

JANUARY 1955

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery, Mon. Jan. 3rd, 1955

Present Mr. Geary (Chairman), Mrs. Doherty, Miss Knight, Messrs. Black, Hodson & Ridler

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

The Pond Mr. Hodson said that he had enquired about the cost of cleaning the pond. The figure of £35, previously mentioned, was the sum payable when the pond was completely emptied of tins, weeds & slime.

The Parish Council's Review Proposed by Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Ridler that a year's subscription be taken out for the Parish Council's Review. Carried

Allotments Com. Mr. Black said that he had called upon Mr. Wilkinson, but he was not at home

a/c Proposed by Mr. Black, sec. Mr. Ridler that foll: a/cs be passed for payment  
R. Watson, Hire of Room at Bakery (5 occasions) £1-17-6  
Miss Kelly, Clerk's Salary (4 ending Dec. 31st) £10-0-0  
Carried.

M. Geary 7.2.55

Petty Cash payment Employers' contrib. 5/-

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FEBRUARY 1955

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting  
held at The Bakery on Mon: Feb: 7th, 1955

Present Mr. Jeary (Chairman), Miss Knight, Messrs. Drane,  
Hodgson & Ridler

Apologies An apology for absence was received from Mrs. Dottie  
& Mr. Black.

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

Notices The Clerk said that she had put up notices advertising  
vacant allotments.

Coroner's Court The Clerk read a letter from Godstone R.D.C. asking for  
a note of the principal objections raised by the Parish Council  
regarding the holding of the Coroner's Court at Sutton.  
The Clerk was instructed to inform G.R.D.C. that the  
Parish Council had never been in communication with  
the Home Office about this matter. A letter had  
been written to the Coroner himself, & on Nov. 23rd,  
1953, the Coroner had replied, setting out his  
reasons for holding the Court in Sutton. These  
had appeared satisfactory to the Parish Council, who  
had then withdrawn their objections.

Annual Meeting Proposed by Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Ridler that  
the Annual Parish Meeting be held at The  
Bakery on Wed: March 23rd. Carried.

Provisional Receipt Proposed by Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Ridler that a  
Provisional Receipt of £50 for the ensuing financial  
year be given to Godstone R.D.C. Carried

The Clerk read a letter from the County Divisional

Surveyor asking for suggested sites for Footpath Direction Signs. As the financial provisions would be small for this purpose, the Surveyor could only supply a few in each year. After discussion, proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Mr. Hodgson that Footpaths, Nos 21 & 26 receive the first care, with direction posts 1) at Police Cottage stile, 2) at the stile where this path joined Church Hill Rd. 3) at the stile opposite the Lynch gate at the Church & 4) where the path joined the Croxdon Rd. Carried

Youth Club

Miss Knight said that she had received a letter from Miss Henry, asking whether the Parish Council could assist in the founding of a Youth Club in the village. It was decided to bring the matter up at the Annual Parish meeting.

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Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Miss Knight that the following a/c be passed for payment Annual premium to Municipal Mutual Insur. Co. Oct. 1954 - Oct. 1955

14/10

Carried

*T. Henry*  
7-3-55

MARCH 1955.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at  
The Bakery on Mon: March 7th, 1955.

Present Mr. Geary (Chairman), Mrs. Doherty, Miss Knight, Mr. Drane

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

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

Allotments It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Mr. Rusken of  
Faynesfield Rd., whether he still wanted 2 allotments.  
Mr. Drane said he thought Mr. Wilkinson would like  
more than the one allotment he had originally asked  
for, and was anxious to start work on them soon. Mr.  
Drane said he would see Mr. Wilkinson on the matter.

Overflowing  
Cesspool A letter from Miss Burnard-Symes was read, complaining  
of an overflowing cesspool from the Swedish Homes, and  
asking the Parish Council's co-operation in preventing further  
such unpleasantness. After discussion, it was proposed  
by Mr. Drane & Miss Knight that a copy of this letter  
be sent to Godstone R.D.C., & suggesting that perhaps  
the R.D.C. could bring to the notice of their tenants  
the necessity of making a written application for the  
emptying of cesspools.

Election  
Dates The Clerk read a circular from the Home Office  
giving dates connected with forthcoming election  
of Parish Councillors.  
M. Geary 4.4.55

## Annual Parish Meeting.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting held at The Bakery, Wed: March 23rd, 1955, 8 p.m.

No. present 12 Parishioners, including 6 Parish Councillors.

Chairman: Mr. Geary.

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

Business arising from Minutes:—

Coronation The Chairman said that £4-12-5 remained from Village Sign the fund. It had been suggested that this should go towards the cost of the erection of a seat near the sign.

Drains in

Old Lane Mrs. Graye once again asked that a ridge, similar to those in White Lane, should be made at the top of Old Lane where it joined Ricketts Hill & Edgar Road, to draw off water that could not get to the drains if & when these were blocked by paper & leaves.

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Summary The Chairman then gave a summary of the Parish Council's work in the past year.

St. Dunstan's The Whist Drive organised by Mrs. Geary realised Fund £7-17-6. Through the kindness of Mr. Watson, who had displayed work done by the blind, a further £5-3-1 in orders had, so far, been collected.

Lighting  
in Villa

Main Drainage Miss Symes asked the Parish Council to press urgently for main Drainage. She thought it "iniquitous" to have to pay a Drainage rate, a cesspool clearance fee, & towards the cost of the Public Convenience in Oxted. It was pointed out that the Parish Council had often pressed for main Drainage;

Bushes  
Green

2) that when it came the cost would be shared by the whole of the footstone R.D. area; 3) that we paid only  $\frac{1}{2}$  the cost of emptying cesspools; 4) Osted paid towards the provision of the emptying vehicles although they have Drain Drainage; 5) between the two wars Tatsfield had turned down a very advantageous scheme which would probably have now been paid off; 6) assessments were lower; 7) it was a mistake to think that the scheme was being deliberately held up; 8) labour had to be diverted to various emergency schemes in the area; 9) there was a real staff shortage to cope with the results of things having to be <sup>put aside</sup> during the War. Mrs. Dohie thought that no further houses should be built until Drain Drainage was functioning.

Drain in  
Footfield  
Rd.

Mrs. Symes asked whether a drain in Footfield Rd. could be lowered. At the moment it was 2" higher than the level of the road.

School.

In the absence of Mr. Brazier who usually made a report about School matters, Mr. Hodgson said he would like to say that next term there would be 2 masters, & 2 mistresses. Mr. Smith asked how members, apart from those elected by the Parish Council, were chosen for the Board of Managers. Mr. Hodgson promised to provide Mr. Smith with the information.

Lighting  
in Village

A proposal by Mr. Dohie, sec. by Mr. Smith that the lighting should be left on in the village until midnight, provided that this did not entail an increase of more than  $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the rates, was defeated by 5 votes to 4.

Bushes on  
Green

Mr. Brazier asked whether there was any hope of

the bushes on the Green being cut. They would soon be trees. He proposed, & Mrs. Feary seconded, that the Parish Council should request that this matter should be seen to, before the bushes became much bigger. <sup>Carried</sup> ~~unanim.~~ The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had made many efforts to have the Green properly cared for. Tatfield in proportion to its size had a large amount of common ground. Mr. Hodgson had done his best to put forward our views, but he was one on a Committee of 27 members

Vote of thanks to Chairman

Proposed by Mr. Orages, seconded by Miss Sykes that a vote of thanks to the Chairman be passed.

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APRIL 1955.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at  
The Bakery on Mon: April 4th, 1955

Present Mr. Jeary (Chairman), Mrs. Dohie, Miss Knight, Messrs.  
Hodgson & Ridler.

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

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

Allotments Applications for Allotments were received from Mr. Wilkinson<sup>(4)</sup>  
& Mr. Rushe (2). Mr. Duck said he was willing to  
take over the remaining plots, provided these were in  
compact form, so that he could use the plough.  
In a letter, Mr. Black said that he thought a token  
rent of 1/- should be charged to Mr. Wilkinson for the  
use of a gate leading from his garden into the allotments  
X After discussion, it was decided that the Chairman &  
Mr. Jeary<sup>Ridler</sup> should measure out the plots the following  
Friday.

Date of  
Annual P.C. Meeting Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Miss Knight that  
Annual Parish Council be held on Mon: May 23rd  
Carried.

Annual Parish Meeting: Business arising from

Drain in  
Old Lane Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Miss Knight that the  
Highways Dept. S.C.C. be informed that in consequence  
of the grit not having been cleared up, the drains  
at the top of Old Lane were blocking up, and  
asking whether a ridge could be put at the top of  
Old Lane to direct overflowing flood water into the ditch,  
as this water was damaging the surface of the  
road



Drain in Mr. Hodgson said that he would make enquiries  
Sontofield Rd about this matter.

Bushes on Proposed Mrs. Dothe, sec. Miss Knight that  
the Green the appropriate authority be informed of the general  
discontent expressed about this Green, & asking that  
the matter be reviewed once more by the Greens Com:

Carried.

<sup>a/c</sup> Proposed by Miss Knight, sec. Mrs Hodgson that  
fol: <sup>a/c</sup> be passed for payment.

Hire of room at Bakery (4 occasions) £1-10-0

Tisbury Est. Co. Rent Alots 1/2 yr to 25.3.55 £2-0-0

Petty Cash £3-0-0

Clark's Salary (1/4 ending 31.3.55) £10-0-0

Carried.

Year's <sup>a/c</sup> The <sup>a/c</sup> for the year ending March 31st, 1955 were  
1954-55 presented for inspection.

*W. J. Gray*  
2.5.55

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MAY 1955

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery on Mon: May 2nd 1955

Present Mr. Jeary (Chairman), Miss Knight, Messrs. Black & Ridler

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Doherty for absence Mr. Crane & Mr. Hodgson.

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

Allotments The Chairman said that he & Mr. Ridler had measured out the allotments. Owing to adjustments, there were now 30, instead of 31 Allotments. Mr. Buck had taken over the 12 Allotments vacant. The Parish Council agreed to this proceeding, so that the allotments would not be a burden on the rates, and would not cause the Council expense in keeping them free from weeds. Mr. Buck had agreed to give up a plot at any time when one was demanded.

Drain in Old Lane The Clerk said that she had received a letter from the Highways Authority, promising investigation in the matter.

Bushes on The Green The Clerk said that she had been informed that this matter would be brought up at the next Greens Committee. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should enquire whether there would be any objection to the Parish Council making use of local labour, and machinery, to root up the bushes on The Green.

Audit The Clerk notified the Council that the Audit of <sup>a</sup>/<sub>is</sub> would be held at Council Offices, Oxted, on June 6th.

Dra Handbills  
Goal about P.C.  
Meetings

The matter of bringing to the notice of Tatfield residents that the Parish Council met every month, and that the public was admitted to such meetings was discussed. One suggestion made was that a list of the newly-elected Parish Councillors could also be included. Owing to the proximity of the election for Parish Councillors, it was agreed that this matter might be left to the decision of the new Parish Council.

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Tatfield  
Residents Ass

Mr. Ridler said that the policy of the newly-formed T.R.A. was by no means to work against the Parish Council, but in closest co-operation, & it was proposed to keep the Councillors informed of their activities.

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19 Drainage

Mr. Black said that in view of the feeling that the Parish Council had not contributed much towards obtaining Drain Drainage, a summary of their efforts over the past few years should be presented to the new Parish Council, for their consideration, & any necessary action. After discussion, proposed by Mr. Black, see Mrs Knight, that such a summary be drawn up for the next meeting. May 23rd.

Carried.

Grit in front  
of The Bakery

The Clerk was instructed to ask the Highways Authority to remove the dump of grit on the Green in front of The Bakery to a less conspicuous place, as it gave the Green an untidy appearance.

1/6 for payment

Proposed by Mrs Knight see Mr. Ridler that 1/6 be passed for payment:  
Shaw & Sons, Ltd., (Stationery) £1-9-7

Carried

*[Signature]* 23-May 53  
Chairman

MAY 1955

- Minutes of the proceedings of the ANNUAL Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery on Mon: May 23rd, 1955.
- All present signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- Present Mrs. Geary (Chairman), Mrs. Dottie, Miss Knight, Dr. Sturton, Messrs. Betts, Hodgson & Ridler
- Election of Officers:
- Chairman Proposed by Mr. Hodgson, sec. Miss Knight that Mr. Geary be Chairman for ensuing year. Carried
- Vice = Proposed by Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Betts that Mr. Ridler be Vice-Chairman Carried
- Allotments Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Mr. Betts that Dr. Sturton be member of Allotments Comm: Carried
- Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Dr. Sturton that Mrs. Betts be member of Allotments Comm: Carried
- Footpaths Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Dr. Sturton that Mr. Hodgson be member of Footpaths Comm: Carried
- Proposed by Mr. Ridler sec. Dr. Sturton that Miss Knight be member of Footpaths Comm: Carried
- Schools Proposed by Mr. Hodgson, sec. Mr. Ridler that Mr. Brazier be representative of Parish Council on Tatfield Primary School Board of Managers Carried
- Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Miss Knight that Dr. Sturton be second representative. Carried These appointments to begin on 1st August 1955, & for three years.
- The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.
- Bushes on The Clerk said that there was no reply as yet to the Green last P.C. letter.
- Drain in Mr. Hodgson said that the matter was coming before Old Lane the R.D.C. the following Friday
- Handbills It was agreed that the Clerk should put up a list

of the newly-elected Parish Councillors, & their addresses, on the P.C. Notice Boards, & that the question of hand bills to advertise meetings should be left until nearer the time for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Tatfield Residents Ass. A copy of a letter from Tatfield Residents Ass. to Godstone R.D.C. was read. It complained of condition of cesspools at No 3, 7, 8 & 9 Swedish Houses. Mr. Hodgson said that it was acknowledged that situation was unsatisfactory. The Medical Officer of Health had said that a recent outbreak of dysentery had nothing to do with the problem. One, if not two additional cleansing vehicles would be bought soon. A small sub-committee <sup>of R.D.C.</sup> was coming up to inspect the cesspools complained of by Tatfield Residents Ass. & he promised to find out whether Parish Councillors could be present.

Main Drainage As requested at the last Parish Council Meeting, the Clerk presented a report of the efforts of the Parish Council to obtain Main Drainage over a period of 25 years. It was agreed that the Council should await the result of the sub-committee's investigations.

Presentation of Parish Records Mr. Hodgson brought up the matter of the presentation of Parish records. After discussion p. Dr. Skurion see Miss Knight that Mr. Hodgson find out what records were in the hands of the Rev. W. Bywater.

Playing Field Miss Knight said that some members of the Tennis Club had approached her about the

provision of Playing Fields in the village. At the moment, through the kindness of the owners of the Manor House, a Tennis Court was available, & the Football Club had, temporarily, the use of the field at the side of the Ship Hotel, but these conditions might not always prevail. There followed some discussion, but as no suitably flat piece of ground could be brought forward for consideration, it was agreed, on the proposal of Mr. Ridley, to leave the question on the Table for the time being.

a/c. Proposed by Mr. Ridley, sec. Dr. Sturton,  
that following a/c. be passed for payment:

Commons Preserv. Soc. annual subs.	10 = 5
Shaw & Sons, stationery	£ 3 - 1 - 5
	<u>Carried</u>

*Alfred Ridley*  
4.7.55

JUNE 22nd

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at The Bakery  
to formulate a resolution regarding change  
in Parish Boundaries, to be sent to Surrey  
County Council.

Meeting held at The Bakery, June 22nd, 1955  
8 p.m.

Present: Mr. Geary (Chairman) Mrs. Dothie, Dr. Sturton &  
Messrs. Betts & Hodgson, with the Clerk.

Apology for absence was received from  
Mr. Knight.

After discussion, proposed by Dr. Sturton, sec. by  
Mrs. Dothie, that the Parish Council should  
object to the transfer of part of Tatsfield to  
Limpsfield on traditional grounds; the consequent  
loss of revenue; & because of the fact that  
those living in the area it is proposed to  
transfer have expressed no strong views for  
such a change.

Carried, Mr. Hodgson voting against  
the resolution.

Alfreda Smith  
2/7/55

JULY 1955

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting  
held at the Bakery on Mon: July 4th, 1955

Present Mrs. Ridler (Chairman) Mrs. Dothie, Miss Knight, Dr. Sturton,  
Messrs. Betts & Hodgson, with the Clerk.

Apology

for Absence An apology for absence was received from Mrs. Geary.

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

Bushes on The Clerk read a letter from the Engineer &  
the Green Surveyor saying that the Council did not agree  
that the bushes on The Green should be removed.

Westmore Mrs. Dothie asked that the attention of the Greens  
Green Committee should be drawn to the rough condition of  
Westmore Green, just beyond Redhouse Rd. & opposite  
the Swedish Houses.

Drain in Mrs. Hodgson said that he had not yet received  
Old Lane any information regarding the making of a ridge  
at the top of Old Lane, but the matter was under  
consideration.

Drain Drainage A letter from Jatefield W.I. was read, enclosing a  
copy of a letter they had sent to Godstone R.D.C.  
about cesspool nuisance in the village.  
Proposed by Dr. Sturton, Sec. Miss Knight  
that the clerk write to Godstone R.D.C. asking to  
be informed of any action to be taken in the  
matter, and what decision had been made  
when the sub-committee investigated conditions at  
the Swedish houses.

Carried



Parish Records Mr. Hodgson said that he had not yet had access to any parish records kept by the Rector, but he understood that these were not very old.

Playing Field Miss Knight said that the Sec. of the Tennis Club had told her that they were co-operating with the Football Club to find a suitable place for a Playing Field.

Pond A letter from the Res. Ass. enclosing a copy of a letter they had sent to Godstone R.D.C. about the condition, & danger to children, of the pond was read. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed later.

Coronation Committee A letter from the Tatsfield Coronation Memorial Sign Com. was read, saying that it had been decided to pass the balance of £4-14-3 remaining from the collection for the sign to the Council, with the request that the Council explore the possibility of erecting a seat in the vicinity of Chip Hill. It was brought to the notice of the P.C. that two lime trees had now been planted on Westmore Green to replace the tree removed in order to erect the sign. The Horticultural Soc. had borne this expense.

The Clerk was asked to find out who owned the land between Nurse's house & Traismaw Rd.

Mr. Hodgson said that he would obtain all particulars about seats made by a craftsman in Oxford.

Circular Survey

Ass. of P.Cs The Clerk read a circular from Surrey Ass. of P.Cs giving notice of a proposed increase in subscription.

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ny old.
- The proposal, if accepted at the General meeting in Sept., would mean that Tatfield's contribution, on the basis of a 1<sup>st</sup> rate, would be £5.
- Miss Knight  
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- Road from Westmore Green to Greenways  
The question of the road leading from Westmore Green to Greenways was raised. A notice had been erected forbidding access. After discussion, proposed by Miss Knight, see. Mr. Hodgson that R.D.C. be asked the exact status of the road, and whether the owners of the 2 houses situated there had any right to withhold access, Carried
- Path Furze Corner  
Miss Knight said that she had received a complaint about the overgrown condition of the footpath at Furze Corner. The Tatfield end had been cleared. The Clerk was asked to draw the attention of Orpington U.D.C. to the matter.
- Sign post  
Lusted Hall Lane  
Miss Knight said that it had been suggested to her that the addition of RICKETS HILL to the arm marked LIMPSFIELD on the sign post at the foot of Tolstuple Hill, would prevent people from going up to the village via Lusted Hall Lane, when their destination was in the Ricketts Hill area. Proposed by Miss Knight, see. Mr. Betts that the Highways Authority be asked if this addition could be made. Carried
- Air-raid Shelter  
Proposed by Dr. Sturton, see. Mr. Betts, that Godstone R.D.C. be asked whether the unsightly bump caused by the Air-Raid Shelter on Westmore Green could be levelled. Carried
- P.C.s  
Litter  
Baskets  
Proposed by Dr. Sturton, see. Mrs. Dohie that Godstone R.D.C. be asked whether two more litter

baskets could be provided, one at the 'bus shelter  
& the other near the Allotments. Carried.

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Path to Mrs. Betts said he had been approached  
School about the possibility of having a continuous  
path to the School from the village.

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One existed as far as Lugton's Stores, but  
the two hills offered little protection.

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Proposed by Mrs. Betts, see. Dr. Sturton that the  
Highways Authority be approached in the matter.

Carried.

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Precept Proposed by Mrs. Dottie see. Mrs Knight that  
a precept for £50 be issued on local Rating  
Authority. Carried.

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a/c Proposed by Dr. Sturton see. Mrs. Dottie  
that foll:  $\frac{9}{10}$  be passed for payment.

Survey Ass: of Parish Council. Subs. 1955-56	£2-10-0
Clark's Salary for $\frac{1}{4}$ ending June 30th	£10-0-0
Hooker Bros. Westerham. Agendas	£2-1-3
F.W. Walpole. Ret. Off. P.C. election expenses	£-28-4-11

Carried

*Ed Peavy* 5.9.55  
Chairman

SEPTEMBER 1955.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery on Mon: Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1955.

Present Mr. Geary (Chairman), Mrs. Dottie, Miss Knight, Messrs. Hodgson & Ridler, with the Clerk.

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Sturton & Mr. Betts.

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

Bushes on The Clerk read a letter from the Godstone R.D.C. the Green. Surveyors stating that the Greens Com. had re-considered the whole question, & confirmed their decision that no action should be taken, as in their opinion the amenities of the Green would be prejudiced; further, that even if these bushes were removed, the configuration of the ground was such that cutting of the grass thereon would not be facilitated.

A letter from Mrs. Kerrison deploring the scorching of trees during the recent burning of the mown hay was also read.

Proposed by Mr. Ridler, Sec. Miss Knight that the Clerk write Godstone R.D.C. dissociating the Parish Council from the views expressed by the Greens Com., & pointing out that before the war there were no bushes, & at the present rate of growth the Green would soon become a wood. A copy of Mrs. Kerrison's letter was also to be forwarded, as representing the views of the whole village, & guidance from Carried. The Commons Preservation Soc<sup>y</sup> sought in the matter Carried.

Drain in Old Lane

Mr. Hodgson gave the Parish Council a letter from the County Divisional Surveyor disclaiming any liability for the repairs of Old Lane, & saying that the local inhabitants could make the ridge to direct water into the ditch provided such ridge were not constructed upon land forming part of a repairable highway, & that it were constructed in such a manner that no danger was likely to be caused.

on the road-side Rd.

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Litter Baskets

The matter of additional litter baskets has been referred to Surveyors

Drain Drainage

A letter from Godstone R.D.C. was read, enclosing a copy of one sent to the Hon. Sec. Tatsfield Residents' Association. The Council had given instructions that the ditch which had been dug to take the soakage from the cesspools in question, should be piped in in clinker & covered in. The discharge would be on land owned by the Council on N. side of the estate. The Sanitary Inspector had assured the Council that a regular cleansing of cesspools accepted for cleansing, was maintained.

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Parish Records

Mr. Hodgson said there were no Parish records in the hands of the Rector.

Pond

A petition for a Parish meeting to discuss the question of the Pond was presented to the Chairman by 13 Local Govt. Electors. The Chairman appointed Sept. 21st. for such meeting.

Footpath The Direction High Signs for

Seat at on Ship Hill (Coronation)

The Clerk said she had been unable to find out who owned the piece of ground between Braugore & Maesnawr Rd. After discussion p. Mr. Ridler see Miss Knight that Godstone R.D.C. be asked if they would accept liability & maintenance of a seat

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on the road-side waste opposite Stores on Innesmawr Rd. & that Survey C.C. be asked for a licence.

Road from A letter from Jodstone R.D.C. was read, saying W. Grant that the Council made no claim whatever to Greenway any rights of way. So far as was known it was a private road or right of way, and subject to any covenants or restrictions contained in the conveyances of the adjoining owners, who could, apparently, take such action to restrict its use as they deemed requisite.

The matter of the powers of a Trust to dedicate a pathway for public use was discussed.

Proposed Mr. Ridler, see Mrs. Dohie that the matter be referred to the Footpaths Pres. Soc. for their opinion. Carried.

Sign-post Mrs Knight said that this signpost had been changed according to Parish Council wishes.

Air Raid Shelter The Surveyor said that it was hoped to re-grade the area where the air-raid shelter was on Westmore Green, before next Spring.

Footpath Direction Signs The County Div: Surveyor wrote that the Divisional Highways Com: agreed to footpath direction signs for R/W Nos 246A, 108, 113, 134A

Footpath to School The County Div: Surveyor said that the matter of a continuous footpath from the village to the School would be placed before the Committee.

Proposed Boundaries Changes Mr. Ridler said that he and the Clerk had visited most of the residents concerned in the proposed Boundary changes, & with one or two

exceptions these had all declared their  
community of interest to be in Westerham.  
The Public Enquiry at Council Offices, Oxted,  
on August 25th had been very fair, with  
ample opportunity for stating Tapfield's case  
against such boundary changes.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Ridler for the  
trouble he had taken in the matter.

a/c for  
payment

Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Mr. Hodgson  
that following a/c be passed for payment:-  
R. Watson, Hire Bakery, 4 occasions £1-10-0

Carried  
A. J. [Signature] 3/10/55

Attendance

Pond.

PARISH MEETING SEPTEMBER 1955

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Meeting, held at the Church Hall, at 8 PM, on Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> September 1955, to discuss the Village Pond.

Attendance About 80 Parishioners, including all Parish Councillors, and Mr Castle, an Officer from the Godstone R.D.C. Chairman Mr C.J. Geary.

Pond. Explaining that the meeting had been called in response to a petition organised by the Tatsfield Residents Association, signed by 13 Local Government Electors, the Chairman invited the Residents Association to open the discussion.

Mr Nichols, Chairman of the Association said the Pond was discussed at a members meeting in June, and a letter of complaint had been sent to the Godstone R.D.C. he asked, Why was the Pond allowed to get into such a condition that it should be necessary to prompt the Council to have it cleaned, in his view, there were two alternatives, it could be improved by an ornamental garden placed around, and suggested the Horticultural Society might take an interest, but the Pond was dangerous, as, on the 21<sup>st</sup> June, a child had been pulled out unconscious, with facial injuries, so the other alternative, would be best, that was, to fill in the Pond.

The Rector Mr Bywaters, said he had sympathy with those who lived near the Pond, and he would like to see it made safe, clean, and wholesome.

Mr Lisher, thought if it was the children who made it in this disgusting state,



then it was the parents who were really to blame.

Mr Castle then gave the technical and legal position. The Surrey County Council Highways Dept. had discharging rights into the Pond, while that problem might not be insoluble it would be expensive to divert elsewhere. The Green was managed under a Regulations Scheme, so the Rural District Council had no powers to alter the natural features of the Green.

Mr Hodgson Rural Representative said to clean the Pond several loads of rubbish had been removed, the people ought to show some sense of responsibility, he disagreed the Pond was dangerous.

Mr Ridler said to beautify the Pond would cost money, and there would be upkeep cost, but, if it was filled in, it would be a heavy expenditure once, and for all which he favoured.

Mr Black thought to fill the Pond in was a negative attitude, and might not be liked afterwards.

There was some discussion whether the oil and tar content of road surface water was sufficient to affect Water-lilies, and other plant life.

Resolutions and alternative Resolutions were being formulated when

Mr Wedgewood proposed, seconded Mr Ridler "that the Pond be filled in." This Resolution was lost with 21 votes in favour to 40 votes against.

The next Resolution was proposed by Mr Cox seconded Mr Black "This Parish Meeting

requests the Godstone R.D.C. to beautify and improve the Tatsfield Village Pond, and the Residents be asked to co-operate in its maintenance." This was carried with 43 votes in favour, to 4 votes against.

The Rev. Bywaters, and Mr Castle assisted as Tellers.

Mr Black congratulated the Residents Association in arousing interest, for an excellent Parish Meeting.

Mr Ridler proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Castle, for so kindly attending the Meeting.

Mr Nichols moved a vote of thanks and appreciation to the Chairman.

The Meeting closed at 9-40 P.M.

*A. J. Perry* 14. 7. 56

OCTOBER 1955

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the Bakery, Mon: Oct. 3rd. 1955

Coronat  
Seat  
Ship H

Present Mr. Geary (Chairman) Mrs. Doherty, Miss Knight, Dr. Sturton, Messrs. Betts, Hodgson & Ridler.

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

Bushes on

The Green

Mr. Hodgson said that the matter had come up in Committee, & the Parish Council should soon receive a reply to their letter regarding their protest about the scorching of the trees and bushes.

Litter Baskets

Mr. Hodgson said the whole matter of Litter was coming up for discussion shortly; the matter had been referred to the Health Committee. It was decided to await the outcome of this Meeting.

Path  
H  
Sturton  
to go

Letter from

Commons

Pres. Soc.

regarding

The Green

The Clerk read a letter from the Commons Preservation Society, the Secretary of which had inspected the Green. He agreed that it was inefficiently maintained, but was not sure that he would agree that there were too many bushes at the moment, but he thought that these should not be allowed to spread more, & that there appeared to be some parts of the Green which were so overgrown as to be unusable.

Proposed Mr. Ridler, sec. Dr. Sturton that the Commons Pres. Soc. be asked to make representation to Godstone R.D.C., particularly regarding the advisability of checking the growth of further bushes

Carried.

dedication, which  
by an owner in

Coronation  
Seal on  
Ship Hill

The Clerk read a letter from County Div: Surveyor requesting the submission of a plan, & formal application for permission to erect a seat on Ship Hill.

The Chairman agreed to meet Dr. Sturton & fix the proposed site of the seat, for submission to Surrey County Council.

Proposed by Dr. Sturton, see. Mr. Betts that the money left over Jatfield Greens Fund in the Chairman's name, at Westminster Bank, be added to that left from the Coronation Memorial Fund, and that seat be purchased, & dedicated to Godstone R.D.C. for their future care & maintenance.

Carried

Path leading  
off from  
Westmore Gr.  
to Greenways.

The Clerk gave details of her enquiries among the older residents in the village, including those who had once lived in the houses fronting on this path. A letter from the Commons & Footpaths Pres: Soc: agreed that the inadvertent omission of a path in the 1953, 1957 Surveys did not alter its true status, and it could still be claimed.

A letter from Titsey Estate Co. gave the information that a search of plans & records of the Titsey Estate had given no definite information regarding the ownership of the strip of land in question. The Clerk said that she had asked Godstone R.D.C. whether they had any record rebutting the presumption of dedication. In his reply the Clerk said that he had no information regarding ownership of the land. In the absence of an express dedication by deed or statute, it was necessary to rely on implied dedication, which may be inferred from acquiescence by an owner in the continual & open passage

of the public over his land. Under the Rights of Way Act, 1932 a way is deemed to have been dedicated on proof of twenty years users, unless there is sufficient evidence that there was no intention during that period, to dedicate the way. The <sup>R.D.C.</sup> Clerk thought that some good and sufficient explanation should be given as to why the path was not previously claimed. The P.C. Clerk, Miss Kelly, said that it had been suggested to her that it was presumed part of the Common. Proposed Dr. Sturton sec. Mr. Hodgson that the Clerk write to Godstone R.D.C. asking that the claims be investigated, with a view to this path being put on the definitive map, at the next revision.

P.C. Meeting  
to be  
adjourned  
for 10 mins

Road  
Path to  
Swedish  
Horns

Allotments An application was received from Mr. Buck, The Parade, to erect a glasshouse on his allotments. It was agreed that Mr. Buck should state, in writing, the exact size, site & foundations of the proposed glass-house, and whether he would be prepared to restore the allotment to its proper condition, if at any time he wished to take down the glass-house

Lusted Hall  
Lane

Road Sump  
grass  
cuttings

The Pond,  
Resolution  
of Parish  
Meeting.  
Sept: 21st.

It was proposed by Miss Knight, sec. Mrs. Dottie that the Resolution passed at the Parish meeting be forwarded to Godstone R.D.C.

Carried

a  
/s

Water from  
Highway on  
Inasmanor Rd.

A complaint was received that water from the Highway ran into Inasmanor Rd. After discussion, it was agreed on proposal of Dr. Sturton, sec. by Mr. Piddler that the matter be brought to the attention of the Highways Authority.

Carried

P.C. Meeting Proposed by Dr. Sturton, sec. by Mr. Ridler that, for the next three meetings, the Parish Council Meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes after "Business Arising from the Minutes" to enable parishioners present to discuss matters with their Parish Councillors.

Carried by 4 votes to 3.

Road Path to

Swedish Houses

Mrs. Dothie said that she had received a complaint about the Approach Road to the Swedish Houses. The bushes had not been cut back, & there were holes that needed filling in.

Proposed by Mrs. Dothie, sec. Dr. Sturton, that the complaint be forwarded to Godstone P.D.C.

Lusted Hall Lane

Miss Knight said that she had received a complaint about the overgrown condition of Lusted Hall Lane. It was agreed that the matter be investigated at the November meeting, after Miss Knight had seen the condition of the road for herself.

Road Sweepings

grass cuttings

Mr. Ridler mentioned the untidy condition of some roads, caused by piles of road sweepings & grass cuttings. It was agreed that this matter should be brought up again at the next meeting.

a/c

Proposed by Mr. Hodgson, sec. Dr. Sturton that for: Yes be passed for payment.

Chell's Salary ending Sept. 30th	£10 - 0 - 0
Shaw & Sons (Stationery, P.M. forms)	9 - 4
Mutual Home Co. (P.C. 3rd Party Insur.)	14 - 10

Chairman

7-11-55

Rabbit Post  
Act.

The Chairman read a letter from The Ministry of Agriculture stating that the County of Surrey had been designated as a Rabbit Clearance Area.

It was decided to ask for 3 copies of the order to be posted on the P.C.'s notice-boards.

Playing  
Fields

A letter from the Hon. Sec. Tapfield's Resident Ass. was read asking the Parish Council to press forward the question of a playing field or sports ground for the village, & giving as a likely site, Ship Hill.

After discussion, prop. Dr. Sturton, sec. Miss Knight that the matter be referred back to the Residents' Ass., informing them that as far as Ship Hill was concerned, this field had been scheduled for building purposes. If the Residents' Ass. would suggest other suitable sites, and give the precise nature of their requirements, the Parish Council would do all they could to satisfy their wishes in the matter.

Road leading  
to access Rd  
Swedish  
Houses.

Proposed by Mr. Hodson, sec. Mr. Betts that Godstone R.D.C. be asked whether something could be done to the road leading from Westmore Rd to the access to the Swedish Houses, short of making it up under the Private Streets Act.

The condition of this road had considerably worsened since the building of the Swedish Houses, owing to the increased traffic.

Carried.

Path to  
School

The Clerk reported that the County Div. Surveyor had written that having regard to the limitation of funds available for highway works at the moment, the matter would be borne in mind, but that there was no immediate possibility of such works being undertaken.

Road Mr. Piddler drew at  
outside of the road on

No 38  
Westmore Rd

Trees at  
The Ship

Horses on  
The Green

a/c.

Road outside No 38 Westmore Green Road, No 38 Westmore Rd  
Mr. Piddler drew attention to the dangerous condition of the road outside No 38 Westmore Green Road, caused by vehicles coming in too far towards the path. It was agreed that the attention of the Highways Authorities be drawn to the matter.

Trees at The Ship  
It was agreed that the Parish Councillors should look at the trees opposite The Ship, before the next meeting, with a view to making any suggestions as to their pruning etc.

Horses on The Green  
The Chairman said he had received a complaint about horses riding across the Green. It was agreed that the attention of the policeman be brought to the matter.

a/cs. Proposed by Mr. Piddler see Mr. Betts that foll. Yes be passed for payment.  
Tiber Estate (Attainment Rent to Sept 29th) £2-0-0  
Church Hall (hire of, Aug. 25th) 12-6  
R. Watson (hire Bakery, 2 occasions) 15-0

Carried.  
5-12-55  
*[Signature]*