

JANUARY 1947

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Mon. Jan. 6th 1947

Present. Mr. Little, Mrs. Kerrison, Mrs. Paslett, Messrs. Channen, Geary, Martin & the Clerk (Miss Kelly).

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr. Geary. The Chairman, Mr. Little, expressed pleasure at Mr. Geary's return after his illness.

I

Widening of Road near Church The Clerk reported that she had enquired whether this matter had come before the Highways Committee, and had been informed that the Divisional Surveyor had been instructed to make a survey, & submit a plan & estimate in due course. This survey had not yet been carried out.

II

Circular 229 A/46 Transfer Functions The Clerk reported the receipt of this circular, & said that the Sanitary Inspector was in charge of the Tatfield Greens. Proposed from the Chair that the circular be forwarded to the Sanitary Inspector to comply with requisites contained in circular.

III

Trees Preservation. The Clerk read a letter from G.R.D.C. requesting the P.C. to report on any single trees, groups of trees or woodland areas suitable for preservation under the Planning Scheme. Proposed from the Chair that the Clerk R.D.C. be asked if this applied solely to those on highways.

Agreed.

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Letter from Miss Fowler. The Clerk read the P.C. on the sanitation at the for a direct 'to which would be Oxted School, & those wishing to

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Affiliation to National Council of Social Service The Clerk was London headquar been forthcoming for

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Footpaths Committee

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Letter from
Miss Towler.

The Clerk read a letter from Miss Towler, congratulating the P.C. on the results of their efforts to get better sanitation at the School, and asking them to press for a direct bus service between Tatsfield & Oxted which would benefit the school staff, children going to Oxted School, people who had to visit the Food Office, & those wishing to attend Evening classes.

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Affiliation to
National Council
Social Service

The Clerk was instructed to write again to the London headquarters, notifying them that nothing had been forthcoming from Sussex branch

see below

IV contd.

It was proposed from the chair that the clerk write to Miss Towler assuring her of the P.C.'s support in her endeavours to obtain direct transport service, when she can prove that a demand for it does exist.

Agreed.

VI

Footpaths
Committee

Mr. Geary made a report on the Committee's recent work on the Public Rights of Way - Footpaths Map, & mentioned that the numbering of the paths on the map had had to be altered. Mr. Martin thought that it was "irregular" for the clerk to send back this map without the P.C. having seen it. The Clerk said she had done so on receipt of a letter from G.R.D.C. on Nov. 15th asking for the return of the Parish Map, as "a matter of considerable urgency". Mr. Geary proposed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Barton of Westwood Farm complaining of ploughing up of footpath near Moorhouse Brick Works, running through "Broomlands".

Agreed.

VII
Attainments
Committee

Proposed by Mrs. Leslett, seconded by Chairman that this Committee's report be held over till the next meeting, owing to the length of the agenda.

Agreed.

VIII
Cancer Campaign

Mrs. Leslett reported that as a result of a Committee meeting it had been decided to have a flag day on Tuesday, Jan. 14th, & that the emblems & boxes had already arrived. The boxes would be taken to the Bank to be counted & checked, & she would then write a cheque for the total amount. The Council found these arrangements made very satisfactory.

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IX
Drain Drainage

A letter was read from Mr. Gillatt, Westmore Rd., saying that while the Sanitary question in the village is very much improved, & the Sanitary Authority take quick & effective action, when there is a complaint of the cesspool overflowing, he suggested that the cesspool be emptied at fixed intervals, so that there would be no need to complain to the Sanitary Authority. It was difficult at times to say whether the liquid running down the street were actually coming from the cesspool or just rain, or domestic water from the ground around the cesspool. If the cesspool were emptied at fixed intervals, Mr. Gillatt thought all risks would be avoided, & residents would not have to bother any more.

Proposed from the Chair that the following letter be sent to the Godstone R.D.C. together with a copy of Mr. Gillatt's letter:—

"The Tatsfield Parish Council instruct me to forward to you the enclosed copies of a letter addressed by them to the Surrey County Council on Jan. 8th on the subject of Tatsfield Drainage, together with a copy of the letter from Mr. W.H.

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Gillatt, referred to therein.

As the cess-pool in question has been overflowing down the village street for about 20 years, & as, while many cess-pools in & around Tatsfield overflow from time to time, this is the only cess-pool which, by reason of its unfortunate location, has no alternative but to overflow on to the village street, the P.C. venture to suggest that, as an act of grace, in the exceptional circumstances, no charge, or at most a nominal one, should be levied for cleansing this cess-pool.

Agreed.

It was also resolved that the following letter be sent to the Surrey County Council:

"The Tatsfield Parish Council thank the Surrey County Council for their letter of 1st Oct. 1946 on the subject of Tatsfield Drainage, & for the action taken by the County Council. The Parish Council are highly appreciative of the assurance given by the Godstone Rural District Council.

A letter dated 9th Dec. 1946 from Mr. W. H. Gillatt, whose shop and residence are affected, is attached. It appears therefrom that the Sanitary Authorities depend on local residents for notification that the cess-pool complained of is overflowing. Mr. Gillatt states that it is difficult in periods of heavy rain to decide whether the liquid flowing from the direction of the cess-pool is in fact rain-water or a mixture of rain-water & overflow from the cess-pool. He, therefore, suggests that the cess-pool should be cleansed at fixed intervals, thus removing from residents the responsibility of notifying the Sanitary Authorities. The Parish

Council consider this suggestion to be reasonable & worthy of consideration by the Sanitary Authorities. Past experience would indicate that an interval of, say, 4 weeks might be found satisfactory, but this would soon be settled in practice. It will be seen that Mr.

Gillatt notes the prompt & effective action taken by the Sanitary Authority on receipt of a complaint, that the situation is much improved. The Parish Council assume, from the assurance given by the Rural District Council that negotiations between that Council & the West Kent Drainage Board were being initiated, that all preliminaries will be disposed of so that, when the general situation permits, it will be possible to begin work on the Tatsfield Drainage Scheme without delay.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Godstone Rural District Council."

Mr. Geary's
Resolution.

Mr. Geary's

Apology to
Mr. Groundy

The Clerk was directed by the Chairman to write an apology to the Rural District Councilors, Mr. Groundy, for not sending him an Agenda of the meeting.

Res for payment

Proposed by Mrs. Laslett, Sec. by Mr. Chairman that following Res be passed for payment:—

1/2 Year's Allotment Rent to Michaelmas 1946	£2-0-0
Clerk's Salary to 31. XII. 46	£10-0-0
Acknowledgment re seat, side Church Hill Rd., to Surrey County Council	1-0 P.C.

Dr. Geary's Resolution.

Dr. Geary withdrew his Resolution "That this Council rescinds its Resolution of July 29th recording the facts."

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Chairman.
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