

JANUARY 1953.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery, on Mon. Jan. 5th, 1953.

Present Mr. Geary (Chairman), Miss Knight, Messrs. Black, Drane, Hodgson, Prialer, Simpson & the Clerk (Miss Kelly).

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

George VI Memorial Fund The exact amount collected was £34.6.11, which compared very favourably with other villages of the District Council.

Path 26 Church - Footpaths Officer, but had been unable to do so. Mr. Simpson Chestnut Ave. said that he had occasion to see the Footpaths Officer quite frequently, & if the Parish Council wished he would bring the matter up with him. It was agreed that Mr. Simpson's offer should be accepted. It was believed that the matter was more in the province of the Highways Committee.

Path 26 Cottage - Church The Clerk read a letter from Godstone R.D.C. stating that the condition of this footpath would be enquired into, & any necessary action taken.

Provision Playing Fields A letter from Godstone R.D.C. stated that no provision is made in the Town Planning Map, but that the Parish Council's recommendations would be submitted at the next meeting of the Playing Fields Committee. Mr. Hodgson suggested that it would be helpful if the Clerk gave the date when the Parish Council had requested that provision should be made for Playing Fields. It was agreed that this should be done.

Permanent Notice of Meeting The Chairman said that it appeared to be in order to have a permanent notice of meeting. The Clerk was directed

to invite estimates for such notices to be put on the 3 Notice Boards either 1) printed on directly, or 2) on a board that could be screwed on to these boards. <sup>Notice</sup> such estimates to be obtained from Mr. Knight and the firm which did the printing for the Church Notice Boards.

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Coronation Activities

A circular from the Education Authorities was read, & it was decided to pass the information to the Coronation Committee.

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Proposed Mr. Bidler, sec. Mr. Black that a cheque for £10 be advanced for a Coronation float to a Treasurer to be appointed by Coronation Committee.

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& Jod

Comm

Surrey Ass of P.C.s

In a circular from Surrey County Ass of P.C.s it was noted that the Ministry of Transport has stated that the best way for P.C.s to push for adequate transport facilities for remote villages is to make representation to the Licensing Authority concerned.

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The Clerk was instructed to find out the address of the area Licensing Authority.

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Police

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Ag

Proposed Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Drane that following Ags be passed for payment.

Rly Passenger Co (Clerk's accident losses)	5-0
J. Watson, hire room at Bakers (3 occasions)	1-2-6
Miss Kelly, Clerk's Salary (4 ending 31.12.52)	10-0-0
Coronation float	10-0-0

Play

Field

Carried.

Proposed Mr. Hodgson, sec. Miss Knight that the matter of Clerk's home stamps be investigated through Surrey County Ass. of P.C.s.

Carried.

Chairman

*[Signature]*  
1953

FEBRUARY 1953

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at The Bakery, on Mon: Feb. 2nd, 1953

Present Mr. Seary (Chairman), Miss Knight, Messrs. Black, Drane, Hodson, Ridler & Simpson, with the Clerk

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Highways & Footpaths Mr. Simpson said that he had been given to understand that matters affecting the surface of a path were the business of the Highways Authorities, whereas obstructions, stiles etc. were dealt with by the Footpaths Committee.

Footpath 26 No nothing further had been received regarding this footpath, p. Mr. Black, see Mr. Ridler that the Clerk write to the County Div. Surveyors requesting information. Carried.

Footpath Police Cott- Church It was agreed that nothing should be done about this footpath until clearing of bushes etc was completed.

Playing Fields. The Clerk read a letter from Godstone R.D.C. stating that at the Playing Fields & Commons Committee meeting, Mr. Hodson had reported that Tatsfield Parish Council were not at present making any official request to Godstone R.D.C. to provide a playing field, & in the circumstances, the Playing Fields & Commons Com. recommended that no action be taken.

After some discussion about fields in the village that might be suitable as playing fields, it was agreed that the Chairman should discuss the matter with the Secretary of the Football Club.

MARCH 1953

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Women's Institute Hall, March 9th, 1953

Present Mr. Jeary (Chairman) Miss Knight, Messrs. Black, Drane, Hodgson  
Mr. Bidler & the Clerk.

Apology for  
Absence

An Apology for absence was received from Mr. Simpson.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Cudham Rd.

The Chairman said that as the <sup>Annual</sup> Parish Meeting began at 8 p.m. he would like to bring before the Council a communication from S.C.C. regarding Cudham Rd., before the usual Agenda. This communication stated that after consideration of the P.C.'s objection to the new status of 'footpath only', the County Council had determined not to give effect thereto in the draft rights of way map & statement & proposed to "delete therefrom of the said public path or other way, being a bridleway, and, to add thereto of the said public path or other way as a footpath."

After discussion it was p. Mr. Bidler, see Mr. Drane that the Clerk write to P.C.C. strongly objecting to this procedure.

Carried.

The Business of P.C. was continued after the <sup>Annual</sup> Parish Meeting had closed.

Footpath No 21

The Clerk said that she had received a letter from the County Div. Surveyor asking for the name & address of the turfing contractor.

Footpath No 26

A communication was received from the Deputy County Div. Surveyor stating that the P.C.'s letter would receive attention when the County Div. Surveyor returned to work.

Playing  
Fields

Permanent  
Notice of  
Meeting.

Ass. of P.C.  
Meeting, Recg.

to be  
payment

Playing  
Fields The Chairman said that his conversation with the Secretary  
of the Football Club had not proved very effective, but  
that he would see him again on the matter of the  
provision of Playing Fields.

Parliament  
This of This matter was put back for consideration at next  
meeting. Meeting.

Ass. of P.Cs. The Chairman said he would try to attend this  
Meeting, Regatta meeting.

To for Proposed Dinner Knight see Mr. Black that following  
payment Yes be passed for payment.

R. Watson, Hire room at Bakery (1 occasion) . 7 = 6

Women's Inst: " " " W.I. Hall (2 "s) . 15 = 0

Carried.

*A. Gray* 13 April 53

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 1953

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting held at W.I. Hall on Mon. March 9th, 1953, 8pm

No present. Twelve parishioners were present, including 5 Parish Councillors.

Minutes The Minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting were read & confirmed.

Chairman's Summary of year's work. The Chairman gave a Summary of Parish Council's work during past year.

Bushes on Green Mr. Hayes asked when the bushes now growing on the Green would have some attention. If allowed to continue growing the Common would soon be overrun. He also expressed surprise that the hay from the Commons was burnt. Mr. Coombs, a farmer present, said that they would not be allowed to feed such hay to an attested herd.

Cutting of grass on the Greens Mr. Hassall said that the Green opposite the Rectory was a "nice picture in a dirty frame", as the grass was never cut round the poles or in the corners.

Cudham Road. Mr. Hassall said, in regard to the changing of the status of Cudham Rd. to that of "footpath only", that this might result in loss of property value. The Chairman said that the new order, if proceeded with, would not, he thought, affect the right of access of property owners in & around Hillside Rd. Mr. Hayes said that as long as he could remember Cudham Rd. had always been a road, & not a footpath only.

Proposed Mr. Hassall see Mr. Hayes that "This Parish meeting objects to Cudham Rd being defined as a "footpath only", & supports the Parish Council in

its efforts to retain Andham Rd as a Green Lane."

Carried unanimously.

**Condition**  
**Ricketts Hill** Mr. Hassall drew the attention of the Chairman to the fact that the road from Tatfield Cottage to Franklyn had not been attended to for the past 12 months, although Church Hill Rd. had been "sided" 16 times in the same period. The Blackberry bushes opposite the Manor House had overgrown the road, & were a menace to cyclists & pedestrians.  
p. Mr. Hassall sec. Mr. Bidler "that the Parish Council send a note to the proper authority asking for this matter to be attended to." Carried.

**Briars on**  
**Ship Hill** Mr. Hassall said that the briars at the village end of Ship Hill were over-hanging the road. Mr. Bidler said that he would ask Mr. Montith to cut them back.

**Seat on the**  
**Green.** Attention was drawn to the broken seat on The Green. The Chairman promised to draw the attention of G. R. D. C. once again.

**Coronations**  
**Celebrations** The minutes of the Parish meeting held on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1952 to consider the question of Coronation Celebrations were read & confirmed.

Mr. Knight, Chairman of the Committee then formed gave a summary of the Committee's activities following the lines suggested at the Parish meeting, & said that a Jumble Sale would be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> to obtain further funds. It was hoped to have a permanent memorial of the Coronation, & it was probable that <sup>later in the week</sup> festivities would be held. The Chairman thanked Mr. Knight for his summary.

**Footpath opp.**  
**Manor House** Mr. Hassall drew attention to the condition of this path at the Ricketts Hill end. The Chairman said that the matter would again be brought to notice of Godstone R.D.C.

**Note of**  
**Thanks.** Mr. Hayes proposed a vote of thanks to Chairman & P.C. sec. Mr. Hassall.

19.3.54

Minutes of

Special meeting to consider what action, if any, was to be taken in connection with National Flood Appeal week, April 11th to 18th.

Present

Mr. Gray, Chairman, Miss Knight, Mr. Hodson & the Clerk.

After the Lord Mayor of London's letter had been discussed, it was agreed that, owing to the low number of Parish Councillors present, no decisions could be taken, but a suggestion that a collection be made at the Coronation Dinwiddie Display was put forward, & it was proposed Mr. Hodson, sec. Miss Knight that a decision be postponed till the next Parish Council meeting, April 13th.

M. Hodson  
20/3/53



APRIL 1953

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery, Mon: April 13th, 1953

Present Mr. Geary (Chairman) Miss Knight, Messrs, Black, Drane, <sup>Ridley</sup> Simpson & the Clerk.

Apology for absence An apology for absence was received from Mr. Hodson.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

Footpaths The condition of paths No 26, was discussed as well as one leading from Torice Cottage to Church. proposed Mr. Black Church & see. Mr. Drane that the Highways Authority be asked to press for the re-instatement of the grass paths in these fields Carried.

Playing Fields The question of Playing fields was brought up again, & it was agreed that Mr. Hodson should find out whether the upper half of the field at the back of "The Ship" could be scheduled as a playing field.

Permanent Notice of meeting. The Clerk read the two Tenders from ~~the~~ signwriters  
 1) G. H. Tozer Ltd, Croydon 17-5 each  
 2) F. Owens, Oxford £1.15.0 for three p. Mr. Black see. Mr. Drane that Mr. Owens' tender be accepted, & that the lettering be done in black letters on a yellow background. Carried.

Andham Rd. objection 390 The Clerk read a letter from S.C.C. in answer to the Parish Council's objection to the proposed new status of Andham Rd. As this was not very clear it was agreed that Mr. Simpson see the Clerk at County Hall & obtain further clarification on the matter.

- Notice of Audit The Clerk gave notice of Audit of Yes during the week beginning 1st June. a/c
- Allotment Rents The Rents for  $\frac{1}{2}$  yr ending March 25<sup>th</sup> had been collected, & paid into the Bank.
- Notice of Ploughing of Field Mr. Combs, Jorsey Down Farm, gave notice of his intention to plough Rosebanks, & promised to re-instate the footpath, according to regulations. It was agreed that Mr. Combs be thanked for his letter.
- Matters arising from Annual Parish Meeting The Clerk said that she had seen the County Div. Surveyor, & the deputy Surveyor. The various matters would be brought up at the appropriate meetings. New seats had already been put up on The Green, & the bushes opposite Manor House had been cut back. The occupier of 'The Ship' disclaimed responsibility for the cutting of the hedge on Ship Hill, the Clerk was therefore asked to draw the attention of the brewers, Tapp & Overton, to the matter.
- Flood Fund Relief The Chairman gave an account of the special meeting held March 31st. It was agreed that the suggestion made at this meeting be brought before the Coronation Celebrations Committee.
- Coronation & the Schools The Chairman made a report of the meeting in Oxted County School on Sat. March 28<sup>th</sup>, where a discussion took place on the amount of grant the Education Com. was prepared to advance for each child maintained in educational establishments under their direction.

Proposed by Miss Knigge sec. Mr. Simpson that

fol: Yes be passed for payment: -

R. Watson, Hire of room 2 occasions 11-0

Jitoy Estate Co  $\frac{1}{2}$  yr's allot. rent. to 25.3.53 2-0-0

Treasurer's Petty Cash (incl. £2 Audit Stamp) 3-0-0

M. W. Kelly, Clerk's salary to  $\frac{1}{4}$  ending 31.3.53 10-0-0

*Alfred Knigge*

20 May 53

MAY 1953

Permanent One of the board

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at The Bakery, on Wed. May 20th, 1953

Notice meeti-

Present Miss Knight, Mr. Black, Mr. Drane, Mr. Hodgson Mr. Ridler, & the Clerk. Mr. Ridler was in the Chair.

Cudham Rd.

Apologies

for Absence An apology for absence was received from Mr. Geary & Mr. Simpson.

Chairman Proposed Mr. Hodgson, see Miss Knight, that Mr. Geary be Chairman for ensuing year Carried.

Vice = Proposed Miss Knight, see Mr. Drane that Mr. Ridler be Vice-Chairman

Allotments Com. Proposed Mr. Drane, see Mr. Hodgson that Mr. Black & Mr. Ridler be elected to Allotments Com. Carried

Footpaths Com. Proposed Mr. Black, see Mr. Hodgson that Miss Knight, & Mr. Drane be elected to Footpaths Com. Carried

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Footpaths Police Cott. to Chestnut Ave. The Clerk read a letter from the County Divisional Surveyor saying that the matter was being dealt with, & he was ascertaining from legal advisers what steps could be taken to secure satisfactory conditions

Helps Ship

Playing fields Mr. Hodgson said that since the recent Act was passed a playing field could not be "scheduled" If a suitable field were found, it could be purchased by R.D.C. & an annual charge made. It was agreed that Mr. Hodgson should see the Sec. of the Football Club, & ask him to write his views on the matter of Ship Field.

Corona

Permanent Notice of meeting One of the boards was passed round for inspection. Members were satisfied with its appearance.

Cudham Rd. A report of Mr. Simpson's meeting with the Clerk of Surrey County Council was read. "According to the National Parks Act, there are only two types of 'right of way' - 1) footpath 2) bridleway. Any other kind of 'right of way' e.g. roads, are dealt with under a different Act. Cudham Rd had free access, either of foot or bridle Traffic. Any person who could prove that he had used it without protest from the frontagers could do so again. The general public, however, was liable to be stopped if in a car by any frontager who so wished. If the Parish Council wished the public to use this road for wheeled Traffic, it would have to apply to 'Highways' & have the road adopted as a county maintained road." In view of this report the Parish Council directed the Clerk to write S.C.C. withdrawing the previous objection.

Hedge on Ship Hill The Clerk reported that this hedge had been trimmed

Coronation A letter from S.C.C. Chief Education Officer was read stating that it had been estimated that the no. of children attending primary & secondary modern schools in Jan. 1953 resident in the Parish was 141. The grant would be not less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  & not more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  for each child, & would be paid to the Parish Council. The Clerk presented the items for expenditure by the Coronation Celebrations Com.

proposed Mrs Knight see Mr. Drane that Parish Council accept the presentation of <sup>acc</sup> & pay a further sum of £40 to the Committee, to complete the part of £50 agreed upon in Dec. 1952

Minutes Present.

It was further agreed that the House-to-House collection for the Village Sign, should be kept apart from the other items, & called Coronation Memorial Fund. Mr. Black, on behalf of Coronation Celebration Com. asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to act as trustees for Coronation Memorial Fund

Apology for Absence Minutes

Coronation Memorial Com:

Proposed Mr. Hodgson see Mr. Black that 3 members of P.C. & 3 others, not on P.C., constitute Coronation Memorial Committee, to be wound up after the erection of the Village sign.

Coronation Memorial Com:

Proposed Mr. Hodgson see Mr. Drane & Carried that Mrs Knight, Mr. Black & Mr. Geary represent Parish Council.

Coronation S.C.C. School for

The Clerk was instructed to inform Coronation Celebration Com. at their next meeting.

Food Ma Fund

Yes

Proposed by Mrs Knight, see Mr. Hodgson that foll. a/c be passed for payment - Common Preservation Soc: subs 1953-4 10-6

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E. Owens, Signwriter £1. 15. 0  
Coronation Celebration Com. £40. 0. 0

The Clerk said she had spent 2-4 (P.C.) on Postage Book.

6.7.53

Next meeting

July 5th.

JULY 1953

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the Bakery, on Mon: July 6th, 1953.

Present. Mr. Geary (Chairman), Miss Knight, Messrs. Black, Drane, Ridler & Simpson, with the Clerk, Miss Kelly.

Apology

An Apology for absence was received from Mr. Hodgson.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Coronation

Memorial

Com:

It was announced that the Rev. W.A. Bywater, Mrs. Hodgson & Dr. Sturton had been elected at the Coronation Celebrations Com. Meeting to be members of the Coronation Memorial Com. with the 3 members elected from Parish Council.

Coronation &

S.C.C.

School Grant

The Clerk said that the S.C.C. had sent a cheque for £8.4.6 as a grant towards Coronation Celebrations for the School children. This had been paid into the Bank, as well as 8/9 on the sale of 5 maps ~~which~~ which had not been distributed.

Lord Mayor's

Flood Fund

Mr. Geary said the proceeds of the Dance was £11.1.8 & this would be sent to the Lord Mayor's Flood Fund.

Footpaths

Kensley -

Goatfield Rd

The Clerk said she had received a complaint about the ploughing up of a footpath running from Kensley Rd. to Goatfield Rd. This footpath did not exist on the maps, & was not claimed at any of the Surveys. It was considered a convenience path for workers at Lusted Hall Farm. It was agreed that the Footpath Committee should explain matters to Mrs. Dohie.

Rosebanks

A further complaint had been received about the ploughing up of Rosebanks. It was agreed that as a path had been trodden out, & wheat was growing, nothing further should be done.

Audit The Clerk reported that the Yes had been audited & there were no comments to report. Yes

Proposed Mr. Riddle

Playing Field A letter from Tabfield Athletic F.C. was read requesting that consideration be given to the provision of a Playing Field in Tabfield. The field at the back of The Ship was suggested as a suitable site. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Black, sec. Miss Knight that the views of Godstone R.D.C. be ascertained, & that they be asked whether the whole of the field could be acquired as a village recreation ground.

Carried.

The Greens, condition of It was agreed that a strong protest about the greens be made to the Greens Com. of Godstone R.D.C. The one ~~had~~ in front of the Rectory had been very badly cut, the grass around the 'Bus Shelter was unkempt, & the Green was fast becoming a wilderness. It was also agreed that the advice of the Commons Preservation Soc. be sought.

'Bus Time- Table sheet Mr. Simpson drew attention to the Coach time-table sheet which had slipped down, & made reading difficult. He also asked whether it would be possible to have affixed to the same post the Schedule for the 403 bus. As the stopping places were well outside the village he thought the provision of such a schedule in the village would be helpful to visitors. It was agreed to draw the attention of London Transport to these 2 matters.

Precept. Proposed by Mr. Drane, sec. Mr. Riddle that a Precept for £200 be issued on the local Rating Authority Carried.



Yes

Proposed Mr. Riddle sec. Mr. Drane that following  
 Yes be passed for payment.

Clark's salary for quarter ending 30.6.53 £ 10. 0. 0

Clark's fees to Oxford for Audit 1-10 P.C.

Surveyors of Parish Council's, subs-1953-54 2-10-0

Carried

M. Empson Clerk

Via Chairman 7/9/53

SEPTEMBER 1953

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at The Bakery, on Monday, Sept. 7th, 1953

Present Mr. Ridley (Chairman, in the absence of Mr. Geary, during the first part of the meeting), Miss Knight, Messrs. Black, Ridley & Simpson, with the Clerk.

Mr. Geary arrived later.

Apology An apology for absence was received from Mr. Hodgson.  
Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Playing Field The Clerk reported that an acknowledgment of her letter had been received.

The Green The Clerk reported that the Green had been cut.

'Bus Time Table The Clerk said she had written to Thames London Transport Exec. for their prompt attention to the Parish Council request.

National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act 1949 The Clerk read a letter from S.C.C. about the ploughing up of footpaths & their re-instatement, & asking the P.C.'s co-operation in reporting any contravention of Section 56, whereby the occupier, having given 7 days' notice to the highway authority of intention to plough, does not "make good the surface of the path so as to make it reasonably convenient for the exercise of the public right of way."

The provision of Section 56 would not apply "when there is an ancient right to plough, or if a path was ploughed before the last war, & has been ploughed at frequent intervals since."

It was agreed that a copy of this letter should be sent to the occupiers of the following farms:-  
Tatfield Court, Clacklets, Jowsey Down, Lusted Hall, Park Farm & Church Farm.

Re-appoint. of P.C. to Parochial Lighting Committee.  
 The Clerk read a letter from Godstone R.D.C. re-appointing the members of P.C. to Parochial Lighting Committee.

Coroner's Court at Sutton  
 The Clerk read a letter from Oxted & Godstone P.Cs asking ~~the~~ co-operation in an effort to get the Coroner to establish a Court at Oxted or Reigate, where facilities existed now & where inquests had been held in the past, & to point out the hardship entailed in going to Sutton.  
 Proposed by Mr. Black, sec. Mr. Knight that the Clerk write to the Coroner to this effect. Carried.

Circular No 47/53  
 The Clerk read Circular No 47/53 relating to Local Govt (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953, Capital, Renewal & Repair Fund, & provision & maintenance of 'Bus shelters.

Cesspool Westmore Rd.  
 Mr. Simpson said he had received complaints about the overflowing of the cesspool of the new houses in Westmore Rd.  
 Proposed Mr. Black, sec. Mr. Simpson that Godstone R.D.C. be asked to empty this cesspool more frequently, in view of the nuisance caused by its overflowing. Carried.

Re-naming Wested Hall Lane  
 Mr. Jay said there appeared to be some confusion still about the re-naming of this road, as the Council House there still bore the sign "Westmore Cottages." It was agreed that the attention of Godstone R.D.C. be drawn to the matter.

Survey C.C. General Ref. BK. 1953  
 Mr. Black said that on P.5 of the Foreword of this BOOK it stated that "a more detailed reference to the work & functions of the Rural Parish Councils had been included." He had examined the book carefully, but had been unable to find this reference.

It was agreed to make an enquiry of the S.C.C.

'Bus to  
Osted

Mr. Black put forward the case for having a direct bus service from the village to Osted. After discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Black, sec. Mr. Simpson that L.P.T. be asked to provide facilities for such a service, pointing out how many occasions the villagers have of going to Osted. Carried

School children's  
milk

Miss Knight said that several mothers had complained that the children did not have straws to drink their milk with, & were drinking straight from the bottles.

Mr. Ridley promised to bring the matter to the notice of the School Managers at their meeting on Oct 7th.

Hedge along  
Paynesfield Rd.

The Clerk said she had received a complaint about the overhanging hedge from Ship Field, which practically prevented the use of the path alongside. It was agreed that the owner should be asked to cut back the hedge.

Yes

The following Yes were passed for payment on the proposal of Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Feary.

R. Watson, Hire of Bakery, 3 occasions £1-2-6  
Coronation Celebration Fund, being grant  
received by P.C. from S.C.C. for schoolchildren £8-4-6

Carried

*W. Feary*

5-10-53

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Court  
Sut

Cosp  
West

OCTOBER 1953

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at The Bakery, on Mon: Oct. 5th, 1953

Present Mr. Seary (Chairman), Miss Knight, Messrs. Drane, Hodgson, Ridler & the Clerk.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

Playing Field The Clerk read a letter from Godstone R.D.C. stating that "the purchase by the Council of the land in Paguesfield Rd, for housing purposes had not yet been completed, but that after such completion the Council were agreeable to the Tatsfield Football Club being allowed, as a Temporary measure, to play on such land, but that they could not guarantee to find alternative accommodation for the Football Club when building operations were commenced on the land. In accordance with their usual practice, the Council would endeavour to comply with any reasonable proposal or request which might subsequently be made to them on the matter." It was agreed that a copy of this letter should be forwarded to the Sec. Tatsfield F.C. & that Mr. Hodgson should find out the area of the land being acquired by Godstone R.D.C.

Coroner's Court at Sutton. The Clerk read a letter from Dr. C.F.J. Baron saying that the matter brought forward by the Parish Council was being considered, & that he would write again. It was agreed on proposal of Miss Knight see Mr. Hodgson that the Clerk should write again in 10 days' time if no reply had been received. Carried.

Cesspool Westmore Rd The Clerk reported that this had been emptied twice since the last meeting & that the matter was being investigated by Godstone R.D.C.

- Lusted Hall Lane The Clerk said that arrangements would be made for removing the old sign from Lusted Hall Lane houses. Stile  
Haines  
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- Surrey C.C. Ref. Bk. 1953 A letter from S.C.C. was received giving information required, & the Clerk was asked to make this available to Mr. Black.
- 'Bus to Oxid The Clerk said she had received an acknowledgment of the letter sent on Sept. 8th. a  
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- School children's milk It was reported that the children had now been provided with straws for drinking their milk.
- Hedge in Painesfield Rd The Clerk reported that the cutting of this hedge was in hand.
- Cutting of the green The Clerk read a letter from Godstone R.D.C. stating that this matter was considered at their last meeting on the report of the Playing Fields & Commons Com. The Surveyor had reported on inspections of the green made by himself along with the Chairman & also on work of cutting which he had had carried out. He also had reported difficulties involved in any close cutting, on the expense which would be incurred in clearing the "underston". After consideration the Council regretted being unable to clear the green in the manner suggested owing to the expense involved, but promised that every effort would be made in future to cut the grass earlier in the year & give it a second cut during the growing season." The Chairman said that he would find out what it would cost to use a harrow on Commons.
- Allotment Rents The Clerk reported having collected the Allotment Rents, £2.16.0, for the quarter ending Sept. 29th.

Stile opp  
manor  
House

The Footpaths Committee reported on their inspection of the stile opp. manor House, leading to John's Rd. This stile was very difficult to negotiate owing to the absence of a cross-bar. After discussion as to the responsibility for replacing the bar, it was agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries of the Highways authority at Oxford.

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Proposed by Miss Knight, see Mr. Ridler that following Res be passed for payment.

Clerk's salary for quarter ending Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	£10.0.0
S.C.C. act. rent due seat on Highway	1.0 (P.C)

Carried.

*W. J. Gray*  
9.11.53

NOVEMBER 1953

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at The Bakery, Mon. Nov. 2nd, 1953

Present Mr. Geary (Chairman), Miss Knight, Messrs. Black, Drane, Hodson, Ridler, Simpson & The Clerk.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

Playing Field Mr. Hodson said that according to the map, nearly 3 acres of the Field at the back of "The Ship", were scheduled for building purposes. It was thought that if the local F.C. were interested in the upper half of the same field, application could be made by them to Page & Ovaton, Brewers, to find out whether this part would be sold for that purpose.

Coroner's Court at Sutton The Clerk said that a letter from the Coroner had been received, asking for a copy of the circular letter sent to the Parish Council by <sup>Oxted</sup> Godstone P.Cs. His application to the Clerk of those Councils had not met with a reply. It was agreed that the Coroner should be thanked for his letter, & informed that the Clerk of the <sup>Oxted</sup> Godstone T.Cs. had been acquainted with this request, & that there was a meeting of the Oxted P.C. on Thurs. Nov. 5th. when he might hear further.

'Bus Service Oxted - Tatfield The Clerk read a letter from London Transport Executive saying that "while it was appreciated that the connections at Westeham or Botley Hill Cross Roads are not very convenient, owing to other commitments on other parts of the routes concerned, the Executive found it was not possible to make an improvement, as any suitable alteration would have the effect of upsetting other established connections." It was pointed out that "it was possible to travel from "The Ship", Tatfield,

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by a bus on Route 403 leaving at 8.16 a.m. arriving at Botley Hill Cross Roads at 8.22 a.m. from which point it was possible to proceed by bus route 464 at 8.23 a.m. to Oxted. It was considered that there was insufficient potential traffic to warrant the provision of a direct service from Tatsfield to Oxted, in addition to the existing facilities."

After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Black & Mr. Ridley should make further enquiries.

Cutting of  
the Green

The Chairman said he had made enquiries about the harrowing of the Green & had been informed that a short, or medium, zig-zag harrow would be suitable for tearing up the "under-tow"; after which the Green would need rolling. Mr. Hodson promised to bring the matter forward at the next Committee meeting of the Godstone R.D.C. on the Commons.

Stile opp.

Manor House

The Clerk said she had been informed by the County Divisional Surveyor that the matter was still under consideration, & that it would help if the address of the Executor for the late Sir Samuel Joyce Thomas could be <sup>made</sup> available. The Clerk said that she now had the name of the solicitors, & this would be forwarded.

Silting of

Drain in

Old Lane

The question of the silting up of the pipe at the lower end of Old Lane, & the drains at Edgar Road, was discussed. It was decided to draw the attention of the Godstone R.D.C. to the matter.

Footpath

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The Chairman said that Mr. Street had signified his intention to replace the stile at the N. end. When maps were examined it was noted that in the Survey of 1933 this path was defined as 'arable', & in the Survey of 1950 as 'pasture'. The latter was incorrect.

Main Drainage

A question was asked about main Drainage. The R.D.C. representative, Mr. Hadjson, said that plans were in the hands of the Ministry, & Tatfield still had priority.

Present

Coronation Celebrations

The Clerk presented the  $\frac{1}{2}$  for Coronation Celebrations. There was a balance of  $15\frac{5}{9}$ .

Minutes

Proposed by Miss Knight, see. Mr. Drake that 10/- be given to the 3rd Caterham Boy Scouts for their help, & loan of Tents, on Coronation Day, the remaining  $5\frac{5}{9}$  to be transferred to the Parish Council  $\frac{1}{2}$

Coroner's letter.

Carried.

$\frac{1}{2}$

Proposed by Mr. Ridley, see. Miss Knight that following  $\frac{1}{2}$  be passed for payment  
Allotment Rent to  $\frac{1}{2}$  yr ending  
Sept. 29th, Titsey Estate Co.

£2-0-0 Carried

*W. J. G. G. G.*  
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## DECEMBER 1953

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at The Bullery on Mon. Dec. 7th, 1953.

Present Mr. Perry (Chairman), Miss Knight, Messrs. Black, Drine, Hodgson, Ridler, Simpson & the Clerk.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

Coroner's letter. The Clerk read a letter from the Coroner for E. Surrey in which it was stated that 1) In 80% of the deaths investigated, no inquest at all is held, & the only journey which relatives had to make (& often not that) was to the mortuary at Oxted. The Coroner had been pressed to remove bodies to a more central mortuary, in order to facilitate administration within his district. Although it would have been perfectly proper for him to do so, he had not taken this course. 2) In most cases in the parishes whose councils had been circularised there had not been a death necessitating an inquest for years, but that it was wrong to suppose that relatives & witnesses were necessarily local people. Among the 13 councils circularised only 16 inquests had been held in the past eight months, in 12 of which relatives came from Scotland, Crawley, Croydon, Berkshire, Strathairn, London, Weybridge & Haywards Heath. Most <sup>people</sup> preferred to have the inquest held elsewhere than locally. 3) Witnesses' expenses were paid, & often the police going to the inquest brought witnesses with them by car. In cases of real hardship or infirmity the witness was not called. 4) Ripste not being in his jurisdiction he could not hold his court there. 5) At Oxted, the court was often occupied by the magistrates. At Sutton, the court was readily available, with regular & experienced assistance & officers. 6) There were no regularly appointed coroner's officers in any of the parishes under discussion. The Coroner concluded his letter by saying that he found the present practice worked well.

Proposed by Mr. Drom, see Mr. Ridler, that the coroner be thanked for his full & informative reply & that he be informed that the Parish Council now withdrew their original complaint.

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Carried unanimously

It was agreed that the Clerk of the Oxley & Godstone Parish Councils be given a copy of the coroner's letter, & informed of the P.C.'s decision to withdraw their complaint.

main Drain

'Bus Service to Oxley

Mr. Black said that he and Mr. Ridler were going to Reigate to interview an official there on the matter of the bus to Oxley

Tatfield Green

Mr. Hodson said that the Greens Committee of G.R.D.C. said that Tatfield Green could not be narrowed owing to the difficult slope.

Footpath opp. the Church (No 26)

Proposed by Mr. Black, see Mr. Ridler that in view of the unsatisfactory answer, advice & quotation be obtained from Mr. Shute & Mr. Thompson for narrowing the Green.

Stile opp. Manor House

The Clerk said that the stile opp. Manor House had been removed for repair, & the path strewn with cinders. The County Div. Surveyor wished to make it quite clear that this path had been attended to, purely as a result of information in the hands of the County Engineer, & must not be taken as establishing a precedent for adoption in other cases.

Cesspool - Western Rd.

Drain in Old Lane

The Clerk reported that the drain & pipe in Old Lane had been cleared, as well as the drains on either side of Old Lane.

Footpath 21

It was approved by Mr. Ridler; see Miss Knight

Drill Bottle

(running N.W. from stile near School, to 2nd stile leading to path to Police Cottage)

That the S.C.C. be informed that a mis-statement had occurred in Schedule for 1950, & that "meadows" was incorrect. In Schedule for 1933 it was correctly described as "arable" land over which this footpath ran.

Carried

main Drainage

Mr. Hodgson said he had been given to understand that the Ministry would not commit itself to such a large scheme as proposed by Godstone R.D.C. The plans were therefore to be submitted in sections. These had not yet been sent, & he did not think that Tabfield would have any new houses until main Drainage was brought into the village. It was proposed to build 24 houses in the field alongside Tynesfield Rd, the purchase of which had not been completed.

Footpath opp. the Church

It was brought to the notice of the Council that this field had been ploughed up, & the footpath had not been re-instated.

(No 26)

Proposed by Mr. Simpson sec. Mr. Black that Surrey C.C. be informed under Section 56 of the National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act, 1949, as well as a history of the path before & since 1939, under war-time regulations

Carried

Cesspool Westmore Rd.

A further complaint about the cesspool from the Council Houses in Westmore Rd. was received.

Proposed Mr. Black, sec. Miss Knight that the matter be brought to the notice of the Public Health Com. meeting of the next day, & that Mr. Hodgson express the P.C.'s anxiety over the matter, & enquire the capacity of the cesspool, & whether it could be emptied more frequently.

Milk Bottles

The Clerk said that she was constantly getting complaints about milk bottles not being collected

or being left lying about until they were smashed.  
In some cases there were as many as three weeks  
supply left uncollected.

It was agreed that the Clerk should 'phone  
the manager of Northside Dairy.

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