

June 1947

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday 2nd June 1947

Present

Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Kerrison, Mrs. Laslett, Messrs. Little, Geary, Chairman, The Rev. W. E. Goundry & the clerk (Mr. Dotlie)

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. The chairman, Mr. McDonald expressed his appreciation and thanks for the action taken by the council in re-electing him chairman during his absence in hospital.

Business arising out of minutes

a) Oxford Bus Service

A letter written by the clerk to the London Passenger Transport Board was read out by the chairman. The council agreed that it covered the points. The clerk stated he had received an acknowledgement only from the LPTB. The clerk was instructed to follow up with a further letter in a fortnight's time if nothing further was received from the LPTB in the meantime.

b) No through road sign Old Lane

Mr. N.A. Little proposed that the clerk be instructed to apply to the AA for a temporary sign in view of the possibility of delay in erection of the S.C.C. sign. This was seconded by the Rev. Goundry. Carried.

c) Notice Board Ricketts Hill

A letter was read out which had been received from Mr. H.A. Brajner proposing that some action should be taken to repair & reinstate the notice board opposite the Manor House. The clerk was instructed to

d) cesspool

write to the Rural District Council accordingly. Mrs. Laslett and other members of the council reported that the cesspool was not being emptied at frequent enough intervals. The chairman proposed that no further action be taken immediately but if it was decided that the position was not good enough we would write to the County Surveyor or ask the R.D.C. representative to raise the matter. In the meantime we should ascertain exactly what the regular intervals were originally agreed on for emptying. Agreed.

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4 wksFootpaths
Committee

Mr. Geary stated that certain footpaths were obstructed when continuing into the parish of Titsey. The path from numbered 22th was obstructed by an electric fence. Proposed from the chair that the clerk be instructed to write to the G.R.D.C. and ask whether footpath No. 22th and all others which continue across an adjoining parish do so without obstruction. Agreed.

Frequency of
meetings

Proposed from chair that in normal circumstances meetings of the parish council should take place at 2 months intervals. Seconded by Mr. Charman. Agreed.

Date of
Next Meeting

Proposed from chair that the next meeting take place on 28th July 1947. ~~Seconded~~ Agreed.

National Assen

of Parish Councils.

The chairman read a letter published in the Times of 31/5/47 reporting on the first annual meeting of the National Association of Parish Councils and suggested that careful consideration should be given to the question of affiliation. He proposed that no immediate action be taken, but that the clerk should write to the Secretary of the N.A.P.C. fourteen days before date of next P.C. meeting and ask whether a branch had been formed for Surrey and whether the affiliation fee would be passed for payment by the financial authorities, and also to the local auditors regarding the likelihood of the payment of the affiliation fee being approved.

Allotments.

Mrs. Laslett proposed that one of the allotment holders should sit on the allotments committee in addition to the existing members. The chairman proposed that Mrs. Laslett approach Mr. Rusken and invite him to serve. Agreed. The questions of subsidising the supply of manure and the re-institution of the Horticultural Society were discussed.

General

Mrs. Kerrison reported complaints that the tar was melting on the roads and no action was being taken. The Rev. Grundy stated that shortage of spirit was the cause.

Mrs. Kerrison stated that the shrubs had not yet been trimmed back at the bottom of Ship Hill below Nurse Longley's. The ~~the~~ R.D.C. representative agreed to raise this matter.

Accounts

Proposed by Mrs. Laslett seconded by Mr. Little
That the following cheques be passed for payment.

- Titsey Estates Ltd £2-0-0.
- Commons, Open Spaces + F.P.'s Pres. Society 10-6.
- Mr. Doherty (Clerk's Salary to 30/6/47) £10-0-0.

Agreed.

Present

M. Little
Chairman
28/7/47.

Election of
Chairman

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Business for
Order of
Service

Correspondence

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Election of Chairman

The clerk read a letter of resignation from Mr. MacDonald dated 7th July resigning from the chairmanship and also the councillorship. Mrs. Laslett proposed that Mr. Little be elected chairman. Seconded by Mr. Charman. Agreed.

Mr. Little stated he appreciated the confidence shown by the council in electing him chairman. He then proposed that the council send a letter of appreciation to Mr. MacDonald for his past services. Agreed.

Mr. Martin stated that he would be tendering his resignation from the council owing to his leaving the district.

Minutes

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Business arising

Oxted Bus Service

The chairman read out correspondence with the L.P.T.B. and said that, in view of the interest in the village that such a service should be provided, a further letter should be addressed to the board suggesting that the ~~new~~ new Oxted-Lingfield service be extended occasionally to Tatsfield, and secondly that the garage runs of the Chelsham bus should be arranged to include Tatsfield.

Cesspool

As the emptying was apparently not

being carried out frequently enough the R.D. representative ~~was~~ was requested to raise the matter again. The Rev. Gundry agreed to this, but also said that the cause of the trouble might be a fault in the cesspool which allowed surface water and also the overflow from the pond to seep into the cesspit. He said he would arrange for the surveyor to inspect it.

Footpaths
Obstruction:

The chairman read a letter from the G.R.D.C. requesting further details of the location of the electric fence reported to be obstructing footpath 16.22. Mr. Geary stated that since the last meeting this fence had been removed but had just been re-erected. The clerk was instructed to advise the exact location.

Right

National Association
of Parish Councils

A letter from the N.A.P.C. was read out and the clerk was instructed to follow-up with a letter to the Regional Office at Lewes at the address given.

Bushes on
Ship Hill

The R.D. representative stated he has raised the question of having the trees on Ship Hill cut back but this had not been done yet owing to lack of suitable labour.

Reports from
Committees

Allotments:

Mrs. Laslett reported she had approached Mr. Busken who while he said he would not refuse to serve on the committee would prefer to be able to voice his opinions

New Business.
Rights of
Way.

Co-opting of
new
members.

Next Meeting

at the meetings. He also said he would be prepared to put manure in if he could have security of tenure. Mr. Geary proposed that the rents be raised to 4/-^{p.a.} as from next Michaelmas. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

New Business.
Rights of Way.

A letter from the RDC was read stating that each path must be treated on its merits and that separate evidence must be produced in each case. ~~It was~~ Proposed from the chair that the committee make out a schedule of all roads which would be required as rights of way for footpath purposes. Agreed.

Co-opting of new members.

The chairman stated that the council had to co-opt 2 new members as replacements for vacancies caused by resignations. Mr. Chairman proposed that the two highest on the last poll should be co-opted, their names being Messrs. Brayler & Rushen. Seconded by Mrs. Laslett. Agreed. The clerk was instructed to approach these two gentlemen and ascertain whether they were agreeable to serve.

Next Meeting

Proposed from the chair that the next meeting be held on the 29th Sept. Agreed.

M. J. Mee

Chairman
29/9/47