

5th January '17

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on the above date
 Messrs H. D. Hoffman (C^o Man) & Duddy
 A. Nicholson, F. H. Keeble & the Clerk
 present.

Members
 Present

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed & signed.

Greens

The District Council wrote not giving their reasons for refusing the transfer of the Greens Control to the Parish Council. Dissatisfaction with this reply was expressed & on the motion of Mr. Kitchener, seconded by Mr. Duddy it was decided to write the local Joint Board enquiring what is the position of the Parish Council in the matter.

Food
 Supply

The District Council wrote asking the Parish Council to use every effort in seeing that all allotments were cultivated under the special conditions now prevailing.

Mr. Duddy raised the question as to what steps could be taken in bringing into cultivation any unused land in the parish & it was agreed to ask the Dist Council what were the powers now possessed in the matter by the Parish Council.

The County War Agricultural Committee wrote enclosing a letter from the Board of Agriculture pointing out the necessity of growing as many potatoes as possible also propounding their scheme for providing

Seed potatoes & asking what quantities would be required by cottages & small places in Tappin. The clerk was instructed to ~~write~~ post notices in the village asking parsonage, for the necessary information by the 13th inst.

Mr Duddy pointed out that a few allotment holders were now serving at the front & he suggested that the wives of these men should be allowed to retain their allotments & that assistance should be given them by in the way of digging & the expenses incurred defrayed by the P. Council

The clerk informed the Council that the Revd B. G. Popham had asked him to inform the Council that some ladies in the parish had offered £10 to be spent in assisting the wives of the men now serving with the forces in the cultivation of their gardens & allotments.

The Chairman expressed the view that no action could be taken till the offer was made in writing to the Council

Mr Duddy proposed & Mr. Shillahoo seconded that the offer be gratefully accepted & that it be referred to the allotments Committee to take the necessary steps to expedite the carrying out of the work

Mr Duddy suggested that ~~unoccupied~~ allotments should be cultivated & this was agreed to

matter

Recess

The Dist Council wrote saying that Do Sherrara had been asked for the necessary land for widening the road at Rio Ke Ho Keel

The surveyors also wrote stating that probably this work would not be carried out during the war.

Allotment fence

The clerk reported that Mr Vincent declined to accept the responsibility of repairing the fencing of the allotments, it being in his opinion a matter for the parish Council.

The clerk was instructed to write Mr Vincent saying that the Parish Council would hold him responsible for any future damage done to the fence by his animal.

Business of Council

Mr F.H. Baker proposed that Mr J. Stechemisk be co-opted a member of the Parish Council vice Mr J. Ward resigned.

The motion was seconded by Mr E. Duddy & carried.

A discussion took place as to the advisability of filling the places of Messrs Brown & Liddell now serving with the Navy; The clerk was instructed to write them suggesting that whereas there was no wish whatever to dispense with their services it might be advisable for the Council to co-opt 3 new members in their place for the period of the war & to ask for their return on the matter.

Sign Post

Mr. Shchorak proposed that the Dist. Council be written to protest against the unsatisfactory way in which the re-writing of the sign posts near the school & at Ricketts Hill had been done.

Mr. Shchorak having explained in detail the cause of complaint, Mr. Duddy seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Sign Plough

The chairman called attention to the fact of the sign, snowplough having been sent to another parish for repairs.

The clerk was instructed to write calling attention to the matter, stating that in future notices should be avoided from taking parishioners for such work.

Cost Office Salary

Mr. Smith inquired what he was unable to trace the L.G. Board letter dealing with the cost office expenses in connection with the notice book.

The clerk was instructed to write the Joint Board for another copy.

Pumps cess pool

Mr. Duddy reported that the cess pool pumps were now unusable owing to the rubber tubing being perished. The clerk was instructed to write the Council how the necessary repairs could be effected & suggesting the use of galvanized iron tubing instead of rubber.

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