

JANUARY 1952

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The School, Monday, Jan. 7th, 1952

- Present Mr. Bridles (Chairman), Miss Knight, Messrs. Beagley, D. & Hodgson, with the Clerk, Miss Kelly.
- Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Hodgson & Mr. Geary.
- Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.
- Allotments The Clerk reported that more wire was needed to fence in the Allotments. She had bought 50ft for the gaps at entrance. Proposed by Mr. Beagley, sec. Miss Knight that the Allotment Committee examine the matter before the next meeting. Carried
- Rails at Pond The Clerk said that the railings on N. side of the pond had been seen to, & a waste paper basket provided.
- Damage to path The G.R.D.C. in a letter stated that the Surveyor had already taken up the matter of the damage to the surf of the path in front of the Working Men's Club.
- Rag Hill The Clerk said that she had looked up the previous correspondence, & in August 1948 the County Divisional Surveyor, Mr. Willis, had promised to erect "Steep Hill" signs either both sides of the descent into the valley "as soon as" these could be obtained. Proposed by Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Drane that the Clerk write to Mr. Willis, referring to this letter. Carried
- S-bend sign Lusted Hall Lane The Chairman drew attention to the fact that this sign was a fair distance away from the bend itself. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Beagley sec. Mr.

that the County Divisional Surveyor be asked if this ^{sign} could be brought nearer to the bend itself. Carried.

Change name
Lusted Lane

Mr. Hodgson said that it had been decided to change the name to Lusted Hall Lane, in view of confusion that had arisen when ambulance, or fire services & other services had been called. Signs, indicating the new name were soon to be erected.

Wild Birds

Protection

Act

The Clerk said that she had posted the usual notices on the Council's boards

Caretaker's
overtime

The Clerk read a letter from the Education Dept., Reigate announcing that caretakers are now paid for three quarters of an hour before, & three quarters of an hour after each meeting, instead of half an hour before & after, under new County Letting Regulations. Out-of-pocket expenses in respect of meetings held at Tabfield School would therefore be as follows: Fuel, light & cleaning materials 2/6 per occasion, Caretaker's overtime 5/3 per occasion, instead of 3/6.

Deposit Draft

map &
Statement

The Clerk read a letter from S.C.C. asking whether the Parish Council wished for an appropriate extract from the draft map & statement to be placed on deposit within the village, to be readily available at all reasonable hours, for a period of 4 months, for public inspection. Miss Knight said she would be agreeable to do this. Proposed by Mr. Drane, sec Mr. Beagly that the S.C.C. be informed that Miss Knight was prepared to accept responsibility in this matter. Carried.

Blackpool
Conference

As the Parish Council considered it desirable to support this movement, it was decided to ask Mrs. Hodgson if she would care to be the Parish Council delegate to this ~~meeting~~ ^{conference}. Mr. Hodgson said that the matter of accommodation could be

arranged privately.

res for
payment

Proposed by Mrs Knight, sec. Dr. Drame that the
following res be passed for payment

H.H. Blades 50ft Barbed wire

4=9 P.C.

Clerk's salary Oct 1st - Dec 31st, 1951

10=0=0

Use of School-Room 2 occasions (S.C.C.)

12=0

Carried

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Chairman

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Allotment

Receipt

Provision

Estimate

Receipt

Sign Re

Hill

New Place

P.C. meeting

FEBRUARY 1952

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The School, Monday, Feb. 4th, 1952

Present Mrs. Geary (Chairman) Mrs. Hodgson, Miss Knight, Messrs. Beagley, Drane, Ridler, Hodgson & the Clerk.

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

Commitments The Clerk said that Mr. Rusken estimated that the cost of new stakes & the labour entailed in putting the fencing in order would be between £4.10.0 & £5.
P. Mrs. Beagley sec. Mr. Ridler, that Mr. Rusken be asked to carry out the work. Carried

Receipt As there was not enough money in the Bank to meet the commitments of the Parish Council to the end of March, P. Mr. Ridler, sec. Mr. Drane that a Receipt for £10 be issued on Godstone R.D.C., the Rating Authority. Carried

Provisional Estimate Proposed Mr. Beagley sec. Mr. Drane, that a Provisional Estimate of £80 be made for expenses in the ensuing financial year. Carried

Rag Hill A letter of thanks from Mr. Watson was read, for the prompt action of Parish Council in the matter of the sign at Rag Hill. It was agreed that the Clerk should thank the Divisional Council, Surveyor, & enquire whether he was approaching the Kent authorities regarding the erection of a similar sign on the opposite side.

New Place for P.C. meetings Some discussion took place as to whether it would be cheaper to hold future Parish Council Meetings elsewhere. It was agreed that Mrs. Hodgson should find out the Terms

for letting the W.I. Hall, & the Clerk the Terms for letting a room in the Church Hall.

Blackpool

Conference & The Clerk was asked to notify the Surrey Ass of P.C.s Godstone Area that there would be no delegate to the Conference, & the Godstone Area Committee that Mr. Jeary was the Tatsfield delegate in place of Mr. Weatherly

Report Godstone Area Committee Meeting held at the Old Hospital, Oxid, Jan: 31st.

Election Date The Clerk reported that she had been notified by Surrey C.C. that the date for the election of Urban District, Rural District & Parish Councillors was Saturday, May 10th.

S.A. Parish Councillors The Clerk read Minutes of Exec. Com: meeting held Dorking, Jan. 12th.

Overflowing Cesspool The Clerk said that she had received a complaint from Mr. Vowles, that after repeated requests his cesspool remained unemptied. Mr. Hodson said that the correct procedure was for the request to be made in writing.

Parish

Meeting Proposed Mr. Ridley, see Miss Knight that Parish Meeting be held on Wed. March 12th at 8 o'clock & preceded by Parish Council meeting, & that if the W.I. Hall were available that it should be held there. Carried

Res for Payment Proposed by Mrs. Hodson, see Miss Knight that following Res be passed for payment.

Rly Pass: Assur. Co (Employer's liability) 5.0
S.C.C. Hire of School Room 3 occasions £1-1-6

Carried

By Jeary 12/3/52
Chairman

MARCH 1952.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the W.I. Hall on Wed. March 12th.

- Present. Mr. Geary (Chairman) Mrs. Hodson, Miss Knight, Messrs. Drane, Ridler, Hodson & the Clerk
- Apology for absence An apology for absence was received from Mr. Beagley
- Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
- Sign on Rag Hill The Clerk said that the County Divisional Surveyor had written to say that he was contacting the Kent Authorities in respect of the eastern sign for Rag Hill.
- P.C. Meetings The Clerk said that she had been notified that "2/- per hour was the charge for hiring the room at the Church Hall, 7/6 for Annual Meetings, 6/- for Committee meetings at the W.I. Hall. The Clerk was asked to find out the cost of hiring the room at the Bakery. The various charges were to be put before the new council for their consideration.
- New Parish at Felbridge The Clerk read a letter from Surrey C.C. regarding a Local Inquiry into proposals of the Godstone R. D.C. for the formation of a new Parish to be known as Felbridge, & for other alterations of the boundaries between Godstone Home & Tandridge, to be held on 24th March 1952 at 3p.m. in the Village Institute, Felbridge.
- Old Lane Ditch Miss Knight said that she had received a complaint about the ditch in Old Lane. Proposed by Miss Knight, see Mr. Drane that G.R.D.C. be notified again about this matter. Carried.

Rabbits

Miss Knight said that she had been asked by someone in Parkwood Rd. if anything could be done to keep rabbits down, as it was next to impossible to grow anything in the gardens because of their depredations.

Proposed Mr. Bridler, see Miss Knight that G.P.D.C. be asked for information Carried.

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Year

$\frac{1}{2}$ for
payment

Proposed Mr. Hodson, see Miss Knight that following $\frac{1}{2}$ be passed for payment
The Clerk (Petty Cash)

£2-0-0 Carried

Exec
Man

B. J. Long 7-4-52
Chairman

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 1952

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting held at W.I. Hall, Wed. March 12th, at 8 p.m.

Attendance Nineteen people, including 7 Parish Councillors.

Minutes The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were read & confirmed.

Summary of

Year's Work The Chairman gave a report of the year's work.

Green opp: Mr. Brazier said that according to the new Bye Laws which had just been put up in the village it was not permitted to cause damage to the Greens by taking heavy machines across them. He asked if this applied to the Green opposite the Manor House, which had been badly damaged by farm vehicles. The Chairman promised to look into the matter.

Tabfield

Green Mr. Mays referred to the continuing disgraceful condition of Tatsfield Green, & said that it was better when being grazed. He thought Godstone R.D.C. should be held responsible for the fact that weeds from the common were scattered in surrounding gardens.

Proposed by Mr. Black, sec. Mr. Brazier that "this meeting register a strong protest to G.R.D.C. about the condition of Tatsfield Green." Carried.

Ditch in Old Lane Mr. Hazman referred to the ditch in Old Lane. The Chairman said that the P.C. were writing again about the matter.

Main Drainage Mr. Hodgson G.R.D.C. representative said he would ask at the next meeting how far plans had advanced.

Mrs. Kemison asked whether the high fee now being paid in this area ^{for cesspool emptying} could be lowered, in view of the fact that Kent parishes in the neighbourhood paid considerably less.

Mr. Hodgson said that the R.D.C. already lost £1,000 on

cesspool clearance a year. The houses in the parish were assessed at a lower figure on account of there being a charge for drainage, ^{the Chairman added that} the private contractor's charge was higher than that charged by Godstone.

Kitchen

Waste

Mr. Hodson said he would find out whether Kitchen Waste were accepted by the Collectors.

Tree Preservation

After some discussion on the cutting down of trees scheduled for preservation, Mrs. Kerrison said that she thought the Parish Council should verify that their requests were attended to in future.

Change of
meeting place

Mr. Inayes asked why the Annual Parish meeting place had been changed after it had been held for nearly 60 years at The School. The Chairman replied that it had been hoped to attract more parishioners to the meeting, & also the charges for the ~~hire~~ ^{use} of the School Room had very much increased. Some members present thought that people did not realise that there was a Parish meeting, owing to the similarity between the posters, or that they could voice their opinions there.

Road to
Swedish Honors

Mrs. Dohie asked whether the G.R.D.C. would do anything to the road leading to the Swedish houses. It was used by their vehicles, & was in a very bad condition. Mr. Hodson promised to make enquiries.

Civil Defence

Mrs. Dohie asked whether anything was being done in the matter of C.D. The Clerk said that she had posted notices about C.D. several times. When there were about a dozen enrolments, instruction would begin in the village. It was asked if notices on the gates of private individuals' ~~gates~~ would help in publicising the matter.

Library

Mrs. Kerrison asked the
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School

Vote of
thanks

Library.

Mr. Kerrison asked the help of the P.C. in the matter of the Village Library, which was, at the moment, in danger of being dropped, through lack of helpers. Two suggestions were put forward 1) to suggest to the County that a paid Librarian be sent twice a month 2) that a small grant be allotted to pay a Librarian locally. The Chairman asked for the number of people who used the Library.

Proposed Miss Knight etc. Mr. Kerrison that a vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Wedgwood for his services in the past. Mr. Hodson thought that a grant would be out of the question now that Education had received cuts in expenditure.

School

Mr. Brazier on behalf of Mr. Ridler & himself as representatives of the P.C. on the School Managers, gave a short report of the year's advances at the School. He said that under the new Head Teacher, & the excellent body of managers, under Mr. Hodson, further improvements could be expected, & paid tribute to the work of Mr. Kerrison in the past.

Vote of
Thanks

Mr. Brazier expressed the thanks of those present to the Chairman & Parish Councillors.

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APRIL 1952

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Present Mr. Geary (Chairman), Mrs. Hodson, Miss Knight, Mrs. Deane, Ridler, Hodson & the Clerk.

Apology for absence. An apology for absence was received from Mr. Beasley.

Audit Memorial Sir L. Chubb

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, & confirmed.

Hire of Bakery The Clerk reported that the charge for hiring the large room at the Bakery was 7/6 & the smaller one 4/6, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Chubb's Fidelity Bond

Swedish Houses (Road at) Mr. Hodson said that Godstone R.D.C. accepted responsibility for this road, & would see to the matter.

Anna

Main Drainage Plans for proposed Main Drainage would be available in May or June of this year.

P.C. h

Library In view of the publicity given to this matter helpers had come forward, & it was hoped that a new roster of helpers would maintain the Library in the village.

Usc School

Allotments Fencing Mr. Ridler said that he had inspected the fencing, & thought the work had been satisfactorily done.

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Path opposite Braux House As no clear indication as to the right of the farmer to cross here had been discovered from the footpaths map, Mr. Hodson was asked to look at the larger map in the Council Office, Oxford. This he consented to do.

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Precept for 1952-53 Proposed Mr. Deane, seconded Mr. Ridler that a Precept for £80 be issued on the Local Rating Authority. Carried.

- 'Bns
Shelkin The condition of the Shelter at Westmore Green was discussed. Rot + worms had already attacked parts, + other damage had been caused to the structure by various people. Proposed Mr. Pridler see Mrs. Hodgson that the attention of Godstone R.D.C. be drawn to the matter. Carried
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Memorial The Clerk reported that the Auditor had disallowed 10/6 subscribed for the memorial to Sir Lawrence Chubb.
Sir L. Chubb Mr. Pridler handed 10/6 to the Clerk.
- Clerk's
Fidelity
Bond The Clerk said that the Auditor wished to know whether the P.C. would take out a Fidelity Bond for the Clerk. Proposed Mr. Druce see Miss Knight that in view of ^{Charles high integrity and} the small amount of money handled by the Clerk, the Parish Council deemed the Bond unnecessary. Carried
- Annual
P.C. Meeting Proposed by Mr. Druce, see Miss Knight that the Annual Parish Council Meeting be held on Mon. May 26th. Carried
- Use of
Schoolroom The Clerk read a letter from Div. Educational Officer saying that the Surrey Education Com: had decided to increase the charge made for out. of pocket expenses from 1st April 1952. The cost of fuel, light & cleaning materials per occasion would then be 3/- instead of 2/6.
- Allotment
Rents The Clerk reported that she had collected, & paid into the Bank £2.16.0 Allotment rents to March 25th, 1952.
- Paper
Basket at
Parade Miss Knight said that she had been asked by shopkeepers at The Parade who had the responsibility for emptying the waste paper basket there. Mr. Hodgson said he would make enquiries about the matter.
- Ditch Old
Lane The ditch in Old Lane had been cleared. The Council considered that it had not been so effectively cleared as on the previous occasion.

Overflowing
Cesspool

Mr. Ridler said that he had been asked to bring before the Council the matter of Mr. Vowler's overflowing cesspool. Mr. Vowler had been to the Council Office on March 17th, & had been told that the R.D.C.'s vehicles could not get as far as his house, but a promise had been made to repair the pump. So far nothing had been done. Mr. Hodson promised to see into the matter.

Road clearance
in Snow

Proposed Mr. Ridler, sec. Mr. Drane that a letter of appreciation be sent to G.R.D.C. for the way they had made every effort to keep open the roads in the district during the recent snowstorm.

Carried.

a/c

Proposed by Mr. Hodson, sec. Mr. Drane that following Yes be passed for payment.

- T. Rusken, for supplying 50 stakes & doing work to Allotment fencing . £ 5 - 0 - 0
- Tikes Estate Co. 1/2 year rent to March 25th . £ 2 - 0 - 0
- Miss Kelly, Clerk's salary quarter ending March 31st . £ 10 - 0 - 0
- Miss Kelly, taking Allotment Rents to Bank . - - - 10/- P.C.

Chairman *[Signature]*
26/5/52 1952

MAY 1952

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Council Meeting, held at The School, on Monday, May 26th, 1952

- Acceptance of office All members signed their acceptance of office
- Chairman Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Mr. Drane, that Mr. Geary be Chairman for the ensuing year.
Carried.
- Vice Chairman Proposed Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Hodson, that Mr. Ridler be Vice. chairman
Carried.
- Allotments Committee Proposed by Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Simpson that Mr. Ridler be elected to Allotments Committee p. Mr. Hodson, sec. Mr. Drane, that Mr. Black be other member of Committee
Carried.
- Footpaths Committee Proposed Mr. Ridler, sec. Mr. Drane that Miss Knight & Mr. Simpson be elected to Footpaths Committee
Carried.
- School Managers Proposed Mr. Hodson, sec. Mr. Drane that Mr. Brazier & Mr. Ridler be asked to continue to represent the Parish Council.
Carried.
- Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
- Audit The Clerk gave notice that the 1951-2 ^{a/c} would be audited on June 2nd.
- Drainage Mr. Hodson said that main Drainage plans had been passed, in principle, but it was not yet known

how much the Ministry would sanction. The work would cost about £50,000 & would be done in sections. A representative of the P.C. would probably be invited to a meeting on the subject at Council Offices, Oxford.
 It was decided to ask G.R.D.C. whether a copy of the plans would be available for the next Parish Council meeting.

Draft Map

was for the S.C. Footpath was on months

Path opp. Manor House taking of machinery across Common

Mr. Hodson said that he had spoken to Mr. Coombes about using this path across the Common. Mr. Coombes did not claim this as a right of way. Mr. Drane said that Mr. Coombes had enquired whether the P.C. would repair the path adjoining ^{North} side of the property Tatsfield Lodge. The matter was left to the Footpaths Committee, on proposal of Mr. Drane, see Mr. Ridler.

Tatsfield Green

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Surrey C. Ass of P.C

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'Bus Times

'Bus shelter

It was reported that the 'Bus Shelter at Westmore Green had been repaired.

Hire Bakery room for meetings

Proposed Mr. Drane, see Mr. Black that the large room at the Bakery be used for Council meetings, until further notice.
 Carried, (one abstention)

Seat on Ricketts Hill

Paper basket at Westmore Green

Mr. Hodson said that the basket should be emptied by the Refuse Collectors, & instructions had been given them to do so.

Mr. Vowles

Overflowing Cesspool

Mr. Hodson said that he understood that the pump had been repaired.

Rabbit

The clerk read a letter from Godstone R.D.C. saying that the only answer to this nuisance

Shaw & son

was for the person concerned to wire his own garden

Draft Map The S.C.C. had approved the Draft Map of the Footpaths Survey, & a copy of those in Tatsfield was on view at Miss Knight's, for the next four months.

Tatsfield Green Mr. Hoopson said that at the last meeting in Oxted a reason given for the non-cutting of the Green was the difficulty of the slope. It was decided to press for it to be cut by an auto-scythe, as had been done 4 years previously.

Surrey C. Assoc of P.C. Proposed Mr. Black see Mr. Simpson that the subscription be continued

'Bus Times Mr. Simpson drew attention to the timing of 'buses & coaches in the village, & suggested that the Transport Board be asked to "switch" the times of the Oxted & Westerham coaches, which would give Tatsfield a better service. It was agreed to bring the matter up again at the next meeting, with further details

Seat on Ricketts Hill Mr. Ridler said he had been told that this seat was badly in need of repair. The Chairman promised to go into the matter, & report at the next meeting.

Proposed Mr. Ridler see Miss Knight that following ^{as} be passed for payment.

Surrey County Ass of P.Cs (subs 1952-3)	£2. 10. 0 ✓
The Clerk (Petty Cash) (£2 for Audit Stamp 1951-52)	£3. 0. 0 ✓
J.B. Watson (Books to Audit '51 & '52)	£ 1. 1. 0 ✓
Commons Preservation Soc (subs. 1952-3)	10. 5 ✓
Surrey C.C. (schoolroom, 2 occasions)	15. 5 ✓
Shaw & Son (stationery)	6. 6 ✓

Chairman *[Signature]* 9/9/52