

January 1948

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the Schools on Monday 5th January 1948

Present.

Mr. N. A. Little (in the chair) Mrs. Kerrison, the Rev. Goundry, Messrs. Geary, & Weatherley.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Laslett, Messrs. Charman and Rusken.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Business

arising from minutes

i) Exted Bus Service

Mr Weatherley proposed that in view of the new service to East Grinstead having now been started, the correspondence on the subject with the L.P.E. be revived. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

ii) Hillside Rd.

The clerk read a letter from Messrs. Spratt & Sons representing Messrs. Gooding and Dagois, requesting a plan of the fencing in question. The R.D.R. said that a tracing of the plot boundaries taken from the large scale Ordnance Survey map would give the required information and he further offered to provide the clerk with the tracing ~~which was accepted~~ to pass to the solicitors. Mr. Weatherley proposed that a letter be sent to Messrs. Spratt & Sons with the tracing. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

iii) Water Supply

The clerk read a letter from the R.D.C. stating that the matter had been referred to the Sanitary Inspector for ^{investigation} report.

iv) Bushes at Ship's Hill

The clerk reported a verbal reply he had received from Mr. Monteith that the bushes did not overhang the rail. The Rector said

there was some doubt as to the ownership of the piece of land lying between the protection rail and a wire fence a little way inside the wood. He was investigating this question and would report the results.

d) Squatters.

The R.D.R. reported that the two people had left the caravan at Arjovie as a result of his action. As regards the man at Snows Corner, the R.D.C. had served a notice on the owner and some action should result soon. Mr. Geary queried whether anything could be done if the owner refused to take the action required.

Vacancy: Footpaths Committee

The chairman proposed that this matter be held over until the next meeting and that the clerk should in meantime approach Mr. Rushen.

Accounts for payment

N.A.P.C.

The chairman gave an interesting report on the meeting held at Guildford on Sat. 13th Dec. when representatives from 46 Surrey parishes attended. It was decided to appoint an interim committee to investigate the setting up of a Surrey branch of the association. The ^{regional} ~~organising~~ secretary, Maj. Powell-Edwards read out the Model Constitution and it was provisionally decided that the Surrey branch should be set up as from 1/4/48. The chairman also reported that he was the only representative from the Godstone R.D. and as representatives were appointed to the committee on a geographic basis he was asked to join the committee. He further reported that the subscription would

Other Business

be about £2 and the payment would not be subject to surcharge. Mr Weatherley asked if the subscription would include receipt of the association's quarterly publication "the Village" and after further discussion he proposed that the P.C. join the Surrey Branch of the N.A.P.C. Seconded by Mrs. Harrison. Agreed.

The sector suggested that the number of representatives should be limited to one from each parish as otherwise there was the danger of the smaller parishes being swamped by the bigger ones. The chairman thanked him for his suggestion and said he would bear it in mind.

Accounts for payment

Proposed by Mr. Geary, seconded by Mrs. Harrison that the following cheque be passed for payment.

Mr. Dohie (Clerk's Salary) £10-0-0
to 31/12/47 Agreed.

Other Business.

Mrs. Harrison referred to the chairman's previous report of the National Conference and to the need for closer liaison between the P.C. and education and asked how the ^{closer} liaison with the school could be effected. The ~~suggest~~ chairman suggested this could be done in two ways a) the school managers should report when and as necessary to the council and b) the school manager is appointed yearly and is subject to P.C.'s control. Mr. Geary queried whether the P.C. could expect the 2 P.C. managers to give a report to the P.C. After some

discussion the chairman ruled what it could.

Westmore Cottages
Cesspools
+ pumps

Mrs. Kerrison reported that the Westmore Cottage cesspools were not being emptied frequently enough owing to difficulties of the suction lorry blocking the road. The rector reported that the road was planned to be widened but this was at present held up. A further report was made that some of the water pumps were faulty. The rector said he would report this complaint to the RDC.

Hedge cutting
at Botley Hill

Old Lane Bridge
(P233)

Mrs. Kerrison also raised the question of the bridge over the ditch in Old Lane. It was decided to ascertain from the R.D.C. whether any action had been taken in this matter.

Westmore Gr
Footpath

After requesting that the Press treat ^{the first matter as} ~~the first matter as~~ confidential, Mr. Weatherley reported that he had approached the Secretary to the M.O. Transport and now requested some form of written authority from the P.C. to proceed. The proposal he put forward was that the 403 service should run into the village hourly.

Lamps taken

The rector suggested that the Green Line should be diverted alternately to terminate at the Schools instead of at Westorham. Mrs. Kerrison proposed that the clerk prepare the necessary documents in consultation with Mr. Weatherley. Seconded by Mr. Geary. Agreed.

Exhibition
Bye-law

Xmas Trees

Mr. Weatherley referred to the planting of Xmas trees on the roadside out of the village to Tatsfield Corner and proposed

Next meet

that the clerk ~~to~~ write to the R.D.C. requesting information as to why labour and money was spent on this when shortage of labour prevented overhanging bushes being cut back.

Hedge cutting at Botley Hill. Mr. Weatherley referred to the recent cutting of the roadside hedge at Botley Hill down to ground level and proposed that the clerk write to the Titsey Parish representative, Mr. Okey, drawing attention to the danger this represented for the motorist and bus driver.

Westmore Grn. Footpath. Mr. Geary reported the bad condition of the F.P. ^{remaining} across Westmore Green to the council houses. The rector stated that this had been reported to the Highways Committee.

Lamps failure. The Rev. Groundy reported that the lamp opposite Highmead had been out of action for some time. The clerk stated this had been reported to the local electricity representative.

Exhibition of Bye-laws. The Rev. Groundy proposed that action be taken to obtain copies of the Bye-Laws for the Westmore and Tatsfield Greens and to exhibit them on the Agreed notice boards.

Next meeting. Proposed by the chairman that the next meeting be held on 9th February 1948.
Agreed.

E. J. G. Weatherley
Vice-Chairman

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February 1948.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the Schools on Monday 23rd February 1948

Present.

Mr. E. Weatherley (in the chair), Mrs. Kerrison, Mrs. Laslett, Messrs. Geary, Rushen

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Little, Mr. Goundry, & Mr. Charman.

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Minutes.

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Business arising from minutes.

Water Supply

The clerk read a letter received from the R.D.C. stating that the very high expenditure involved would ^{not} be justifiable. Mrs. Laslett said that the M.W.B. charges 5/- per 1000 gallons but the N.F.S. also charges from between £2 and £3 per house for delivery. She proposed that the R.D.C. be approached on the question of these charges. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

Footpaths Committee

Mr. Rushen was elected unanimously to the vacancy on the footpaths committee.

Use
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Xmas Trees

The clerk read a letter from the City Divisional Surveyor regarding the planting of the conifers on the road verges at Tatsfield. Mrs. Kerrison proposed that a letter be sent in reply suggesting that the P.C. could probably have been in a position to give assistance and co-operation if they had been consulted. Seconded by Mrs. Laslett. Agreed.

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Bottle Hill Hedges

The clerk read a letter from the City Div. Surveyor stating the hedges were the concern

of the landowner or occupier. Mr. Geary proposed that a reply be sent requesting the erection of posts if possible with reflectors to mark the roadside verge. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

Date of meeting

Mr. Geary questioned the legality of postponing the meeting from the 9th February as previously arranged. The acting chairman ^(Mr. Wembley) explained that he had been consulted on the matter by the clerk and had stated he had no objections to the postponement. The clerk stated he had been requested by the chairman (Mr. Little) to ascertain whether there was any objection to a postponement and he had accordingly contacted those members who were ^{most} easily accessible. He understood Mr. Little had been unable to attend on the Feb. 9th for private reasons but had been anxious for particular reasons not to miss the meeting.

Use of Schoolroom

The clerk read a letter from the ~~the~~ Div. Exec. Offr. (Education Dept) advising the increase of the caretaker's fee ~~from~~ to 3/6 per hour plus 2/6d per room. Mrs. Laslett proposed that the clerk reply to the effect that in answer to the clerk's previous letter of the 8th Nov. 1947 would be appreciated. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

Estimates
1948/49

The clerk read a letter from the R.D.C. requesting an estimate of the expenditure for 1948/49. To allow for possible increased expenditure Mrs. Laslett proposed that £70 be given

as an estimate. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed

School Sanitation

Mrs. Kerrison reported that an approach to the member, the Hon. Mich. Astor had resulted in notification from his secretary that approval had not been given for the water sanitation to be installed.

Allotments

Mr. Rusden requested permission to take an additional plot, making 18 in all. Mrs. Laslett proposed that approval be given. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

Playing Field

Mr. Rusden said that there was a need for a recognised playing field in the village. Mrs. Geary proposed that the views of the Nat. Playing Fields Assn. be obtained, since the present arrangements for the use of the football field were precarious. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

Accounts for Payment

Mrs. Geary proposed that the following accounts be passed for payment

Messrs. Strutt & Parker Rent of Allotments	£2-0-0
Mr. Thordisall Workmen's Compensation Ins.	10-6
Surrey County Council, Acknowledgement receipt	1-0

Seconded by Mrs. Laslett. Agreed.

Date of Annual Parish Meetings

Mrs. Kerrison proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Wed. 17th March at 8pm. Seconded by Mr. Rusden. Agreed.

Council Meetings

Proposed by Mrs. Geary that the Council Meeting be held on the first Monday of each month starting in April. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

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