

DECEMBER 1955

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery, Mon: Dec. 5th, 1955

Present Mr. Geary (Chairman) Mrs. Dohie, Miss Knight, Dr. Sturton, Messrs. Hodgson & Ridler with the Clerk.

Apology for Absence An apology for absence was received from Mr. Betts.

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

Litter Baskets A letter from Godstone R.D.C. concerning litter baskets was read, & it was agreed that the proposed warning notices should be reduced to a minimum.

Coronation

Seat, between Nineham Rd. & Maesmoor Rd. The Clerk was instructed to find out whether the electric light pole half way up Ship Hill was on the road, or inside private property. Mr. Hodgson said he would find out whether there was any possibility of placing the seat on the road very near this spot.

Proposed Dr. Sturton, sec. Mr. Hodgson that a Siamese Chan seat 6ft long, price £10-17-7 with the inscription E1953R be purchased from Messrs. Wm. Wood, Taplow, Bucks. Carried.

Footpath leading off Westmore Rd A letter from Godstone R.D.C. promised that when Surrey C.C. had replied to the R.D.C.'s letter, the Parish Council would be informed.

Maesmoor Rd Water from Highway A letter from the County Div. Surveyor was read saying that the matter was receiving attention.



Playing  
Fields. Letter  
Res: Ass: a letter from Tatfield Residents Ass. was read, proposing  
the field extending from the Allotments to near the  
Church Hall, as a suitable site for a Playing Field.  
The matter was considered in Committee at the end  
of the meeting.

Swedish  
Ride  
28 Westmore  
As nothing had yet been done to these matters,  
it was decided to send reminders to Godstone R.D.C.

opposite  
The Ship.  
Proposed by Mr. Sturton, sec. Miss Knight. that  
Godstone R.D.C. be asked to shape these trees  
& give better ground clearance, & reminding them  
of a promise made in July to attend to the trees  
along Ricketts Hill.

nd  
A letter from the Godstone R.D.C. Engineers &  
Surveyor was read expressing a wish to meet P.C.  
representatives at The Pond, & to hear further  
information regarding the request to beautify &  
improve the pond, made by the Parish Meeting, &  
forwarded by the Parish Council.

Proposed Mr. Ridler sec. Mrs. Doherty that a  
sub-committee be formed to obtain concrete proposals  
to put before the Surveyor. It was agreed that  
two members of Working Men's Club, Women's Inst.,  
Horticultural Soc., & Residents Ass. be asked to  
meet Mrs. Doherty & Mr. Hodson at The Bakery  
Wed. Dec. 28th at 8 p.m. Carried.

oration

It was agreed to ask Godstone R.D.C. if a  
slow-drying coat of Copal varnish could be  
applied to the Village Coronation Memorial Sign.

to  
Baker Hill to  
Cheltenham

Proposed Mr. Ridler sec. Mrs. Doherty that



representations be made to Godstone R.D.C. for an adequate provision of cat's eyes from Botley Hill to Chelsham. This was a stretch of road subject to mist, & since the road had been re-surfaced visibility had not been so good, owing to its dark colour.

Carried.

W. J. Gray 2.1.56



JANUARY 1956.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery, Mon: Jan. 2nd, 1956

**Present** Mr. Geary (Chairman), Dr. Sturton, Messrs. Betts, Hodgson, Ridler, & the Clerk.

**Apology for Absence** Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Doherty, & Miss Knight.

**Minutes** The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

**Coronation Seat.** The Clerk read a letter from SEEB Board saying that the pole on Ship Hill was not on private property. Mr. Hodgson said that he had been informed that the verge extended as far as the trees, & there was room for a seat.

Proposed by Dr. Sturton, sec. Mr. Ridler that Godstone R.D.C. be asked for permission to erect a seat on the verge, half-way between Ninehams Rd. & Draesmore Rd. Carried

The Clerk said that she had been informed that the new price of the seat would be £11.15.10. It was agreed that the Chairman should pay this 2/3 from the money vested in the Chairman of the Parish Council.

**Goatsfield Rd** The Clerk read a letter from Godstone R.D.C. <sup>saying</sup> that Goatsfield Rd. is a private road and, as the frontagers did not appear to desire to have it made up under the Private Streets Works Act, the only alternative appeared to be for the frontagers to agree amongst themselves to execute repairs at



their own cost in proportion to frontage or some other agreed basis. If this were done, the Council would be willing to contribute a proportion of the cost in relation to their frontage or on such other basis as might be agreed. It was agreed that the Clerk send a copy of this letter to Mrs. Hemmant.

Trees at The Ship & on Ricketts Hill  
The Clerk reported that the Trees at The Ship, & some along Ricketts Hill had been lopped.

Air Raid Shelter  
The Clerk reported that the site of the air-raid shelter would be sown in early spring, after being graded out.

Pond  
The Chairman reported that two members of the W.I., two from the Horticultural Soc., two from the Residents Ass., but none from the Working Men's Club, had attended the meeting held at The Bakery, Dec. 28th. The suggestions made were that the roundness of the pond should be disguised, by projecting stone work, one or two trees planted, & perhaps a small rock island made to one side.

Proposed Dr. Sturton, sec. Mr. Ridler that the Clerk arrange a meeting with the Gochstone R.D.C. representative for a Friday afternoon  
Carried.

It was agreed that the Chairman, Dr. Sturton, & Mrs. Hodson represent the Parish Council.

Cat's eyes along Worms Heath  
The County Divisional Surveyor said in a letter that it was intended that the whole of the section



resurfaced should be provided with cats-eye lenses.

Kerb outside  
36 Westmore Rd The Clerk was instructed to draw attention again to the worsening condition of the Kerb at 36, Westmore Rd.

Commons A letter from the Commons Pres. Soc. was read, including a copy of the letter they had received from Godstone R.D.C. The R.D.C. had said that Tatsfield Green was extremely difficult to manage with a grass cutting machine. The Council went to considerable expense each year in keeping the grass cut & bushes etc. Trimmed on all their commons. There was difficulty in always obtaining sufficient labour for their requirements, however.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Commons Pres. Soc. drawing his attention to the 1st para of the Parish Council's letter on Sept. 6th 1955, where it was said that the Parish Council had offered to obtain labour & machinery to pull out the bushes they thought unnecessary, at their own expense.

Propositional  
Receipt Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. by Dr. Sturton that the rating Authority be asked for a precept of £60 for the financial year 1956-57.

Carried.

near  
Cottage A complaint having been made about this stile, the Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Robinson to replace the cross-bar.

Adjournment  
P.C.  
meetings Proposed by Dr. Sturton, sec. Mr. Ridler that the 10 min. Adjournment after Business arising from the Minutes should be continued.



for the next three meetings. Voting 3 to 2 in favour  
(Mr. Geary, & Mr. Hodgson against)

Osted bus

In view of the number of times the Parish Council had asked for a bus service from the village to Osted, it was agreed that the clerk should make enquiries from London Transport about a recent press report that such a service would shortly be scheduled.

Access to

Swedish  
Homes

The clerk was asked to enquire from Godstone R.D.C. when the repairs would be done to this road

a/c

Proposed by Dr. Stanton, sec. Mr. Piddler that following a/c be passed for payment

Rly Pass. Assure Co., (Employers liability) - 5/-

Clerk's Salary to  $\frac{1}{4}$  ending Dec. 31st, 1955 £10-0-0

By Geary 6.2.56



FEBRUARY 1956

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery, Mon. Feb. 6th, 1956.

- Present** Mr. Geary (Chairman) Miss Knight, Dr. Sturton, Messrs. Hodgson & Pidler, with the Clerk.
- Apology for Absence** Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Doherty & Mrs. Betts.
- Minutes** The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.
- Donation Seat** The Clerk reported that a cheque for £11.15.10 had been sent, & a receipt received. Nothing further had been received from R.D.C.
- Pond** The Chairman reported that a meeting with Mrs. Swaine on Jan. 13th had taken place, & the P.C. views put forward. These would be submitted to R.D.C. shortly.
- Colts, Westmore Rd. (No 36)** Mr. Pidler reported that this matter had been attended to.
- Grassmaw Rd.** Dr. Sturton reported that the junction of Ship Hill with Grassmaw Rd. had been improved.
- Gate near Police Cottage** It was agreed to send a reminder to Mr. Robinson about this matter, as nothing had been done.
- Red 'bus** A letter from London Transport Executive was received, confirming that arrangements had been made for 'buses to run between Tabfield



9 Oxted by diverting two of the existing garage journeys on routes 464 & 465. Buses will leave Tatsfield for Oxted 8.23 a.m., & Oxted for Tatsfield at 4.33 p.m. Mon. to Frid: when Summer time-table comes into operation in May. The Public Relations Officer emphasized that the service was an experiment, based on representations made by the Council & others, but that, in his opinion, there was insufficient justification for the introduction of a regular service.

#### Approach Road

#### Swedish House

A letter from the R.D.C. Engineer & Surveyor was read, stating that the Council proposed to carry out repairs to the access road, & anticipating that the work would be put in hand in February.

#### Annual Parish Meeting

Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Miss Knight, that Annual Parish Meeting be held at The Bakery Wed. March 14th, 8 p.m.

Carried.

#### Meeting in April.

As the 1st Monday in April was Easter Monday proposed Mr. Ridler, sec. Miss Knight that standing orders be suspended, & the meeting in April be held on April 9th.

Carried.

#### Metrop. W.B.

#### T junction

#### Crossways, Westmore

A complaint about a hole at the junction of Crossways & Westmore Rd., was made. The hole was caused through the earth not being put back sufficiently well after a water connection had been made there.

p. Mr. Hallison, sec. Mr. Ridler, that



The H.W.B. be asked to see to the matter.

Carried.

Roads in front  
newly built  
houses

Complaints were made about the condition of the road in front of newly built houses, particularly in Tynesfield Road. The Clerk was asked to write to the builders concerned, asking whether it was their intention to make good the damage.

a/c

Proposed Mr. Hodson, see Miss Knight that following a/c be passed for payment R. Watson.

Hire of Bakery 4 occasions £1-10-0

Carried.

Wm. Hodson  
15 March 56



MARCH 1956

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery, Mon: March 5th, 1956

Present Mr. Ridler (Chairman) Mrs. Dohie, Miss Knight, Dr. Sturton, Mr. Betts & Mr. Hodgson

Apology for Absence An apology for absence was received from Mr. Geary.

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Pond Mr. Hodgson said that the matter had been discussed by R.D.C. & they agreed to contribute £1 for every £2 collected in the village, to a maximum of £100. This could be spread over several years. The plan submitted by the Parish Council might cost £300 to carry out. It was agreed that the matter should be brought up at the Annual Parish Meeting the following week, & that the Clerk should notify the W.I., Horticultural Soc., Residents' Ass. & Working Men's Club of the proposal.

Stile Police Cottage As nothing had been done in this matter, the Clerk was instructed to write to R.D.C. about it.

Roads in front of new houses The Clerk said that she had received no reply to her letter from one builder, & another had disclaimed responsibility, as he did not possess vehicles.



**Village Sign** The Clerk read a letter from R.D.C. Surveyors saying that he could find no reference that this sign had been taken over by the R.D.C. As the Coronation Sign Committee could find no record of application having been made, it was agreed that Mr. Hodgson should make enquiries at R.D.C. <sup>about</sup> of the possibility of the sign being taken over by them. In the meantime, Mr. Abraham said that he would see to the varnishing for this year.

**Leak outside Council Houses Eastmore Rd** Attention was drawn to the condition of the path which was being encroached upon by vehicles. The Clerk was instructed to draw the attention of the Highways Authority.

**Picketts Hill** The Clerk was also asked to draw the attention of the Highways Authority to the condition of the road near The Moor.

**Overhanging Trees, Beacon Shaw** A complaint was received about overhanging branches outside Beacon Shaw, which prevented the public from using the path there. The Clerk was asked to see into the matter.

**Main Drainage Scheme** A map was on view, showing the main Drainage proposals. Godstone R.D.C. had applied for permission to raise a loan of £22,300 to carry out work on part of the scheme.

Proposed Dr. Sturton, sec. Mrs. Dohie that  
 foll: to be passed for payment, Stationery, Hooders, 7/8  
Carried.

9.4.56



## Annual Parish Meeting.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting held at The Bakery, Wed: March 14th, 1956

**Present** About 30 Local Govt. Electors, including six Parish Councillors were present.

**Chairman** Mr. Geary, Chairman of Parish Council presided.

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

**Matters arising**

**from Minutes** The Chairman first dealt with matters arising from the Minutes. He drew attention to the

1) Main Drain Map on the table, showing the proposed main Drainage Scheme, which was now before the

2) Bushes on The Green Ministry. Regarding Tatfield Green, the Chairman said that he had had a talk with the Deputy Engineer & Surveyor about the suggestion that local volunteers, labour, & possibly plant, could be organised to carry out the work of clearing the undergrowth etc. on The Green. As a result, the matter had been brought before the appropriate Committee, who had authorized that the suggestion be given a trial on a limited area of the Green, subject to the work being undertaken under the supervision of the Surveyor. The Chairman said he would welcome volunteers.

**Minutes**

**The Pond Parish Meet:** The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held to discuss the question of the Pond & held at The Church Hall, 21st Sept. 1955, were read & confirmed



The Chairman said that proposals for the beautifying of The Pond had been made to Godstone R.D.C. & as a result, this Council had offered a contribution of one-third of the total cost of the expenditure involved, such sum not to exceed £100.

Proposed Dr. Sturton, sec. Mr. Abraham, that Godstone R.D.C. be asked whether they would consider a contribution of one-half of the total cost, and whether they would provide the Parish Council with details & specifications for carrying out the proposals put forward to them, such estimates to be considered by a Parish Meeting

Carried nem: con:

Summary of year's work

The Chairman then gave a Summary of the year's work.

Other business.

Westmore Gr.

Mr. Nichols asked whether any conclusion had been reached regarding the Footpath leading off Westmore Green to Crossways. He was informed that no decision had been made by S.C.C.

Goatsfield Rd

Regarding the repair of parts of Goatsfield Rd, Mr. Nichols said that this matter would be attended to by those concerned.... He congratulated

Boundaries

the Council at the satisfactory <sup>conclusion</sup> to their protest against any change in the boundaries, & asked

Sports ground

that the matter of the Sports ground be pressed forward

10 min-Interval

Mr. Abraham proposed, sec. by Mrs. Hall that a formal vote of thanks to the Parish Council be passed, for their concessions at Council Meetings, and expressing the hope that the 10-minute interval <sup>would</sup> be continued.

Vote of thanks

Carried.



School Dr. Sturton gave a short report on The Primary School. Better lighting had been installed, and the Sports' equipment added to. Three Scholars had passed their examinations, which was above the average of most other schools.

Common land at Monk's Cott: Mr. Mayes asked whether the land in front of Monk's Cottages was part of the Common. The Chairman promised to see into this matter.

Grass 'Bns Shelter Mr. Nichols asked whether the grass around the 'bus shelter could be cut at the same time as the rest of the Green. The Chairman said that the Parish Council had been informed that a smaller machine was used here, & this was not always available at the same time as the larger cutter.

Paper & grass cuttings Mr. Nichols also asked whether some other way of disposing of paper & grass cuttings could be found. He gave as an instance, the untidy patch at the top of Tazewell Rd.

Footpath Hermitage to Fox & Hounds Mr. Cook drew attention to the bad condition of the macadam path leading from the Hermitage to the Fox & Hounds.

Other questions concerning the Fire & Ambulance Services were discussed, & the cost of name plates for the roads in the village.

M. Simpson Miles

20/3/51.



APRIL 1956

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery, Mon: April 9th, 1956

Present Mrs. Geary (Chairman), Mrs. Doherty, Miss Knight, Dr. Stanton, Messrs. Betts, Hodgson & Ridler.

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Village Sign The Clerk read a letter from the Engineers & Surveyor saying that the Godstone R.D.C. would undertake maintenance of the Village sign in future.

Litter Campaign A letter from Godstone R.D.C. was read, announcing an anti-litter week 19th - 26th May and seeking Parish Council co-operation.

Footpath  
Westmore Green  
& Greenways The Deputy Clerk wrote to say that as there would be some time before a revision of the Rights of Way Map took place, there was no immediate hurry for evidence of long user by the public. He added that the occupiers of the house on this path had no objection to the path being used for its rightful purpose i.e. for passage along by pedestrians.  
Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Mr. Betts that the Clerk find out from the Footpaths Preservation Soc. what machinery there existed to incorporate footpaths into the Revised Maps in between the 5-year periods, & when this period began. Carried

Footpath  
Obstruction The Chairman reported that he had received



a complaint about an obstruction by building materials at the access to the footpath in the land owned by Mr. Johnson of Libra. Mr. Hodgson said he would investigate.

- Allotment Rents The Clerk said she had collected, & paid into the Bank the Rents for quarter ending March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Annual Parish C. Meeting Proposed Dr. Sturton, sec. Mr. Betts, that Annual Parish Council Meeting be held May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Carried
- Precept Proposed Mr. Ridler sec. Dr. Sturton that a Precept for £60 be issued on Rating Authority.
- 10-Min Interval Proposed Mrs. Dohie, sec. Miss Knight that 10-min Interval after matters arising from Minutes be continued.  
Voting 5:2
- The Green The Chairman said that he thought that work on The Green, as announced at the Annual Parish Meeting, might be started on the following Friday.
- Land in front of Monks Cottages The Clerk was instructed to enquire from Godstone R.D.C. whether the land in front of Monks Cottages were not part of The Green. It had recently been fenced off.
- Git Dumps The Parish Council agreed to ask The County Divisional Surveyor whether the dumps of git could be collected, especially the one at the Bakery end of Painesfield Rd.
- Orpington R.D.C. It was decided to forward the complaint about Macadam path



the condition of the path from the Fox & Hounds to  
Cudham Rd. to Orpington U.D.C.

The Pond Proposed Mrs. Hodgson, Sec. Miss Knight that the  
Resolution regarding the Pond, passed at Annual  
Parish Meeting be forwarded to Godstone R.D.C.  
expressing the Parish Council's <sup>general</sup> approval of it, and  
asking, at the same time, whether the Surveyor's  
Dept. could be asked to prepare a modified  
Scheme, not to exceed £200 in cost, and whether  
in the event of this modified scheme being  
acceptable, the R.D.C. would consider  
contributing £100 towards its cost. Carried

Council

Houses in  
the Village Mrs. Hodgson said that it was proposed to  
build eight new houses during the current  
year, four of them being under the Shorn  
Clearance plan.

Grass at 'Bus  
Shelter &  
Bakery Proposed Dr. Sturton, Sec. Mr. Betts that  
R.D.C. be asked whether the grass around  
the 'bus shelter & at the Bakery could be cut  
4 times a year, to be more in keeping  
with the rest of Westmore Green. Carried

Closeness together  
of new building Proposed Dr. Sturton Sec. Mr. Betts that  
R.D.C. be informed of the concern caused by  
the density of the new building in the village,  
and asking that its rural aspect be borne  
constantly in mind.

Proposed Mr. Hodgson, Sec. Mrs. Doherty that  
the foll: <sup>yes</sup> be passed for payment  
Clerk's Salary ending March 31st £10-0-0

P.T.O



Clerk's Petty Cash

£4-0-0

Tibby's Estate, Allots Rent to 25.3.56

£2-0-0

Carried

It was also agreed that P.C. Review be obtained  
in current year.By          7. May 56