

JULY 1952

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting  
held at The School<sup>Balfour</sup>, Mon. July 7th, 1952.

Present Mr. Jones (Chairman) Miss Knight, Messrs. Drake, Ridler,  
Simpson & the Clerk.

Apology  
for Absence An apology for absence was received from Mr. Black & Mr. Hodson.

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

Audit  
(see P. 144) The Clerk said that there was nothing to report about  
the Audit of 1951-52 <sup>accs.</sup> Regarding the 10/6 paid  
by Mr. Ridler at April Meeting, the Clerk said she had  
been under a misapprehension on the matter, and in  
the circumstances had returned 10/6 to Mr. Ridler, as  
the Auditor considered it unfair for one person to meet  
the whole amount.

Main Drainage The Clerk read a letter from Godstone P.D.C. stating that  
the proposed drainage scheme had been submitted to the  
Drainage Committee, who in the first instance had instructed  
the Engineer to approach officials of the Ministry of Housing  
& Local Govt. as to the prospects of whether the whole  
or what part of the scheme would be likely to receive  
ministerial approval. Until some indication of the  
attitude of the Minister was available, it was useless  
for them to meet representatives of the Parish Council.  
There was every intention of letting the Parish Council know  
what was intended in the matter.

Path opp.  
Kewer House A decision regarding this path is to be made at the  
September meeting, as it was felt that not much  
good would be done at the moment by putting down  
a load of rubble.

Manor House  
John's Rd  
The difficulty regarding the lack of cross pieces to these stiles was examined. Mr. Drake offered to see Mr. Coombs on the matter, & this was accepted.

Datsfield  
Green  
It was reported that this Green had been cut by auto scythes & subsequently burned off.

School 'bus  
Time  
The matter of 8.15 School 'bus was discussed. Proposed by Mr. Simpson, see. Mrs. Knight that the Transport Authorities be asked to run this 'bus at 8.30 instead of, as at present, at 8.15, as this entailed the children arriving some time before the schools opened. In winter this created a hardship. As there was a Coach leaving the Village at 8.16 this alteration would not interfere with other passengers.  
Carried.

at on  
the Green  
The Clerk reported that the seat at Datsfield Green had received attention. The matter of the seats once situated opp. Manor House, & <sup>Church</sup> School Hill corner 'bus stop was then discussed. These had become total losses during the war, probably through Army vehicles. Proposed Mr. Bidler, see. Mr. Simpson that the Highways Authorities be asked if these three seats could be replaced.  
Carried.

Track near  
Parkwood Rd.  
The Clerk said that she had been asked by Mr. Watson, Parkwood Road, whether something could be done about putting the Track into better condition. He was prepared to contribute £1 towards the work. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to tell Mr. Watson that this matter did not come within the jurisdiction of the Parish Council & to suggest that he discuss the matter with other residents, & then see the owner of the Track.

'Buses  
Chartwell

Mr. Simpson said that on the days that Chartwell was opened to the public there was very little hope of Tatsfield residents travelling either towards Westham or London by 'bus. He thought that the Transport Authorities should run special <sup>relief</sup> services on these days to thus avoid inconvenience to the other travellers. He was asked to prepare points for a letter to be sent by the Clerk.

Pits in Edward  
VII memorial

Mrs. Smith of Heathview had reported that these wells or pits were uncovered, & she thought, a danger to children who sometimes went near them. Mr. Gray said that he would investigate, & if he thought there was a real danger, the Clerk was to be instructed to draw the attention of Godstone R.D.C. to the matter.

Accounts for payment

Proposed Mrs Knight see Mr. Drane that following <sup>to</sup> be passed for payment.

Share in Election Expense: £ 2-10-11

Returning Officer, Mr. Walpole

Clerk's salary March 31st - June 30 £ 10-0-0

Carried.

R. Drane (M.A.)  
for Chairman T.P.C.  
1.9.52

SEPTEMBER 1952

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery, on Monday, Sept. 1st, 1952

Present Miss Knight, Mr. Black, Mr. Drane & Mr. Simpson.  
 Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Gears, Mr. Hodgson & Mr. Ridler.

Chairman In the absence of the Chairman & Vice-Chairman proposed by Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Simpson that Mr. Drane be Chairman of the meeting. Carried.

Path opp. Manor House After discussion, proposed Mr. Black, sec. Miss Knight that the Highways Authorities be approached in the matter. Carried.

Stiles Mr. Drane said that the stiles <sup>opposite</sup> Manor House & John's Rd. would have cross pieces affixed, when Mr. Cornels was able to do so.

School 'Bus

The Clerk read letters from London Transport stating that the Executive were unable to adopt the Council's suggestion for the 8:14 a.m. 'bus to leave 16 minutes later, as this would destroy the connection now made at Botley Hill with 'bus 464 proceeding to Oxted, & that children in the evening could take 'bus 464 to Botley Hill where they could then board a 403 6 minutes later, & walk only from Tubfield Rd. or Church Hill Corner.

Proposed Mr. Simpson sec. Mr. Black that the Education Authorities be asked to allow caretakers to open the Schools earlier & thus avoid the 30 minute wait as at present. Carried.

Seats on Green The Clerk said that she had been notified that the matter of replacing seats would be brought

before the appropriate meeting in October.

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Proposed by Miss King

Chartwell  
'buses

Mr. Simpson said that from information he had received he thought that in future there would not be the same difficulty about boarding buses & coaches on days that Chartwell was open to the public.

Pits in

Edward VII  
Memorial fund

The Clerk reported that these pits had now been covered in.

Numbering of  
Houses.

In connection with the 6 houses which Godstone R.D.C. have recently erected in Westmore Rd. it had been decided that rather than give them a separate name, all the houses in the road should be numbered & the Council's houses would take their place in such numbering scheme. As it was thought by the Council that this would create confusion with the present houses known as Westmore Cott., it had been decided to number these cottages as forming part of Lusted Hall Lane. The 10 Swedish houses however, did not front on to Lusted Hall Lane, & it had been decided that these should be known as Whitewood Cottages.

The Parish Council had no observations to offer in this matter.

Coronation.

It was decided to leave this matter for discussion at the next meeting.

alleged  
Footpath  
encroachment  
bottom Old  
Lane.

The attention of the Parish Council was drawn to an alleged encroachment at the bottom of Old Lane.

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the matter.

As for Proposed by Miss Knight, sec. for Simpson that  
payment following a/c's be passed for payment:

Typewriter Ribbon

5-6 (P.C.)

Stationery, Hooker & Sons, Westham

£ 4-4-5

Carried

W. J. G. 6/10/62  
Chairman

OCTOBER 1952

The Chairman's Report

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery on Mon: Oct. 6th, 1952

Present. Mr. Geary (Chairman) Mrs Knight, Messrs. Diane, Hodgson, Ridler, Simpson & the Clerk

Apology An apology for absence was received from Mr. Black.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

Main Drainage Mr. Easter, the Godstone R.D.C.'s Engineer & Surveyor, with his deputy, Mr. ~~Swaine~~<sup>Swaine</sup>, were invited by the Council to explain the proposed Drainage Scheme for Tatsfield, before the usual Council business began.

Mr. Easter said that there was hope of an early start, perhaps next Spring. It was proposed to connect with the West Kent sewers at the junction of Linstead Hall Lane & Ricketts Hill. To do the whole parish would be too expensive, therefore it had been divided into areas governed by density of population & levels. The densest area was around Westmore Green, & the second area adjoined Tatsfield Green as far as the School & along Old Lane. It was proposed to go ahead in these 2 areas to the extent to which the Ministry would go. The approximate cost for these two areas was £21,000, the number of houses roughly 150, 106 being in the first area, 36 + the school & possibly 9 others in the 2nd area. As regards the position of the individual householder there would be no compulsion to connect, except on the grounds of nuisance. The cost might be a possible average of £50, & there might be a scheme to enable householders to spread the cost of connection over a number of years.

Approximately 300 houses would complete the whole scheme. The first 2 areas could be done in about 9 months

Path

Mans

School

Ware

Alley

Barn

Old

Mans

Ru

Foot

To 2

The Chairman thanked Mr. Easton & Mr. <sup>Swaine</sup> Swaine for their kindness in coming to the meeting, & answering questions.

Path opp. Manor House The Clerk read a letter from Surrey C.C. Highways & Bridges Dept., saying that the matter raised would be investigated.

Schools at Warlingham The Clerk reported that the matter of opening the schools earlier was being enquired into by Ripate & Purley Div. Education Officers. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Ripate Div. Education Officer that the school referred to, <sup>in his letter</sup> as being in Chelsham, was really Warlingham Annex.

Alleged Encroachment Old Lane The Clerk reported that she had seen Mr. Charman on the matter, & he had shown her maps proving that he had, in fact, not taken in the full length of his <sup>ground</sup> ~~plot~~ by a matter of 18", & that previous to purchasing he had caused a search to be made. Mr. Charman being present at the meeting, the Council invited him to explain the position. It was decided that the Footpaths Comm. should visit the spot & report at next meeting.

Notments Rent The Clerk said that she had collected & paid into the Bank £2.16.0 being Notments Rent for  $\frac{1}{2}$  year ending Sept. 29th, 1952.

Footpath No 28 The Clerk said that S.C.C. had written to inform the Parish Council that an objection had been received to the status of Right of Way No 28 as shown in Draft map & Statement. It was contended that No 28 is a C.R.F. After discussion, & looking at the map the Clerk was directed to inform S.C.C. that on all maps this path had been shown as B.R. & the Parish Council wished to claim No 28 as B.R. under the latest Act. 1949.



King George VI Memorial Fund Mrs. Ridler reported on the meeting he attended in Oxford of Chairmen & Vice Chairmen of Q.R.D. areas, to discuss the King George VI Memorial Fund. After discussion it was decided to ask the Women's Institute, Working Men's Club, Church Council & Sports Club to send a representative Committee to a meeting to be held at the Bakery, Mon. 13th Oct. at 8.0 p.m.

Cancellation of 'Bus 403 Chelsham - The School The Clerk read a letter from the 'Not so Young' Club Hon. Sec. asking the Parish Council to support their request to London Transport for the re-instatement of this 'bus on account of hardship to elderly people, or at least <sup>15</sup> on <sup>put it on</sup> once or twice a week, particularly on Friday afternoons. After discussion p. Mr. Drane sec. Miss Knight that the Hon. Sec. be written, that, whereas the Parish Council were sympathetic in principle, in view of past correspondence with Transport Authorities they did not think the request was likely to meet with any success, they would, therefore, not support the request. Carried.

Mr. Simpson wished his abstinence from voting for the resolution to be placed on record.

Dead Tree at Botley Hill. The Chairman said that he had been unable to find the dead tree mentioned by Mr. Abraham, who being present, was able to give more explicit information. The Chairman promised to look into the matter again.

Padlocks on Notice Boards The Clerk reported that the three padlocks on the Notice Boards were missing, some time between August 26th & Sept. 1st. She had reported the matter to the police. It was agreed that 3 others should be purchased

Yes for payment Proposed by Mrs. Ridler, sec. Miss Knight that following Yes be passed for payment R. Watson, Hire Room at Bakery, 2 occasions . 15.0

Tibby Estate Co. Rent for allotments

$\frac{1}{2}$  yr ending Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>

• 2 - 0 - 0

A.C.C. Use of Schoolroom, 2 occasions

• 16 - 6

Clark's Salary,  $\frac{1}{4}$  ending 30 Sept. 1952

• 10 - 0 - 0

Taking allotment Rents to Bank

• 10<sup>d</sup> P.C.

Carried

*Bohannon* 3-11-52

NOVEMBER 1952

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at The Bakery, on Mon: Nov. 3rd, 1952.

Present. Mr. Geary (Chairman) Miss Knight, Messrs. Drane, Hodgson, Ridley, Simpson & the Clerk.

Apology An apology for absence was received from Mr. Black.

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

Main Drainage It was generally felt that an unfortunate impression had been made on G.R.D.C. at an apparent lack of interest on the part of Parish Council for Main Drainage. The Chairman & members of the Parish Council wholeheartedly supported the scheme.

Schools at Warlingham The Clerk read a letter from the Div. Education Officer for Warlingham in which the Headmaster was quoted as saying that "no girl is ever kept out of school at any time. If the weather is fine, the boys are not allowed inside until about 10 minutes before the beginning of morning session, but if the weather is wet or in any respect inclement, then they also are allowed in school as soon as they arrive. No complaint had been received from any parent on this subject."

Alleged encroachment Old Lane Miss Knight said that she had been to see the place. As far as she knew it seemed in order. She thought <sup>is</sup> an <sup>is</sup> misunderstanding may have arisen through the putting up of new wire.

George VI Memorial Fund The Chairman reported that a fairly good response had been received, & said he would take the envelopes down to Council Offices the next day.

- Dead Tree Bothy Hill The Clerk reported that Godstone had this water in hand
- Notice Boards The Chairman said he had been unable to procure the type of lock he wanted, but they were on order.
- "Fasshopper Inn" The Chairman reported having received a notice of an application to be made to the Licensing Justices in respect of these premises.
- Seat Tatsfield Green The Clerk reported that repairs were to be made to this seat soon.
- Path No 18 (Cudham Rd.) a contention had been received by Surrey C.C. that this was a "footpath only." The Clerk was instructed to inform S.C.C. that on the 100y. old map this was marked as a road, & an old resident had declared that 50 years ago this Right of Way was the only one down to the houses at the foot of the hill. The Clerk was instructed to inform S.C.C. that the Parish Council wished this status to remain.
- Path Union Rd - Swedish Houses A complaint was received that vehicles were crossing the Common and using this path. It had not been claimed as a Right of Way, & had once been blocked with a stile & posts. p. Mr. Riddle, sec. Miss Knight that the names of those crossing the Common & using the path be obtained. Carried.
- Path No 26 Church Avenue A complaint was made that this path had been ploughed up. Proposed Mr. Riddle, sec. Mr. Simpson that Godstone R.D.C. be asked whether permission to plough had been obtained. Carried.
- Path Village to Church A complaint was made that the contractor turning the field

at Ship Hill had taken his lorries across the footpath & made it very unpleasant to use.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Robinson asking him to request the contractor to restore the path at this point.

Dundon  
Ship Hill

The Clerk was instructed to draw the attention of the village policeman to the mud that was being scattered over Ship Hill by lorries coming out of the field gate opposite entrance to Nineham's Rd.

Town & Country  
Planning

A circular letter regarding the deposit of the Development Plan at Council Offices was read by the Chairman, who said that the Clerk had telephoned Mr. Walpole to find out whether there was anything in it of importance to Iatefield, & had been told that as far as the Council could see there was nothing of importance.

Coronation  
Festivities

After discussion p. Ann Knight see Mr. Rodler that a Parish meeting be called to discuss this matter, & the Clerk was instructed to try to book the Church Hall for Monday, 17th Nov. at 8 p.m. as well as advising various bodies in the village with a view to their future co-operation.

Future Meetings

As for  
payment

Proposed Mr. Simpson see Mr. Drane that future meetings be held at 8 p.m. Carried

Proposed Mr. Simpson see Ann Knight that following Yes be passed for payment

Hire of Room at Bakley, 2 occasions 15 - 0

Ack. seat Highway. I.C.C. 1 - 0 P.C.

*Adger*  
1.12.52

PARISH MEETING.

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Meeting held at the Church Hall, on Nov. 17th, to consider the question of Coronation Celebrations.

About 30 Parishioners were present.

Proposed by Mrs. Hodgson, sec. by Mr. Knight that Tatsfield take part in the Coronation Celebrations.

Carried unanimously.

The following Committee was elected to consider what form these celebrations should take:-

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| 1) Mr. Knight,      | p. Miss Kelly,    | sec. Miss Knight      |
| 2) Mrs. J. Skinner, | p. Mrs. Thurston, | sec. Mr. Rumley.      |
| 3) Mrs. Hodgson     | p. Miss Knight,   | sec. Mrs. Skinner     |
| 4) Mr. Rushen,      | p. Mr. Edginton,  | sec. Rev. W. Bywater. |
| 5) Rev. W. Bywater, | p. Mr. Hodgson,   | sec. Mr. Simpson      |
| 6) Mr. Davies,      | p. Mr. Rumley,    | sec. Rev. W. Bywater  |
| 7) Mr. Black,       | p. Miss Schmidt,  | sec. Mrs. Hodgson     |
| 8) Mr. Geary,       | p. Mr. Hodgson,   | sec. Miss Knight.     |
| 9) Mrs. Payer,      | p. Mrs. Thurston, | sec. Miss Knight      |
| 10) Dr. Sturlon,    | p. Mrs. Dohie,    | sec. Mr. Black        |
| 11) Miss Kelly,     | p. Mr. Knight,    | sec. Miss Knight.     |

Various parishioners suggested some kind of permanent memorial, and among other suggestions for the Committee to consider were: decoration of houses, the village green as the centre of the celebrations suitably decorated, a play by W.I., concert by Musical Society or Church choir, dancing on the Green, Free Tea for children, a bonfire, fireworks display, dance in Village Hall, a fancy dress parade, sports, It was agreed that the Committee should meet at the Bakery on Nov. 24th at 8 p.m. for a preliminary discussion.

*W. Geary*

9-3-53

DECEMBER 1952

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Baking, Mon: Dec. 1st, 1952

- Present Mr. Geary (Chairman), Miss Knight, Messrs. Black, Hodson, Ridler, Simpson & the Clerk.
- Apology. An apology for absence was received from Mr. Dray.
- Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
- George VI Memorial Fund The Chairman said that about £31 had been raised for the fund in the village, but he would obtain the exact figure.  
Proposed Miss Knight sec. Mr. Ridler that the Rector be thanked for his services in this connection, also W.I. & Church Council. Carried.
- Path Union Rd + Swedish Home The Chairman said he had obtained the names of those alleged to be taking vehicles down his footpath, & would let the policeman have them soon.
- Path No 26 Church - Avenue The Clerk said that she had received a letter from Mr. W. County Div. Surveyor, who had requested information of the past history of the field in question, & the use to which the land had been put in past years, also whether it had been previously ploughed at any time or whether such ploughing had been carried out on several occasions over the past years.  
Mr. Hodson said that in the reply made by the Clerk she had implied that the field had been ploughed every year, a point which he contended. The Chairman said that he would see the footpath officer about the matter & report later.

Path from It was reported that nothing had been done to restore  
Police Cottage the path, as requested a month ago, & it was now  
to Church. in a worse condition.

Proposed Mr. Hodson, sec. Mr. Black  
that the G.R.D.C. be informed that no notice  
of the Parish Council had been taken.

Carried.

Town's The Chairman asked Mr. Hodson whether provision  
Country had been made on this map for Playing Fields in  
Planning Dabfield. He replied that he had not seen any.  
Map. Proposed Mr. Black sec. Mr. Ridler

that attention of Godstone R.D.C. be drawn to the  
lack of provision for Playing Fields in the New  
Town & Country Planning map, & to remind the  
R.D.C. that a previous Parish Council had  
recommended such provision.

Carried.

$\frac{a}{c}$  Proposed Mr. Ridler, sec. Miss Knight that  
following Yes be passed for payment:-

Shaw & Son (stationery)	14=4
H.H. Blades, 3 locks @ 5/3 each	15=9

Carried.

The Council noted that the Notices of P.C. meetings were  
between 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> each, & it was agreed to find out  
whether a permanent notice indicating that meetings  
were held on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month could be  
substituted.

Coronation After discussion

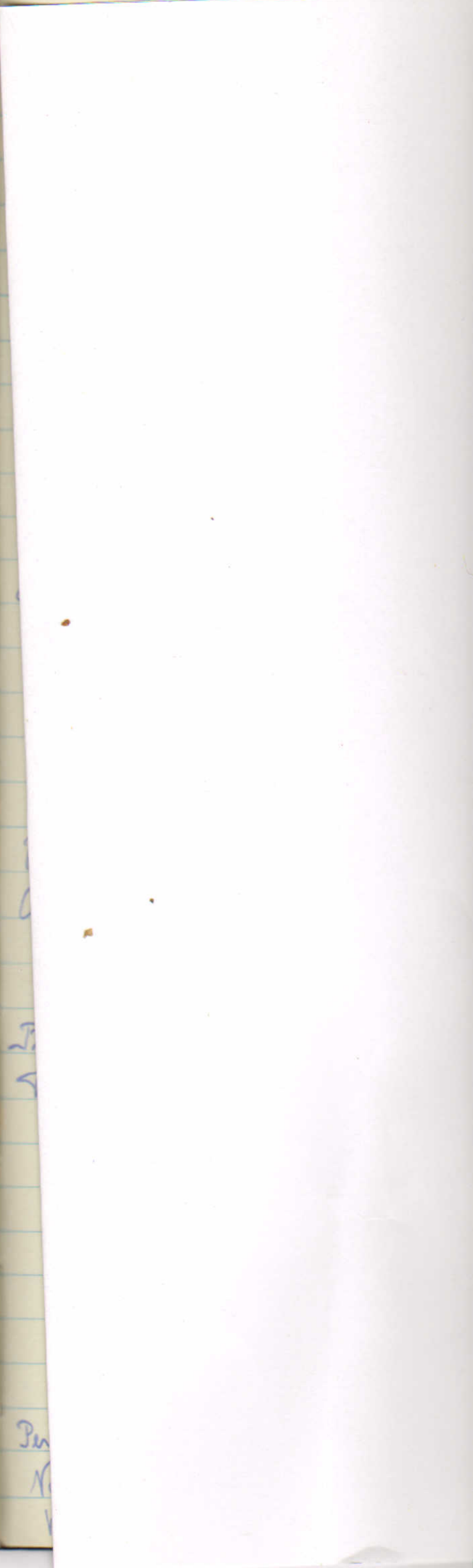
Activities. Proposed by Mr. Black, sec. Mr. Hodson, that the  
Parish Council be willing to consider plans on  
approved projects up to a limit of £50 of public money.  
An amendment p. Mr. Simpson, sec. Miss Knight  
that the amount be £35, was lost.

The proposal to limit the amount to £50 was carried.



Precept. Proposed by Mr. Riddle, see Mr. Hoopson that  
a Precept for £50 be issued on Godstone R.D.C. the  
local Rating Authority.

Carried  
By Order 5/1/53



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