

JULY 1950.

Minutes of the proceedings of Parish Council Meeting held at The School, Mon: July 3rd 1950

- Present Mr. Weatherly (Chairman), Mrs. Laslett, Messrs. Geary, Little & Ridler, with the Clerk, Miss Kelly.
- Apology An apology for absence was received from Mr. Beagley
- Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
- Polling Station The Clerk read a letter from Town Clerk, Reigate, in which he stated that he hoped to be making a tour of the polling districts in the Godstone area soon, & would bear in mind the P.C.'s observations.
- Church Hall The Chairman read a letter from the Rev. W. Bywater quoting from a letter that he, Rev. W. Bywater, had received from the Ven. Archdeacon J. H. Marten: -
 "The history of the Hall built in 1908/9 is an interesting one, but the relevant fact is that it was a Church Hall, supported by Diocesan Funds & opened & dedicated by Bishop Talbot, who brought with him for the occasion the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Davidson. It was through all my time, i.e. till 1913, used for Church purposes. We had alternate Sunday Evensongs there in the winter as the Church is so remote, & every day it was in use. I heard to my disgust that during the 1914-18 war it was handed over to the Y.W.C.A., but don't think it was even a legal transaction. It was vested in the Southwark Diocesan Church Trust, & I am finding out on Thursday from Mr. Hartwright whether it is still held by the Trust. I will let you know for certain

what the present position is."

As there was some feeling in the village on the subject of the ownership of The Hall, it was decided that four members of P.C. should visit the Ven. Archdeacon Marten, & make further enquiries, & that 2 members should seek to view the legal documents concerned at Diocesan Headquarters.

Festival of
Britain

The Chairman announced that the Trustees of The Hall had kindly allowed the use of The Church Hall free for the purpose of discussing any plans for the Festival of Britain, on July 12th.

Proposed by Mr. Little, sec. Mr. Ridler that small handbills be printed advertising this meeting, & obtained from the Valley Press.

Carried

'Bus
Routes

The Clerk read a letter from London Transport Executive stating that it was true that 3 journeys on route 403 operating between Chelsham & Tatfield picked up intending passengers at the "Hare & Hounds". Chelsham garage forecourt was not now used as a boarding point because of accidents which had occurred there. Instructions had been issued warning drivers to keep a sharp look out for intending passengers. With regard to the complaint about the 3.48 p.m. journey from Warlingham, this 'bus had been in operation only a short time, & slight inadequacy did occur.

Supervision was to be given to matter.

Proposed by Mr. Gray, sec. Mr. Ridler that Executive be asked to affix notice to standard at usual stopping place of 403 'bus, informing passengers that the "little bus" started at the Hare & Hounds, or, alternatively, that this 'bus turn at garage & start from usual stopping place, & that copies of correspondence be sent to Educational Authorities.

Mr.

at Reigate -

Agreed.

Proposed by Mr. Little, sec. Mrs. Laslett that the Parish Council press for larger 'buses for school children returning home, & that copies of correspondence be forwarded to Educational Authorities at Reigate.

Resignation

Carried

of Mr. Brown

The Chairman reported that Mr. Brown had signified his intention of resigning from Parish Council. He had missed eight consecutive meetings. Resignation accepted.

Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Mrs. Laslett that Mr. Deane be co-opted to take his place, if he was willing to serve.

Carried

Refuse
Collection

The Clerk read a letter from G.R.D.C. that affirmed the R.D.C.'s consideration of a more frequent collection of refuse, but stated that the two new vehicles acquired had merely been sufficient to replace worn-out ones in use before the war.

Widening
Lusted Lane

The Clerk G.R.D.C. said that a scheme had been approved by S.C.C. but he did not know when it was their intention to put scheme into operation. It was decided to ask S.C.C. when it was their intention to do so.

Malsmawr
Goatfield
Roads

So far as the making up of these roads was concerned the Clerk, G.R.D.C. said it was a matter primarily for S.C.C., who would require a recommendation from G.R.D.C. It was difficult to give an estimate of cost, probably not less than £2 per foot of frontage. In view of the effort of G.R.D.C. to get their sewerage scheme accepted by the Ministry, the Clerk thought it would be better to wait until lines of proposed sewers have been agreed.

Proposed Mr. Ridler, sec. Mrs. Geary. that Mr. Doherty

be given a copy of this letter. Carried

Footpaths Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Mrs. Laslett that
Survey approval of form of report be given of results
of Footpaths Committee's report, after their three
meetings. Carried.

Crazy paving Proposed by Mr. Geary seconded by Mrs. Laslett
at 'Bus that the bad condition of crazy paving at
Shelter 'Bus shelter be brought to notice of G.R.D.C.
Carried.

No August members were reminded that there would be
meeting no meeting in August

Payment Proposed by Mr. Geary, sec. Mr. Little that
following ^a be passed for payment
Clerk's salary March 31st - June 30th £10-0-0
Carried

E. J. C. Weatherly
Chairman 49.50

SEPTEMBER 1950

Minutes of the proceedings of Parish Council Meeting held at The School, Monday, Sept. 4th 1950.

Present Mr. Weatherly, (Chairman), Messrs. Beagley, Geary, Little & Ridler with clerk (Miss Kelly).

Acceptance Mr. Drane signed the acceptance of Office Form, & Office was welcomed by Mr. Weatherly

Minutes The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Resignation The Chairman read a letter from Mrs. Laslett, resigning from P.C. owing to her going to Kenya.

Proposed by Mr. Geary, sic. Mr. Ridler that appreciation of her services be recorded in the Minute Book.

Polling Station A letter was read regarding Polling Station.

proposed Mr. Ridler, sic. Mr. Beagley, that Returning Officer be asked the result of his tour of polling district.

Church Hall The Chairman stated that no further enquiries had been made regarding the Hall. A meeting with Ven Archdeacon Martin was agreed for Oct. 4th.

Bus Transport Letters were read from S.C.C. & London Transport.

(School). The former said that a School Officer for Tapfield area had reported that no complaints had been received during past fortnight (19th July) ^{of children} being unable to board single-decker 3.48 bus. He had obtained

the assurance of local omnibus supervisor that a double-decker bus will be run at this hour as soon as one is available.

The L.T. Executive stated that it was impracticable to operate a vehicle with

larger seating capacity between 'The Ship' & School Corner. Instructions had been given

that children be allowed to board at Police Box, Worlingham

He requested that it is not possible to vary present

stopping arrangements of little bus
 Proposed Mr. Little, Sec. Mr. Ridler that the Clerk write to Chelsham Sec. School, & Warlingham Primary School to ascertain number of children using 3.45 bus, & if this number were greater than 30, to write to Transport Executive again, pressing for a double-decker for this journey, & to enquire whether the 3.45 were exclusively a bus for school children.

Dracemans & Goadsfield Rds. Parish Council making up Dracemans Rd.
 Proposed by Mr. Little, sec. Mr. Beapley that Mr. Hinde be told that the P.C. was merely obtaining information requested at last Parish Meeting in March, & that the making up of roads was a matter entirely in hands of frontage-owners, & nothing to do with Parish Council.

Crazy Paving
 'Bus Shelter It was noted that the Crazy Paving at 'Bus Shelter had been attended to.

'Bus Plaques The L.T. signs having been removed, Mr. Quay could now put up dedicating plaques.

Home Helps A circular from A.C.C. regarding Home Helps was read. Proposed by Mr. Ridler, sec. Mr. Little that the information be passed to W.I. & District Nurse

Grasshopper Inn. The Chairman reported receiving & acknowledging notification of an application to be made to the justices for the transfer of the justices' license in respect of the Grasshopper

Andham Residents' Ass. A letter from Andham Residents' Ass. was read asking

whether the P.C. would co-operate in obtaining a bus service Tabfield - Horns Green via Hawley Corner. Proposed Mr. Geary, sec. Mr. Beagley that a letter be written regretting the P.C.'s inability to join the Cudham Res. Ass: in asking for this service, as the road Tabfield to Hawley Corner was impracticable. Carried

Footpaths The Chairman read letter from Godstone R.D.C. asking for the immediate return of The Footpaths Survey. It was agreed that a Parish Meeting be held at 8 p.m. Sept. 13th to discuss the P.C.'s findings.

Vacancy on P.C. 1) Mr. Geary proposed, sec. by Mr. Beagley that Mrs. Knight be co-opted to fill vacancy caused by resignation Mrs. Laslett.
2) Mr. Ridler proposed sec. Mr. Little that matter be deferred to next meeting.
Mr. Weatherly gave casting vote to second.

Lusted Lane A letter from S.C.C. read stating that all that remains now is for necessary land to be acquired to enable C.C. to carry out improvement scheme.

Drainage Proposed Mr. Ridler, sec. Mr. Little that Godstone R.D.C. be asked for details of sewerage scheme.

Trees, Railings, Kerb, Bye-laws Proposed by Mr. Geary, sec. Mr. Little that G.R.D.C. be asked when it was proposed to erect railings around pond 2) a kerb at parade 3) provide a refuse basket at bus stops, 4) tidy bins in Parish 5) mt. Tabfield Green 6) put up Bye-Laws notices. Carried

Rangers Mr. Geary drew attention to fact that Godstone P.C. were advertising for a Ranger for their Green. Proposed Mr. Little, sec. Mr. Ridler that Godstone

Rural District Council be asked to provide a Ranger for the Tatfield Greens, & asking whether it would not be possible to have the Greens under the control of P.C. when such items as broken boughs etc would be seen to sooner.

Att

$\frac{a}{c}$ for
Payment

Proposed Mr. Quay, sec. Mr. Drane
that following $\frac{a}{c}$ be passed for payment

Valley Press

Printing Handbills

15 = 0

(cheque made out to Mr. Rider who had settled $\frac{a}{c}$ before meeting) —

R. G. B. Weatherley
Chairman

2.10.50.

September 13th

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Meeting held at The School on Wednesday, Sept. 13th, 1950, to discuss the Survey of Rights of Way.

Attendance Nine people, including 5 Parish Councillors, Rural District Representative & the Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Weatherly, quoted freely from the 1949 Act, and said the Parish Meeting had met to consider the results of the Parish Council's work in connection with the recent survey.

The Chairman said that the P.C. sought to re-instate the footpath at "Finsdale", & had agreed to authorize the diversions at a) "Franklyn" & b) "Park Wood, to Kent Boundary", & hoped that the Avenue of Trees at Dusted Lane at end of Council Houses would be preserved as a footpath. The remainder of the footpaths in the parish were also reviewed, and the P.C.'s findings accepted by the Meeting, with the addition of the footpath through the Wood at Old Lane to Ricketts Hill.

Mr. Brazier thanked the P.C. on behalf of the 1,200 absent parishioners for the immense work undertaken by P.C. Surprise was expressed at the little interest shown in the village in the Survey which was to be definitive as regards local footpaths.

R. G. B. Weatherly
Chairman 6.11.50

October 1950

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School, on Mon. Oct. 2nd, 1950

Present.

Mr. Weatherly, (Chairman), Messrs. Beagley, Drane, Geary, Little & Ridler, with the Clerk (Miss Kelly).

Polio Case

It was agreed to write Mr. W. V. Roshen, expressing sympathy of P.C. in death of his son from infantile paralysis.

Minutes

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Polling Station

A letter from Town Clerk, Reigate, ^{was read,} stating that a discussion on this matter took place on 5th Sept., as a result of which it was hoped to visit the polling districts in Godstone area in the near future. The Town Clerk would write again.

Church Hall.

The Chairman reported that he & Mr. Little had visited the Diocesan Registrar, & had seen the deed relating to the Church Hall. They were convinced that the transfer was vested in the Church Authorities. There was no mention how funds had been made available, but the management had been in the hands of the Rector & Churchwardens, & details of its use were mostly religious. The Ven. Archdeacon Martin had agreed to see a deputation. It had been alleged that an offer had been made to return donations to those who had subscribed not knowing that the Hall was to be a Church Hall.

Proposed Mr. Little, see Mr. Geary that "old residents be asked, church records examined & the Press of the day be consulted, on this matter." Carried.

School 'Bus

The Clerk reported that she had found out that 33 children

1 adult used his 3.45 bus.

Proposed Mr. Drane, sec. Mr. Ridler that Transport Board be pressed to put on 2-decker now that bad weather had begun. Carried.

Finsdale
Footpath A letter was read from Mr. J. E. Goodall, owner of 'Finsdale' saying that he would be agreeable to the allocation of a portion of the ground at the far end for a footpath.

Proposed Mr. Geary sec. Mr. Drane, that offer be accepted & that Parish meeting be held, to enable residents to discuss the matter, at 7.30 Nov. 5th.

Carried.

Vacancy on
Parish Council Mr. Little sec. Mr. Drane that R. Shrubbs be co-opted to fill vacancy caused by resignation Mrs. Laslett.

Proposed Mr. Geary sec. Mr. Beagley that Miss P. Knight be co-opted.

Voting. for R. Shrubbs, Messrs. Little, Drane & Ridler (3)
"Miss Knight" "Beagley & Geary (2)

Main Drainage A letter from Godstone R.D.C. was read stating that scheme for sewerage was not yet completed, but when it was, there would be no difficulty in letting P.C. see a copy.

Trees, Railings,

Kerb, Byelaws In the same letter, the Clerk to G.R.D.C. stated that the Council did not intend to place railings around pond, but had agreed to a kerb, that they did not provide refuse baskets, the broken branches of trees would be removed & the grass on Tatfield Green cut before the close of season & copies of Byelaws displayed on boards.

Proposed Mr. Drane, sec. Mr. Geary that Godstone R.D.C. be asked to set up a barrier 3ft away from edge of pond to prevent toddlers falling in, restore Village Boards, repair outside rails round pond, reconsider placing a green

refuse basket at Westmore Green.

Ranger A letter from Godstone R.D.C. was read stating that commons & green at Godstone were never visited in R.D.C., nor had that Council ever any control over them. The Godstone ~~R.D.C.~~ ^{Parish Council} had taken a conveyance of the commons direct from Lord of the Manor, & therefore managed the commons direct in their own right as owners. The case of Tatfield Green was fundamentally different in that that Green was managed by R.D.C. in pursuance of a Scheme made under Commons Act, 1899.

Allotment Clerk reported collecting £2-15-0 rents to
Rents Michaelmas. No rents outstanding.

Footpaths It was agreed that Footpaths Committee
Committee should remain in its present enlarged form.

Footpath The Clerk reported that Footpath Obstruction on Kent
Obstruction side, No. 18. was being investigated.

a/c's Proposed Mr. Drane, see Mr. Ridley that
following a/c's be passed for payment.
Clerk's Salary, ~~March~~ July - Oct 1st £10-0-0
A.C.C. suit on Highway 1-0 P.C.
Shaw & Sons, Stationery 7-10

R. G. B. Weatherley
Chairman 6.11.50

PARISH MEETING Nov: 5th 1950

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Meeting held at The School on Monday, Nov. 5th, 1950 to discuss the proposed diversion of footpath at Firsdale.

Attendance Ten people, including five Parish Councillors.

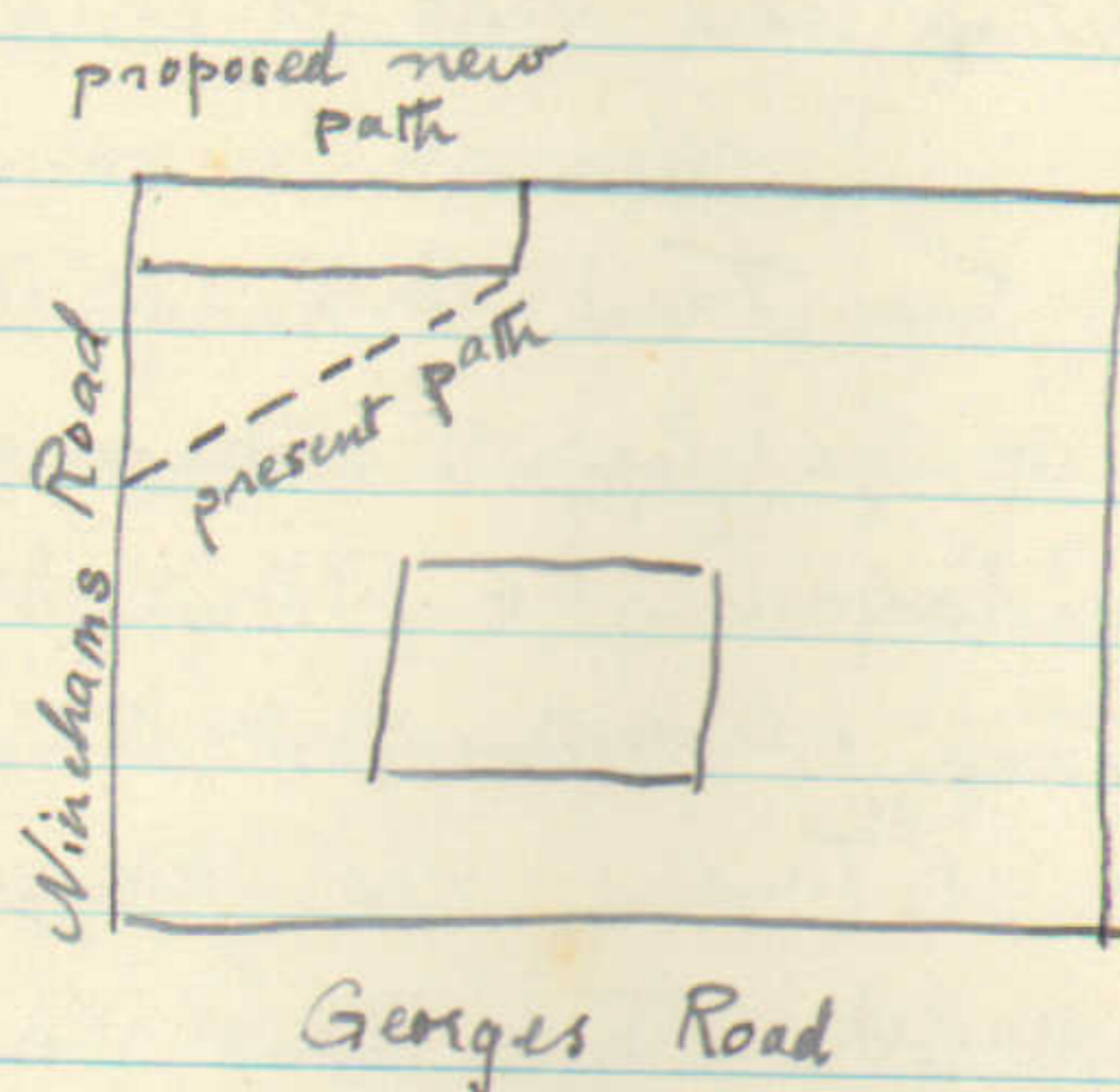


Diagram as given by Mr. J. E. Goodall showing portion of ground at end of property, which he was agreeable to allocate for a foot-path.

The Chairman gave a history of the footpath in the past, & the proposed diversion. After general discussion, Proposed by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mrs Knight that Mr. Goodall's proposed diversion be accepted.

Carried unanimously.

E. J. B. Walthby
Chairman 6.11.50

NOVEMBER 1950

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School, on Monday, Nov. 5th, 1950.

Present Mr. Weatherly (Chairman), Messrs. Drane, Geary, Little & Rider, with the Clerk.

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

Polling Station A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Reigate, stating that he was prepared to arrange for the changing of the Polling Station from the School to the Village Hall, in connection with Parliamentary elections, provided that the Village Hall is available at ^{the} time. The change would occasion alterations being made in the Polling Cards which had already been prepared for the next General Election. Proposed by Mr. Little, sec. Mr. Rider "that the Town Clerk be thanked for conforming to wishes of Parish Council, and that he be asked if the change applied also to local Govt. elections: Carried.

Church Hall The Clerk reported that she had asked various old residents whether they had any recollection of the Parish Hall being anything but a "Church" Hall, & whether they had ever been offered back their contributions to the Building Fund. All had replied in the negative. The Chairman then ~~asked~~ read the report sent in by the reporter of "The Sevenoaks Chronicle" of his search in his paper's records of 1907, '08, & '09. In this report Mr. Leeson Jones expressly says that he offered the land free on condition church services be held there when desired. It was agreed that Mr. Reid, the "Sevenoaks Chronicle" reporter, be thanked for his kindness in making this search & that the Chairman see Mr. Bywater, the Rector, to ask if there were any Minute Books of the Committee set

up on Sept. 12th 1908, to make arrangements for the building of the Parish Hall.

School
'Bus A letter was read from London Transport Executive "regretting that there was no 20-seater vehicle available with which to duplicate this journey, neither was it possible to provide a double deck vehicle to operate the journey in question to "The Ship". The 3.48 p.m. journey was a normal service operation."

Proposed by Mr. Drane, see Mr. Ridler that the Clerk provide a copy of L.T. Executive's letter to Surrey Education Council, & a copy of the latter's letter of July 1908 to L.T. Executive. Carried.

Pond A letter from Mr. Hodson, G.R.D.C. representative was read suggesting that the P.C. ask to meet the Surveyor, or his representative, at the Pond, so that he might be fully acquainted with P.C.'s wishes in regard to Village Pond.
Proposed by Mr. Geary, see Mr. Ridler that "Clerk try to arrange a meeting any Wednesday morning with the Surveyor". Mr. Geary & Mr. Ridler stated that they could both arrange to be free. Carried.

Refuse
Collection Mr. Hodson in his letter also stated that the Sanitary Inspector is to prepare a report suggesting how the collection could be improved in the more remote rural areas. The R.D.C. was offered 2 new vehicles for next April (one probably a replacement vehicle only).

Footpaths Proposed by Mr. Ridler, seconded by Mr. Drane that the G.R.D.C. be again asked what the correct procedure was in regard to footpath diversions accepted by P.C.

Stiles The Clerk reported that Mr. Combs had complied with all the requests of P.C. in regard to stiles on his land.

Proposed by Mr. Drane sec. Mr. Little that Mr. Courts
be thanked for his speedy co-operation. Carried

Resignation: The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Little
Mr. Little resigning from Office of Parish Councillor from
Nov. 7th, owing to his leaving the village.

Proposed Mr. Bidler, sec. Mr. Drane that the
notice of the filling of this vacancy be put on agenda
of December meeting. Carried.

Footpath The Clerk read a letter from Orpington Urban District
Westham Rd Council stating that the wire obstruction complained
to Hermitage of had been notified to farmer concerned, & he
had been asked to remove it.

Ac for payment Proposed by Mr. Drane, seconded Mr. Little
that following ac be passed for payment: -

$\frac{1}{2}$ yrs Allotment Rent due 29.9.50
to Tibber Estate

£2-0-0

Carried

Byelaws, litter box A letter was read from Godstone R.D.C. saying
Pond that the Surveyor hoped to have the byelaws posted
on the boards on Westmore Green quite shortly. The
matter of litter box & rails round the pond would be
brought before the Playing Fields & Commons Committee.
He thought the litter box ^{which} was placed there at one
stage was provided by the Women's Institute a good
many years ago.

By Joery

Chairman. 11-12-50

DECEMBER 1950

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday, Dec. 4th, 1950

- Present.** Messrs. Beagley, Geary & Ridler, with Mr. Hodgson (G.R.D.C. representative) & the Clerk.
- Chairman** In the absence of the Chairman, p. Mr. Ridler, sic. Mr. Beagley, that Mr. Geary act as chairman.
- Minutes** The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.
- School** The Clerk read letters from London Transport Executive & Surrey County Council stating that a double deck 'bus would be put on route 403 from Worsingham to The Ship, Tabfield. But ^{only} during winter. With the introduction of the summer timetables next year, the through journey to Tonbridge, & the Worsingham to Tabfield school 'bus will be restored.
- At the suggestion of the ^{noting} Chairman, it was agreed to write to the Nat. Council of Social Service enquiring whose responsibility it was to see to the conveyance of school children.
- Refuse Collection** Mr. Hodgson advised a concerted effort from Tabfield & other parishes with similar collections, before next April, when the new vehicles came into use.
- Footpaths** The Clerk read a letter from the Clerk G.R.D.C. detailing the procedure in matters of diverting a footpath. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Little & Mr. Goodall asking them to present a formal application for diversion of their paths, together with reasons & map plan... to G.R.D.C.
- Vacancy on P.C.** It was agreed that Mr. R. Shrubbs' non-attendance at two meetings to sign Declaration Form of Acceptance of Office made the appointment void.
- proposed Mr. Beagley, seconded Mr. Ridler that Miss Knight be elected in place of Mr. Little
- proposed by Mr. Ridler, seconded Mr. Beagley that Mr. Hodgson be elected in place of Mr. R. Shrubbs. Agreed
- Signing Declaration of Acceptance of Office** Miss Knight, present at proceedings, was then invited to sign the Declaration of acceptance of office.

Circular letter
Ministry of
Agriculture

The Clerk reported receipt of Circular Letter drawing attention to allotments Act, Oct. 1950, & Surrey County Ass. of P.Cs circular on Water Supplies to allotments.

Accepted
Office

Extinguishment
order. Path 29.

The P.C. raised no objection to the application for the making of an Extinguishment order in respect of footpath No 29 (running through Pilgrims Farm from a point near Titsey village N. of Clackett Wood to Clacketts Lane).

Present

Apology
Absence

Vote of thanks

Mr. Ridler proposed, sec. by Mr. Beagley a vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Jeary for acting as Chairman.
Carried.

R. J. B. Weatherley
Chairman

1.1.1951

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