tanks. He invited the co-operation of the Parish Council & suggested that a Sub-Committee be formed in the Parish with a view to organising a Children's Sports Week, & other social events.

The Sub-Committee should consist of representatives of Women's Institute, Home Guard, Civil Defence, Sports Organisations, and Savings Group <sup>SECRETARIES</sup>

The various events would have to be self-supporting, and Prizes be in the form of Savings Certificates & Stamps

After discussion it was decided to form a Tatfield Sub-Committee as suggested. The Clerk was instructed to write to the various organisations & ask them to appoint a member to this Sub-Committee, and suggest that a preliminary meeting might be held at the Schools on Thursday <sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> May, 1944, at 7 pm.

XII  
Stile near Police Cottage

Complaints were received as to the difficulty in crossing this stile owing to the absence of a lower bar etc.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Robinson about the matter.

XIII  
Accounts for Payment.

Mr. Cope proposed & Mrs. Lalett seconded that the following accounts be passed for payment:-

I Titrey Estate Coy.

Rent for Allotment Land to 25-3-44. £2-0-0

✓ II Mr T. Kelly.

Clerk's Petty Cash £4-0-0

Carried

XIV  
Parochial Lighting Committee.

Mr A.W. Baker was elected Chairman of this Committee

A.W. Baker 10/7/44  
Chairman

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Present  
Minutes  
Mr. J  
Mr. H  
Mr. G  
Mr. F  
Mr. D  
Mr. C  
Mr. B  
Mr. A

£200-0-0  
£100-0-0

Tatfield Parish Council



JULY 1944.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1944.

Present.

Mr A. G. W. Baker — Chairman.

D<sup>r</sup> Cope, Messrs Elbourne, Hardy, Maynard, Rev W. E. Goundry, R. D. C. and the Clerk (T. Kelly).

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr J. A. Bee

withdraws his

resignation.

Vice-Chairman

Salute the

Soldiers week

Mr Bee having re-considered his resignation agreed to serve on the Council until the end of the War.

This decision was received with pleasure.

Mr Maynard proposed & Mr Hardy sec<sup>d</sup> that Mr J. A. Bee be elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Carried.

Proposed by D<sup>r</sup> Cope & sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr Maynard "that the Council wish to place on record its appreciation of the Committee's successful work - especially that done by the Hon Secretary, Mr E. Weatherly.

The following are the names of the Committee:—

Chairman - Mr B. Hammond - Headmaster, Council School.

Hon Secy - Mr E. Weatherly - Avenue, Faynesfield Road.

Mrs M. M. Lalett - Grenam, Parkwood Road. (P. Council)

" F. O. Watson - The Knole, Faynesfield Road (Savings <sup>Group</sup>)

" A. E. Bee - Goddards, Manor Road (Womens Inst)

" M. Groves - ~~Little Lane~~ <sup>Loiscombe</sup> Ricketts Hill Road (W.V.S)

Mr F. J. Hardy - Rose Cottage, Parkwood Road. (P. C.)

" T. Rusken - Westmore Green. (Working Mens Club)

" \* V. F. Cotter - Downe House, Ricketts Hill Road.

Rev \* W. E. Goundry - Rector - Tatefield

Mr F. Billeou - Hon Sec, Tatefield Savings Group.

Mr A. G. W. Baker - Chairman, Parish Council.

Mr Hardy gave a summary of the amount raised - a total of £4698-13-5 - of this amount a sum of £98 odd was raised through local social activities. This sum was allocated as.

\* Co-opted

Ex Officio.

Tatefield Parish Council

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as follows:—

£50 to Soldiers, Sailors, & Airmen's Families Associations. Remainder between Orphanages—Gordon Boys Home £24-13-5 and Guards House at Caterham, for Girls £24.

V  
Encroachment  
on Paynesfield  
Road. (Opposite  
Toronto House).

The attention of the Council was drawn to an encroachment on this Highway by Mr Gooding, of Gossey Down Farm, who had moved the boundary fence back to the Causeway etc.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Gooding and point out that this action was illegal and to request him to have the wire fence moved back to its original position at the earliest opportunity.

VI  
Vacant Allotments

The question of the letting of vacant Allotments to Mr Rushen was deferred to the next meeting to receive Mr Maynard's report upon this matter.

VII  
Accounts for  
Payment

Proposed by Mr Maynard & Secd by Mr. Cope "that the following accounts be passed for payment:—

I Secretary Footpaths Society.

Annual subscription £0-10-6 P. 6

II Messrs Shaw & Sons

Stationery £1-4-4. P. 6

✓ III Mr T. Kelly.

Clerks Salary to 30-6-44. £7-10-0.

Carried

A. G. Baker.

Chairman

4/9/44.

SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 1944.

Present.

Mr A.G.W. Baker — Chairman.

Mr. Cope, Messrs Bee, Elbourne, Hardy, Maynard.

Rev W. E. Goudry & The Clerk (T. Kelly).

Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs W. M. Haslett.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Stile at Lusted Lane.

The clerk was instructed to write to the Tenant of Lusted Farm, & request him to repair the Stile at Lusted Lane on footpath leading to Tangland Castle

Vacant Allotments.

It was agreed that the question of letting spare Allotments to Mr Rushen should be held in abeyance.

Encroachment on Lagneefield R<sup>d</sup>.

The Clerk reported that the fence had not been shifted back. It was agreed to postpone this matter to the next meeting.

Salute the Soldiers Week.

A letter <sup>read from R.D.C</sup> was read ~~from~~ thanking the P.C for its co-operation in this effort.

Accounts for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Elbourne & Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr Hardy — that the following Accounts be passed for payment: —

I S. C. Council

II Hire of School Room for Meetings £1-9-6 P.C.  
Mr T. Kelly.

III Salary to 30-9-44 £7-10-0.

Mr T. Kelly.

IV Clerk's Petty Cash. £2-0-0

Carried

A.G. Baker.  
Chairman

6/11/44.

NOVEMBER, 1944.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at School on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> <sup>November</sup> ~~Sept~~, 1944.

Mr A. G. W. Baker - Chairman.

Messrs D. Cope, Hardy, Maynard, Rev W. C. Goundry R.D.C. and the Clerk (T. Kelly).

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Lashlett, Mr Bee & Mr Elbourne.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed. (Mr C. C. Gibbs has agreed to keep this allotment for the present.) It was agreed to let Allotment No. 10. to Mrs William.

The Clerk reported that the Allotment rents to 25-9-44.

(£1-18-6) were paid into the Bank & that there were no outstanding rents due. Also that 10 of the Allotments were now vacant.

The Clerk was instructed to interview Mr T. Rushen to see if he is agreeable to take over these allotments,

ten in number, under the following conditions:-

- (18, 19, 22, 23, 24  
25, 26, 27, 28, 30)  
T.K.
- (i). Taking all vacant Allotments except one or two.
  - (ii). Take these allotments on a two year tenancy, then one years notice on either side.
  - (iii). First year - rent free.

Proposed by Mr Hardy & Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr Maynard.

Carried

Proposed by Mr Maynard & Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr Hardy that the following accounts be passed for payment -

- (i). Titsey Estate Coy.  
Rent for Allotment Land  $\frac{1}{2}$  yr Mich<sup>l</sup>? £2-0-0.
- (ii). Surrey County Council  
Acknowledgment for seat on Highway - £0-1-0. P.6

Carried.

A.G. Baker 5/3/45  
Chairman