

FEBRUARY 1947

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on Mon: 10th Feb: 1947
 Present. Mr. Little, Mrs. Kerrison, Mr. Chairman. ^{J. Little}

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from Mr. McDonald, & Mr. Martin.

Preservation of Trees.

The Clerk read a letter from G.R.D.C. stating that the Scheme applied to all trees in the Parish, but that it must be borne in mind that the Council, in exercising its power of preservation, has regard to public amenity, & that trees which cannot be seen from any highway, would not, therefore, normally form the subject of an Interim Preservation Order.

After discussion, it was proposed that the same trees as listed in Nov: 1937 (P.89) plus the group of conifers just beyond the school in Church Rd., and the beech trees in Crown Rd., near Gossey Down Farm, be listed as worthy of preservation.

Affiliation to National Council of Social Service

A letter from N.C.S.S. was read, saying that the Council was agreeable to the Parish Council making payment of the affiliation fee direct to the National Ass., pending the formation of a Surrey Association.

Proposed from the chair that the Parish Council affiliate as from May 1st.

Public Rights of Way

A letter from G.R.D.C. was read, ^{Agreed} requesting the

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Tatfield

Drainage
Scheme

The Clerk read
acknowledging
Scheme of 7th Jan.

return of the Schedule, as the Clerk was unable to distinguish between footpaths and bridle paths. Proposed from the Chair that the Clerk ask for the return of the Footpaths Map, for the further attention of the Footpaths Committee.

Agreed.

Cancer Campaign The Clerk reported that the House-to-House Collection had brought in £10-15-10 in aid of the funds of the Campaign, and read a letter of thanks from the General Secretary, to which was attached Receipt No. J.9583.

Antiquities in County Surrey The Clerk read a letter from G.R.D.C. asking whether the Council wished any alterations or additions to be made to a list of Antiquities in the County of Surrey appended. The only building, so listed, for Tatsfield, was Colegate, and it was proposed from the chair that the list be returned, with no alterations or additions.

Agreed.

Annual Parish Meeting Proposed from Chair that Annual Parish Meeting be held at the School on March 26th at 7.30pm.

Agreed.

March P.C. Meeting Proposed from Chair that there be no Parish Council Meeting for March.

Agreed.

Annual Parish Council Meeting Proposed from Chair that the Annual Parish Council Meeting be held Mon. April 21st, 7.30 p.m.

Agreed.

Tatsfield Drainage Scheme The Clerk read a letter from Surrey County Council acknowledging receipt of Parish Council's letter of 7th Jan. & saying that they noted that

The Godstone R.D.C. was fully aware of the suggestion that the cesspool in Westmore Rd. should be emptied at regular fixed intervals. A letter from the Godstone R.D.C. was also read, informing the Parish Council that the negotiations with the West Kent Drainage Board for receiving the sewage from the Tatfield area had been completed, & now only awaited the formal legal documents to be entered into. Much preparatory technical work had to be done before the sewerage scheme could be submitted to the Minister of Health for approval for loan & grant purposes. Regarding the point raised as to making a nominal charge for the cleansing of the cesspool at the shops on The Parade, the G.R.D.C. pointed out that it had been agreed that the cesspool should be emptied at regular intervals, & that the Council had already decided to remit one half of the cost of the cleansing. This meant that each owner would only be called on to pay 2/6s for each load taken from the cesspool.

Resignation of
Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Little, read a letter from the Clerk tendering her resignation owing to pressure of other duties.

Proposed by Mr. Cherman, seconded Mrs. Kerrison that the Clerk's resignation be accepted as from March 31st next.

Proposed by Mrs. Kerrison, seconded by Mr. Cherman that Mr. Dohie be accepted as Clerk from April 1st.

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Proposed by Mr. Chairman, seconded by Mrs. Kerrison
that the following £ be passed for payment

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W. J. Kerrison
Chairman

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 1947.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the School on Wed: March 26th

Proposed by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Charman that Mr. Little be Chairman of the Meeting.

Attendance

About 28 persons, including 6 Parish Councillors.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting (4. III. 46) were read and confirmed.

Summary of year's work.

The Chairman gave a summary of the work done by Parish Council during the past year.

'Bus Service

Mrs. Lucas asked the Parish Council to use their influence to obtain a 'bus service to Osted. She pointed out that young girls of 14 or 15 working in Osted, either had to lose 10/- weekly in fares, or walk along lonely roads. She suggested that the small 'bus which runs from Chelsham to Osted could be diverted to Tatsfield to pick up such passengers, pupils to the Osted County School or those who attended night classes. A petition with 57 supporters' names was handed to the Chairman. The Chairman promised all the help the Parish Council could give.

Hedge Church Hill Road

Mr. Boon asked whether the Church Authorities could be approached, with regard to the cutting of their hedge on Church Hill, as it was a nuisance.

Bar at 'Bus Stop.

Mrs. Laslett asked whether a bar could be placed at the 'bus stop, Church Hill Corner, as passengers getting off the 'bus in the dark were liable to fall down the steps there. The Chairman thought the Titsey Parish Council could be approached.

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'Bus Shelter
Church Hill Corner

Mr. Gray asked how far matters had gone in the matter of a 'bus shelter at Church Hill Corner. The Chairman, in reply, said that the L.P.T.B. had acknowledged their letter, but had said they had none available at the moment, but would communicate further when their new designs were ready.

Notice top of
Old Lane

Mrs. Lowrance asked whether a notice "No through road" could be erected at the top of Old Lane, as many motorists used the lane in error, & on reaching the bottom of the Lane, experienced difficulty in turning, with the result that the surface of the lane was being continually churned up. The Chairman promised to see into this matter.

Cesspool
emptying

Mrs. Simpson asked whether, in view of the reduction in the rate of emptying the cesspool at the Parade, she could obtain a similar concession as she found it a hardship to pay for emptying her cesspool, owing to having two homes to keep up. The Chairman said that the question of paying for such emptying of cesspools had been raised at the Godstone R.D.C., and he was informed that if the charge ceased the loss would be several thousands of pounds to the Godstone R.D.C. He pointed out that the Rating & Valuation of properties in Tatsfield were lower than in places where main Drainage existed, & he was afraid that the Parish Council could not help Mrs. Simpson in her particular circumstances.

Landlords'
liability

Mr. Standing asked whether a landlord could be forced to instal a cesspool in a property. He complained that all washing water had to be thrown into the garden, for the past 30 years. The

Chairman said he did not think this would offend against the Building Bye Laws.

Bridge Old Lane

Miss Boon asked whether a bridge across the ditch in Old Lane, opposite Sunnybank, leading to the path through the wood, could be made, as some people had difficulty in stepping across the drain at this point. The Chairman said that this matter had already been brought to the notice of the Godstone R.D.C. who had promised to act in the matter.

Miss Boon also asked if the residents of Sunnybank could be restrained from throwing old tins into the drain, as this blocked it - & caused water to flow into the road. She had cleared the drain once, only to find the next day that all the tins were thrown back again. The Chairman promised to see to this matter.

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Chairman

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Present

Electron of
Chairman for
ensuing year

Electron
Vice Chair

Footpaths
Committee

Allotment
Committee

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Committee

School
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ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the School Monday April 21st 1947

Present

Mrs Kerrison, Mrs Laslett, Rev. W. E. Grundy (R.D.C.)
Messrs. Charman, Geary, Little + Martin ^(Mr. Dothie) + the clerk

I Election of Chairman for ensuing year

Proposed by Mr Martin that Mr. McDonald be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. It was understood that he was expected to leave hospital shortly and that as he was making good progress he would be able to resume his duties at an early date. Mrs. Laslett seconded. Carried

II Election of Vice Chairman

Proposed by Mr. Charman that Mr. Little be elected Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Martin. Carried.

III Footpaths Committee

Proposed by Mr. Charman that Messrs. Geary + Martin be elected again. Mr. Geary stated he was not anxious to continue to serve. Mrs. Laslett proposed Messrs. Martin + Charman. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Carried.

IV Allotments Committee

Proposed by Mr. Martin that Mrs. Laslett + Mr. ~~Martin~~ ^{Charman} be elected as before. Seconded by Mr. Geary. Carried.

V Assessment Committee

Proposed by Mr. Martin that Mr. McDonald be elected. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Carried.

Proposed by Mrs. Kerrison that Mr. Martin be elected. Seconded by Mrs. Laslett. Carried.

VI School Managers

Proposed by Mr. Martin that Mrs. Kerrison be elected. Seconded by Mrs. Laslett. Carried. Mr. Martin also proposed that Mrs. Laslett

be elected, but Mrs. Laslett stated that while she was prepared to continue, she thought a more equal representation of the sexes ought to obtain. Mrs. Laslett then proposed that Mr. Brazier be co-opted. Seconded by Mr. Geary, Carried. The clerk was instructed by the chairman to approach Mr. Brazier and ascertain if he was agreeable and also to inform him of the date and place of the next meeting which was on Wednesday 23rd April (by telephone). In the event of Mr. Brazier being unwilling, it was proposed from the chair, that Mrs. Laslett be elected. Seconded by Mrs. Morrison. Carried.

VII Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th March 1947 were read for information and any necessary action.

VIII Business arising out of minutes of last meeting.

a) Footpaths.

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The clerk read a letter dated 13th Feb. 1947 from the clerk of the R.D.C. G. covering the return of the footpaths maps. Further correspondence was read and discussed. Mrs. Laslett proposed that the maps and correspondence be handed over to the new F.P. committee which should have power to act in this matter on its own judgement. Seconded by Mrs. Geary. Carried.

Mrs. Geary proposed that F.P. committee be given power to act in all matters relating to footpaths on its own judgement and

b) Lesspool

IX Business

arising from Annual Parish Meeting

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b) Village Bus Shelter

c) No Through Road Sign
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initiative. Seconded by Mr. Martin. Carried.
Mrs Laslett reported that the cesspool was still overflowing down the road and she proposed that the R.D.C.R. be asked to bring the matter up at the next suitable opportunity. The R.D.C.R. stated he would do so.

IX Business arising from Annual Parish Meeting
Rail at Church Hill Bus Stop

Proposed from the chair that the clerk be instructed to write to the Clerk of the R.D.C. and request action to be taken regarding the provision of a bar or railing on the Tisbury side of the main road at the Church Hill Bus stop to prevent the danger of persons alighting from the bus falling down the steps. Agreed.

D. Village Bus Shelter

The R.D.C.R. proposed that the bus shelter on the village green be removed to Church Hill bus stop. Messrs. Martin and Geary alternatively proposed that the shelter be removed to Tatsfield corner in view of the fact that this stop is used more than the Church stop. After further discussion it was proposed that the fairest method was to call a Parish Meeting in the first place to ascertain whether the removal of the bus ^{shelter} stop out of the village was likely to be approved in view of the special paving that had been laid out round the existing site.

c) No Through Road Sign Old Lane

The clerk stated he had written to the clerk to R.D.C.G. and had received a reply from the County Divisional Surveyor advising

steps would be taken to erect the necessary sign as soon as delivery can be obtained from the manufacturers.

d) Church Hedge.

The clerk was instructed, at the request of the RDCR, to write to the churchwarden requesting necessary action.

X Committee Reports.

a) Allotments

Mrs. Laslett on behalf of the Allotments Committee that the present position, financially, of the allotments needed review. The lease of the ground was granted to the Council originally in 1907 for a period of 20 years at a rent of £4 p.a. After 1927 the arrangement had been continued from year to year. The deficit over the last 10 years amounted to £8-18-0. The clerk to RDC had suggested to her that the loss should be borne, in view of the present food position by the council in the public interest. It was possible that there was criticism of one particular allotment holder for selling his produce as a market garden but she did not consider this should warrant action by the council to prevent it. Mr. Geary drew attention to the fact that the Council's responsibility lay in providing allotments which should pay for themselves and not involve the council in any financial loss. Mrs. Laslett stated further that the losses were in part due to the responsibility of the Council to maintain ^{present} fencing etc. She proposed that the ^{present} arrangements be

b) School managers.

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allowed to continue in the hope that fresh tenants come forward. It was proposed from the chair that the committee be asked to bear in mind the remarks passed at this meeting with a view to making the allotments pay their way. Recorded by Mrs. Charman. Carried.

School Managers.

Mrs Kerrison reported on behalf of the School Managers that there had been no outstanding events during the year. There had been a change of caretaker and she had good hopes of the new one being very satisfactory. As regards the drainage at the school, the Div. Educ. Officer (Mr. Walsh) was doing his best to expedite the matter. There had been a burglary at the school canteen, sugar and golden syrup having been taken. 2 panes of glass were removed to gain entry. All the missing articles had since been replaced.

A care committee had been formed during the year under review and had done some good work in organising children's tea parties, a jumble sale on the proceeds

of which a party visited 'Britain can make it' exhibition and also the wireless ^{set} licence was paid for.

Accounts

a) for year ending 31/3/47 ~~the~~ The clerk presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 1947* The accounts were then signed by the acting chairman after consideration by the council.

b) for payment

Proposed by Mrs Martin, seconded by Mrs Charman that the following be passed for payment

* Proposed by Mrs. Martin seconded by Mrs Charman that the accounts be approved. Carried.

Miss Kelly Clerk's Salary to 31/3/47 £10-0-0
S.C.C. Hire of School Room 13⁵/₆^d

c) Precept

Proposed by Mrs. Jaslett, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, that a precept for £60 be issued on the Local Rating Authority to meet the requirements of the Parish Council for coming year.

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XII Next Meeting

Proposed from the chair that the Council meet at dates to be arranged and that the ~~rule~~ present rule for meetings to be held on the first Monday in each month be suspended. Seconded by Mr. Martin. Carried (Mr. Geary dissenting)

Proposed by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Charman, that the next meeting be held on the first Monday in June (2/6/47) at 7.30 p.m. Carried.

Wm Donald
Chairman.

Business arising out of minutes

a) Oxford Bus Service

b) No through road sign Old Lane

c) Notice Board Ricketts Hill

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