

## JANUARY 1957

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting,  
held at The Bakery, Mon: Jan: 7th, 1956

Present Mr. Ridler (Chairman), Mrs. Dohie, Miss Knight,  
Mr. Black, Mr. Hodgson, & the Clerk

Apology for absence  
An apology for absence was received from  
Dr. Shurton.

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

403 &  
453 The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. Doran, Divisional  
Education Officer saying that the Headmistress of  
Whyteleafe County School for girls had made  
arrangements for the Tatsfield girls to leave school  
in order to catch the 4.9 p.m. bus from Whyteleafe.  
The matter was again discussed by the Parish Council,  
and it was decided to write again to London Transport  
Executive, pointing out that the School bus bringing  
children from Warlingham was primarily a bus  
that had been put on specially for Tatsfield children  
attending schools in Warlingham, and <sup>was</sup> ~~then~~ <sup>afterwards</sup> extended  
to Wallington. It did not run during school holidays.  
After leaving Warlingham Green it often waited at  
the Garage for 3-4 minutes, & again on arrival  
at Tatsfield, before returning to Chelsham. The Transport  
Executive was to be asked whether these waits could  
be curtailed, and the time thus saved transferred  
to a 5 minute wait at Warlingham Green, for the  
453 from Whyteleafe.

And Mr. Hodgson said that the costings had not yet

been made up. He understood from R.D.C. that surplus from main Drainage works might be used for in-filling, in which case, this part of the scheme would cost the village nothing.

Guttering at  
P.O.

The Clerk said she had no further information on matter

Playing  
Fields

Mr. Hodgson said that the matter was still under discussion

Polstead  
Hill

The Clerk said that the Orpington Urban District Council's Highways Committee recommended that, in view of the extremely high cost of the works required, no action be taken on Parish Council's request. It was agreed to send a copy of this letter to the County Divisional Surveyor, Orsted, to be put before his Highways Committee, asking their assistance in getting Orpington U.D.C. to re-consider this decision

Carried.

Transport  
during Petrol  
Rationing

A letter from the Public Relations Officer, London Transport Executive, was read, regretting their inability to meet the Parish Council's wishes, owing to their having to reduce their fuel consumption.

It was agreed that the Executive be asked to put on a double-decker bus instead of the usual coach at 5.22 from Victoria, and/or give priority to season ticket-holders.

Church Hill

The Clerk read a letter from County Div: Surveyor saying that the Highways Sub-Committee would consider the future development of Church Hill as soon as funds became available. As the layout existed at present, there would be some danger

were public service vehicles to turn from the Westerham direction up Church Hill, across the traffic stream at an obscure bend.

Provisional

Precept

Prop. Mr. Black see. Miss Knight that a Provisional Precept for £75 be made.

Carried

across  
to  
School

A letter from Tatsfield Residents' Association was read, expressing the view that there was considerable danger to children walking to school from the village via Ship Hill, and asking the Parish Council to consider the possibility of obtaining a footpath right of way from the School, across the fields, to the village end of Ship Hill. It was agreed to forward a copy of this letter to R.D.C. asking that it should be placed before their Safety First Committee, for their consideration, and suggesting that signs at both ends of this stretch of Highway be put up, and the path that already existed from the School to Haslemare Rd. be extended to the village.

S.C. Revision

F/P Map

The Clerk was asked to write to S.C.C. for information regarding the Revision of F/P map.

map in  
Bus Shelter

The Clerk said that she had received no communication on the subject.

option new  
members

Proposed from the Chair that Mr. T. Butcher be co-opted to fill vacancy caused by retirement of Mr. Betts.

Carried.

large at 'Bus  
Shelter

The Clerk was requested to ask the policeman

to move cars away from the front of the ship,  
as coaches were having to go over the verge  
when turning to go out of the village.

Yes for  
payment

Prop. Mr. Black, Sec. Mrs. Doherty,  
that foll: Yes be passed for payment.

Rly. Pass: Insure:	5-0
Women's Inst. (hire of W.I. Hall)	7-6
Clerk's salary to 1/4 ending 31.12.56	10-0-0
R. Watson (hire of room 6 occasions)	2-5-0

Carried.

Chairman  
4/2/57

FEBRUARY 1957.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting, held at  
The Bakery, Mon. Feb. 4th, 1957

Ap. of Office Mr. Butcher signed his form of Acceptance of Office.

Present Mr. Pidler (Chairman) Mrs. Dottie, Miss Kuznet.  
Mrs. Sturton, Mr. Butcher

Apology for  
Absence An apology for absence was received from Mr. Black  
and Mr. Hodgson.

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

no 453 Mr. Butcher said that a little 'bus now waited to pick  
up children from Whytcliffe, & the service was  
working satisfactorily.

and The Clerk read a letter from the R.D.C. Surveyor  
confirming what Mr. Hodgson had said at the January  
Meeting, & adding that work on the footway, seats  
& their paving, rockery work, tree planting etc. could  
proceed in stages, although it would be economical  
to do more than one job of like nature at one time.  
Payment of the village contribution could be made  
in two or three instalments based on the development  
of the scheme. The Clerk said she had  
written to the Surveyor giving him the result of the Parish  
Meeting held on Nov. 29th, 1956, & the proposition then made

Meeting at  
P.O. The Clerk was instructed to write again on this matter

aying  
Fields A copy of a letter sent by Tabfield Residents' Ass.  
to Godstone R.D.C. was read, & one from R.D.C.  
saying that no action was being taken thereon.

after discussion prop. Dr. Stanton, see. Miss Knight that R.D.C. be asked why the purchase of the field at the back of the Church Hill was not carried through.

Carried.

Polesteple  
Hill

Confirmation was received of the Orpington R.D.C.'s intention to do nothing in the matter of Polesteple Hill. The Clerk said that she understood from Mrs. Hodgson that the matter had come before the Godstone R.D.C.'s Highways Committee.

Petrol Rationing  
& Coach Services

The Clerk said an acknowledgment of her letter had been received. It was agreed to write again to L.P.T.B. asking what steps were being taken in the matter, & pointing out that reports of passengers being left behind by the 5.22 at Victoria & the 6 p.m. & 7 p.m. at Croydon, were still being received.

Road Safety  
Com: & Ship  
Hill

The Clerk said she had received an acknowledgment of her letter. It was agreed that R.D.C. be asked whether the existing footpath from the School to Maesmanor Rd could be asphalted.

F/P Map.

Surrey County  
The Clerk of the Council wrote to say that owing to the large number of objections & counter objections received on the publication of the Draft Rights of Way & Statement, the Council had not been able to place their Provisional map & Statement on deposit. The Definitive map & Statement would be prepared as soon as Quarter Sessions had dealt with applications arising from the Provisional map, & the first Review would take place soon after the publication of the Definitive map. The P.C. would be kept informed on all stages.

As vehicles were still mounting the kerb when turning right at The Ship, the Clerk, on a proposal from the Chair, was directed to ask R.D.C. to place some obstacle to prevent further encroachment on the grass at the 'bus shelter.

The Clerk was asked to request the re-instatement of the white lines on the bends at Furry Corner, Beacon Shaw, & the T-junction at the Croxdon Road.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write R.D.C. to find out whether a hard path could be made at right angles to the cinder path, direct on to Redhouse Lane, & so prevent the present muddy condition of The Green from being continued.

Prop. Dr. Sturton, see Mrs Knight that Annual Parish Meeting be held Wed. March 20th, at 8.30 p.m. in The Bakery.

Carried

Prop. Mrs. Douthie, - see Dr. Sturton that following  $\frac{1}{2}$  be passed for payment  
D.H. Reeves, Repair allotment gate £4.15.0

Carried

Marjorie Miller  
4/3/57

MARCH 1957

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting, held at The Bakery, Mon: March 4th, 1957

Present Mr. Ridler (Chairman), Miss Knight, Dr. Sturton, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Hodgson & the Clerk.

Apology for absence An apology for absence was received from Mrs. Dottie

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

The Pond The Clerk read a letter from R.D.C. giving the estimated costs of beautifying the Pond as follows:-

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|--|-------|
| 1) Provision of filling of the area to be filled | Nil   |
| 2) Construction of footway                       | £ 110 |
| 3) Rockery work                                  | £ 60  |
| 4) Provision of seats & paving surrounds thereto | £ 40  |
| 5) Tree & shrub planting                         | £ 10  |
|  | £ 220 |

The Engineer & Surveyor said that the whole scheme would depend on the availability of material for the necessary filling; it was essential that all this material be provided at one time to avoid the pond being treated as a tip. As there would be a surplus from the sewerage scheme, it was an excellent opportunity for the filling to be provided.

The construction of the footway, walling & rockery could go ahead relatively soon, the provision of seats & shrubs could be left to a later date.

After discussion proposed Miss Knight, sec. Dr. Sturton



that the Clerk ask R.D.C. whether one of their officers  
could attend the A.P. Meeting on March 20th.  
Carried.

Meeting at  
Post Office

a letter from the County Divisional Surveyor was  
read saying that he had been in touch with the  
owner of the property, & was awaiting the  
results of his consideration.

It was agreed that the Clerk should enquire  
whether any reply had been received from the  
owner.

steep  
Hill

Mr. Hodgson said that some hedge-cutting had been  
done at the Stock Hill end.

Rationing  
Coach &  
Services

The Clerk was instructed to thank L.P.T.B. for  
meeting the Parish Council's wishes for facilities for  
Whitby schoolchildren.

Proposed Dr. Stanton sec. Miss Knight that  
the Clerk ask L.P.T.B. whether some information  
about coach services could be given in time for the  
A.P. Meeting, and inform the Board that a  
petition was being organised in the village, & was  
being sent to the Minister, asking for better transport.

Safety  
& Ship  
Hill

Mr. Hodgson said that the matter had been brought  
before the Committee, & the Surveyor had looked into  
the matter. It would be costly to have a path  
all the way, but it was hoped to lay chukka  
on the existing part after April.

cat's eyes

The Clerk was asked to thank the County  
Divisional Surveyor for providing cat's eyes on  
Tatfield Road.

F/P over Westmore Green to Redhouse Rd. The Clerk read a letter from the Surveyor saying that the matter would be placed before the Committee. But he pointed out that the cinder track was constructed as a Temporary measure to facilitate access to houses for cesspool emptying vehicles. Now that main Drainage was on the way, it would not be long before the purpose for which this track was constructed would be superseded.

Mr. Hodson added that he hoped a hard path would eventually be made along by the hedge

White Lines on Road

The County Div. Surveyor said in a letter that this matter would be dealt with when the contractors were next in the district.

Vacancy on P.C.

Mr. Hodson said he had reason to suppose that Mr. Jeary would be willing to be co-opted in place of Mr. Black, resigned, & he therefore proposed, see. Dr. Sturton, that he be asked to fill the vacancy, if still willing.

Carried.

Smell from Silage dump in village

As various complaints had been received about the smell from this dump, proposed Mr. Hodson see. Miss Knight, that Mr. Robinson be asked if he would choose a site some distance away from the centre of the village, another year.

Carried

Tabfield Lane

Proposed Mr. Butcher see. Miss Knight that the attention of Orpington V.D.C. be drawn to one or two holes in the roadway, near Sheepshed Cottage

Carried.

M. Empson A.S. 1/4/57

## Annual Parish Meeting.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Bakery, Wed. March 20th, 1957 at 8.30 p.m.

About 25 people were present, including 5 Parish Councillors, & Mr. Swaine, deputy Surveyor R.D.C., who had been invited by the Parish Council to attend the meeting.

Mr. Ridler, Chairman of Parish Council presided

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

The Chairman first dealt with matters arising from the last Annual Parish Meeting, and then gave a Summary of the year's work.

Mr. Swaine gave an outline of the procedure to be adopted by R.D.C. in respect of individual connections to main sewers.

He then went on to give information regarding the customary practice of R.D.C. in matters relating to the Playing Fields under their jurisdiction, such as rents, grass-cutting, the provision of pavilions, marking, etc.

Minutes of the special Parish Meeting held on Nov. 29th, were read & confirmed.

Further details of costings were given by the Chairman. (see P.53) After discussion:-

Proposed by Dr. Sturton, sec. Mr. Abrahams "that the village go ahead with the plan in stages,"

{17 for, none against} Carried

Proposed by Mr. Butcher, sec. Mr. Hayman

"That Godstone R.D.C. be asked if it would be

possible for them to levy a special rate on the parish to secure the village's share in the cost of Beautifying the Pond."

(1 against) Carried

In the event of this proving impossible, it was agreed that the Parish Council form a Committee, to consider ways of raising the necessary funds.

Vote of  
Thanks to  
Mr. Swaine

Proposed Miss Kelly, sec. Dr. Sturton that a vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Swaine for attending the meeting, & answering questions relating to main Drainage, The Playing Fields & The Pond.

Carried unanimously

The Primary  
School

Mr. Brazier made his report about the School, in his capacity as Parish Council representative on the Board of Managers. He referred to the growing better behaviour of children over the past 25 years, the excellent Christmas play, & well organised Sports Day.

Dr. Sturton said that he thought the Headmaster worked under difficult conditions. Mr. Hayman wanted to know whether a supply had yet been found to replace the Headmaster, absent through illness for the past five weeks. Mr. Hadford said that this was proving very difficult, but that it was hoped the Headmaster would soon be fit enough to return.

Mr. Abraham proposed, sec. Mrs. Doherty that following resolution be sent to Education authorities "that this meeting views with alarm the present situation at Tapfield Primary

School, and calls the attention of Surrey Education Authorities to the serious consequences to older children arising through the prolonged absence of the Head Teacher.

Carried

The Chairman read the latest letter of L.P.T.B. regarding better travel facilities. Criticism was expressed of the way other routes were favoured.

Mr. Hayman asked the feelings of the Meeting regarding the opening of the library on one night a week. Helpers had been promised, and there was a wider choice of books. It was agreed that the evening session be given a trial for a fixed number of weeks.

Mr. Hassall asked whether a barrier could be erected at The School to prevent children from rushing out into the road, and a further complaint about stationary cars outside, which tended to block the view was made. These matters, it was agreed, should be brought up at next Managers' Meeting.

Mr. Abraham said he wished greater publicity to be given to the fact that the next P.C. elections would not be until 1959, & the reasons for this change.

R. J. [Signature] 58  
March 26

April 1957

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting  
held at The Bakery, Mon: April 1st, 1957, 8 p.m.

Present Mr. Ridler (Chairman) Mrs Knight, Dr. Sturton,  
Messrs. Butcher, Hodgson & the Clerk

Apology for

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

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were read &  
confirmed

Co-opting

Mr. Geary Proposed Mrs Knight, sec. Dr. Sturton  
that Mr. Geary be co-opted to fill vacancy caused  
by resignation of Mr. Black

Signing of

Accep. of office Mrs. Geary signed the Acceptance of office form  
form Carried.

Coach Service

Job

The Clerk read a letter from London Transport Board  
saying that the number of people being left behind  
was, in their view, insufficient to warrant augmenting  
the present service by a duplicate vehicle. A  
double decker in place of the single-deck coach  
would deprive passengers of amenities in the  
form of heating & improved riding; & moreover  
it would not be possible to operate double-deck  
vehicles during peak hours between Winstanham &  
London, & retain single deck coaches on the other  
sections. The Board did not think priority  
for season ticket holders practicable.  
The Clerk was instructed to point out that  
a double decker operated at 7.57 a.m. at

Biggin Hill & at 5.36 p.m. at Bromley, down, & that the Parish Council had been told that the same relief was given on the 709 route to E. Grinstead

F/P School  
to Village  
ways to  
children

A letter from R.D.C. informed the Parish Council that this matter had been referred by the Road Safety Committee to the Highways sub. Comm., expressing the hope that something might be done to mitigate the conditions complained of. The matter of hard-surfacing the part from the school to Malomaw Rd. had also been referred to the Highways Sub-Committee.

Tatfield  
Lane

Mr. Butcher said repairs had been carried out.

The Pond

Mr. Hodson said that R.D.C. had no power to levy a special rate for the village's share in beautifying the Pond. In view of this:-  
Proposed Dr. Sturton, sec. Miss Knight that a committee be formed to devise ways of collecting the necessary funds, this committee to include the whole of the Parish Council, & that 2 members of the following be invited to join. Tatfield Horticultural Society, Working Men's Club, Conservative & Labour Parties, Residents' Association, Football Club, Tennis Club, & Church Council. The first committee meeting to be held at The Bakery, May 8th next, 8 p.m.

Carried unani

The Tatfield  
Farm  
School

Mr. Hodson said that Mr. Groves was now back at School, but he thought that some inaccuracies had had been made at the Annual Parish

statement

Donating should be corrected. The Chairman read a statement from the Headmaster in which the staff at the School were praised for the way they had coped with the emergency arising from his illness. At no time had the top class been left alone, the children had worked hard, & the staff had adhered to the time-table. He thought that something should be done to correct the unfortunate feeling created by certain statements made at the Annual Parish Meeting, & quoted in the press.

Allotments The Clerk said that she had collected the Rents due, & these had been paid into the Bank.

Annual Parish Council Meeting Proposed by Dr. Sturton, see Miss Knight that the Annual Parish Council Meeting be held on Nov: 3rd.

Carried

Precept Proposed Miss Knight, see Mr. Jarry that a Precept for £75 be issued on the local Rating Authority.

Carried

Surrey County Ass. of P.Cs. The question of the renewal of the subscription to Surrey County Ass. of Parish Councils was discussed, & the Clerk was asked to enquire whether there had been any reviews of the matter since the P.C. letters of protest of last May & September.

Clerk's salary Proposed by Dr. Sturton see Miss Knight that the Clerk's salary be raised by 25% from £40 to £50 per annum

Carried



The Clerk read a letter from the County Divisional Surveyor saying that the owner of the Post Office property had again been approached. The Clerk said that the whole of the roof of the outbuildings had been removed.

The Clerk read a letter from R.D.C. saying that an approach had been made some time ago to the owner of the land adjacent to the Church Hall with a view to purchase. The owner was, & still is, unwilling to sell, & it is extremely doubtful whether the Minister would confirm a Compulsory Purchase Order, in view of the very strong agricultural objections which obtained.

Mr Knight drew attention to the deep gullies on either side of the pillar box in Old Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Highways Authority about this matter, & another bad patch opposite Fir Tree Cottage. The Chairman asked for the Councillors' opinions about road gullies along Ricketts Hill. The matter to be brought up again at the next meeting.

Proposed Mr Knight, see Dr. Sturton that foll: "to be passed for payment.

R. Watson, hire of room 4 occasions	£1-10-0 ✓
Allotments Rent, $\frac{1}{4}$ ending March 25th	£2-0-0 ✓
Clerk's salary, $\frac{1}{4}$ " " 31st	£10-0-0 ✓
" Petty Cash	£4-0-0 ✓
Review Parish Councils Subs. 1956-57	5-0 ✓ P.C.

Chairman

R. L. Sturton  
6<sup>th</sup> 57  
Chairman