

MARCH, 1945.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday 5th March, 1945.

Present.

Mr A. G. W. Baker - Chairman.

Mrs M. M. Laslett, D. Cope, Messrs Bee, Calbourn, Hardy, Rev W. F. ^{Grounds R.D.C.} Maynard and the Clerk (T. Kelly).

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Mtg

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held on Monday 19th March, 45; & Annual P. C. Meeting on Monday 30th April, 1945.

Allotments Let-
for vacant

Mr T. Rusken signed an agreement to take over the following Allotments on a two years lease: - Nos. ^{17, 20} 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & ³⁰ 31
Conditions - 1st year rent free - one yrs notice on either side to terminate the agreement.

Vacant Allotments

Mr C. Outbush gave up his Allotments, 18, 19, 24, from 31-12-44.

Following Allotments are now void - 3, 11, 12, 20, 21, & 30.

Mr. W. Shoebridge gave up his Allotments from 31-3-45.

Parish Council's

Requirements for

Fin. Yrs 1945-46.

It was agreed that a sum of £50 would be required to meet the P. C.'s requirements during 1945-46.

Prop. by Mrs Laslett & Secd. by Mr Bee - Carried.

Accounts for
Payment.

Proposed by Mr Bee & Secd. by Mrs Laslett "that the following accounts be passed for payment:-
I. Mr F. Thairwall.

II. Workmen's Compensation Ins. - £0-10-6. P. Cash
Mr T. Kelly.

Clerk's Salary for 1/2 year 31-3-45 £15-0-0.

Carried

Footpath from

Manor House

to John's Road.

A letter dt- 22nd February, 1945, was received from the R. D. C. informing the P. C. that a complaint was made about the bad condition of this path, that

The Councils officer had inspected the path & confirmed that it is in an unsatisfactory condition, that it is fenced off on either side so that public are unable to step aside from the mud &c, that some hard material should be spread over the surface etc. The Clerk enquired whether P.C. had ever repaired path, or is there any evidence of their having called on adjoining owners to do so. He suggests that the P.C. might have the work done themselves etc.

The Council considered the matter at some length, and instructed the Clerk to inform R.D.C. as follows:

- (i). The P.C. have never carried ^{out} repairs to this path in the past.
- (ii). The tenant farmer of Coosey Down Farm has done the repairs to Stiles & Path in the past etc
- (iii). The P.C. do not agree that ratepayers should now be called upon to meet this expense.
- (iv). The bad condition is due to cattle walking along the path. No fence has been erected on northern side, but bushes & scrubb have been encroaching on to path.
- (v). That the Clerk ^{draw} the attention of the R.D.C. to former correspondence about the condition of this path - in January, March, April & September 1943, when the R.D.C. promised to take this matter ^{up} with the new tenant farmer - Mr Gooding.

A.G. Baker
30/4/46.
Chairman.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 1945.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish meeting held at the School on Monday the 19th March, 1945.

Chairman. Owing to the absence of Mr A.G.W. Baker, on duty Fire Watching. It was proposed by Mr Geary & Seconded by Mrs Lawrence "that Mr J. Ellbourne be Chairman for the Meeting
Carried

Attendance. The attendance was small - only four L.G.C. being present.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting (15th March, 1944) were read and confirmed.

Other Business.

Community Centre. Mr Geary enquired if it was proposed to set-up a Community Centre in the Parish. He was informed that nothing had been done up to the present, & that it was advisable to wait until the end of the War when this matter could be taken up.

A.G.W. Baker 4/3/46.
Chairman.

APRIL, 1945.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday the 30th April, 1945.

I Present.

Mrs M. M. Laslett, D.^{G.F.} Hope Messrs A. & W. Baker, J. A. Bee, J. Elbourne, F. J. Hardy, H. Maynard, Rev W. E. Lounsbury, and the Clerk (T. Kelly).

II Election of Chairman

Proposed by Mr Maynard & Sec^d by Mr Hardy "that Mr A. & W. Baker be elected Chairman for ensuing year
Carried

III Vice-Chairman

Prop^d by Mrs Laslett & Sec^d by D.^{G.F.} Hope "that Mr J. A. Bee be the Vice-Chairman for ensuing year. Carried.

IV Allotments Committee

Mrs M. M. Laslett & Mr H. Maynard were elected to the Allotment Committee.

V Footpaths Committee

Messrs J. Elbourne & H. Maynard were elected to the Footpaths Committee.

VI Hodstone Youth Council

Mr F. J. Hardy was elected as the Parish Representative on this Council

VII Minutes

The mins of last meeting were read & confirmed.

VIII Refuse Collection

Complaints were received as to the non collection of refuse at Parkwood R^d & parts of Old Lane.

Mrs Laslett Proposed & Mr Hardy Sec^d "that the attention of the R. D. C. be drawn to the fact that the Council's refuse collectors are missing parts of the parish formerly attended to, e.g. Parkwood R^d, & Northern end of Old Lane have not been visited this year
Carried

IX Footpath from Blunch Hill R^d to Park Wood.

Complaints were received that this path was obstructed by barbed wire at the Blunch Hill Road entrance (near School).

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr W. Robinson, Park Farm, & request him to have this matter seen to re.

Allotment Rents

The Clerk reported that he had paid into the Bank on 26-3-45 the sum of £1-12-0 (making a total for year £3-10-6) also that there were no outstanding rents due.

Allotments

Vacant.

The following Allotments were vacant at the commencement of the Financial Year: — Nos 3, 11, 12, 20²¹ & 30.

Old Lane.

Bad Condition re

A letter was rec^d from the Highways Sub-Committee calling attention to the bad state of this road, enclosing a copy of an estimate (£194) of the ^{probable} cost of putting the Lane in a usable condition — suggesting that the P.C. ascertain from frontagers whether they would be prepared to contribute sufficient money to enable the repairs to be carried out etc.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk write & inform ~~the~~ Highway Authy that the frontagers should not be called upon to pay for this work of repair, because the "Storm Water" over a large area is carried by six roads to the top of Lane, and the arrangements, at that point, for carrying water to ditch are not satisfactory re.

That the Ditch is not wide & deep enough to carry the water away etc. Also that Lane surface was repaired & left in good condition on two occasions in past 12-14 years — but in 2-3 yrs surface was broken-up again etc.

Receipt for £45

Proposed by Mr Beer & Sec^d by Mrs Lockett that a Receipt for £45 be issued on the Local Rating Authy to meet the requirements of P.C. for ensuing year. Carried

Accounts for payment.

Proposed by Mr Beer & Sec^d by Mr Maynard that the following accounts be passed for payment

I Titsey Est boy.

Rent for Allotment land to 25-3-45 £2-0-0.

II Mr T. Kelly.

Clerks Petty Cash

£5-0-0.

Carried.

A. G. Baker.

Chairman

23/7/45

JULY, 1945.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday 23rd of July 1945.

I Present.

Mr A. G. W. Baker — Chairman.

Mrs M. M. Laslett, D. Cope, Messrs Bee, Elbourne, Rev W. E. Coundry R.D.C. and the Clerk (T. Kelly)

II Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

III Resignation

Mr F. J. Hardy tendered his resignation as Parish Councillor with effect from the 5-7-45.

IV Co-opted Members.

Proposed by Mr Baker & Sec^d by Mr Bee "that Mr Charles J. Seary be co-opted to fill the above vacancy" Carried

V School Manager.

Proposed by D. Cope & Sec^d by Mr Bee "that Mrs M. M. Laslett be appointed representative School Manager in the place of Mr Hardy resigned" Carried

VI Godstone Youth Council

As there is no Youth Organization in the Parish — the Council decided not to appoint a successor to Mr Hardy.

VII Dist Audit

The Clerk reported that the Dist Audit for 1943-44 was held at Osted on 6th June 45. Accts passed as correct.

VIII Accounts for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Elbourne & Sec^d by Mrs Laslett "that the following Accts be passed for payment" —

I Footpaths

Mr T. Kelly — Salary to 30-6-45. £7-10-0.

II Preservation Society £0-10-6

Surrey County Council.

III Hire of School Room for Meetings. £1-7-0. Carried

IV Books to Audit 1943-44. £0-2-6.

~~Chairman~~

to organising

Continued.

Rose Cottage
Parkwood Rd...
Damage through
Fire.

A letter was received from Mr. A. W. Watson asking the Council to endorse his application for permission from the Regional Commissioners, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, to carry out the necessary repairs on the grounds of extreme hardship, etc.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Regional Commissioners & certify that repairs to Rose Cottage are of an exceptionally urgent nature, and should be proceeded with without delay.

A. G. Baker

24/4/45

Chairman.

SEPTEMBER, 1945

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday 24th of September, 1945.

I. Present

Mr. A. G. W. Baker, Chairman
Messrs W. M. Laslett, D. Cope, Messrs Bee, Geary,
Maynard & the Clerk (T. Kelly).

II. Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

III. Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Rev W. E. Goudry, R. D. C.

IV. Hodstone Rural
Society Savings
Committee.
Thanksgiving
Week

A letter was read from the Hon Secretary of the Savings Committee inviting the Parish Council's support and co-operation. He suggests that the P. C. should form a sub-committee in the parish with a view to organising various events locally during

IV continued

the week.

After discussion it was agreed that the Council should form a sub-committee and that those members who served on a similar committee in July 1944 should be invited to attend a preliminary meeting at the School on Friday, 28th of September, 1945, at 7-30 pm.

The Clerk was instructed to act accordingly & to send a copy of the Hon Secretary's letter to each of those invited.

V Straying cattle.

Mrs Page

~~Mr. Dagois~~ complained about Mr Dagois cows grazing around ^{her} house - Holly Cottage, Barnfield Rd. & requested that something should be done to put a stop to these straying animals.

The Clerk was instructed to write & inform ^{her} that Parish Council regret it can take no action in the matter.

VI Accounts for payment

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

I Mr T. Kelly.

Salary to the 30-9-45. £7-10-0.

II.

Surrey County Council.

Acknowledgment for seat on highway
£0-1-0 p. b.
Carried

A.S. Baker

Chairman

5/11/45

NOVEMBER 1945.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday 5th November, 1945.

Present

Mr A. G. W. Baker - Chairman. Rev W. E. Spencey R.D.C.
Mrs M. M. Laslett, D. Cope, Messrs Seary, Maynard, &
& The Clerk (T. Kelly).

Absence.

Apologies were received from Messrs Bee & Bourne.

Minutes

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Thanksgiving

D. Cope proposed & Mr Seary seconded "that a letter of thanks & appreciation be sent to Mr & Mrs

Savings Week.

Billson, Plumtrees, Hillside R.D. on the results of the Thanksgiving Savings Week. Carried

A sum of £644-15-0

was raised, plus

£42-0-0 by children

Footpath from

Croydon R.D. to

N.E. end of

Ryted Wood.

Proposed by Mr Maynard & Sec^d by Mr Seary "that a letter be sent to Mr Hallam, Tatesfield Court Farm, requesting him to remove the barbed wire from the entrance to this R. of. Way at Ryted Lane to enable pedestrians to use this footpath, and to erect a suitable stile. Carried.

Parish Council

Meetings

Proposed by Mr Maynard & Sec^d by Mrs Laslett "that Council Meetings be held on the first Monday of the month beginning on Monday 3rd Dec^r 1945. Carried

Clerks

Resignation

The Clerk informed the Council, (through the Chairman) that owing to ^{depression} failing health he wished to retire at the end of present year

Mrs Laslett proposed & Mr Maynard Sec^d "that Mr Kelly's resignation be accepted with great regret, & that the Council's sincere thanks for his services to Tatesfield as R.D. Councillor, & Parish Council Clerk for a period of 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ years be recorded in the minutes." Carried Unanimously

The Clerk was instructed to advertise in the Surrey Mirror & Sevenoaks Chronicle for Clerk to the Parish Council at a Salary of £30 per Annum - Applications to be sent in not later than Nov^r 30th next, with necessary references & qualifications.

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VIII
Accounts for
Payment.

Proposed by Mr Maynard & Sec^d by Mrs Laslett "The
the following accounts be passed for payment:-
Titsey Estate Company
Rent for Allotment Land, Michaelmas. £2-0-0.

Carried

IX
Election of
Parish Councillors

The Clerk was instructed to write to The S.C.
and enquire what would be the method employ
whether by "show of hands" at the Annual Parish
meeting or by nomination & ballot etc.

A. C. Baker

Chairman
3-12-45

DECEMBER. 1945.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday 3rd December, 1945.

I Present.

Mr A. G. W. Baker — Chairman
 Mrs M. M. Haslett, Dr. Cope, Messrs Bee, Seary,
 Rev W. E. Soudry & The Clerk (T. Kelly).

II

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

III Election of Parish Councillors.

The Clerk reported that he had written to the County Council enquiring as to the method to be adopted at the Elections next March.

The County Council replied that as Tatsfield in 1939 considered a change in the method to be desirable they were not in favour of an election by poll — the election of Parish Councillors, ~~the~~ will continue to be by "Show of Hands" at the Annual Meeting.

The Clerk replied that the Chairman had instructed him to inform the County Council that the Parish Council were now in favour of election by means of nomination and, if necessary, a poll.

The County Council replied that this application would be placed before the appropriate Committee on 28th November, 1945; and any recommendation by this Committee would be considered by the County Council at its meeting on the 18th December, 1945; but in view of the precedent by the County Council at their last meeting in regard to the election of Parish Councillors — I think you may presume that they will give effect to your

Continued.~~to~~ Councils application.

After discussion - Mr Geary proposed and Mr Bee seconded "That elections by "Show of Hands" should cease and, instead be by nomination and, if necessary, a poll"

Carried Unanimously

IV. Appointment of Clerk to The Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that there were no applications as a result of the advertisement in two local papers.

Proposed by Mrs Leslett and seconded by Mr Bee "that the salary be increased to £40 and re-advertised."

Carried

Proposed by Mr Cope & seconded by Mr Geary "that Miss Kelly be asked to carry on till the post is filled"

Carried.

V. Accounts for Payment

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

- I Mr T. Kelly.
Salary to 31-12-45 — £7-10-0.
- II Messrs Shaw & Sons
Stationery £0-8-9 P.C.
- III Editors - Surrey Mirror £0-6-6 P.C.
& Sevenoaks Chronicle £0-6-6 P.C.
Advertisement for Clerk

Carried.

A G Baker

7/1/46

Chairman

to the Parish