

24th March 1910

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held at the Schools at 6.30 P.M. on the above date

Councillors Present

Mrs S. Joyce Thomas in the chair
Councillors G.H. West, J. Amiel, W. Taster & the Rev. J. Scott.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed & signed

Bills for Payment

Proposed by G. J. Amiel, seconded by W. Taster.

Lamp light lamps £ 2.1.2

That the following bills be paid & that a cheque be drawn in favour of the clerk Mr J. Scott for £ 2.1.2 in order to meet the wages of the lamp-lighter from the 1st to 31st March '10 (weekly)

Scott 9/8

Mr J. Scott £ 0-9-8 Postage.

West 10/-

" G.H. West £ " 10-0 Hire of School to 24th March

Scott 24/-

Mr J. Scott " 1-4-0 Stationery

Bennett 12/5

Mr W. Henry Bennett " 0-12-5 - " "

Stobson 10/-

" A. Stobson " -10-0 Lighting a/c

Luick 9/6

" A. J. Luick " -9-6 Do Canvas

Mullin 12/8

" J. L. Mullin " 12-8 Do - Minutes

Lighting Committee Report

The Lighting Committee reports that the terms of Mrs J. Johnson had been accepted to carry out the lighting of the lamps from the 1st March on the same terms as the former Contractors Mr G. Andrews. The report was adopted.

It was also decided to call for a vote of £ 20 at the Parish Meeting in order to carry out the lighting during the coming year.

The Chairman read question which has been put in Parliament by Col R H Rawson M.P. regarding the making up of the roads in the parish & the replies thereto given by the President of the Local Council Board. - See attached printed slip

Councillor J Vincent proposed & C. W. Laska seconded

"That a copy of the question asked by Col R H Rawson M.P. in the Parliament be furnished to the Rural District Council of Gosport & that they be asked to take immediate steps to engender the power which the Local Council Board at least the possess".

Carried Unanimously

Proposed by C. J. Vincent seconded by C. W. Laska.

That a letter be written Col R H Rawson M.P. thanking him for his great kindness in putting the question regarding the roads"

Carried Unanimously

A letter was read from the Local Government Board asking for a statement of the representations the Council desires to make regarding the Pymseyale Lanes, & 8 mile Roads, together with a description of the roads & a map showing their situation in the parish.

The Chairman states that this request had been complied with.

Sam Toper Thomas

Chairman.

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24th March 1910

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S. Joyce Thomas

Annual
Minutes of the adjourned Parish
Meeting held at the School on the
above date at 7.30 P.M.

Mr S. Joyce - Thomas in the Chair
(Chairman of Parish Council)

About forty electors were present including
the usual number of Parish Councillors
& the Clerk & Secy.

Statement of
John Wood

The Chairman in his opening statement said
expresses regret that Mr W. Lasker had not
been re-elected to the Council. His services
being especially useful in the matter of
Foot-paths. He was glad to learn from Mr
Lasker that his services would still be at the
disposal of the Council in regard to the Foot-paths
question should they be required. As to himself
he experienced a feeling of regret because he
felt he was taking the place of a gentleman
who had been an exemplary Chairman of the
Parish Council & Parish Meetings.

With regard to parochial matters the
parishioners were taking more interest in
the allotments & at present there were only
four in all. They would be glad to have three
fewer but otherwise they would be unable
to extend their field of operation in this
direction - The allotments showed a balance
of 15/1 which with 1/2 paid for income tax which
was reasonable, would make the total to hand 16/3

Those figures refer only to the year's operations
 If they went in for a profit & loss account from
 the beginning a considerable loss would be shown
 The price offered to allotment holders had been an inducement
 to more of the allotments being taken up.

In regard to lighting an expenditure of £20 had
 been sanctioned at the previous parish meeting
 Only £18 was applied for & out of this they had
 now a balance in hand of 10/8. out of that a small
 sum of 3/6 would have to be expended for removing
 the lamps at the end of the year. The Committee
 had gone carefully into the matter connected with
 the lighting of the parish & had done several of
 the lamps & what was considered better positions.
 The Council had kept down the expenses of the
 Journal & so a consequence were able to carry on the
 year work on the balance in hand from the previous year
 £9.14.7. The balance in hand was now £3.17.4.

Application had been made to the Parish Council
 to support the establishment of a dressmaking class.
 The matter has been gone into resulting in the establishment
 of the class which had proved a success. The Council
 were allowed to spend a sum not exceeding one-eighth
 of a penny which amounted to about 30/- but instead
 of that sum the amount expended would be repaid a
 rate of one-fifteenth of a penny. The salary of the
 teacher was approved by the County Council.

A large number of Council meetings had been held during
 the year & at all of them the question of the costs
 had been discussed & every effort had been made to
 get them put into proper order under one or other of
 the several acts of Parliament applying thereto. Numerous
 representations had been sent to the Forseton Rural District
 Council & the Local Government Board had been reported

to receive a deputation to represent the matter & developments were now awaited. Col R.H. Rawson has put a number of questions to the President of the Local Joint Board on the matter & the together with the answers were read. The Chairman expressed the hope that the new parish Council would continue the agitation until these roads were made up. He referred to the improvement at Fudge Corner which had been brought about principally through the efforts of Mrs. Ginn & mentioned that another improvement was contemplated near by which Mrs. Brown was answerable for. Referring to the report of the Sub-Committee on fire appliances for the parish which had been published in the "Westerham Herald" & a copy sent to every parishioner, there had been no response should a fire occur there could be no blame attached to the Parish Council for the absence of appliances to cope with it. Should the provision of these appliances be decided on later the report would be available. Referring to the Railway the Chairman stated that the matter was receiving increased attention from prominent persons. He had succeeded in eliciting the sympathies of leading railway engineers who had already visited Salisbury & Loughborough the Godevent etc.

Question
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Dress Making
class

Question was then invited
Mr. Duddy asked if the Council had any views in the rearrangement of the dress-making class. Compliments had been made as to the unsuitable nature of the room & ask if any complaints had been received from the teachers. Regarding the Foot-path question Mr. Duddy

Said a special rate was levied but the sum raised was never spent. He wished to know what had happened to this fund.

Removal of
Lamp

Mr Jones raised the question of the removal of the lamp from the junction of Louise & Union Roads to Pymuzilla Rd where there were already two lamps.

Allotments

Mr Dancy asked how much allotment ground one man could have. Whether an allotment holder was entitled to a copy of his agreement & if the Council would take steps to prevent cattle in adjoining fields damaging crops.

The Chairman replied:

Reps to
Mr Dancy

To Mr Dancy. Concerning the dress-making class the Parish Council had referred to matters to the local Education Committee. He was unaware of any complaints from the teacher but any defects would undoubtedly be remedied. He was not aware of any special rate having been made in connection with the foot-paths. The Council could only bring a general rate up to 3^d in the £. A general rate might have been raised years ago for this purpose & that would probably account for the large sum in hand at the commencement of the year.

Reps
To Mr Jones

To Mr Jones. The Lighting Committee would doubtless take note of the question & deal with the matter.

Reps
To Mr Dancy

To Mr Dancy. 20 Rods was the amount for one holder, but if anyone applied for the four vacant allotments he might have them for one year. If at the end of that time separate applications were made for them they would have to be surrendered. As to the copy of agreements it was a business matter & would require consideration. Concerning the damage by cattle they would have to ask the owners of adjoining fields to erect proper fences to prevent the damage.

Common
Council

Mr Union referred to the allegation made at

the previous meeting that he had been given 7 days notice by the Squire Solicitor to remove & that he was supposed to have erected on Common land. & produced Correspondence to disprove this

In connection with the above the following resolution was proposed by Mr Standing & seconded by Mr Duddy. Mr Winson approving

"That whereas it is alleged that an encroachment has been made by Mr Winson on the Common. it be a request to the Rural District Council to enquire into the said alleged encroachment." Carried unanimously

£20 for lighting

The Chairman asked for a vote for the lighting of the Park for the coming year

Proposed by Mr Jones & seconded by Mr G H West "that a sum of £20. be expended for lighting during the coming year"

Carried by 13 votes to 5

Letter to Col Rawson

Proposed by Mr Dent & seconded by Mr Hunt "that a letter be written to Col R H Rawson M.P. thanking him for his great kindness in putting the question in Parliament regarding the roads"

Carried unanimously

Resolution re Roads to R Dist Council

Referring to the question asked in Parliament by Col R H Rawson M.P. Mr Vincent proposed & Mr Dent seconded the following resolution

"That a copy of the questions asked by Col R H Rawson M.P. in Parliament be furnished to the Rural Dist Council of Forestone & that they be asked to take immediate steps to enforce the powers which the Local Government Board allow they possess"

Carried unanimously

21st April 1910

Minutes of The Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the School on the above date.

Present Messrs J. J. Thomas (Chairman) & J. Vincent, G. H. West, J. H. Breton, A. Dent, E. Duddy & J. Scott (Clerk)

Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read confirmed & signed & Mr. Thomas then vacated the chair, his term of office having expired.

Election of Chairman On the proposition of Mr. J. Vincent seconded by Mr. A. Dent Mr. J. J. Thomas was re-elected chairman.

Mr. Thomas, resuming the chair, thanked the members of the Council for the honour they had done him & expressed his intention of doing his best with their kind assistance.

Election of Vice-Chairman Mr. G. H. West was elected Vice-Chairman on the proposition of Mr. Vincent seconded by Mr. A. Dent.

Resolves Mr. A. Dent proposed that Messrs West & Duddy be elected. Resolves & Mr. Breton proposed Messrs West & Vincent.

The Chairman said that as Mr. West had been proposed by two Councillors he would regard him as being proposed & seconded. & he

Messrs Mould, himself, Jomally second both Messrs ~~West~~ & Duddy.

After a short discussion the Chairman advised the appointment of Messrs from each party which now existed on the Council.

Ultimately the voting for Messrs was as follows.

By Duddy ^{& Hain} 3 votes viz: Messrs West, Dant & Duddy
By Vincent & Hain 3 " viz: -
The Chairman, Messrs Vincent & Brown
& G.H. West. 4 votes viz: Messrs Dant, Duddy, Brown & Vincent.

The Chairman gave a second & casting vote in favour of G.H. Vincent. On the ground that this would be putting in office the members of each party. ~~Also the same gentlemen~~ also the same gentlemen who had hitherto served as Messrs.

Messrs Vincent & West were then declared elected Messrs.

Lighting Committee

Three Councillors were elected on the Lighting Committee as follows:-

By G.A. Dant proposed by G. Brown seconded by Vincent
By G.H. West. " " Duddy " " Cr. Vincent
By J.H. Brown " " Vincent " " G.A. Dant.

G. Duddy requested not to be elected on the Lighting Committee

Footpaths Committee

Proposed by G. J. Vincent. Seconded by G.H. West. that Messrs Duddy & J.H. Brown be elected members of the Footpaths Committee
Carried unanimously.

M. D. D. D.

Alloiments
Committee
School
Manager

C. P. H. Brown proposed & J. Vincent
seconded that Mr & Duddy, J. H. Brown & J. Vincent
be elected members of the allotments Committee
Carried

C. Vincent proposed that Mr Brown be
re-elected the Councils representative on the
School Management.

C. Don asked if it would be possible
to elect a lady as School Manager. He thought
that it might be advantageous to have a lady
manager. He knew of a lady now living at Westgate
Hill who had had ^{experience} in such work & was desirous
of being of use.

C. Don expressed the opinion that the
appointment of School Manager was the most important
business before them. It was a shame that children
should be compelled to attend school badly
clothed & hungry. It was desirable that such
a matter should be thoroughly looked into.

C. Brown replied that there was not much
cause for complaint of this nature in Tatsfield
after a prolonged discussion as to the
Parish Councils powers & duties in the appointment
C. Don seconded C. Vincent's motion which
thereupon was carried. & C. Brown elected as
School Manager

Pollings
Station

A letter was read from Mr A. S. Danell
the County Council member for the district
in which the writer expressed his sympathy
with the project of providing a polling station
for Tatsfield taking for the views of the
Parish Council on the matter.

Mr Danell pointed out that on the occasion

of an election of County Councillors the cost would be about £15 & the expense would be borne by the Ratepayers & that in the event of a Parliamentary election the expense would probably be more but would be borne by the Candidates.

The Councillors present expressed the desire for a Polling Station for Satejila & on the proposition of C. G. H. West. Seconded by Mr. I. Vincent it was agreed to instruct the Clerk to write Mr. Daniell thanking him for his letter & kind offer of help & urging him to do all in his power to procure the establishment of a polling station at Satejila both for County Council & Parliamentary elections.

Filds Corner
improvement

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Footpath
at Ray Hill

A letter was read from the Clerk to the Rural Dist Council saying that his Council has agreed to the request for widening of the road at the dangerous turn at Filds Corner, & also that Mr. Leary had been requested to remove the obstructions to the foot path at Ray Hill.

Dangerous
Roads

A lengthy discussion took place on this subject arising out of Col. Newson's questions in Parliament & disappointment was expressed at the non-compliance of the Local Government Board to the request for power to deal with the roads in question. The chairman said that in addition to the information given to the Local Govt. Bd. by way of correspondence, he had visited the Office

of the L.G. 13 & had carefully put the details of the position before the Board. He suggested that it might be advisable to claim these roads as Highways they having been in use by the public for so many years. & advised the Councillors to think the matter over before their next meeting.

The District Council wrote saying that the Metropolitan Water Board would be giving notice to the Parish Council when mains were to be laid across the Green.

A letter was read from a Post Office Officer stating that he had secured 5 subscribers towards the establishment of a Telephone Service in Sategwell.

The Clerk explained that this gentleman had informed him that a sixth subscriber would in all probability ensure its accomplishment whereupon Mr Thomas instructed the Clerk to write (that he would secure this ^{for the village} boon) he was prepared to make the sixth.

Applications for allotments were received from & granted to Mr Arthur Martin for No 21 & Mr Jas Stammers for No 15.

The Clerk reports that Mr W Standing was 12 months in arrears of rent for two allotments but that payment has been promised by Monday next. It was understood that in the event of non-compliance with the promise to pay the Clerk should take action.

It was agreed that allotment holders

15
Could have a copy of their agreement on
payment of 1 per copy.

Account

The accounts for the past year were
examined by Messrs. Duddy & Don't. & the
Council authorized the Chairman to sign
them as correct.

Next Meeting

It was arranged that the next meeting
should be held on the 2nd of June '10.

Chairman

Mr. J. H. Brown congratulated the
Council on again securing the services
of Mr. S. J. Thomas as Chairman.

Mr. Thomas in reply said that
although they might not at all times
see eye to eye in all matters he trusted
that they would meet in a friendly way
& in the spirit of compromise for the
benefit of the Parish.

Sam J. Thomas
Chairman

2. June. 1910.