

July 1949

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish
Council Meeting held at the Schools on Monday
18th July 1949 at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Mr. E.C.G. Weatherley (in the chair), Mr. Little,
Mrs. Laslett, Mr. Geary, Ridler, & the clerk.

An Apology for absence was received from
Mr. Brown and Mr. Simpson.

The Declaration of acceptance of office form
was signed by Mrs. Laslett.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Mr. Simpson

The question of the signature by Mr. Simpson
of the declaration of office form was
discussed and it was agreed that,
as the form had not been signed, Mr.
Simpson's councillorship was vacant. Mr.
Little proposed that Mr. Simpson be
co-opted to fill the vacancy. Seconded
by Mr. Ridler. Agreed.

Mr. Geary proposed that the R.D.C.
be asked if this procedure were correct.

Not seconded.

Pond.

Mr. Little raised the question whether the
work on the pond had now been
finished and he proposed the R.D.C. be
asked for information on this point.

Seconded by Mr. Ridler. Carried.

Hillside Rd.

The clerk reported on a discussion he had
had with Mr. Coombs, who had stated
that he was prepared to reinstate the
fencing if its present whereabouts could
be ascertained; he also said there might
be a difficulty caused by the fact that
of source of drinking water existed only on

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Mr. Little prop

one side of the road but that a gap might be left in the fencing as a temporary measure to overcome this; finally he asked if the legislation in respect of the Green Belt and the Town & Country Planning Act affected the development of the estate plans i.e. whether roads like Hillside Rd could in fact be built round as planned. After discussion on the question of the existence of rights of way on estate roads, Mr Geary proposed that the position of Hillside Rd as a right of way be dealt with by the Footpaths Committee as part of the general question of rights of way & in regard to which a number of queries raised by the RDC had still to be answered. Seconded by Mrs. Laslett. Agreed.

Footpaths
Committee
Report

Mr. Geary reported that little progress had been made. There was a report of an obstruction on the bridleway at Tatsfield Court Farm, ^{but this was being cleared by Mr. Hallam.} Mrs. Laslett reported that Parkwood had been bought by Mr. Smith who had wired it off but had made provision for a footpath through it and provided a stile. She read a letter from Mr. Smith in this connection & proposed that a letter of thanks be sent on behalf of the council. Seconded by Mr. Little. Carried.

Accounts
1948-9

Mrs. Laslett proposed that the A/c's for 1948/9 be approved. Seconded by Mr. Geary. Carried.

Accounts for
payment

Mr. Little proposed, Mr. Rioler seconded, that

the following ^{account} ~~cheques~~ be passed for payment.
Mr. Doshie Clerk's Salary £10-0-0

Vacancy for clerk

Proposed by Mr Little, seconded by Mr Geary that the Council ^{carried} ~~go~~ into committee. Two candidates for the vacancy of clerk were considered and their applications read by the clerk i.e. Miss Kelly and Mr. R. Drane

Present

After discussion Mr. Geary proposed that Miss Kelly be appointed. Seconded by Mrs. Laslett.

Mr. Simpson

Carried by 3 votes (the chairman, Mrs. Laslett and Mr. Geary). (Mr. Little and Mr. Ridley abstained)

Mr. Gaudrey

Advertising P.C. meetings

Mr. Ridley raised the question of what could be done to make better known the fact that P.C. meetings were of interest to parishioners and that it was their right to attend. The chairman suggested that the Press might be able to assist in this, although notices of the meetings were published on the notice boards.

F.P. Comm. Report

Date of next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting should take place on Sept 5th.

E. G. B. Weatherley
5/9/49.

Other Business

in witness of

September 1949.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the Schools on Monday 5th Sept. 1949.

Present

Mr. E. C. G. Weatherley (in the chair), Mrs. Laslett, Mr. Geary, Mr. Ridler, Mr. Simpson & the clerk.

Mr. Simpson

The declaration of acceptance of office form was signed by Mr. Simpson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Groundley

The clerk read a letter from Mr. Groundley advising that he was resigning as R.D.C. Mrs. Laslett proposed that a letter of acknowledgement be sent, expressing appreciation and thanks for the work he had carried out.

Seconded by Mr. Ridler. Agreed.

F.P. Committee

Report

Mr. Geary proposed that the R.D.C. be asked whether they would be prepared to accept certain well-used roads as rights of way in the same way as they were prepared to accept Chestnut Avenue, the roads in question being of the Goatsfield, Maesmoor and Ninems Road type.

Seconded by Mrs. Laslett. Agreed.

Mrs. Laslett reported a complaint she had received regarding obstruction from overgrown hedges to footpath 20x. This obstruction she had personally removed but she reported that the stile situated at the point of intersection of the F.P. 20x with the county boundary needed a bar replacing. It was agreed that Mr. Robinson should be requested to do this.

Other

Business

The chairman raised the question of the untidiness of Westmore Green. After discussion

Westmore Green which included the bad state of the railings round the pond. Mrs. Laslett proposed that the RDC be asked if repair of the pond railings is included in the present Green's programme and to report that the litter box needs replacing and resiting on a tree adjacent to the coach stop. Seconded by Mr. Geary. Agreed.

Notice Boards The chairman raised the questions of the repair of the Parish Council notice Boards and the provision of a new one at the Ricketts Hill end of the village. After discussion it was agreed to defer a decision until further information regarding the powers of the P.C. in this respect was available as a result of a search through the minutes.

Signposts Mrs. Laslett suggested that consideration be given to the signposting of Footpaths in the Parish on the lines of the signs erected in the Biggin Hill area. It was suggested that the latter were erected under Kent C.C. arrangements and that the SCC would have to ^{decide on} ~~consider~~ this and the related question of street signs.

Village Pond Mrs. Ridley pointed out the danger of the pond to children falling in. In its present condition with only part of its bottom covered by water, children were playing in the mud and running the risk of drowning. Whether it was the intention of the RDC to fill the pond in or allow it to fill again with water was not known but a reply to a letter on this question was awaited. After

further discussion, Mr. Ridley proposed that the RDC be asked to consider the erection of a low fence round the pond to prevent toddlers from falling in. Seconded by Mr. Geary. Carried

(Mrs. Laslett abstaining)

Clearing of Greens

Mr. Ridley expressed appreciation of the work done in clearing up the greens, but asked if it was necessary to damage trees when burning off the grass. The chairman said he understood that further work on the greens, including lopping of trees, would be undertaken shortly.

Food parcels

Mr. Geary raised the question of who will undertake the distribution of the gift food parcels now that the RDR had resigned. He proposed a letter be written to RDC asking if the Parish Council may arrange distribution under the circumstances. Seconded by Mr. Ridley. Agreed.

Date of next meeting

Mr. Geary proposed, It was agreed that the next meeting be held on 3rd. October.

G. G. C. Weatherley
3/10/49. Chairman

OCTOBER 1949

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday Oct: 3rd, 1949

Present. Mrs E. Weatherley - chairman, Mrs. Laslett, Messrs. Brown, Geary, Little + Ridler with clerk (Mr. Kelly).

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

Pond + Greens The clerk reported an acknowledgment to letters written Rights of Way to G.R.D.C.

Pond A letter was read from G.R.D.C. informing the P. Council that "it is the intention to allow the pond to refill naturally, the work of clearing being complete."

Village Greens The Chairman reported that he had seen the clerk to G.R.D.C. who gave an assurance that the greens would be put into complete order soon, as at Broadham Green.

Food Parcels A letter was read from G.R.D.C. stating that "in the event of there being a further distribution of gift food, the suggestion of the P.C. would be carefully considered. The distribution had been in the hands of the District Nurse, who had usually collaborated with the Rector, & who had also been asked to collaborate with the Chairman of the Parish Council." Mr. Little said that during his Chairmanship of the P.C. he had thought that the Nurse was in a better position to distribute these parcels. He thought that as the number of parcels was diminishing, there was no object in forming a committee at this stage, if no complaints had been received.

Notice Boards The question of Notice Boards was deferred to the next

meeting, until the Clerk had taken possession of the Minute Books, and made a search.

obstruction

Footpath at "Franklyn" (No 1) The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Ashton, Granville Rd., Limpsfield, complaining of footpath obstruction at "Franklyn", Rickells Hill. (No 1 on Footpaths Map). Mr. Little, the present owner of "Franklyn" said he had enquired into the exact position of this footpath, & had been informed that it was on the N. boundary of the property. On checking up with G.R.D.C. he found that this was in agreement with the marking on their map. Mr. Geary drew attention to a remark on the Schedule (1933) of Public Footpaths that there was an "unauthorised diversion" of No 1 Footpath. After further discussion it was agreed that the clerk should search the Minutes for further information on this diversion.

S.A.P.C. A letter from Oxted Parish Council was read, announcing that a meeting would be held at the Old Hospital, Oxted, to consider the formation of an Area Committee for Godstone Rural Area, & inviting Parish Councillors to represent Tabfield. Mr. Little said that as he had not the time necessary to devote to the Association he had resigned from the Executive, & suggested ^{the P.C.} support the forming of an Area Committee in Godstone Rural area. Discussion among Parish Councillors lessened the work of the Executive, & talks were given by various officials which gave P.C.s clear idea of how to work together.

S.C.P.C. An invitation to a Conference of Parish Council Clerks to be held in the Masonic Hall, Dorking, Sat: Oct. 8th was read. Proposed by Mr. Little, sec. Mrs. Laslett, that the Clerk attend, & her expenses be paid. Carried.

Mr. Simpson
Resignation

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Simpson, tendering his

resignation from Talsfield P.C. owing to pressure of work.
Mr. Geary proposed, sec. Mr. Ridler "that this matter be
deferred till the next meeting, to enable councillors to
find a candidate.

Carried -

Mrs. Laslett & Mr. Little against.

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Guard rail
at School.

Mr. Ridler said that he had been asked to bring before the
Council the question of having a guard rail outside the
School, to prevent children from rushing out of school ^{into road}.
After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk see the
P.C. representatives on the School Managers Committee, to
ascertain whether this point had been brought before
them already. If not, Mr. Little proposed, sec. Mr. Ridler
that the S.C.C. Highways Committee be asked to provide
a guard rail at the School exit.

Minutes

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Food

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Agreed.

Mr. Dohie

Mr. Little proposed, sec. Mr. Ridler, that a letter of
thanks be written to Mr. Dohie, in appreciation of his
work as Clerk.

Agreed.

Axes for
payments.

Proposed by Mrs. Laslett, sec. Mr. Geary that
the following be passed for payment.

Clerk's Salary to 30.12.49	£10-0-0
Ass. Parish Councils, year's subscription	£2-0-0

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Agreed.
Chairman

E. J. B. Weatherley
7.11.49.

Minutes, I read the
of March 25th 1902, No

NOVEMBER 1949

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School, on Monday, Nov. 7th 1949

Present Mr. E. Weatherley, Chairman, Mrs. Laslett, Messrs. Geary, Little, Ridler & Clerk, Miss Kelly.

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

Food Parcels The Chairman said that the new G.R.D.C. representative, Mr. Maynard, would probably have something to do with the Scheme, in the place of Mr. Goudry.

Notice Boards. The Clerk read the minutes on this subject from the P.C. meetings of Jan. 1934, Feb. 1934, Dec. 1935, & March 1934. Proposed by Mrs. Laslett, seconded Mr. Little that "in view of the desire of residents on that side of the village, the G.R.D.C. be asked for permission to erect a P.C. notice board on the green, opposite the Manor House.

Agreed.

Footpath

No 1

(Franklyn)

Before discussing this matter, the Chairman read the local Govt. ruling whereby "any member having a pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or proposed contract or other matter, & is present at a council meeting at which the contract or other matter is the subject of consideration he must, at the meeting ... not take part in the discussion or vote thereon etc.."

Mr. Ridler thought the wording "pecuniary interest" was in this matter vague, & Mrs. Laslett recommended that the Council proceed with the business.

The Clerk then reported on her search through the minutes, & read the relevant passages from the meetings of March 25th 1902, Nov 1902, March 1903, July 1903, June 1903,

July 1933, Sept 1933, Oct 1933. Feb. 1934
 Mrs. Geary said that he had spoken to the Chairman
 of the P.C. in Feb. 1934, & had verified that Col. Wyatt
 had been asked whether he had any objection to
 the position of the footpath as shown on the Footpaths
 map, then newly drawn up, and Col. Wyatt had
 declared that he was not interested in a diversion.
 The members of the Council then examined various maps
 showing Footpath No 1. After further discussion
 it was decided that the Footpaths Committee should complete
 the list of Footpaths that they were drawing up, &
 Mrs. Ridler proposed, sec. Mr. Geary, that "the diversions
 & 'stopping up' of footpaths 1, 3, 6 & 12 as mentioned in
 Minutes Feb. 1934, should be gone into by Footpaths
 Committee, & the matter raised at the next meeting." Agreed
 Mrs Little abstained from voting.

S.C.C.
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Oxted Area The Clerk read letter from S.C.A. P.C. Area Committee
 Committee S.C.A.P.C. for G.R.D.C. inviting P.C. to send duly appointed
 members to meeting 21 Nov 1949.

Surrey County The Clerk gave a report of meeting held in
 Asst. P.C.s. Dorking on 8th Oct.

Vacancy P.C. Mrs. Geary proposed sec. Mrs. Laslett, that Mr. Evan Beagley be co-opted
 owing to Mrs. Laslett " sec. Mr. Geary " Miss Bray " "
 resignation of Mrs. Ridler " sec. Mr. Little " Mr. Drane " "
 Mr. Simpson. Mrs. E. Beagley co-opted by votes of Mrs. Laslett, Mr. Geary,
 Mr. Ridler & Mr. Weatherley.
 Mr. Little thought it gratifying that so many people
 had shown a desire to serve on P.C.

Minutes
 Health
 regarding
 expenses
 Nat. Conf
 Oct 20th
 National
 Footpat
 Committee

Guard Rail The Clerk reported that she had interviewed the
 at School Chairman of Care Committee, who said that this
 matter had been discussed. She suggested that

allotment

application should be made to G.R.D.C. for a suitable guard rail. The clerk had not yet received an answer to her letter of Oct. 13th. In a further communication the Chairman of Care Committee said that the matter had again been brought before the School managers on Nov. 1st. Mr. Hammond was urged to see that the children's departures from school was supervised by one of the staff. They had also asked that the fence inside the lowest school gate be re-erected at such an angle as to check the rush to the gate.

It was decided to bring this matter before the P.C. again, when replies were received from the authorities concerned.

S.C.C.
circular
GEN/C/PK

The Clerk read a communication from the S.C.C. regarding the Term of Office of Managers (School). It had been decided that as the school year commences 1st August, the Term shall run from Aug. 1st 1949 to 31st July 1952.

Mr. Little proposed, see Mrs. Laslett, that guidance be sought from the Nat. Ass. Parish Councils, as School managers had been elected 23rd May last for 1 year.
Agreed.

Minutes of

Health Circular The Clerk read circular from Ministry of Health regarding expenses to this Conference. Mr. Little regretted expenses to his inability to attend this Conference as delegate of P.C.

Nat. Conf. P.Cs

Oct 20th 1949

National Savings

Footpaths

Committee

circular asking co-operation P.C. in National Savings Week received too late for any action.
Mr. Jeary said he was pleased to say that at least one local farmer was lifting the plough over footpaths.

Allotments

The Clerk reported that the previous clerk, Mr. Doobie, had handed her £2.14.0, being Allotment Rents he had

collected for $\frac{1}{2}$ year ending Sept. 29th. Mr. Higgo had not yet handed in his Allotment Agreement.

Alleged Encroachment Mr. Geary brought forward the matter of an
of Green at encroachment by vehicles in front of The Parade.
The Parade He proposed, sec. Mr. Little, that "G.R.D.C. be asked to place a curbing to define the limits of the Green at this spot."

Carried.

Hillside Rd. Mr. Little suggested that the Clerk see what was being done to re-instate this path.

'Bus Shelter Mr. Geary said that he had been asked by the Clerk to re-affix the plaques which had been taken down during State of Emergency, but could not find the original sites. He drew attention to the presence of signs ^{belonging to} the L. Passenger Transport, & asked when these were affixed, and by whose permission.
 Proposed by Mr. Geary, sec. Mr. Little that the clerk write to G.R.D.C. for information

Carried.

Account for Proposed by Mr. Raslett, sec. Mr. Geary that
Parliament following ^{a/c} be passed for payment.
 Messrs. Shaw & Sons Ltd.

(Stationery) ----- £3. 6. 9

The Clerk

(Petty Cash) ----- £5. 0. 0

Acknowledgment due re

seat Church Hill Rd, year ending Oct 7th ----- 1- 0 P.C.
 (to Surrey County Council)

Clerk's Expenses, Meeting

S.C.A. of P.C.s at Working ----- 7- 6 P.C.

R. G. B. Weatherley Chairman
 5.12.49

DECEMBER 1949

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday, Dec. 5th, 1949

Present Mr. E. Weatherly (Chairman), Mrs. Laslett, Messrs. Beagley, Geary, Little & Ridler, with Mr. Maynard G.R.D.C., & clerk (H. Kelly).

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and confirmed.

G.R.D. member The Chairman welcomed Mr. Maynard, G.R.D.C. member, & Mr. & Mrs. Beagley. Beagley, newly-elected Parish Councillor at their first P.C. Meeting. Mr. Beagley signed Acceptance of Office form.

School Manager The Clerk read a letter from the Nat. Council of Social Service suggesting that the P.C. "should enquire of their existing representatives whether the latter will be willing to serve until 31st July 1952," & that, "if the P.C. for any reason does not wish to extend the appointments of these particular persons the best course would be to make a fresh appointment for the balance of the period to 31st July 1952." Proposed by Mr. Ridler, seconded by Mrs. Laslett that the two present representatives be asked if they are prepared to serve till July 31st 1952"

Carried

Surrey Ass. The Clerk read extracts from the report of Executive Comm. P.C. Executive Minutes of meeting, Guildford, Nov. 4th 1949.

Allotments The Clerk reported that Mr. Higgs had asked for Allotments 1 & 2 to be free of charge for the first six months owing to their dirty condition when he took over.

Proposed by Mrs. Laslett, sec. Mrs. Ridler that this be done -

Carried.

Proposed by Mrs. Laslett sec. Mr. Geary, that Mr. Beagley be elected to Allotments Committee, in room of Mr. Simpson

Carried.

Hillside Rd.

The Clerk reported that she had seen Mr. Coombs Jr. about re-instatement of this Right of Way, and he had said that his father contested his responsibility in the matter, but that he would speak to his father about their conversation.

Proposed by Mrs. Laslett, see Mr. Little, that "the Clerk ask G.R.D.C. whether the P.C.'s letter on Rights of Way is receiving attention, & write Mr. Coombs asking him to re-instate the path, & remove wire obstruction at W. end of path."

Carried.

Diversion of
Green Line
Coaches.

Mr. Ridler enquired whether there was any truth in the rumour that the Green Line Coaches were to stop coming into the village. Mr. Weatherley promised to ascertain the true facts, as did Mr. Maynard, G.R.D.C. representative.

Footpaths.

Mr. Geary brought forward matter of footboards missing on several stiles in village.

Mr. Ridler proposed, see Mr. Beagley, that Mrs. Geary provide the Clerk with a list, & that the Clerk write to persons responsible for their maintenance."

Carried.

Footpaths
Committee
Report on
Diversions.

The Clerk read Mrs. Laslett's statement on her findings with reference to Footpaths 1, 3, 6, 8. In her view there was still a diversion in 1, 3, & 6, & she thought the P.C. should do everything possible to preserve the footpaths of the village. Mr. Weatherley, Chairman, said that the initiative for ^{suggesting} making a diversion should come from the owners of the land over which they passed.

Mr. Geary, the other member of Footpaths Committee, agreed with Mrs. Laslett's findings in regard to Nos. 1 & 3, but disagreed about No 6. He remarked that a landowner could sometimes offer a more "convenient" path, e.g. over drier land etc. The footpath as described by Mrs. Laslett had not been used for more than 40 years, & that in a High Court Case ^{Lord} Justice Coke had ruled that a footpath could be acquired

by 40 years' usage

+ straight
plot

Stile

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by 40 years' usage, & correspondingly lost after 40 years non-usage.

He, ^{Mr. Geary,} showed plans indicating the original path, running along W. side of Shaw at Kent-Surrey boundary. The late Mr. E. Geary had protested when this path became an encroachment on his land. Mr. Geary had provided a new path, running from stile on Kent-Surrey boundary direct to Park Wood Rd, along Plot 19 of Estate Map.

He, ^{Mr. C. Geary} reported that the footpath at Finsdale now ran through the unfenced plot belonging to Sir Samuel Jozee Thomas.

Proposed Mrs. Laslett sec. Mr. Ridler, that "the owners of the land through which footpaths 1 & 3 ran be asked to restore the footpaths to their original position, and the Clerk be asked to write Footpaths Preservation Soc., enquiring whether non-usage of a path for 40 years constituted a loss to the parish of that footpath.

Carried, Messrs. Little & Geary abstaining from voting.

Stiles on
Footpaths

Mr. Geary drew attention to missing footboards on various stiles. Mr. Ridler proposed, sec. by Mr. Beagley that "Mr. Geary provide the Clerk with a list of the footboards missing.

Carried.

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Payment

Proposed by Mr. Geary, seconded by Mr. Beagley that the following ^a be passed for payment:—

Messrs. Hooker
(Stationery)

£1 - 7 - 9

Carried.
E. J. L. Weatherley, Chairman.

2.1.1950.