

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 January 1990
in the WI Hall, Paynesfield Road at 8.00 pm

Present: Mr Ian Mitchell (Chairman) Mr Denis Hayes
Mr Roland Payne (Vice Chr) Mrs Aileen McHugo
Mr Norman Ewin Dr Gerald South

In attendance: Mrs Eileen Pearce (Clerk) and 4 parishioners

Apologies: Received from Mrs Liza Player and Mr Simon Dothie (TDCouncillor)

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| 1 <u>Minutes of 11.12.89</u> | |
| With the addition to Item 2, line 20 'the service "to and from Westerham", and amendment of reference number at 4p to read "89/P/0450", the minutes were accepted as a correct record. | |
| 2 <u>Matters Arising</u> | |
| a) Ref 3a: Tree Planting - A further two dozen trees had been planted by Tandridge DC along the Hag Hill frontage of Tatsfield Green; Clerk to write and thank Director of Planning. | Clerk |
| b) Ref 3b: Verge cutting - Chairman reported that TDC would now cut verges along Ricketts Hill twice a year, including previously untended areas near High Mead and Grey Gables, as well as the woodland verge opposite. | |
| c) Ref 3f: Noticeboards - Mr Ewin reported that estimate for Village and Ship Hill noticeboard repairs was £105 for all materials and labour. As per previous minute, Mr Bishop had been authorised to proceed. It was also agreed to obtain a quote for replacement of Ricketts Hill board so that matter could be decided at next Council meeting. Noted that Boards needed regular maintenance to prevent rotting. | NE |
| d) Ref 6: Village Pond - Chairman to seek TDC advice 10.1.90. | IM |
| e) Ref 14: Village Sign - It was decided to clean up the sign and replace it in its concrete socket on the Green. | IM |
| 3 <u>Planning</u> | |
| a) MSA - Still no word re Titsey Estate appeal to High Court; Chairman had written to DoT (Ref Mins 11.12.89 No 4, para 4). | |
| <u>Appeal</u> | |
| b) 89/P/0068: Sylvan Bank, Ship Hill - ext. Comments re size category rptd Permissions | |
| c) 89/P/0811: Restcott, Kemsley Road - demolition, erection new bungalow | |
| d) 89/P/0972: Old Post, Paynesfield Rd - " " 2 chalet bungs. | |
| <u>Refusals</u> | |
| e) 89/P/1136: 1 Pond Cottages, W Green - Ext | |
| f) 89/P/1383: Land adj Downalong, Kemsley Rd - new house | |
| g) 89/P/1284: Land at Parkwood Road - 3 det houses | |
| Fee of £14.50 to Bromley Council for weekly planning lists agreed.
Mrs McHugo to continue dealing with planning matters for January. | AMcH |
| 4 <u>Low-cost Housing in Rural Areas</u> | |
| The Chairman outlined Tandridge DC's response to government policy on this matter, indicating that TDC had no intention of pursuing it in the area North of the Downs, which they wished to retain as an important buffer zone next to the London Boroughs. This had particular relevance to areas to the | |

Action

North and East of the village. It was also noted that on Appeal, inspectors appeared to be interpreting government policy as applying to schemes of up to 10 houses. Papers were circulated to Councillors for comment at the next meeting.

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5 Rights of Way

- a) Meeting with Bridleways Assoc arranged for next evening 9.1.90; Messrs Mitchell, Hayes and South to attend.
- b) NALC Training Course on Rights of Way - 12.2.90, YWCA, London; cost £46; it was regretfully decided that cost prohibited attendance, although it was realised that a London course was central and attracted national speakers.

IM/DH

6 Local Bus Service

Mr Hayes reported on a number of developments:

- a) Surrey Co Co being most supportive; have endorsed TPC's suggested timetable and urged Kentish Bus to give it full consideration; will also investigate possibilities of link with Biggin Hill.
- b) Kentish Bus however, have indicated that depot to be removed shortly from Dunton Green thus doing away with present 'dead time' element; they have nevertheless requested TPC's help in obtaining further grant from Surrey. Meanwhile, their leaflets in the PO still do not carry details of reinstated services to and from Croydon and on some days only 50% of buses have run on the route. Mr Hayes agreed to put a notice in the PO window detailing the bus times which Surrey had agreed to subsidise until March. Villagers should continue to complain to Kentish Bus when these did not run.
- c) Local MP, Sir Geoffrey Howe, has been kept informed of all actions and County Councillor, Mr Richard Drake, who is on the Transport Planning Committee, has offered his full assistance.
- d) Westerham PC have urged Kent Co Co to reconsider subsidising the W'Ham Tatsfield route. It was noted that some drivers were still taking passengers on this route informally but that this could cause problems with insurance in the event of any accident.
- e) It was noted that the local doctors' practices had also complained to Kentish Bus because of the loss of connection with local hospital.
- f) Noted that almost all Councillors had delivered the Transport Questionnaire with the kind help of volunteers and that about 60 had already been returned.

DH

7 Nuisance at Village Hall

It was reported from various sources that groups of youngsters (13+) from the village were making nuisances of themselves around the outside of the Village Hall - Sunday afternoon badminton had been interrupted, on Sat eve 2 December broken glass had littered the exit, minor vandalism had occurred and general mess. After discussion it was felt that informal approaches to parents by the Chairman should be the first action when identities were known but that police involvement should not be ruled out later. Meanwhile all Councillors should call by the Hall when possible.

IM

8 Village Green

- a) Bye-laws: TDC Solicitor had at last replied to queries relating to the granting of permission to use the Greens (Item 9a of 12.6.89). TPC now had formal approval to continue granting permission for use of the Greens. TDC asked the Council, however, to bear in mind that it was against the use of performing animals in circuses, the offering of live animals as prizes at funfairs, and that Parks Manager be informed of Green use so that grass mowing could be rescheduled if necessary.

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- b) Mowing: Mowing of the Greens was now being put out to tender by TDC but Westmore Green would be mown on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month during the growing season; the area to be mown included the Old Bakery Triangle. Chairman to enquire schedule for Tatsfield Green. IM
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- c) Old Bakery use of Green: Now that all information was to hand, Councillors were asked to consider the Old Bakery's application to use the triangle of Green outside their premises. Clerk to circulate background notes; Mr Ewin to check insurance position; decision at next Co meeting. Clerk
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- d) Path across Green: Mr Ewin to chase up TDC about clearance of encroaching grass before next growing season.
- 9 Romanian villages
It was felt that the matter of adopting a Romanian village threatened with 'systemisation' had now been overtaken by events, with the fall of the Ceausescu regime. Interested village groups would enquire whether practical help was now needed.
- 10 Village Hall Development
a) Lease: Dr South said the doctors had assured him there were no great problems with the draft lease and he had written an anticipatory letter to Council's solicitors to try and speed up finalising of the lease.
b) Finance: Final documents for signature were on their way from Ibos; first part of TDC grant still awaited before payment to architect could be completed.
c) Builder: Dr South in communication, Mr Ling had backed up his tender increases with evidence of increased materials costs.
d) Architect: Still to furnish estimated costs of Phase 2 car parking costs so that a second grant could be requested from TDC. Clerk
- 11 Village Land Clearance and Planting
Mr Payne reported on quotations received to date for the clearance and replanting of a number of areas. All information should be to hand by the next Co meeting, when priorities could be decided - Councillors to consider the following:
1 Shaw Road - felling and replanting; 1st priority as still attracting 50% storm damage grant
2 Maesmaur - most visible area but policy to be decided - whether to hedge, wire and plant with trees or clear as an open area with shrubs and tree stump edging
3 Barnfield - need to establish PC care of area, poss land marker
4 Wombley - expensive quotes so far, poss defer to next fin year
Beech Ave and Ninehams Wood - long term plans; noted that some clearance had already been made on behalf of the Parish Council.
Mr Payne to enquire whether TDC had any spare trees to replace 2 on Green; also to attend Introductory meeting about Tree Warden Scheme being run by SCC at Dorking 16.1.90. RP
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- 12 Bus Shelter
The question of replacing the bus shelter in the middle of the village was raised. It was pointed out that no insurance money had been received for the loss of the previous shelter and that 'off the shelf' shelters cost around £3,000. It was agreed that the matter be brought up at the annual Parish Meeting. Clerk

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Action13 Correspondence

- a) Golf Course - Chairman circulated letter he had received from Mr Goldsmith soliciting support for the golf course he wished to construct at Park Farm. To be ack saying decision from TDC was awaited but that members would be pleased to see any presentation of his final plans.
- b) Seaboard - had replied to query saying that laying supplies underground together with the gas pipelines would be impracticable.
- c) Library Service - note of new times, missing out previous Ship Hill stop, received - Fridays, Ricketts Hill 3.25-3.40 and Old Ship 3.50-4.30. To be displayed.
- d) Best Kept Village Comp - info to be circulated
- e) Aluminium Can Recycling - info pack received; noted that a collection point existed in Biggin Hill; info circulated to be discussed at next Council meeting.

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Clerk

14 Reports

- a) Verd d'Anjou - Mr Ewin reported a profit of £389 on the Jazz Evening and a Fashion Show scheduled for March. Easter trip to Vern would take place Thursday 12 April - Tuesday 17 April at £90 per head.
- b) Village Hall - Mrs McHugo said it was hoped a new Bookings Secretary would be appointed soon; Judo Club had been disbanded, meaning a loss of Monday evening bookings; an increase in charges might have to be considered in the near future.

15 Accounts for Payment

The following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary for December 1989	£90.00
Clerk's back pay to 1.7.89 (Min 9 of 11.12.89)	54.00
Clerk's expenses 12.12.89-8.1.90	15.50
Bromley Council for weekly planning lists 1990	14.50
Tatafield WI for hire of Hall for Co Meeting Jan-Jun 1990	30.00
	<u>£204.00</u>

It was noted that the Youth Club would not require the £100 grant budgetted for this financial year.
Clerk to pursue VAT claims.

Clerk

16 Bollards in Ricketts Hill

After some discussion about the placing of bollards close to the road outside Franklins, Ricketts Hill, Mr Ewin agreed to contact the owners: although it was noted that SCC did not agree that any encroachment had taken place when the matter was previously raised.

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 31 January 1990
in the WI Hall, Paynesfield Road at 8.00 pm

Present: Mr Ian Mitchell (Chairman) Mr Denis Hayes
Mr Roland Payne (Vice Chr) Mrs Aileen McHugo
Mr Norman Ewin Dr Gerald South

In attendance: Mrs Eileen Pearce (Clerk)

Apologies were taken from Mrs Liza Player

The Chairman explained that the meeting, with a shortened agenda had been called principally to deal with the formal signing of documents relating to the Village Hall Development project.

Action

1 Minutes of 8.1.90

With the deletion of 'a .. two dozen' from Item 2a, the minutes were passed as a correct record. Matters arising were deferred until the next meeting.

Clerk

2 Village Hall Development

- a) Lease: Dr South highlighted several points concerning the lease with the doctors (as previously circulated to Councillors) - for legal reasons only two doctors from each practice were named; should they leave the practices for any reason they would transfer the leasehold to another named doctor; if PPC reimbursement of the rent was reduced or in any way altered, 12 months notice of same would be given by the doctors; PC had right to hold the doctors to a reduced rent rather than a termination of the lease. Lease to run for 20 years.
- b) Building Contract: The builder's revised tender figure had been received from the architect, showing a 4.3% rise to £161,012. This was backed up by evidence of increased supply costs and was deemed acceptable given the delay from the original early autumn start. It was noted that a penalty clause came into operation 6 months from date of commencement (with a proviso for extreme weather conditions). Further noted that architect considered it unnecessary now to erect an all-weather cover over the site. Builder wished to start work if at all possible on Mon 5 February.
- c) Deferred Purchase Agreement: Dr South circulated financial information which indicated that, on current estimates of the factors involved, the estimated cost of the project in its first year would be approx £15,000, reducing to zero in about 5 years. It had been agreed with NWS Bank that the Agreement received should be amended so that the Payment Termination Date on p.3 should read 31 October 1990, with consequential changes also to October and that the Primary Installment Payment Date on p.4 should read 31 October 1991. As the Council had no Common Seal, the form of signature had also been agreed with NWS, for signing by the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council. Noted that NWS legal fees were £750 + VAT, to be paid from the Development account.

Clerk

3 Resolutions

In connection with the Village Hall Development the following resolutions were proposed:

- a) "The Council resolves that the Agreement with Drs Rawcliffe, Akhtar, Furneaux and Skinner securing the lease for future renting of the Surgery, as drawn up by Percy Holt & Company, be signed on behalf of the Council by the Clerk as Proper Officer."

Clerk

Proposed by Denis Hayes, seconded by Gerald South and passed unanimously.

		<u>Action</u>
	<p>b) "Further to the resolution contained in Minute 7b(iv) of the Council meeting of 11 December 1989, the Council hereby authorises its Clerk, Mrs Eileen Pearce, as the Proper Officer of the Council, to sign the revised documentation for the deferred purchase agreement with NWS Bank plc, for and on behalf of Tatsfield Parish Council".</p> <p>Proposed by Aileen McHugo, seconded by Roland Payne and passed unanimously.</p>	Clerk
	<p>c) "The Council further resolves that the contract with Ling Contractors Ltd for the works involved in executing the development, as drawn up by Brian Drury Associates, and at a revised fee of £161,012.52p, be signed by the Clerk once the documents referred to in Resolutions (a) and (b) have been signed by the doctors and bank respectively".</p> <p>Proposed by Roland Payne, seconded by Norman Ewin and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Documents referred to in (a) and (b) were signed forthwith, Clerk to despatch the following day and to enquire of Messrs Percy Holt if the doctors' agreement had also been signed; to inform Brian Drury as soon as notified.</p>	Clerk Clerk
4	<p><u>Vote of thanks</u></p> <p>A vote of thanks was proposed by the Chairman to Dr South for the skill and persistence with which he had pursued the long and arduous negotiations for the Village Hall Development - passed by acclamation!</p>	
5	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>The following were noted, for discussion at the next meeting:</p> <p>a) MSA - Titsey Estate appeal to the High Court had failed</p> <p>b) Park Farm Golf Course - extensive new plans had been lodged with TDC but not yet received from Mr Goldsmith by TPC; Clerk to enquire</p> <p>c) Sheltered housing on the Green - outline planning application for land adjacent to Tillycairn - one bedroom units + nursing home. Clk to pc</p> <p>d) North of the Downs Plan - final draft for comment received, relevant extracts being circulated</p> <p>e) Thriftwood, Broomlands Lane - noted that this was listed under Limpsfield</p>	All Clerk Clerk
6	<p><u>Pond</u></p> <p>Chairman reported that an Environmental Improvement grant was being sought from TDC for road drainage work connected with the Pond.</p>	
7	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>a) Availability of kitted minibuses for Youth Clubs - to Mr Ewin</p> <p>b) Tree planting ceremony at T First School 6.2.90</p> <p>c) Leisure Mobile visiting village Friday morning 23 February</p> <p>d) Clearance and tree planting quotes - more competitive tenders rec'd, Mr Payne to present to next meeting. Criticism of planting techniques already used, noted.</p>	RP
8	<p><u>Noticeboards</u></p> <p>Estimates for new board at Bicketts Hill (£140) and further repairs to front of Village Green board (£90) rec'd from Mr Bishop for consideration at next meeting, but interim repair to latter authorised.</p>	NB
9	<p><u>Annual Parish Meeting</u></p> <p>Noted that this had to take place between 1 March and 1 June. Monday 21 May was suggested, Clerk to check feasibility.</p>	Clerk

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 February 1990
in the WI Hall, Paynesfield Road at 8.00 pm

Present: Mr Ian Mitchell (Chairman) Mrs Aileen McHugo
Mr Roland Payne (Vice Chr) Mrs Liza Player
Mr Norman Ewin Dr Gerald South
Mr Denis Hayes

In attendance: Mrs Eileen Pearce (Clerk), Mr Simon Dohie (TDC11r, from 11.15)
24 members of the public and 1 Press representative

Action1 Minutes of 31.1.90

The minutes, as previously circulated were accepted as a correct record.

2 Matters Arising

Matters arising from the meeting of 8.1.90, and held over from 31.1., were taken as follows:

- a) Ref 4: Low cost housing - Councillors fully concurred with TDC policy and agreed no further action need be taken.
- b) Ref 8d: Path across Green - Mr Ewin reported a site meeting with TDC, as a result of which the full width of the path had been cleared and restored; a tarmac surface, however, would have to await the next financial year - Mr Ewin to monitor.
- c) Ref 16: Bollards at Frankins, Ricketts Hill - Mr Ewin had met the owner who had agreed to move the bollards back half a metre in the summer. Mr Ewin was congratulated on a successful outcome; Clerk to write and thank the owner and copy to SCC Highways.

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Clerk

Matters arising from 31.1. as follows:

- d) Ref 8: Noticeboards - Repair work to noticeboards at Green and Ship Hill now complete and Mr Bishop's account for £170 was approved for payment. Mr Ewin to obtain estimate for replacement of Ricketts Hill board before decision taken on whether to dispense with one on this site.
- e) Ref 9: Annual Parish Meeting - to take place on Monday 21 May 1990.

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All

3 Planning

- a) 89/P/0851: Land at Park Farm, Tatsfield - change of use to golf course. Details of the scheme, as provided by the developer, Mr Goldsmith, had been circulated amongst Councillors and were on display at the meeting. The presentation covered rationale, course design, planting & management, agricultural report, architect's design for Clubhouse, plans for Park Wood and other back-up papers.

Mr Ewin backed the proposals, saying there was a great need for more golf courses in the area and that the footpaths which needed to be diverted were little used. Other Councillors, however, expressed a variety of concerns ranging from fears that the siting of a golf course around the village would mean the end of its semi-rural existence and the beginning of becoming a peripheral suburb of Gtr London; through general opposition to the siting of the Clubhouse so close to the village centre, the loss of AGLV land to carparking, and increased activity; to more detailed objections to footpath diversions and architectural design.

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During public participation the point was made that this could be considered one of the most important planning applications to come before the Council in terms of long term effect on the village and that both the PC and TDC should take time to verify all the facts. It was also suggested that TDC formulate an overall policy for golf courses in the District because of the number of such applications coming in. Other points raised included: proposed membership numbers; priority for Tatsfield residents, particularly young people; resiting of Clubhouse to Chestnut Avenue; use of remaining 68 acres of Park Farm - if for deer, retain such acreage near village and site golf course entirely east of Church Lane thus avoiding problems with underpass, footpaths, suburbanisation of approach to village and Clubhouse site.

Mr Goldsmith said he had done his best to obtain expert opinion on all relevant matters and to address the question of improving the environment. The siting of the course and Clubhouse were matters which could possibly be reconsidered.

When a vote was taken, Councillors voted 6 to 1 to object ^{to this application} ~~in principle~~ for the change of use of land at Park Farm. Six Councillors also objected in particular to the siting of the Clubhouse so close to the village centre and to the visual impact of the associated carparking in an Area of Great Landscape Value. Five Councillors were also particularly concerned at the siting of the course around the entire southern flank of the village and its effect on the rural landscape; as well as the diversion of the main village-Church footpath, No 21. In making their objections, Councillors cited Policy 50 of the Deposit Version of the North of the Downs Local Plan, in particular sections 1C, 1F, 2, 4, 6 & 7.

Clerk

It was also agreed to write separately to TDC recommending that an overall policy on golf course applications be adopted.

Clerk

At the close of discussions, Mr Hayes proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Goldsmith for the care he had taken in presenting his proposals and for attending the meeting - carried unanimously.

- b) 90/P/0045: Land adj Tillycairn, Westmore Green - Sheltered Housing- Outline permission for 28 single bedroom units, nursing home, carparking. Proposal and associated questionnaire already mentioned and rejected in North of the Downs Plan (see later Minute). Objections to be repeated as an intrusion into MGB and AGLV, outside development core of village and setting a precedent on undeveloped south side of Green. It was recorded, however, that the Council was not in principle against provision of sheltered housing in the village. Clerk
- c) 90/P/0061: Thriftwood, Brooclands Lane, Tatsfield - Extension. It was agreed that objection should be made as size of extension would probably bring dwelling into the next size category and also prove unneighbourly. Plot is in MGB, AONB and AGLV and application would be in contravention of Policy 10 of the South of the Downs Plan. Clerk
- d) 90/P/0122: 7 The Square, Paynesfield Road - side extension. To be dealt with in next planning period. DH
- e) Permission
89/P/1237: Lynn Cottage, Johns Road - extension
- f) Refused
89/P/1353: Roland House, Borough Road - various extensions
- g) Withdrawn
89/P/0174: Waylands, Approach Road - cont. use for motor trade

ActionPublic Enquiry

- h) Esso Service Area at Godstone - 17-20 July, Soper Hall, Caterham
 i) MSA at Clacket Lane - DoT reply reaffirming commitment to site

Adjoining District

- j) War Games at Devil of Kent Wood - Clerk to write to Sevenoaks District supporting TDC objections.

Mr Hayes to deal with planning for following month, with help from Mrs Player during absence.

4 North of the Downs Plan

A copy of the deposited version of the North of the Downs Local Plan had been circulated to Councillors; final comments were required by TDC by 8 March, Clerk to forward the comments recorded in Appendix A.

5 Use of Old Bakery 'Triangle'

It was agreed that permission to use the area of Green immediately outside their premises be granted to The Old Bakery Restaurant, on conditions previously outlined in Min 9a of 12.6.89. In addition, a charge of £250 per calendar year was suggested, with refund pro rata if permission withdrawn. Old Bakery to demonstrate each year that they were adequately covered by insurance for use of their equipment, which should, in any case, be removed from the Green during closing hours. Old Bakery also to be informed of TDC's grass mowing schedule.

6 Rights of Way

As a result of a meeting with Councillors, a detailed suggestion had been received from T Bridleway Assoc for linking the Bridleway in Chestnut Ave to one at Botley Hill, thus opening up the possibility of an extensive ride in the village environs. Agreed to commend the scheme to SCC.

7 Village Transport Questionnaire

Mr Hayes reported on the analysis of the 186 replies received, as at Appdx B. SCC were now in negotiation with Kentish Bus who were suggesting a subsidy of £13.50 per journey for 4 journeys per day to Westerham. This was thought to be about double the going rate; half would keep the annual rate below the £9,000 pa ceiling after which a contract had to go to tender. SCC was also considering upgrading the pattern of existing village bus service, plus a link with the 146 Biggin Hill-Bromley service. Mr Hayes said he would try to get final details, as well as update on running a Community Bus before the Annual Parish Meeting. Thanks were recorded to all parishioners who had helped with questionnaire deliveries and to the Clerk for assistance with analysis. Results to be published in P Mag, made available at Post Office and sent to SCC and Westerham PC.

8 Village Land Clearance and Planting

Details of schemes and quotations had already been circulated by Mr Payne. Priorities as outlined in Min 11 of 8.1.90 were agreed and Mr Payne directed to accept the quotations from English Woodlands which would total £556.40, after grant deductions and VAT. It was noted that 4 recently planted trees had been vandalised but might sprout later in the Spring.

Details of a Tree Warden Scheme being promoted by SCC and linked to a series of one day training courses was circulated for consideration. It was thought interested villagers might be assigned a specific area each.

9 Pond

A member of the public enquired as to whether the duck house was to be reinstated on the pond. This and the question of keeping ducks on the pond were referred to the Pond Assoc and also possibly to the Annual Parish Mtg.

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Reports

Action

- a) Village Hall Development: Contract to assign the lease has now been signed by the doctors and Deferred Purchase Agreement has been signed by NWS Bk. Although contract has not yet been signed, architect instructed builder to start work Thursday 8 February. Overnight vandalism at site was rptd to police, Clerk also to warn police of building work for next 6 months, and check insurance position. The question of using up TDC's outstanding grant by end March to be investigated. When final lease document rec'd, Clerk to send copy to FPC Surrey. Dr South thanked once more for bringing project to fruition. Clerk
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- b) Village Hall: New Booking Secretary to be Mrs ^{Margery} Parsons from Lusted Hall Lane (Tel: 77665). Co Rm electricity meters to go on to prepayment cards. Vandalism in porch Sunday between 2-4pm. Co asked to monitor if side lighting needed at Hall for eve access to Surgery. AMcH
- c) SCAPTC: Mr Hayes reported that Tatsfield's suggestion for minimum upkeep of unadopted roads had now been accepted by the NALC who would encourage legislation on the subject. Mr Hayes congratulated on a successful outcome. Next SCAPTC meeting 30 April.
- d) E Surrey Parishes Liaison Group: Aps, next mtg 9.4.90 clashes with TPC. Clerk
- e) Vern d'Anjou Co: 16 people already booked for Easter trip. Council to consider £10 donation towards presentation plaque + more participation. Agenda

Correspondence

- a) SCC Highways had replied to TPC queries stating that Titsey Hill/B2024 junction was on a schedule of improvements over the next three years; and that only the Approach Road and Ship Hill had priority for salting in icy conditions, Ricketts Hill and other roads were "dealt with in severe conditions as resources permitted!"
- b) Felbridge PC enquiry as to Civil EmergVol Res - Tatsfield contact - Chmn Clerk
- c) British Coal holding exhibition in Ship car park 26.2 - 2.3.90.

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Accounts for Payment

The following were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary for January	£ 99.00
Clerk's expenses 9.1 - 12.2.90	25.81
Councillor's expenses, Mr Hayes to SCAPTC Mtg	7.91
Hire WI Hall for extra meeting 31.1.90	5.00
To Mr D Bishop for noticeboard repairs	170.00
	<u>£307.72</u>

Noted that final installment of 1989/90 Precept had now been rec'd - £5,100. also rec'd 15p stamp from B Telecom for wayleave payment!

Clerk reported confusion over correct rate for Councillors' mileage payments. Noted, after advice from SCAPTC, that this would be applied at the rate of 23p per mile from now on.

Noted from accounts produced by Dr South, that TPC spending for 1989/90 was still well within budget. Donation to Churchyard to go on next Agenda. Agenda


13

Tandridge District Councillor's Report

Mr Dothie drew Council's attention to the fact that SCC proposed to change First School leaving age to 7 to coincide with requirements of the National Curriculum; this would have an effect on Tatsfield First School roll. Council agreed to discuss implications at next meeting.

Mr Dothie also mentioned that the Access to Information Act now meant that any comments on planning applications sent to TDC were available for public inspection; any confidential comments should therefore only be sent to the District Councillor. In connection with planning matters, Mr Ewin reiterated a previous complaint that it was not at all clear that objections to applications should be copied to the District Councillor if he was to argue the case at the Planning Committee. Noted that TPC objections were now always copied to Mr Dothie. Agenda

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| 14 | <u>British Gas in Tatsfield</u> | The public were assured that verges, etc would be reinstated according to surveyors' reports after the laying of the gas main. Clerk to check on apparent closure of Hemsley Road to traffic at Ricketts Hill exit. | Clerk |
| 15 | <u>Bus Shelter on Approach Road</u> | Dr South to enquire whether Scouts, who had maintenance of the Shelter in their care, were able to repair it after recent storm damage. | AS
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| 16 | <u>Seat</u> | Clerk to pursue earlier request for public seating by Village Green swings. | Clerk |
| 17 | <u>Infilling in Goatsfield Road</u> | Clerk to investigate complaints about the frequency of lorries using G Rd for permitted infilling at a site in the road. | Clerk |

**Paragraph Representation by Tatsfield Parish Council.
of NoDP
Deposit
Version**

- 3.5 We SUPPORT the permanent nature of the Green Belt boundary.
- 4.2 We SUPPORT Policy 2 (Presumption against development in the Green Belt).
- 4.5/6 We SUPPORT Policy 4 (Development within Tatsfield), but OBJECT to the exemption from Policy 7 in the built-up confines of Tatsfield.
- We believe Policy 7 should apply to the built-up confines of the village in order to help maintain the stock of relatively affordable housing for those who wish to live and work in the area. We agree with the proposition contained in 4.10 that people who chose to live but not work in this area should not purchase a small dwelling with the intention of enlarging it later.
- 4.8 We SUPPORT Policy 5 (Conversion of buildings in the Green Belt).
- 4.10 See reference to Policy 4 above.
- 5.20 We SUPPORT Policy 15 (Development on the edge of built-up areas).
- 5.24 We strongly SUPPORT Policy 19 (Future types of dwellings/affordable housing).
- 5.27 We SUPPORT Policy 21 (Elderly persons' accommodation), provided it is not built on sites at which residential planning permission would otherwise not be given.
- 5.29/30 We believe that additional affordable housing would, subject to further local occupation being assured, be appropriate to Tatsfield, since, although it is close to London suburbs, it has the isolated character of an outer Green Belt settlement.
- 10.15/16 We SUPPORT Policy 50 (Golf Courses).
- 10.17/18 We SUPPORT Policies 51, 52, and 53 (Horse keeping).
- 11.11 We SUPPORT Policy 55 (Community use of schools) in Tatsfield in order to encourage use of the village school and to enhance its viability.
- 12.3 We consider care should be taken to ensure adequate screening for Proposal D (Reservoir).
- 13.13 We SUPPORT Policy 62 (Chelsham bus garage) because of the need to ensure adequate bus services for Tatsfield and in order to avoid the despoilation of any alternative site.
- 15.9 We ENDORSE this paragraph (Tatsfield).

Paragraph Response by Tatsfield Parish Council
of App 1

- 39 We OBJECT to the proposal for sheltered housing on land at the Approach Road - see our response to Planning Application TA/90/P/0045. We attach a copy of the wording used in the petition referred to. It is not specific as to the site, *and refers to 12 houses rather than 22 higher number proposed in the current application.*
- 53 We consider that, to avoid ambiguities, the boundaries of the built-up confines of the village should coincide with permanent features on the ground.
- ' We consider that the making-up of roads should not necessarily give rise to the relaxation of the boundaries of the Green Belt or of the built-up confines of the village.
- 55 See 4.5 above (Policy 7).

16 February 1990

Tatafield Transport Questionnaire 1990

The questionnaire was delivered to all households in the Parish, and completed replies were received from 186 households, nearly one-third.

Questions asked included the composition of households by age and sex, the number of cars and bicycles owned, and the use made of existing bus services (which at the time the questionnaire was compiled included journeys daily to Westerham and Sevenoaks: a number of answers clearly related to the use which had been made of these services when they operated). Residents' views on the quality of existing services were also requested, plus their opinions on a number of possible options for improving them. Finally, general comments and suggestions were invited.

Assuming that the replies received came from a typical cross-section of the community, they showed that approximately one-third of the households in the Parish include children under the age of sixteen, and that nearly a half include young people under the age of 24; just under one-sixth consisted solely of people of pensionable age.

Not surprisingly, car ownership was high: only one-fifth of the households had no car, but of these over half were those occupied solely by people of pensionable age. In other words, one household in ten is occupied by elderly people who have no car. In addition, well over one-third of all households had no access to a car while the major breadwinner was at work. Bicycle ownership (apart from childrens' bicycles) was negligible.

Well over half the respondents claimed to make use of the existing bus services, though many did so only occasionally. Twentytwo people, however, used the service to Croydon daily: eight travelled daily to Warringham, and (when the service was available), daily travellers to Westerham numbered seven and to Sevenoaks two. Fortyone people used the Oxted service weekly, and smaller numbers reported journeys to all the destinations served either weekly or monthly.

Comments on the quality of the existing services showed that about a quarter of the respondents reckoned them to be of average standard in respect of reliability, frequency, ease of vehicle access and vehicle cleanliness. Above and below this level, there were some surprising answers: thirteen respondents thought reliability very good, and ten thought it very poor. Many respondents found difficulty in obtaining Surrey County Council's bus timetables locally, and most of those also considered the information posted on bus stops to be inadequate.

Over 100 respondents favoured the idea of a more frequent bus service to Oxted; this included two-thirds of the households with young children, and nearly half those consisting of people of pensionable age: over 130 households supported the suggestion of a service to Biggin Hill and Bromley, including three-quarters of the households with young children and well over one-third of those consisting of elderly people. A better evening service to Croydon was desired by 90 respondents, including over half the households with young children and one-third of those consisting of people of pensionable age. And 136 households favoured the idea of a community mini-bus.

Nearly half the respondents added some comments or suggestions. These covered a very wide field, but a few points received several mentions. Seven respondents mentioned a need for connections with Oxted for after-school and weekend activities, three a later service to Oxted. Nine respondents called specifically for the restoration of the link to Westerham and Sevenoaks (one reported currently paying £34 per week for taxi services to get to and from work in Westerham), and eight wrote of the need for a link to Westerham in connection with essential services such as doctors and dentists visits, the

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collection of prescriptions, and out-patient visits to hospitals in Oxted, Redhill and Bromley. One household, situated midway between Tatsfield and Westerham, pointed out that its members were now more than two miles from any public transport at all.

Consideration of the answers shows clearly that there is a perceived need for better public transport in the Parish, and not surprisingly, that the need is greatest among the elderly and those with young children. There is widespread support for the idea of a better bus service to Oxted, and for the introduction of a service to Biggin Hill (this despite the fact that two recent attempts to operate one were withdrawn after a few months with hardly a comment); and there is a significant demand for the restoration of the long-established links with Westerham and Sevenoaks. Finally, the idea of a community mini-bus was very popular.

What should the Parish Council do now? At the present time, Surrey County Council is negotiating with Kentish Bus about the restoration of some services to Westerham; it is also making enquiries about the possibility of extending Crystal bus route 146 from Biggin Hill to Westerham, and is planning discussions with London Country South West about strengthening the existing 594 village bus service to Oxted.

The result of all these negotiations should be known by the end of March, and it is possible that consequently some of the more urgent requests made by the respondents to the questionnaire will be satisfied. If they are not, or if only some of them are, the Parish Council would then be in a position to consider the implications in a better-informed way than it can at present, and perhaps to take the matter to the Annual Parish Meeting for discussion there.

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30 January 1990

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 March 1990
in the WI Hall, Paynesfield Road at 8.00 pm

Present: Mr Ian Mitchell (Chairman) Mr Norman Ewin
Mr Roland Payne (Vice Chr) Mrs Elizabeth Flayer
Dr Gerald South

In attendance: Mrs Eileen Pearce (Clerk) and 25 members of the public.
By invitation. Mrs Susan Clinch (Head Teacher, Tatsfield 1st School)

Apologies were received from Mr Denis Hayes and Mrs Aileen McHugo.

Action1 Minutes of 12.2.90

The minutes, as previously circulated, were accepted as a true record, with the following corrections: Ref 3a, p43, para 3 omit 'in principle to' and insert 'to this application for'; Ref 10b, new Village Hall Booking Secretary was Mrs Margaret Parsons; Ref 15, ME to act.

2 Matters Arising

- a) Ref 2d: Ricketts Hill Noticeboard - Mr Bishop's quote of £140 to be accepted Clerk
b) Ref 3j: War Games, Devil of Kent Wood - Sevenoaks DC already permitted renewal for 3 more years
c) Ref 4: North of Downs Plan - added to **response** to Para 39 of Appdx 1 "...and refers to 12 houses rather than the higher number proposed in the current application".
d) Ref 8: Land clearance - English Woodland would start work before end of month, felling licence still awaited. Cubs had planted two trees near swings on the Green and would be planting two more - Clerk to write and thank Cubs (Mrs Marie Kirby); TDC had also planted a significant number of trees in Ricketts Hill Wood. Clerk
e) Ref 14: British Gas - Clerk reported that B Gas were being very helpful over complaints; in general verges should be reinstated by the sub-contractor as he pulled out of each specific area; complaint about the blocking of field access from the pipe dump would be taken up. Clerk
f) Ref 15: Bus Shelter - TDC will be replacing shelter blown over on Approach Road as soon as possible; once erected Scouts had agreed to continue maintenance.
g) Ref 16: Seats - TDC to install seats on Village Green by swings, and in R Hill wood before end of month.

3 Village School Transfer Age Proposals

By invitation of the Chairman, Mrs Clinch, Head Teacher at Tatsfield First School, outlined proposals currently being ~~made~~ by Surrey County Council for changing school transfer ages to fit in more appropriately with the new National Curriculum. As far as younger pupils were concerned this would mean a change at 7 instead of 8 years old. Mrs Clinch felt that the proposals left Tatsfield First School with the prospect of; losing one year-group and thus a quarter of its pupils - this in turn might make the school unviable; of becoming a straight-through 5-11 year old primary; or closure leading to bussing of rising fives out of the village. Each alternative had important implications for the village as a whole. The school was to hold a parents meeting to discuss the proposals and the Council decided to put the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting. Views had to be made known to SCC by 25 May for a decision in July. Mrs Clinch was thanked for giving such a clear exposition of the problem.

Clerk

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Planning

- a) 90/P/0128: Endfield, Ninehams Rd - Extension. Objections on change of category grounds, also citing original approval for bungalow replacement for mobile home. Clerk
- b) 90/P/0122: 7 The Square - side ext. No objections
- c) 89/P/1013: Bramble Patch, Greenway - Detailed applic for pair semi det. (Chairman declared an interest as site opposite his house). Councillors noted neighbours' objs to proximity of buildings to boundaries but decided to make no comment to TDC.
- d) 90/P/0206: Land at Parkwood Road - new applic for one dwelling. Repeat earlier objs to development of site in AGLV, etc. Clerk
- e) 89/P/0894: USAF, Botley Hill Farm - Security lighting. PSA had now informed TDC that intruder detection system would be installed instead of current high lighting, but only when funds permitted. Chairman to encourage TDC to urge early implementation and to note that consultation in the first place might have saved taxpayers' money! IM
- f) 89/P/0131: Parsons Shaw, Lusted Hall Lane - conv garage to liv rm. Agri abnd.

Bromley

- g) 90/0440: 50 The Grove (1 det, 2 semis) & 90/0441: 56 The Grove (1 det) BH. Request Bromley to resist tendency for the building line moving closer to Tatsfield, so that a tapering-off effect could be achieved near MGB. Clerk
- h) 89/3581: Cedar Lodge, Lusted Hall Lane - perm for bung. but restr on f.dev. Refused
- i) 90/P/0008: 195/6 Maesmaur Road - Det bungalow & garage
- j) 90/P/0030: Grey Gables, Ricketts Hill - 2 storey side & rear ext.

Appeals

- k) 89/P/0567: Gorsey Down Farm, -Ricketts Hill - 4 det houses
- l) 89/P/1284: Land at Parkwood Road - 3 det houses

During a public five minutes, a resident of Ricketts Hill supported Council's continued objs to development of the Grove and warned of possible encroachment into Tatsfield. Residents were advised to check their boundaries. Mrs Player to deal with planning matters for the next month. EP

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Parish Precept

During public discussion a number of points were raised about the village precept which, at £20.85 was the highest in the District. Dr South explained that this was set in December following consideration of the 1990-91 budget. A large proportion was attributable to the financing of the Village Hall Development Scheme, which it was estimated would cost about £190,000 in total, using a deferred payment scheme. Although initial outlay was high for parishioners, Dr South said the scheme should become self-financing in about 5 years time and then start to generate income for the village. It was agreed to make more detailed figures available to parishians. GS

It was noted that the Community Charge comprised County, District and Parish elements, totalling £391.85p per head and a number of complaints were voiced concerning the lack of service to Tatsfield - public transport, unmade roads, policing, access to Leisure Centre, etc.

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Reports

- a) Village Hall Development: Dr South reported that building was now up to window-sill level and that the first Certificate for payment was due this week. This would be covered by the remaining 1989/90 grant from TDC.
- b) Bus Service Liaison: Chairman reported on a meeting held at Edenbridge, where the possibility of Kent villages running a community bus, with volunteer drivers was discussed. This could involve a Tatsfield link.
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Action

Chairman to continue to liaise and attend next meeting in April.
On a suggestion from a member of the public, the question of a Mail Bus would also be followed up. It was noted that the Croydon service was still unreliable and villagers advised to submit taxi bills to Kentish Bus and advise Council of outcome.

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- c) Police Liaison: Chairman stated that Surrey Constabulary were still anxious to recruit Special Constables and that a volunteer cadet scheme was also run for 16-18 year olds. It was hoped to have a Police rep. to address the Annual Parish Meeting.
- d) Pond: It was hoped that TDC would approve a £2,000 scheme to divert surface water drainage from the Pond.
- e) Vern d'Anjou Assoc: Agreed to donate £10 towards a presentation being made in Vern at Easter. Noted that the Assoc was launching a '50 Club' notices could be posted on Village noticeboards.

Clerk

7 Correspondence

- a) Circus de Reske: Had now informed of revised dates - arriving Monday 19 March, with performances Thurs-Sunday. This was longer than usual, Clerk to discuss Green hire with the owner, Mr Lawson. Police, TDC, Mrs Garrard in 'The End' and B Gas to be informed of dates.
- b) Environment Improvement: TDC willing to supply skips to village for National Spring Clean Day on Friday 30 March. Clerk to liaise about possible sites on The Square, Ship Car Park, Furze Corner Playing Field car park and Lusted Hall Lane former garages; also to ascertain probable timetable for collection. It was also reported that numbers of the 'Comet Leader' free newspaper were being dumped around the village - Clerk to complain to publishers.
- c) VAT & Village Halls - info recd from SVSC and passed to Vill Hall Co
- d) Chelsham & Farleigh PC - invite to Chr & Clerk to att APM on 25.4. apt.
- e) Mr R A Goldsmith - 2 letters rec'd by Chairman and one published in Surrey Mirror re PC objections to change of use of Park Farm to a golf course.

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It was noted that Mr Goldsmith had prov'd no evidence of the local support to which he referred. Of the 22 members of the public attending the Aug meeting of Co, a no. had spoken in favour; at the Feb meeting, only 1 out of 24 had spoken for the scheme. Cllrs reaffirmed that it was their duty to take decisions on the basis of knowledge available to them, without referring back constantly to the electorate - the customary constitutional procedure in Britain. The acceptability of change of use would depend, among other things, on a satisfactory clubhouse site and resolving of car parking and footpath problems. Such provisions were not, in view of Councillors included in Mr Goldsmith's application. It was not felt that the decision conflicted in any way with the Co's acceptance of the North of the Downs Plan, since this inc'd strict restrictions on golf course in AGLVs, such as the southern part of T.

- f) TDC Leisure Directory - copies for all Cllrs; Mr Ewin to check T entries

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8 Accounts for Payment

Agreed:	Clerk's salary for February	£ 99.00
	Clerks expenses 13.2-12.3.90	14.45
	Vern d' Anjou Assoc for Easter presentation	10.00
	St Mary's Church for churchyard upkeep	65.00
	TDC for Building Inspection at Vill Hall Dev	379.75
	Public Works Loan Board, repayment on Hall Land loan	325.67

9 Seeboard

Feasibility some supplies can be underground. ready to att May meeting TPC.

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY APRIL 9TH 1990 AT THE WI
HALL PAYNESFIELD ROAD AT 8 PM

PRESENT: Ian Mitchell (Chairman) Denis Hayes
Roland Payne (Vice Ch) Aileen McHugo
Norman Ewin Elizabeth Player

ACTION

1. In attendance: 10 members of the public, the District Councillor, 2 press representatives.

Apologies were received from Gerald South and Eileen Pearce (Clerk). The minutes were taken by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes, as previously circulated, were accepted as a true record, with the following corrections: Ref 3, line 2 - delete "made" and insert "discussed".

3. MATTERS ARISING

2d) Due to the early season, contractors will not be carry out tree planting this season but will postpone the work until November. Agreed clearance and coppicing work to be carried out in May. Grants will be carried over.

2f) Bus shelter - further check to be made about the possibility of reinstatement as the result of the January storm damage to the Approach Road shelter.

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2g) Seats not yet installed.

6d) Pond Pipe done - re-turfing soon. All paid for by Tandridge. Thankyou letter written. Gully outside the Croft also cleared.

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7a) Lawson Circus want to return in 1992. (£75 received for 1990. Letter of thanks for payment to remark that Westmore Green was left very clean but that posters were not removed. We will request they inform us of the proposed date.

Clerk

7b) Clean up successful: skips filled quickly: excess



removed quickly. Thankyou letters written.

Dumping of newspapers to be pursued further.

4. PLANNING MATTERS

89/P/0024 HOUSE AT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE APPEAL
DISMISSED

89/P/0648 BUNGALOW AT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE APPEAL
ALLOWED.

89/P/0851 GOLF COURSE This has been deferred to deal with matters of concern regarding the County Engineer's view on traffic; access off the Approach Road; the siting, size and design of the clubhouse; the impact of the proposed course on the setting of St Mary's Church; and the future use of the remaining agricultural land not included in the proposal, particularly the need for the approved agricultural worker's dwelling.

90/P/0045 Land adj Tillicairn - 28 sheltered houses - refused at the last Planning Cttee meeting.

90/P/0253 Detached house Thistledown, Shaw Road - letter of objection sent. (outside development area, MGB, coalescence with Biggin Hill.

89/3099 WAYLANDS USE FOR ANIMAL COLLECTION: BROMLEY PLANNING COMMITTEE CONSIDER ON APRIL 12.

89/P/0128 Endfield, Ninehams Rd - approved at last planning meeting.

89/P/0894 Botley Hill lighting - TDC have picked up our attitude

90/P/0122 7 The Square Approved

89/P/0710 The Hawthorns - objection reiterated - bulk and unneighbourly although omission of windows reduces unneighbourliness.

90/P/0242 Old Rectory Lodge extension - no objection

90/P/0204 Restcott Kemsley Rd re-siting - no objection.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Norman Ewin to deal with this month's applications.

87/P/0221 THRIFTWOOD LODGE AMENDED EXTN OF GARAGE AND SIDE EXTENSION

90/P/0232 LAND SOUTH OF SHIP HILL, WEST OF BRANSGORE 3 STABLES AND HAY STORE

90/P/0340 ESSEX COTTAGE CONSERVATORY TO SIDE ELEVATION

Possible industrial activity in Edgar Road. Clerk to investigate.

5. RIGHTS OF WAY

a) FP20 obstructed by garden refuse from Shipfield Close. Reduced width between Ninehams and Maesmaur Roads through storm damage.

b) Path between Old Lane and Ricketts Hill Road - dumping of spoil. Mr Hayes to draft letters.

NALC has taken up with the Minister for Roads and Traffic the observations we made to the SCAPTC about the maintenance of unadopted roads.

d) Barrier at the end of FP 564 needs re-erecting.

6. NOTIFIED ITEMS:

a) Age of school transfer.

The importance of the school to the life of the village was underlined. Gerald South to draft our response for the next meeting. The Governors' response already circulated.

b) School governor vacancy.

The Council went into private session to discuss the vacancy which had occurred. Our nominee continued to be Simon Dohie, but a number of names for passing on were considered.

c) BUS SERVICES

Denis Hayes reported that SCC were putting a Tatsfield/Oxted/Westerham weekday service out to tender which would enable Tatsfield residents to use the bus to travel to and from work in Westerham or Oxted on Mondays to Fridays. It would also provide enhanced links

with Oxted at other times - a considerable improvement on existing links. Denis Hayes was congratulated on the efforts which had preceded this development.

Edenbridge Town Council had called a meeting with local Kent and Surrey parishes for April 11th to review a possible community bus service.

ROUTE 23

Kentish Bus quote for restoring the 23 bus link with Westerham was so high SCC would have to put the route out to tender.

Schedules for 146 and Metrobus services would not permit extension to Tatsfield at present.

NORMAN KEMP of Kentish Bus to attend May PC. Publicity needed.

- d) The Council considered in private session the question of a PC nominee as trustee for the Tatsfield Centre (Scouts). It was agreed that Gerald South should be appointed to represent the view of the Council as a Trustee.

7. REPORTS

- a) Village Hall Development - successful progress helped by good weather. Roof timbers on.
- b) Youth Club - activity temporarily suspended. Extra help needed when it reopens. To be raised at the Parish Meeting. Action to be taken to assess the problem with Les Jackson.
- c) CAB Pressure to be self-financing. New office furniture acquired; Portakabin satisfactory.
- d) Vern Association - thanks for donation; coach to Vern Maundy Thursday.
- e) Path across Westmore Green will be asphalted from current DC budget, probably in May.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Notice of Audit



BT amending wayleave record
SCC re looking after our newly-planted trees.
Vern Assn thanks for donation
Prakla-Seismos (UK) surveying late April for Cairn Energy.
Horticultural Society request use of Westmore Green for plant sale on May 12th - AGREED.
TDC invitation to parish councillors to visit the Leisure Pool next Saturday evening.
Letter from Circus dealt with above.

9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Approved:

SCAPT cheque issued 12 March but payment not needed until during April. Previous cheque cancelled. New cheque issued for £144.75.

April 2nd Brian Ling £5000 pending receipt of grant
April 4th Brian Ling £20,798.30 balance of payment

TDC grant received April 4th for £22,127 - balance of 1989/90 £25,000.

To come:


First tranche of our precept (£14,000) due to be paid on April 30th.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Gerald South asked for us to point out to British Gas the state of the verges in Ricketts Hill Road eg on the Green opposite the rectory and adjacent to Green Gables and Springfield.

b) No riding sign needs re-erection on Rag Hill Road.

c) New notice board will be erected in Ricketts Hill Road next month.



d) Bollard at the top of Titsey Hill knocked down again.

e) Seeboard - June meeting to be offered for a representative to attend the PC.

f) Parish Meeting invitations to go to District and County Councillors, Chief Executive of TDC, Police, Westerham PC, the doctors, Mrs Clinch. Organisations to be asked for written reports in advance to be reviewed by Chairman.

(PUBLIC FIVE MINUTES

Community Charge discussed with reference to lack of a bus service to enable villagers to visit the Leisure Pool in Oxted. District Councillor will raise with DC. DC have received report on our bus survey. Discussion on street cleansing, policing. Mr Goldsmith deplored the lack of investment in the village. Lively discussion as to why the Parish should be financing the surgery.)

The meeting ended at 10.15 pm.

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 14 May 1990 in the WI Hall, Paynesfield Road at 8.00 pm

Present: Mr Ian Mitchell (Chairman) Mrs Aileen McHugo
Mr Roland Payne (ViceChr) Mrs Elizabeth Player
Mr Norman Ewin Dr Gerald South
Mr Denis Hayes

In attendance: Mrs Eileen Pearce (Clerk), Mr Simon Dothie (TDCllr)
11 parishioners and 1 Press representative

By invitation: Mr Norman Kemp, Commercial Manager, Kentish Bus Co

1 Election of Officers 1990/91

Action

The Chairman welcomed those present to the Annual Meeting of the Council and then handed conduct of the elections over to the Clerk. After written nominations had been received, Mr Mitchell was returned unopposed as Chairman. Both Mr Payne and Dr South were nominated for the post of Vice Chairman, but on Dr South declining to stand, Mr Payne was declared Vice Chairman. Mr Mitchell thanked Councillors for their continued confidence and support.

2 Appointment of Representatives 1990/91

With two additions, the appointments remained the same as the previous year

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Table with 2 columns: Appointment Category and Representative Name. Includes Budget, Village Hall Development, Village Hall Management, Parish land, Greens, Rights of Way, Parish Mag report, School Governor, Youth Organisations, Playing Fields, Pond, Tatsfield Centre (Scout Hut), Vern d'Anjou, Transport, Police liaison, Library, SCAFTC, CATSA, CAB.

3 Minutes of 9.4.90

With the addition of 'de Reske' to Lawson Circus at Min 3(7a) and alteration of 'Endfield' planning application no to 90/P/0128, the minutes as previously circulated were approved. It was agreed that matters arising on the minutes would be taken later on the Agenda.

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4 Bus ServicesAction

The Chairman introduced Mr Norman Kemp, the Commercial Manager of the Kentish Bus Company, who had been invited to address the Council about the current involvement of Kentish Bus with services to Tatsfield. Mr Kemp briefly outlined the history of his company which had its origins in the London & Country Bus Service before de-nationalisation and de-regulation in 1985. Now each company and each route had to be profitable, although County Councils could subsidise routes and seek competitive tenders for non-profitable ones.

Tatsfield's No 23 route had been subject to 9 months study before being curtailed; it was subsidised by London Regional Transport up to Warlingham and by Surrey Co Co to Tatsfield but neither Surrey nor Kent had been willing to subsidise Tatsfield to Westerham. Subsequently, however, Surrey had gone to tender on this route, with a possible connection to Oxted and were currently evaluating replies.

Finally, Mr Kemp noted that the bus service to Tatsfield had been irregular due to staff shortages but that the Sevenoaks Garage was now up to full strength and the service should improve. He also added a note of caution about the introduction of Community Buses, saying that these could draw passengers away from established routes with consequent effects on their viability. He concluded with the advice 'Use it or lose it!'

The following points were raised by Councillors and members of the public:

- a) If staff shortages were a problem, why were 15 drivers made redundant in December? Mr Kemp said that with the closure of local garages, staff were to be transferred to Dartford or were offered work on smaller buses, with lower rates of pay, out of Sevenoaks. 15 therefore declined both offers and were made redundant.
- b) Why was there such a huge fare discrepancy between B Hill-Bromley (40p) and Tatsfield-Croydon (£1.90)? Mr Kemp explained that B Hill was a major beneficiary of the huge subsidies operated by London Regional Transport in the Greater London area. These could not be transferred out of the London Boroughs which made operating Tatsfield-B Hill links difficult.
- c) Could a mini-bus route be established between T-B Hill and New Addington to link into Croydon? Mr Kemp presumed that if this had been feasible London Transport would have taken it up; apart from the fare subsidy problem there was also the state of the very narrow lanes on such a route.
- d) Would a sales drive with 'special offers' attract more customers? Mr Kemp said he would look again at this idea but such schemes had been tried over the years with no appreciable effect.

The Chairman thanked Mr Kemp for the time and effort taken in explaining his company's problems to the Council. (see Bus Services also under 5f).

5 Speed Restrictions

Members of the public asked for speed restrictions in Paynesfield Road to be enforced, particularly between The Ship and Crossways and for a curb on speed in Ricketts Hill. Chairman said he would enquire about the latter, where no speed limit was in force and would see if speed ramps could be installed in Paynesfield road.

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6 Matters Arising on Minutes of 9.4.90

- a) Ref 2d: Land clearance - Mr Payne explained that a number of sites had now been cleared for planting to take place later. This included the corner of Maesmaur/Ship Hill where it was intended to replant the M Rd hedge as well as groups of trees. To be publicised in P Mag and at APM.

GS/RP

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Action

- b) Ref 2f: Bus Shelter - noted Approach Rd shelter to be replaced.
- c) Ref 2g: Seats - administrative delay at TDC, to be installed shortly.
- d) Ref 7b: Dumping - further occurrences to be reported to Chairman - distributors of the free newspapers said bundles could sometimes be traced to individual distributors.
- e) Ref 6a: School transfer age - draft letter to SCC as circulated by Dr South generally agreed, with addition of anxiety over bussing very young children out of village. Dr South and Mr Hayes to liaise and send, copies to school Headteacher and governors. GS/DH
- f) Ref 6c: Bus Service - Mr Hayes reported that little had come out of the Edenbridge meeting to interest Tatsfield but that the Crystal Bus Company had been in touch and was interested in running a mini bus between B Hill and Tatsfield, Mon-Fridays - departing T 9.45am dept BH 2.15pm. It was agreed to invite a representative of the Co. to address the APM. DH
- g) Ref 7b: Youth Club - It was reported that the Club had resumed meetings after a week's break but was anxious to recruit more adult helpers, particularly women. A meeting with parents was planned shortly.
- h) Ref 10a: British Gas - A letter had been received from the Surveyors enquiring whether all verges now satisfactorily reinstated. Query to be put to APM; noted from this meeting that verges not satisfactory at Ricketts Hill woods, R Hill near The Ingle, part of Maesmaur. Clerk to collate and liaise with surveyors. Clerk
- i) Ref 10e: Seeboard - to attend June Council meeting to explain how far supply could be relocated underground. Chairman to confirm. IM

7 Planning

- a) 87/P/0221: Thriftwood Lodge, Broomlands Lane - ext. Large new ext. withdrawn, smaller earlier applic. resubmitted. Cont to obj on grds of contin. ext as small dwelling in AGLV and MGB. Clerk
- b) 90/P/0232: Land opp Bransgore, Ship Hill - stable block. Obj to cont. erection small buildings on agric land; suggest Article 4 direction to prevent cont fragmentation of land. Clerk
- c) 90/P/0340: Essex Cottage, Old Lane - conservatory. No comment.
- d) 90/P/0367: Land adj Anglecroft, Borough Road - one dwelling. Strong objs to setting precedent in MGB, outside village dev core + upholding previous appeal inspector's comments re B Rd being only a 'track'. Clerk
- e) 90/P/0408: Land opp Dell Cottage, Goatsfield Road - 2 bungalows. Strg objs, outside village core, MGB, buffer with B Hill, setting precedent, + cont diffics with bad drainage in G Road. Clerk
- f) 90/P/0452: Joyfields, Chestnut Avenue - conv store into staff cottage, (Offer of Section 52 agreement limiting use). Obj in principle to creation of new dwelling in area of GLV in MGB. Clerk
- g) 90/P/0250: Park Farm - change of use to golf course. It was noted that discussions were now taking place between applicant and TDC concerning alternative Clubhouse sites, viz: Rag Hill, adj School, opp Church, new road from Chestnut Ave parallel to Church Lane, and off Chestnut Ave. Strong exceptions to all except latter, which might be least intrusive site if situated far enough along Ch Ave so as not to be visible from B2024/Church Lane junction or from apex of Church Lane/Churchyard, with screening of Clubhouse, entrance and carparking. Letter to this effect to go to TDC but reiterating Council's obj in principle to Golfcourse. Clerk
- h) TDC letter re general golf course policy - each application had to be considered on merits within North of Downs Plan guidelines - in circ.

Applications approved:

- i) TA/89/P/0894: USAF Botley Hill Farm - security lighting - no obj from TDC but hope that new system of intruder activation be installed asap.
- j) 89/P/0710: Hawthorns, Greenway - 2 storey side ext
- k) 89/3099: Waylands Farm, Approach Rd - use bldgs for animal display.

Refused:

- l) 90/P/0206: Land at Parkwood Road - one dwelling.
Planning for coming month - Mr R Payne.

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8 Rights of Way

- a) Claimed RoW Grove Road to Westmore Green - no obj from TDC to SCC
- b) Dumping across footpaths in Ship Hill and Old Lane woods - some response to letters - removal of rubbish at Old Lane, recommendation to deliver letters to all of Shipfield Close - done.
- c) Barrier between FP 564 and W Green - TDC investigating.

9 Reports

- a) Village Hall Dev: Dr South reported good progress with 3rd Interim Cert. being processed and architect agreeing decoration details with doctors. Provision of WC and water to Parish Room was estimated at £1,900 and a better security system was recommended at £5-600 extra - both agreed.
- b) Village Hall Management: Rate demand had been recd for £687.30 but with transitional relief would total £371.25 cf rates of £312 last year.
- c) SCAPTC: Assoc of Co Co's had not approved NALC's proposals re maintenance of unadopted roads (initiated by TPC).
- d) Scouts: Dr South reported from the AGM that in their Diamond Jubilee Year T Scouts were flourishing but still needed leaders partic for Venture Scouts. 100 Club was being revived as was the T Centre Trust which held the freehold of the Scout hut and land for general educational purposes. Trustees were Chairman Scout Co, Scout Leader, Rector and PC Chairman or rep. (Dr South, Min 6d of 9.4.90)
- e) Vern d'Anjou: Easter visit to Vern a success, partic book from School.

10 Correspondence

- a) Notice of application for liquor licence at Botley Hill Farm recd. Chairman to enq whether this was for on-premises only or covered off-licence sales; Cllrs objd if restaurant was being turned into 'pub'.
- b) St Mary's Flower Festival - Mrs McLugo and Mrs Pearce offered to do an arrangement for the Council - materials cost to be reimbursed.
- c) Put into circulation info re: United Towns (twinning of E & W Eur.) Cllrs Code of Practice, Parish Precept notes, Clerks' salary levels.

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11 Accounts for Payment

The following were agreed:

Clerk's salary for March and April	£198.00
Clerk's expenses 13.3-14.5.90	18.49
Cllr's expenses attending transport meeting - Cllr Hayes	4.37
Cornhill Insurance - renewal PC insurance	50.71
Open Spaces Society 1990/91 sub	12.00
Oxted CAB - 1990/91 donation	85.00
Oxted & District Social Centre - 1990/91 donation	100.00

and from Development Account:

National Leasing & Finance Co - fee for arrging finance	2587.50
SCC - application for new Vill Hall entrance (pd 2.5.90)	110.00

It was also agreed that a new Business Reserve Account be opened if the terms for larger sums of money were advantageous. Clerk to ascertain.

Clerk

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12 Annual Parish Meeting

Hall to open at 7.00, spouses to be asked to help with tea/coffee/biscuits. Displays of info re CD project, Parish precept and tree planting to be mounted if possible. Bus services and Crystal Bus representative to be placed early on Agenda before Council report. Various aspects of Report to be taken by Chairman and appropriate Cllrs. Village org reports by

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TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 June 1990
in the WI Hall, Paynesfield Road at 8.00 pm

Present: Mr Ian Mitchell (Chairman) Mr Denis Hayes
Mr Roland Payne (ViceChr) Mrs Elizabeth Player
Dr Gerald South

In attendance: Mrs Eileen Pearce (Clerk), 3 parishioners and 1 Press representative
By invitation: Mr R J Polley & Mr R Grady, Seaboard plc

Apologies were received from Mr Ewin and Mrs McHugo.

1 Minutes of 14.5.90

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These were passed as a correct record. It was agreed that matters arising would be taken later on the Agenda.

2 Electricity supply

The Chairman invited Mr Polley and Mr Grady from Seaboard plc to address the meeting concerning the environmental and supply improvements which might be made in Tatsfield. It was explained that it was not economic to transfer much of the supply underground except in a small area of Ricketts Hill. However such action would not be undertaken for some time as equipment there had only recently been replaced following storm damage. Seaboard were more concerned, since the 1987 hurricane, to invest in more reliable overhead supply. As in other parts of the country, this would be taking the form of replacing the present four open overhead wires with one ABC, or associated bunched cable which consisted of four insulated cables clipped together in a bunch. This would perform better and be safer in severe weather conditions. Once planning approval was received, work on this system would start in Tatsfield in 2-3 months time. In answer to a number of questions, Mr Polley and Mr Grady explained that costly environmental measures were only taken in conservation or other particularly sensitive areas; laying supplies in conjunction with Cable TV was not possible because of different depth requirements; ABC reliability had been proven in analysis of faults since Jan 1990; Seaboard were aiming to channel resources into a flexible maintenance approach since the 1987 storm (when Seaboard's normal rate of 2½ thousand high voltage faults per annum went up to 23 thousand in one night!); although some remoter areas, such as parts of Tatsfield, were left without supply for nearly three weeks, the area's staff had increased from its usual 82 to over a thousand in the days and weeks following the storm.

The Chairman thanked Mr Polley and Mr Grady for so vividly outlining their problems and taking the time to explain future plans for Tatsfield.

3 Matters arising on Minutes of 14.5.90

- a) Ref 5: Speed limits - Chairman reported that the matter had been raised with the police at the Annual Parish Meeting; they advised that speed ramps were usually most unpopular with local residents and that reporting of offenders was the best policy.
- b) Ref 6c: Seats - Work order had been placed by TDC and seats should be installed shortly. Clerk to request TDC to inform PC in advance so that precise sites on Green and Ricketts Hill could be agreed.
- c) Ref 6h: British Gas - TPC concern over Ricketts Hill wood verges had been referred to B Gas Site Agent; Clerk to follow this up and also enquire about state of turfing at The Square and Westmore Green.
- d) Ref 8c: Barrier on Green - TDC obtaining quote for replacement.
- e) Ref 10a: Botley Hill Para liquor licence - Chairman reported that TDC did not run as far as Botley Hill.

Clerk:

Clerk

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Planning

- a) 87/P/1046: Holt Cottage, Kemsley Road - Details of bungalow following outline permission. No action.
- b) 90/P/0632: Woodland Cottage, 90 Paynesfield Rd (Cambræe) - Granny annex Replacement of separate outhouse with 3-room single storey annex. Obja on grounds of density of housing in a sensitive area, excessive scale for purpose, and ease with which 'annex' could become a self-contained dwelling. Anxiety was also expressed over setting a precedent for 3 layers of development back from Paynesfield Road.

Applications approved:

- c) 87/P/0221: Thriftwood Lodge, Broomlands Lane - smaller extension
- d) 89/P/1430: Kemscott, Lusted Hall Lane - stabling
- e) 90/P/0340: Essex Cottage, Old Lane - side conservatory

Applications refused:

- f) 89/P/1429: Kemscott, Lusted Hall Lane - industrial use
- g) 90/P/0367: Land adj Anglecroft, Borough Road - new dwelling

Appeal lodged:

- h) 90/P/0250: Park Farm - change of use to golf course

Enforcement:

- i) Garage in Edgar Road - commercial use. Clerk had discussed question with TDC Enforcement officer, who confirmed that such usage went back to 1961; use for vehicle repair and renovation had been established in 1966 and an extension approved without condition in 1966; further ext for private use only allowed in 1974. Clerk to enq further re industrial licence and danger of precedent being set.
- j) Land adj Bransgore, corner Ship Hill & Ninehams Road. A member of the public queried whether this land was being sold as part of Bransgore. Although an attempt had been made to enclose the land some years ago, it was thought to be registered and at the time, therefore, SCC, TDC and TPC had been able to take no further action. Ownership would be revealed during legal searches if any attempt was made to expropriate and sell the land.

Gerald South undertook planning matters for the coming month.

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Rights of Way

- a) FP 20 connecting Ninehams to Maesmaur - SCC had confirmed that path was on its annual vegetation clearance list and would be attended to shortly. Remedial work on large holes left by uprooted trees would be undertaken once funding had been received.
- b) Claiming new rights of way: It was noted that a path connecting Maesmaur and Ninehams alongside 'Windyridge' had no official status but this led to a general discussion as to the advisability of embarking on a programme of claims over unadopted roads and paths - Councillors to consider, with possible priorities, at next meeting.

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Reports

- a) Community Development: Interior details now agreed with doctors, interim certificate No 4 being processed, possible completion by August. Cllrs agreed to consider possibility of a 'Grand Opening', naming of the facilities, and furnishing of the Parish Room at the next meeting.
- b) Village Hall Management: A scale of fee increases averaging 10% was presented and approved, it being noted that the Committee needed to budget for necessary redecoration. The question of deposits being required for some hall bookings and not others was raised by a member of the public and Dr South was directed to ask the Committee whether the present system was equitable.

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- c) Buses: (i) Mr Hayes reported the good news that Crystal Bus Co had now applied for a licence to run a service Mon-Fri between Tatsfield and Biggin Hill, dept approx 9.45 am and returning from B Hill approx 2.15pm. The experiment would run until the autumn and PC was asked to publicise and promote the initiative.
 (ii) However the 'bad news' was that London Transport had decided to withdraw their subsidy of the No 410 Westerham to Bromley route as from 3 Sept. This meant that SCC were having to rethink their Tatsfield/Westerham/Crockham Hill strategy which had already gone out to tender. They expected a more useful package to emerge by Sept.
 (iii) A problem might also exist over the No 23 Tatsfield to Croydon route. Kentish Bus wished to retain this but London Transport were finding slippage occurring with their timetabling.

7 Correspondence

- a) Sewage leak: copy correspondence recd from a resident of John's Road concerning unsatisfactory emergency measures to deal with a sewage leak occurring over a weekend period. It was not clear whether this should have been the responsibility of Thames Water or TDC; Clerk to ack letter and to enquire of TDC as to proper procedures to follow. Clerk
- b) Bus Shelter: a petition had been received from 46 parishioners requesting the replacement of the bus shelter in the village. Chairman and Clerk to investigate costs and possible sources of funding. IW/Clerk
- c) Use of Green: Little Acorns Play Group req use of Green for Teddy Bears Picnic, sponsored walk round Pond and a few stalls 19/20 June. Agreed. Clerk
- d) Surrey Parishes Liaison Group: Tatsfield to host next meeting on Thursday 4 Oct 7.30 for 8.00pm. Invites to Village Hall, with hope that meeting could actually take place in new Parish Room. Clerk

8 Finance

- a) Accounts for payment: the following were approved: Clerk
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| Clerk's salary for May | £ | 99.00 |
| Clerk's expenses 15.5-11.6.90 | | 9.75 |
| Audit Commission, fee for 1989/90 audit | | 123.16 |
| English Woodlands, land clearance | | 655.50 |
| D Bishop, Ricketts Hill noticeboard | | 140.00 |
| Tatsfield WI, hire of hall July 1990 | | 5.00 |
| Ling Building Contractors, Interim Cert No 4
(to be paid once £32,686.32 rec'd from NWS Bank) | £37,589.27 | |
- b) New Business Reserve account: Clerk to negotiate favourable terms with bank, to inc automatic transfers between accounts, waived charges, etc. Clerk
- c) Audit: Completed with no queries - Dr South congratulated on this successful outcome. Clerk to follow up Auditor's suggestion that PC and Fidelity insurance covers be increased. Clerk

9 Village signs

- Mr Bishop to be asked to quote for reinstating Village Sign on W Green; Clerk to ask TDC to replace 'NO cars, motorcycles, horses' sign on Green near path from Lusted Hall Lane. Clerk
Clerk

10 Rubbish bins

- Clerk to see if more rubbish bins could be installed in Village, ie along Westmore Road. Clerk

11 Upgrading Tatsfield-Biggin Hill road

- Mention of this had been noted on a SCC circular; Chr and Vice Chr to investigate. IW/Chr
- Council rose at 10.50 pm

[Handwritten Signature]
 Chairman
 9/7/90