

7th January 1910

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School, Tatsfield on the above date

Councillors Present

Mr J. Joyal Thomas (Chairman)
Councillors G. H. West, J. Nicolson, W. Potts, J. H. Brown, W. Foster, & the Clerk J. Sedgwick.

Minutes of Parish Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed & signed.

Dangerous Roads

The Chairman referring to the correspondence that has passed between the Council of the Grafton Rural District Council as to the making up of the roads, Lewis & Poyntonville Roads said that he had been in communication with Mr S. Howard Wilkins, & Mr S. Astle as to what further steps could be taken in the matter & he felt hopes to have the sanction of the Local Govt Board.

In connection with the above the following resolution was proposed by Mr J. Nicolson & seconded by Mr W. Foster

"That the attention of the Rural District Council of Grafton be again called to the scandalous & dangerous state of the 8 miles, Lewis & Poyntonville Roads, & that the District Council be hereby requested to obtain powers under the Private Street Works Act 1892, or any other enactment applicable in order to compel the making up of the said Roads"

Carried Unanimously

Five
Committee
Report

The chairman mentioned that the Committee report has been published in the "Westerham Herald" verbatim. but up to the present no request had been received to call a Parish Meeting to consider the Scheme. He hoped before the next Council Meeting to have the report printed & a copy sent to every resident.

Account
for Payment

Proposed by Mr J.H. Brown, Seconded by Mr W.P. Potts that a cheque of £3.12.0 be drawn in favour of the Clerk Mr G. Lee for the purpose of paying weekly the Lamplighter wages for the amount of six weeks, also for the following accounts: from 14th July to 17 Feb 1910

By Mr J. Munn
Lut. P. H. D. E
of accounts

- 1879 Mr J. Lee's Income of Clerk etc
- 1876. Subscript Parish & Dist Council seats for 6 months ending Oct. 09 (Final Subscript)
- £2. Monson & Highwell Rent of allotment for 2 years ending Michaelmas 1910

£2 Rent of
allotment

Precept
for
Lighting
£18

Carried over
Proposed by Mr J. Munn & Seconded by Mr W. Potts that a Precept for £18 to be placed to the credit of the Lighting account be signed by the Chairman

Correspondence

A letter from Mr S. Stewart Wickham was read by the Council that their application to the Rural Dist Council to have the road at Furge some widening had been accepted.

The following Resolutions were proposed by the Chairman & Seconded by Mr J. Munn
"That a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Gosstone Rural Dist Council thanking him & the members of the Council for their kind courtesy in dealing with the matter of the widening of the Road"

at Fary Corner where a much
needed public improvement will be effected

Carried unanimously
Proposed by Mr J. Vincent Lorneed
by Mr J. H. Mason - "That a letter be written
to Mr E. Howard Wilkins thanking him
for his kind service in securing the approval
of the Rural Dist Council of the Boarding
of the road at Fary Corner, the said effecting
a much needed public improvement"
Carried unanimously

Letter from
D. B. D. Sherrod

A letter from D. B. D. Sherrod was read
complaining of horses straying on the road &
westmore fence & damaging his fences.
The clerk was directed to forward the
letter to the Rural Dist Council.

Foot path
Ray Hill

Mr E. Geary wrote asking for a
decision of the Council as to the direction of
a certain Footpath at Ray Hill.
After discussion it was decided to
leave the matter in abeyance until such
time as the Footpaths Committee had
put into the question.

Man of
Councilmen

The Chairman said he had been in
consultation with the Surrey County Council as to an
increase of the number of Parish Councilors & had been informed
that no alterations could take place until after
the census of 1911 when if the increase of population
warranted it an additional 2 or 4 might be sanctioned

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Mr A. W. Smith of Westwood Farm
blackthorn waste Company of the danger
slab of the road.

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the matter.

Sam Joyce Thomas.
Chairman.
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17 February 1910
Minutes of a Parish Council
Meeting held at the School at Salford
on the above date

Councillors
Present

Mr J. J. Thomas in the chair.
Councillors: J. H. West, J. Vincent, J. H.
Parker & J. G. Clark & Clerk J. Cook

Minutes of the previous meeting
were read & confirmed & signed

Dangerous
Roads

Much reference to the resolution sent
to the R.D. Council ~~asking~~ asking them
to obtain powers from the Making up of
the Lewis, Pynesfield & S. miley Road to
the Clerk wrote stating that application
had been made to the Local Govt Board
for the necessary powers under the Public
Street Works Act 1892.

The Chairman understood that ^{a difficulty} ~~that~~
was ^{being} ~~a~~ ^{to be raised} ~~law~~ ^{in the way of} ~~in the way of~~ ^{payment} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~act~~
~~this~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~place~~ ~~being~~ ~~enforced~~

Resolution
to
L. Local
Govt Board
Re Roads

Proposed by C. Vincent, Seconded
by J. Parker -
"That the President of the
Local Government Board be asked to receive
a Deputation consisting of the Parish
Council, Mr C. G. Lewis, Gomer, Mr E.
Howard, Messrs. & any other gentlemen it
may be thought advisable to include in order
to represent the dangerous condition of the
Pynesfield, Lewis, & S. miley Roads." - Chairman
The Clerk was directed to take the necessary
steps to carry it through & to ask Mr R. H. Dawson
to introduce the Deputation should the request be acceded to

A letter from the Postmaster at Limerick was read. Complaining of the approaches to the Post Office & the Clerk was directed to reply that the Council was doing all that was possible in the matter & to request the Postmaster to forward his complaint to the R.D. Council & also ask the higher Postal authorities to give it their attention & support.

Mr. Innes reported that the improvement at Ferry Corner has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner & that he hoped to bring forward later other dangerous corners which require improvement.

The Chairman said the desirable improvement had been initiated by Mr. Innes & it showed the keenness & enthusiasm of the members of the Council for the public service.

Mr. Brown referred to another corner viz. Fis Corner & stated that Dr. B. D. Sherrin was agreeable to give the necessary land for widening, which would not cost more than £20.

The following resolution in Council -
 With the above was proposed by Mr. Innes
 seconded by Mr. Brown that the attention of
 the Limerick Rural Dist. Council be called
 to the dangerous roadway at ^{Ferry} Fis Corner
 & request that it should be widened;
 (Dr. B. D. Sherrin being willing to give the
 necessary land. therefore)

Carr. Innes

Fis
Corner

Footpaths

allotments
 Prizes to
 be awarded

Mr Brown reported that he & Mr
 Seney had inspected the allotments
 in their opinion the best kept allotments
 were in Nos 1 & 2 of Mr J Stone, John
 & of Crane Mrs F Foster & of Mullin
 were deserving of high praise.

Mr Brown gave the task of selecting
 the best had been a very difficult
 one. All of them being well kept.

The Chairman said that this had arisen
 out of an offer he made to present prizes
 for the 3 best kept allotments. This
 was done much a way to encourage the
 people of Salisbury to take up allotments
 the prizes would be awarded as
 follows.

To J Stone 7/6
 Mrs J Smith 5/-
 " Crane 2/6

Inasmuch as Mrs Mullin &
 Foster were so highly commended he
 thought fit to give them consolation prizes
 of 1/6 each.

Lighting
 Committee
 Report

The Lighting Committee reported that
 the lamp lighter had broken the contract
 by repeatedly neglecting to light the lamps
 & that he had been accordingly suspended.
 Resolved that the contract be terminated
 that a new lamp lighter be appointed
 & the Lighting Committee be empowered to
 obtain

estimate with all speed for the light
 of the lamps for the remainder of the year
 except that which they considered
 most satisfactory" Carried

Footpath

Ray Hill

Mr A Deaton attended to give some
 information in the matter of the footpath
 in dispute between Mr Geary & Mr Newman
 at Ray Hill. He said that this same
 question has been gone into some years
 ago by several members of the Rural Dist.
 Council & as he thought settled. He was
 surprised to see the direction the path
 now took which was a deviation from
 its original course.

It was decided to call the
 attention of the District Council to
 the matter & the following resolution
 was proposed by C^o J. Vincent & seconded
 by C^o W. Sarker. "That the attention
 of the Rural Dist. Council be called to
 the serious obstruction & deviation
 of a path passing across land
 understood to belong to Mr. Geary &
 Mr. Newman at Ray Hill & request
 immediate steps be taken to rectify
 these matters, the Parish Council
 understand that some years ago a
 serious deviation of part of the path
 was made & request that all necessary
 steps be taken to reinstate the path or enforce
 any agreement that may have been entered into
 with reference thereto" Carried Unanimously

Resolution

RDC

W. Sarker

Report on
Footpath
leading from
Skinner's Farm
to road on Park
Side Estate

J. H. Brown reported on
behalf of the Footpaths Committee
that he has followed the path
running between the Colton & Farm
at Skinner's Farm up to where it cut
the new road on the Park Side Estate
& from this point he was unable to trace
it further. There appeared to be a house
built on the path.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Brown
for his report which was accepted
& requested him to get further information
on the path.

Further consideration of the foot-
paths was adjourned till the next meeting
of the Council.

Fire Committee
Report

The Chairman referring to the Fire
Committee's report, which has been
printed at his own expense & a copy sent to
every Parishioner, said that no request
having been received to call a Parish
Meeting to discuss it, he was of the opinion
that the parish was not very enthusiastic over
the business & that the decision of
the Council to leave the matter in the hands
of the Parish was a wise one. The Report
would still hold good & would be available
if at any future time the parish decided
to have fire appliances. Should a fire
break out in the meantime, no blame could
be attached to the Parish Council if there
were no appliances available to deal

Protection Against Fire.

SUGGESTED APPLIANCES FOR TATSFIELD.

At a meeting of the Parish Council of Tatsfield held at the Schools, Tatsfield, on Tuesday, November the 23rd, it was unanimously decided that the annexed report should be received and published in the manner therein indicated.

The Parish Council without pledging themselves to any course of action are desirous of learning the wishes of the parish in the matter.

REPORT.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Parish Council as a committee to consider the question of protection against fire in the parish, beg to report as follows:

1. The Parish is at present totally unprovided with any means of protection against fire.
2. There has not been any serious outbreak of fire in the past, but this is no guarantee that there will be no outbreak in the future, especially having regard to the fact that new buildings are constantly being erected in the parish.
3. In the event of a serious outbreak of fire taking place, the destruction of property and the consequential damage to the reputation and the disturbance of trade in the parish might be considerably greater than the cost of supplying the necessary apparatus and equipment. The rates of insurance are also generally lower where there is an adequate fire brigade efficiently equipped.
4. Provision for protection against fire is made among parishes by means of (a) fire brigade (b) manuals and other fire engines (c) hydrants.
5. The fire brigade is essential to work what-ever equipment is provided.
The members are instructed in the use of the equipment and are paid for every drill attended. They also receive a gratuity for every fire attended.
6. Manuals and or other fire engines are employed where there are only natural supplies of water such as ponds or where the force of water supplied through water mains is insufficient and requires supplementing.
7. Hydrants are used where water can be obtained from water mains and where the natural supplies of water are insufficient.
8. The force of water supplied through water mains should be sufficient to carry a stream of water over the highest building in the parish otherwise manuals would be essential.
9. Beyond the pond by Westmore Green there is no natural water supply from which water could be obtained in any quantity in the event of fire.
10. The parish is served by the mains of the Metropolitan Water Board. It is believed that there would be sufficient force to comply with paragraph 8 hereof. Arrangements could be made with the Board for the supply of water.
11. It would therefore be essential in the parish to employ hydrants supplemented by a manual if the force of water should prove insufficient.

12. It would be desirable to obtain the opinion of an expert as to (a) the best position in which to place the hydrants (b) whether the force of water would be sufficient to obviate the use of a manual. The fee payable to such expert would be two guineas and out of pocket expenses.

13. It is anticipated that the following equipment would be required:—

- (a) Hydrants (about 20) costing £7 each, or if placed on the pavement which is recommended, £8 8s. each.
- (b) Two stands costing £3 10s. each.
- (c) Hose (about five lengths). A length contains 100 feet and costs one shilling a foot.
- (d) Hand cart costing about £10.
- (e) Helmets and such other necessary clothing and equipment for the members of the fire brigade. (An estimate must be obtained for these).

It is calculated that the total initial cost would be £200 approximately.

14. A shed would have to be erected for storing the apparatus and a man employed to look after it. These charges, the payment of the members of the fire brigade, repairs, renewals and cost of water used would constitute the amount of the annual outlay and should not be very great.

15. With reference to obtaining the necessary funds for the capital outlay and annual maintenance, we find that provisions are contained in the Lighting and Watching Act, 1833, Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847, Public Health Act, 1875, Local Government Act 1894.

The purchase of the hose and the charges for annual maintenance might be made by a grant voted at a parish meeting. The cost of the provision of the hydrants would have to be made by the District Council by way of loan with annual repayments. It is calculated that this would involve an additional rate of approximately two-pence in the pound.

16. Whilst recognising the desirability of providing means of protection against fire we hesitate to recommend the Council to incur so great an expenditure as would be thereby involved without first consulting the parish meeting.

17. We therefore recommend that copies of this report be posted in the parish or published in the Press and suggest that some of the residents if they so think fit should request the Chairman of the Parish Council to summon a parish meeting to consider the matter.

We suggest that the questions for the parish meeting to decide should be:—

- (a) Whether a scheme for providing protection against fire should be adopted.
- (b) Whether an expert's opinion should be obtained to settle the position of the hydrants and the question of the force of water in the mains.
- (3) In the event of the expert so recommending should a manual be obtained in addition to the hydrants.

(Signed), SAM JOYCE THOMAS,
THOMAS VINCENT.

Westerham Herald, Dec. 25th, 1909.

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Sam Lopez Thomas
Chairman

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These minutes were not read
being considered too lengthy.
S. Joyce
See page 108.

14th March 1910

Minutes of the Annual Parish
Meeting held at the School on
the above date at 7.30 P.M.

Mr S. Joyce Thomas in the chair
(Chairman of Parish Council)

Present

About 66 electors were present.

Election
of Parish
Council

Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

The Chairman explained that the first
business of the meeting was the election
of parish councillors who would occupy
office for the next three years.

Nominations
Papers

The following nominations were then
handed in by: Thos Henry Brown, Augustus
Dout, Ernest Duddy, Benjamin Hastwell,
William Laster, Thomas Vincent, George
Harris West, Deyls White & John Wilson.

The chairman having declared all the
nomination papers valid intimated that
it was open to any elector to question the
Candidates.

Questions
to
Candidates

Mr Laster: I should like to ask Mr
White —

The Chairman: — On a point of order I rule
that only electors are allowed to ask
questions of the candidates, there will be
no end to these proceedings if candidates
begin asking each other questions, Mr Laster's
question can be put by an elector if he
chooses.

Mr Hamerson: I see that on the demand

Note we are charged 2^d in the L. Thersell's expenses

The Chairman: You must not ask the questions at this stage. The members of the Council will answer any question later.

Mr. Harrison: I am speaking on a general point.

The Chairman: At present the business before the meeting is the election of parish Council. Only questions to candidates may be put.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Duddy if he were elected whether he would support the Council in any effort made to prevent the fences being destroyed by the excessive use of them for grazing cattle.

Mr. Duddy: Where anyone has a legitimate right he is entitled to exercise it. Apart from that I am in favour of preserving the fences

Mr. Standing asked Mr. Mison whether he was in favour of people fencing in the common.

Mr. Mison, certainly not.

Mr. Standing: Then take your fence down!

Mr. Mison replies that he was not aware that his fence was placed in a wrong position. According to his plans he could extend it another five feet.

Mr. Standing: Then why were you ordered by the Justice Solicitor Mr. Morrison & Justice seven days to clear your fence away?

Mr. Mison: That is absolutely untrue, I have never been so cautioned.

Mr. Dator asked Mr. Dent what the policy of the five candidates put forward by the land

club would be if elected.

Mr. Dant, The reason they had been nominated was because about twelve months ago a number of applications were made to the County Council for small holdings, but these were practically denied, at any rate the terms offered by the County Council were practically impossible, that is to secure better terms & also to provide for a polling station for Latchford was the policy upon which they would work, as far as it was in the power of a Parish Council to do.

Mr. Dant. Was he in favour of the land policy but he could not understand that the Parish Council had any power to deal with these applications.

Mr. Dant. The Parish Council could supply allotments up to five acres in extent, he & his colleagues hoped that by establishing men capable of working these five acre lots on the land they would provide the Surrey County Council with an object lesson to help their arguments for the granting of larger holdings.

The Rev. G. H. Barden said the question of a polling station for Latchford was a matter which he favoured, but he thought it was entirely beyond the power of the Parish Council. He asked Mr. Dant, how he would proceed in the matter if he were elected.

Mr. Dant said that at present he knew nothing of the power of the Parish Council in the matter or whether any application had been

made by the present Parish Council, whether if elected he & his colleagues could do anything was a matter which would have to be considered. The Rev'd G. H. Marten asked Mr Brown what steps the retiring Parish Council had taken. Mr Brown said the Council had discussed the matter from time to time & endeavored to secure a polling station for the parish. They had approached the District Council also the Local Government Board. They found that the question was governed by Act of Parliament & that polling stations were arranged according to the population of the district. Mr Daniel had also taken a great interest in the matter & was doing all he could to secure a polling station for Satefield.

Mr Deaton asked Mr Duddy if he was aware that the retiring Parish Council had on several occasions taken action in the matter. Mr Duddy said he was aware that the previous Parish Council had made representations on the subject but was not aware that the present Council had done so.

Mr Howard Wilkins asked Mr Brown whether if he were re-elected, he would support him in the effort he was making to have some Lewis & Pymfield Road put in better order by the Rural Dist Council.

Mr Brown replied that he would & would be pleased to do all that he could to keep the roads of the parish in repair as well as the presentation of the foot-paths.

Mr Wilkins asked Mr Vincent what steps he had taken with regard to the widening of the

road at Furg Corner & if he would support such improvements in the parish as the Rural District Council could be persuaded to make Mr Vincent said he just suggested improvements at Furg Corner & whenever he found such improvements necessary in the parish he would certainly push them forward.

giving applicants
5 acre plots

Mr Watkins asked Mr West, whether, in the event of the policy put forward by Mr Dent of proving a failure, any expense would fall on the parish, or if the County promised holdings would the expense fall on the County generally in the case of failure.

Mr West said in case of failure the expense would fall on one authority or the other & eventually have to be paid out of the Rates. He did not think there was any danger at all in obtaining the land from farmers especially if it was pasture land. Some of the whole were not taken up. The grass alone would meet the expense.

Mr Misdleton asked Mr Vincent of all the allotments were let.

Mr Vincent replied that they were not & the deficiency had to be made up out of the Rates.

Election
Proceeding

The election was then proceeded with by show of hands & in order to obviate the possibility of an elector voting often than he should a visit of all the voters present was prepared & each vote as given was marked on the visit opposite the voter's name. The result was as follows

Mr G H West 45. Mr Shortly Brown 43

" J Vincent 37. " B Duddy 33

" A Dent 30.

Mr D White 28. Mr W Lester 26 Mr Johnson 17

Mr. B. Haskell. G.

A piece was demanded by Messrs Duddy, Tacke, Haskell, Dancy, Farrell & Crumpton which was subsequently withdrawn after the usual (allowed) ten minutes for consideration.

The chairman then declared the following gentlemen elected. Messrs West, Brown, Vincent, Duddy & D out.

The chairman presented prizes which had been promised at his expense to the following allotment holders Mr J. Horey 7/6 Mr J. Smith 5/- Mr B. G. 2/6. Mr F. Foster & J. Mucius 1/6 each.

The meeting was then adjourned till the next meeting.