

JANUARY - 1937.

(No meeting - unable to form a Quorum.)
A.G.B.

FEBRUARY 1937

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday 1st February, 1937.

- Present. Mr A & Baker - Chairman.
Mrs M. C. Wyatt, Messrs Chaoman, Elbourne, Monteith
Scott & the Clerk (T. Kelly).
- Absence. An Apology for absence was received from Mr Maynard.
- Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, & signed.
- Fencing of Allotments. The Clerk informed the Council that the Titsey Estate had delivered the Stakes, Posts etc
Proposed by Mr Chaoman & Sec by Mr Scott "that direct labour be employed to erect the posts as soon as ^{POSSIBLE} possible. Mr Monteith & Chaoman to ^{make} arrangements for the necessary labours, & the Wice required for fencing etc". Carried.
- Mr Strologo & the Bus Shelter. The Council unanimously agreed that a letter be sent to Mr Strologo thanking him for his kind offer to provide a Bus Shelter for Tatefield.
- Coronation Celebrations. Proposed by Mrs Wyatt & Seconded by Mr Monteith "that for the purpose of the Coronation Celebrations this Council do make a grant of money equal to that of ^a one penny rate on the Parish." Carried.
£30
- It was agreed that the ^{members of the} Parish Council become the finance committee.

Continued.

vi Parish Meeting

It was agreed that a Parish Meeting be called for Wednesday the 10th February, 1937, at 7-30 pm, to consider the question of making arrangements for the Coronation Celebrations &c.

vii Accounts for Payment.

Proposed by Mr. Elbourne & seconded by Mr. Chairman "that the following accounts be passed for payment:-

(i) Mr F. Thaiswall.

Workmen's Compensation Insurance £0-10-6

(ii) Annual Ack- Seat at Roadside-To. S.C.C. 0-1-0 PC

(iii) Messrs Shaw & Sons Ltd.

Stationery. £0-16-9.

Carried

viii Parish Council Requirements for 1st April, 1937.

It was agreed that a sum of £50 would be required by way of precept for the year commencing 1st April 1937, for the administrative expenses of the Parish Council. (This sum does not include the grant to the Coronation Celebrations).

ix. Election of Parish Councillors

The County Council have fixed the day for the holding of Parish Meeting for the Election of Parish Councillors to be Monday, 15th March 1937.

Statutory Rules & Orders for Election of P. Councillors (VIDE MIN. IV. 5/10/36)

The County Council, referring to the Parish Council letter of the 12th Oct. 36, informed the Parish Council that they have decided that no action be taken thereon.

A. S. Baker

Presiding Chairman
1st March, 1937.

Chairman

Minutes of the last meeting.

Absence.

Attendance

Coronation Celebrations

Approval of the Parish Council Action

Committee

PARISH MEETING, 16th FEBRUARY, 1937.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Meeting held at the School on Tuesday, 16th February, 1937.

- Chairman Mr A. G. Baker.
- Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th February were read, confirmed, & signed. (see page 52)
- Absence. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Cotter & Grove.
- Attendance About 19 Local Govt Electors were present.
- Coronation Celebrations The Chairman explained that the meeting was called to consider the question of making arrangements for the Coronation Celebrations, and to select a representative Committee for this purpose. He further explained that the Parish Council, at their last meeting, decided to levy a rate of one penny - equal to approx. £30 - to provide the necessary fund for meeting the expenses incurred, & that the Parish Council should form the nucleus of the new Committee as a Sub-Finance Committee.
- Approval of the Parish Council's Action After discussion - Mr Chairman proposed & Mr Billson Seconded "that this meeting of Local Government Electors endorse the Parish Council's Action"
Carried.
- Committee. The following were selected to serve on the Committee :- Ladies - Mrs Bee, Mrs Faies,

Continued.

Committee.

Mrs Green, Mrs Ford, Mrs Skinner, Mrs
Lugton, Miss King & Miss Scott.
Gentlemen: Messrs Bee, Bristow, Brown,
Compton Skinner, Cotter, Dr. Darwall
Smith, Faires, Hammond, Harris,
Lugton, Rushe T. & Rosier.

It was agreed that the first meeting
of the committee should be held at
the School on Tuesday, 23rd February,
1937, at 8 pm.

H. P. Pringle Chairman
15th March, 1937.

MARCH, 1937.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday 1st March, 1937.

- Present. Mr A. G. Baker — Chairman.
Messrs Chairman, Elbourne, Maynard, Monteith, Scott & the Clerk (Mr T. Kelly).
- Absence. An apology for absence was received from Mrs M. C. Wyatt.
- Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, & signed.
- Precept for £40. Proposed by Mr Chairman & seconded by Mr Maynard "that a precept for £40 be issued on the Rating Authority to meet the requirements of the Parish Council for year ending 31-3-37.
- Kerbing of footpaths in Westmore Rd. A letter was read from Mr W. H. Gillatt complaining about the bad & dangerous condition of the footpaths in Westmore Rd., from the junction of Red House Rd. to Crossways Rd., & asking if the Highway Authy's attention could be drawn to it with a view to having the footpaths kerbed etc.
- The Clerk was instructed to forward this letter to Mr Crowter for his attention stating that the Parish Council are strongly of opinion that a kerb should be provided for the footpaths on either side as far as the Crossways Rd.

V (a). Stamp Selling Machine.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Postmaster at Sevenoaks & inform him that the Stamp Machine at Tatfield was not in working order.

(b). Clearance of letter box on Paynesfield Rd.

The Clerk to write the Postmaster & ask if this box could be cleared at a later hour than at present i.e. 7-15 am, as this hour is too early, & to suggest that 10 am would be more convenient.

Chairman

Attend

Election

Parish Council

VI Signpost at the Wellhouse on Cooydon - Westsham Rd.

A letter to be written to the Dist. Highways Surveyor suggesting that two of the arms should be lowered so that they do not hide one another from the view of approaching motorists.

VII Riding Horses on Westmore Green.

The Clerk to call the attention of the Sanitary Inspector to the riding of horses over this Green from ^{or in} the direction of Lusted Lane & along the New Tarnae Footpath, & to ask him if he can take any action in the matter.

VIII Annual P. C. Meeting, & time of Annual Assembly

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Council Meeting should be held on April 26th 1937 at 7-30. The Time for the Annual Assembly on March 15th to be at 7-30 pm.

IX Accounts for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Maynard & Sec^d by Mr Chairman that the following Accounts be passed for payment:-

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| (1). Treasurer, Tatfield Coronation ^{Celebrations} Fund. | £30-0-0 |
| (2). Mr T. Kelly - Salary to 31-3-37 | 7-10-0 |
| (3). Messrs Hadden, Best & Co - Stationery | 0-8-6 P.C. |

Carried.

A G Baker
Presiding Chairman
26th April, 1937.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 1937.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the School on Monday 15th March, 1937.

Chairman Mr A.G. Baker proposed & Mr Chauman Sec^d.
"That Mr H.T. Brazier take the Chair"
Carried.

Attendance About 80 Local Government ^{Elector} were present.

Election of Parish Councillors. The Chair was taken at 7-32 pm.
Eleven valid nominations were handed in viz:- Mr Archibald G.W. Baker, Dr John Bright Banister, Messrs John A. Bee, William H. Brown, James S. Chauman, James Elbourne, Henry Maynard, Robert Monteith, James Scott, Richard W. Snow & Mrs Maud C. Wyatt.

Messrs V. Goller & T. Rories were appointed Tellers.

The names of the above candidates were then put to the meeting & voting was by Show of Hands.

RESULTS: - Mr A.G.W. Baker (59), Dr J.B. Banister (43), Messrs J.A. Bee (43) W.H. Brown (21), J.S. Chauman (42), J. Elbourne (35), H. Maynard (36), R. Monteith (46), J. Scott (30), R. Snow (19), Mrs M.C. Wyatt (41).

The Chairman declared the following candidates elected as Parish Councillors for the ensuing Triennial period:-

Messrs Baker⁵⁹, Banister⁴³, Bee⁴³, Chauman⁴²,
Maynard³⁶, Monteith⁴⁶, & Mrs Wyatt⁴¹.

A. Poll was not demanded.

Minutes of the last Meeting. Mins of Meeting held on 16th Feb. 1937, were read, confirmed & signed.

Resumé of the
Work done by the
Parish Council.

Before giving a resumé of the work done by the Council during the past year - The Chairman of the Parish Council (Mr A. G. Baker) expressed his thanks to the meeting for supporting him so generously in the voting.

Mr Baker then dealt with the work done under the following headings:-

(1) Election of Parish Councillors.

He said that the unpopular & unsatisfactory system of voting by "show of hands" had been taken up by the Council, and letters were written to their M.P. & the S.C.C. urging that elections should be by ballot. This year the National Council of Social Services had sent out a leaflet to all P. Councils asking for support against the present method. He believed it would be the last election by "show of hands".

(2) Main Drainage.

The Dist Council had instructed their Engineers to go fully into the question of draining practically the whole of the Village. The cost would be between £8000 and £9000. It was accepted by the Dist Council on the condition that owners of undeveloped land should pay towards the cost at the rate of 5/- per foot.

If the owners would not contribute there was no chance of getting the Scheme through.

(3) Bus Shelter on Westmore Green.

This Shelter would shortly be erected on a site opposite the Old Ship. It was the gift of Mr Strologo, of Shamley Green, Surrey.

(iv) Retaining Wall Round Pond.

A wall had been built round the pond on Westmore Green. He hoped they would not be too critical of this work as yet, as it was far from complete.

(v) Footpath Court Farm to Betsons Hill.

This path had not been used for a number of years. The Council had, in conjunction with Westham Parish Council, decided to waive their claim to it.

(vi) Improvements at Junction of Old Lane - Ship Hill, & also on Ricketts Hill.

The corner at Old Lane & Ship Hill had now been opened out to view - a very necessary improvement.

It was hoped, that in the near future, the "Bottle neck" at Polesteple end of Ricketts Hill would be widened to about a 40 ft roadway.

Election of P. Councilors.
Resolution on.

Proposed by Mr H. Grove & Sec^d by Mr R. Monteith -
"That this assembly of L. G. E^s of the Parish of Tatfield objects to the method of electing Parish Councilors by "show of hands"; & urge that representation be made to the appropriate Authority whereby it may be secured that future elections shall be by ballot at the meeting". They request that a copy be sent to their Member of Parliament, & to the Clerks of the County & Rural Dist Councils.
Carried Unanimously.

Note of thanks.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr H. Brazier - the Chairman.

Handwritten initials in pink ink.

A. G. Baker

Chairman.

22nd March, 1938. (A.G.B.)

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Meeting called for 23rd March, 1938 - Present the Chairman, Clerk & Press, it was therefore abandoned

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APRIL, 1937.

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Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday 26th April, 1937.

I Chairman.

Proposed by Mr Monteith, & seconded by D. Banister "that Mr A. G. W. Baker be the Chairman for the ensuing year." Carried

II Vice Chairman

Mr R. Monteith was elected vice-chairman.

III Committees

Footpaths: - Pro by D. Banister & seconded by Mr Chairman "that Mrs Wyatt & Mr Maynard be elected to the footpaths Committee" Carried

Allotments: - Messrs Chairman & Monteith

Assessment Committee. D. Banister & Mr Bee.

School Managers. Messrs Brown & Monteith.

IV Minutes of last meeting.

The mins of the last meeting were read, confirmed, & signed.

V A. R. P.

The Clerk reported that he had written to Brigadier H. S. Mosley, the Organizer, asking if it would be convenient for him to attend the meeting & explain Air Raid Organization.

He replied that he had a previous engagement to meet the Godstone P. C. on the 26th inst.

The Clerk was instructed to again write and ask if he would kindly fix a date to meet the Parish Council, to call a Special

meeting when he had a reply from Brig. Mosley.

Paynesfield R.
letter box.

The Clerk to write the Head Postmaster & explain that it was not an additional collection that was required but an alteration in the time for clearance of this box, & to suggest that he again re-consider this matter.

Bus Shelter
Westmore
Green

Mr G. D. Stooligo of Shamley Green - the donor of this Shelter - wrote expressing his regret - that owing to a previous engagement on Coronation Day - he could not accept the kind offer of the Jubilee Committee & Parish Council to open the Shelter.

He expressed his appreciation of the honour, & asked that a member of the Committee or P. Council would kindly represent him.

The Clerk was instructed to write & thank him for his kindly suggestion that a local person should deputise for him. Also to inform him that the Shelter is now in position & that the local people were delighted with the appearance of it, that they appreciate, to the full, his generous gift.

The question of who would perform the opening ceremony was deferred to enable Dr. Bamister to make arrangements &c.

Mr J Scott
Appreciation

Mr Bee suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr James Scott for his long and valuable service of nigh on 30 years in the Parish of Tatsfield - 25 yrs as Clerk to the Parish Council, & 5 years as a Parish Councillor, & to state the Council wish him a long life & good health in his retirement.

The Clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

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Precept for £30.

Proposed by Mrs Wyatt & seconded by Mr Bee
"that a precept for £30 be issued on the
on the Rating Authority to meet the
requirements of the Parish Council for
the 1/2 year ending 30th Sept, 1937"

Carried

IX. Fencing of Allotments.

The Clerk reported that the staking
& fencing of Allotments had now been carried
out at a cost of £4-19-4.

X. Allotments Re-letting.

The Clerk reported that he had an application
from Mr A. Simpson, Old Lane, to rent the
Allotment N^o 20, & one from Mr B. Lewis,
Westmore Cottages for the Allotment N^o 27
recently vacated. Pro by Mrs Wyatt & Sec^d Mr Bonnet

"The Council agreed that, subject to signing
the usual agreement, the allotments should
be let to the above named applicants"

Carried.

XI. Accounts for Payment.

Proposed by Mrs Wyatt & seconded by Mr Bee
"that the following accounts be passed for
payment:-

(i). Surrey County Council.

Hire of School for Meetings. £1-3-0.

(ii). Chris Phillips.

Returning Officers fees. £0-13-6

(iii). Mr O. C. Mays.

Fencing of Allotments & moving
of Seat on Westmore Green. £5-9-4.

IV. Shaw & Sons Stationery. £0-1-2 P.C.

V. T. Kelly - Clerk, for Petty Cash. £2-0-0.

Carried

Acceptance of Office.

It was agreed that Mr H. Maynard sign his declaration
at the next meeting.

R. Monteth

20th May, 1937.

Presiding Chairman

MAY. 1937.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Thursday, 20th May, 1937.

Present.

Mr R. Monteith - Chairman.

Dr. Bairston Messrs Bee, Maynard & the Clerk (T. Kelly)

Brig-Gen H. S. Mosley was also in attendance.

Absence

An Apology for absence was received from Mrs Wyatt & Mr Baker.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, & signed.

A.R.P.

Organization

Brig-Gen Mosley, with the aid of a diagram, gave a detailed description of the A.R.P. Organization, & services, under Air Raid Wardens, Fire Brigades, Rescue Parties, Decontamination Squads, First Aid, Ambulance Service, Emergency Communications Services &c.

A discussion followed, & a number of questions were answered.

The Chairman - on behalf of the Council - thanked Gen. Mosley for his attendance &c.

Gipsies or Caravans on the Highways

The Council discussed the question of the presence of large numbers of Caravans parking on the Highways in the Parish - with special reference to large camps on Chestnut Avenue at week ends.

Dr. Bairston proposed & Mr Bee seconded "that a complaint be sent to the District Council urging the necessity for some form of control over these people so as mitigate this nuisance"

Carried

Continued.

V. beespool
Pump.

The Clerk reported that the remaining pump was now beyond repair, & he had requested the refuse collector to remove & dispose of it.
The Council agreed to this procedure.

VI.
Highway from
Church Hill Corner
to
Polesteple Hill.

Mrs Wyatt wrote suggesting that certain improvements should be made to the dangerous bends, & narrow portions of this highway.

It was decided to postpone this question to the next meeting - to be held on the 7th prox.

VII.
Application for
Ran Allotment

Mr R. Shrubbs wrote that he had not the time left to cultivate allotment No 4, & that he was giving it up from 1st April.

Mr Harry Standing, 5 Westmose Cottages, applied for the above allotment.

The Council agreed, that, subject to his signing the usual agreement, this allotment should be let to the above named applicant with effect from the 1st April, 1937.

VIII.
Letter Box on
Paynesfield R. d.

The Head Postmaster wrote explaining why he could not arrange for a later morning collection as the small number of letters benefited, would not justify the extra cost involved &c

IX.
Account for
Payment

Proposed by Mr Maynard & Sec by Dr. Banister that the following Account be passed for payment

(1). Messrs Hooker Brothers

Stationery.

£0-4-8 P. 6

Carried

X.
Coronation Planting
& Amenity Scheme
(Lord. & Thian's
appeal).

The Clerk to inform Mr Phillips that the Parish Council took no action in this matter.

A. G. Baker.
Presiding Chairman
7th June, 1937.