

T A T S F I E L D P A R I S H C O U N C I L L

MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the United Reformed Church, Paynesfield Road on Monday, July 8, 1974 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. M. Hession (Chairman), Mrs. M. Crofts, Mr. K.W. Clarke, Mr. D. Hayes and Mr. P. Forward, with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid).

Also present: five parishioners and a Press representative.

APOLOGIES were received from Mr. J. Softley and the Rev P. Unwin.

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on June 10, 1974 were confirmed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

- a. Recreation Ground (Item 2a of last minutes)

The Chairman reported on a further meeting with the farmer concerned. He also read a letter (2/7) from Mr. J.L. Perrin honorary secretary of Tatsfield Playing Fields Association, asking to be advised about parish council plans and setting out the situation regarding the Furze Corner playing field.

After discussion the Clerk was instructed to reply that the council's plans for a more central field are unlikely to come to fruition in the immediate future and may, indeed, never do so.

In these circumstances the Association would be wise to continue with its plans for Furze Corner, which would be borne carefully in mind by the Council in considering future plans.

- b. Rag Hill/Church Road (2b)

Clerk to expedite reply to letter sent to the Chairman of the Highways Committee of Surrey County Council.

- c. The Limes (2c)

Mr. Hayes reported that the level of activities had decreased but there were many buildings on the site.

Clerk to write to District Council asking whether a change of use permission was necessary from housing to mushroom growing i.e. whether planning regulations had been observed.

- d. Goatsfield Road (2d)

Despite order sent to Stationery Office, registry form not yet to hand.

- e. Miss Kennedy's Land (2e)

Clerk reported that District Valuer had informally valued the two pieces of land as follows: Parkwood Road (0.95 acres), £475; Manor Road (about 1/7 acre), £65.

Clerk to consult with Miss Kennedy's solicitors and report.

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f. Notice Board (2g)

No further information. Mr. Hayes to approach Mr. Reeves and Mr. Clarke Mr. Sæller.

g. Maesmaur Road (2h)

Letter (25/6) from Surrey County Association of Parish Councils suggested that the problems of unadopted roads should be discussed at county level and a resolution passed on to the national body.

Decided to draft a resolution at the September meeting for Mr. Forward to present to the Surrey meeting in October.

h. Crown Road (2i)

Letter (2/7) from Tandridge District Council said that an undertaking had now been given for work on the access road to Gorse Down farm to be completed by the end of the month.

ii. - Mr. D. Johnson, who attended the meeting, had written in reply to matters raised under Minute 3 of the record of the June meeting. After a friendly discussion during which maps were inspected, Mr. Johnson said he would have no objection to a stile over the barbed wire fence ~~on his property~~. It was agreed that such Council members as were available would meet Mr. Johnson on the spot to discuss the matter at 10.30a.m. on Saturday, July 13. ms

i. Street Lighting (2j)

Letter (14/6) from the Department of the Environment, said "... I am afraid there is no defect of law and the Secretary of State has no proposals to amend the ~~Bill~~ 1972 Act to cover this."

Clerk to write calling for a statement as to whether it is contended that it is the intention of the Act that Parish Councils should pay twice over for the same service.

j. Westmore Green (2l)

Letter (18/6) from Surrey County Council said that potholes complained of were repaired in April. - Noted.

k. Footpath 19 (2m)

Letter (21/6) from Surrey County Council reported on the inspection made by Mrs Crofts and Mr Andrews on April 1. After discussion it was agreed that Council members should also visit this site on Saturday, July 13, 1974.

l. Abandoned Cars (2n)

Letter (19/6) from Surrey County Council pointed out that they are responsible only for removing abandoned cars when they constitute an obstruction on the highway. Clerk to write to District Council pointing out that cars remain abandoned on a number of spots to which the public have access., including Old Lane, Kemsley Road, Greenways and Maesmuir roads, and to ask that they be removed.

m. Overhead Cables (2e)

No further reply. ms



n. Plans (2g)

Mr. Forward reported on planning applications of which notification had been received during the month and his actions were confirmed. Mr. Hayes was appointed to deal with applications received during July and Mrs. Crofts with those received in August. Clerk to write to District Council pointing out (1) that the Council's consideration of applications is handicapped by the recent failure to indicate the areas of the sites involved and (2) to suggest that it would be helpful if applicants could be invited to forward an additional copy of plans for circulation to parish councils, as is done by some district councils.

o. Manhole Covers, John's Road (3)

No reply had been received.

p. Insurance Claim (4a)

Reply awaited.

q. Review of Electoral Arrangements (4c)

Agreed, after discussion to inform the district council that this council would prefer Tatsfield to remain part of a single member ward for district council purposes and (2) to ask for details of election arrangements to be forwarded as soon as available.

r. Best Kept Village (4e)

Results and comments of judges on village and village hall reported. Village Hall received 80% marks and village 72%. - Village Hall report to be presented to management committee by Mr. Forward.

s. Dangerous Trees (6a)

Trees on Ship Hill were being dealt with by County Arboricultural Officer. No reply from Mr. Robinson.

t. Land next Windyridge (6b)

Report received from Land Registry showed part of this land as registered and smaller part, nearer to Windyridge, not registered. Chairman to check legal position of land registered at some period in the past and apparently neglected afterwards.

u. Old Folks' Flats (6c)

Letter (26/6) from District Council. This Council's letter being referred to Housing Services Committee.

v. Seat, Ship Hill (6d)

No reply to letter.

3. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Activity Centre.

Mr. N. Shaw outlined his plans for a holiday play centre for children age 7-14 and there was a general discussion during which the problems involved were pointed out and Mr. Shaw was advised to contact the Surrey Youth Officer. The Council's support in theory was expressed.

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b. Sight Lines.

Attention was drawn to the obstruction to sight lines caused by overgrowing hedges at the junction of Ninehams Road and Ship Hill and the Clerk was instructed to draw this to the attention of the Highways Department, Surrey County Council.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a. St Mary's Church

Letter (8/6) from Mr. S. Doughty, Church Council secretary asked for help in the maintenance of the churchyard. - The Clerk recalled that a grant of £50 was made in 1972.

Proposed by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clarke and agreed that a grant of £25 be made.

b. Heavy Commercial vehicle routes.

Letter (25/6) from Tandridge District Council gave details of county proposals for routes for vehicles over three tons. Agreed after discussion to inform District Council (copy to County Council) that in this Council's opinion the B2024 between the Church Hill junction and the Pilgrims Way is unsuitable for use as an access route, pointing out that suggested improvements had been delayed following the postponement of proposals for a Wästerham interchange with the M25.

c. Surrey County Association of Parish Councils.

Circulars presented. Mr. Forward reported.

d. Village Hall Management Committee.

Minutes of committee meeting etc., received. Request to be kept informed on matters of interest to the committee noted.

5. ACCOUNTS.

Payment of the following cheques was approved on the proposition of Mr. Forward, seconded by Mr. Clarke: Ling Contractors (balance of village hall extension account), £215; Royal Insurance Company (premium), £46.61; Petty cash, £5; St Mary's church, (churchyard grant), £25; SEE Board (emergency disconnections and re-connection) £21.12 (including £1.92 V.A.T.).

6. PRECEPT.

A precept for £700 on the District Council was approved on the proposition of Mrs. Crofts, seconded by Mr. Hayes.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Twinning

Clerk reported that having received no response to personal approaches he had re-opened correspondence with the British Section of the Council of European Municipalities.

b. Clerk's Salary.

Following a discussion on the newly-agreed rates of pay for clerk's, the subject was adjourned for discussion at the next meeting in the light of further information.

The meeting closed at 10.45p.m.

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MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the United Reformed Church, Paynesfield Road on Monday, September 23, 1974 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. M. Hession (Chairman), Mr. J. Softley, Mrs. M. Crofts, the Rev M. Urwin, Mr. K.W. Clarke and Mr. P. Forward with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid), Mrs. H. Dunn (District Council member), one parishioner and a Press representative.

1. APOLOGIES were received from Mr. D. Hayes.
2. MINUTES of the meeting held on July 8, 1974 were confirmed and signed with the amendment to paragraph 2hii as initialled by the Chairman.
3. MATTERS ARISING.

a. Recreation Ground (2a of last minutes).

Chairman submitted letter (10/9) from Tatsfield Playing Fields Association and reported. A discussion took place on the need to provide additional facilities at Furze Corner.

Clerk to write to District Council pointing out the needs of the Association as set out and asking what assistance would be available.

b. Rag Hill-Church Road (2b)

Letter (26/7) read from County Surveyor. After considerable discussion the Clerk was instructed to reply pointing out that the specific points made by the parish council had not been dealt with and that the general situation had no bearing on this local problems which were the subject of this correspondence; drawing attention to the undertaking given earlier and saying that this Council will be satisfied with nothing less than positive action.

It was pointed out during discussion that restrictive notices which were previously on these roads had disappeared and had not been replaced.

c. The Limes (2c)

District Council letter said there was no evidence to suggest that mushroom growing was on a scale which would necessitate a change in planning permission.

Deferred to await the attendance of Mr. Hayes.

d. Goatsfield Road (2d)

Necessary forms now to hand. - Clerk to ask Messrs A.F. & R.W. Tweedie of 5/7 Lincolns Inn Fields WC1 to initiate the necessary action on behalf of the Council.

e. Miss Kennedy's Land (2c)

Correspondence with Miss Kennedy's solicitors read. Decided after discussion to proceed as suggested in Messrs Elford's letter of August 14, 1974 and to purchase the two plots in Parkwood Road (title No SY64812) and Manor Road (title no. SY64810) for a sum of £500. Decision reached nem. con., Mr. Urwin abstaining.

f. Notice Board, Westmore Green (2f)

Mr. Clarke reported. He was asked to see Mr. Slatter to arrange renovation of the board within the sum already budgetted.

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g. Maesmaur Road (2g)

Letter (16/7) from Surrey Ssassociation of Parish Councils pointed out that vendors of vehicles do have to notify change of ownership. Letter from Messrs Strutt & Parker regarding Titsey Estate ownership of Tatsfield roads noted.

Agreed to notify SCAPC that at its next meeting Mr. Forward will move on behalf of this Council: "That legislation be considered to define the status of unadopted and so-called private roads: to establish the legal boundaries of frontagers on such roads: to clarify the status of verges, and thus the rights and duties of the local authority in relation to clearing them of non-destructable rubbish (i.e. abandoned cars) and to establish standards for the maintenance of such roads which would enable local authorities, for example, to fill in pot-holes but would not involve them in making up the road to the Department of the Environment standards."

h. Crown Road (2h)

A long discussion ensued in considering conclusions reached after the site meeting held by Council members on July 13. The Clerk was instructed to inform Tandridge District Council that in this Council's view the damage caused by the illegal crossing of the Green had not been restored and (2) to tell the District Council that it is desired to claim the northern part of this route as a footpath and (3) to thank Mr. Johnson for his co-operation in meeting members etc.

i. Street Lighting (2i)

Clerk reported on further correspondence, which showed no change in the position. After discussion during which Mr. Forward drew attention to the facilities available under the Local Government Act, 1966, the Clerk was instructed to inform the County Council that this Council is not prepared to make local ratepayers pay twice over for the same service and that, whilst maintaining its views unchanged, it wishes the County Council to accept financial liability.

j. Footpath 19 (2k)

Following consideration of a report on the meeting held on the site on July 13 the Clerk was instructed to write to the occupiers of the Briars, Ninehams Road, pointing out that parts of this path appeared to have become incorporated in the garden of this house and to ask what proposals were offered for its restoration to its proper line.

k. Abandoned Cars (2l)

Letter (22/7) from District Council promised attention.

l. Plans (2n)

Letter (23/7) from District Council rejected this Council's views: (1) administratively it was difficult to indicate areas of sites on lists of applications (2) it was felt to be unfair to suggest to applicants that a further copy of plans might be supplied for the benefit of parish councils. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to reply (1) that most plans do indicate the area involved and this could be supplied, making it clear that it was the applicant's figure not necessarily agreed by the Council; (2) to write to SCAPC pointing out the difficulty under which parish councils operate and suggesting that the Association might consider taking this matter up nationally with a view to establishing the principle that applicants should be invited to submit additional copies of plans for parish councils.

m. Manhole Covers, John's Road (2o)

Letter 9/7) from District Council promised action. - Mrs Crofts to investigate and report to next meeting.

n. Insurance Claim (2p)

Reply still awaited. Clerk again to expedite reply.

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o. Review of Electoral Arrangements 2q)

District Council scheme noted.

p. Dangerous Trees 2s)

Clerk to telephone Mr. Robinson regarding trees opppsite school.

q. Land next Windyridge (2t)

Chairman reported on legal position.

r. Old Folks Flats (2u)

District Council letter (16/8) said it was 'not physically possible' to provide additional telephone facilities at Crossways. Clerk to reply suggesting that if this is so the District Council should consider whether a small enclosed extension could not be provided to meet the need which is felt to exist and that if necessary this should be looked at closely when next year's budget provisions are being considered.

s. Seats (2v)

Seat at Ship Hill reported not yet dealt with. Clerk to write drawing attention to this and also to the need to replace two other seats: one on Tatsfield Green near Cherrydown, the other beside Westmore pond.

t. Sight Lines (3b)

Acknowledgement only received.

u. Activity Centre (3a)

Clerk to write letter of congratulation to Mr. Nigel Shaw of Primrose Ridge, Greenways on his success in arranging an activity centre and to express the hope that he will be able to repeat rhe experiment.

v. Heavy Commercial Vehicles (4b)

Acknowledgment of Council letter received. Clerk reported that Limpsfield and Westerham councils had made joint approaches to Surrey and Kent County Councils objecting to the use of both the B2024 and B269 roads.

w. Precept. (7)

Clerk reported that this had been duly paid. Clerk instructed to prepare financial statement for next meeting.

x. Twinning (7a)

Further correspondence reported. Clerk instructed to indicate that the Council would be prepared to pursue an arrangement with suitable places north of a line drawn between Paris and Nantes.

y. Clerk's Salary (7b)

Reported that applying the principles agreed between the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Council Clerks the appropriate rate for the Clerk's salary would be £390 per annum.

Agreed that this be accepted in principle, the rate to be achieved by April 1976 by way of quarterly increments of £40 in the annual rate, applicable as from the December pay date.

z. SCAPC.

During a discussion on the work of the Surrey Amenities organisation the danger of permitting loss of woodland without re-afforestation was commented on.

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4. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Road Safety Committee

Clerk reported letter from District Council inviting the parishes of Tatsfield Chelsham & Farleigh and Limpsfield to appoint a joint representative on a district road safety committee. He reported on approaches he had made to the other councils. - The Council made no nomination.

b. General Knowledge Quiz.

Invitation for Tatsfield to be represented in general knowledge quiz to be held at Oxted Work Centre. - Mr. Softley agreed to organise a team.

c. Ship Hill Site (Coolleen).

Letter (18/9) from Property Services Agency said certain land would be available for disposal on building of new telephone exchange and asked if the Council would be interested on purchase. - Clerk to reply in affirmative.

f. Footpath: Ninehams Road-Ricketts Hill.

Letter (5/9) from Mr. S. Dohie asked for re-instatement of fence and stile and whether hard core could be made available for maintenance of footpaths and private roads.

Clerk to reply: matter will be investigated: to write to Mr. Selway, Gorsey Down Farm requesting reinstatement of fence and stile referred to.

5. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The following accounts were approved for payment and the necessary cheques signed on the proposition of Mr. Softley seconded by Mrs. Crofts: HMSO (registry forms), £0.37; Clerk (Salary, £37.50, expenses, £5.32), £42.73; Bank of England (loan repayment), £338.39; Petty cash, £5; Mr. P. Forward (expenses, SCAPC), £4.84; Mr. E. Crofts (wreath, former member), £2.50.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Archives.

Clerk reported that he had deposited a large leather case, containing Council archives, with the National Westminster Bank at Westerham.

b. Rubbish Dumping.

Clerk reported that he had been informed of proposals to dump quantities of rubbish at a site near the top of Botley Hill. As this appeared to be outside the parish no action was taken.

c. Various.

Several items were brought forward by Mrs. Crofts. These included: King Edward VII garden (report for next meeting); hire charges (to be examined at March meeting); filling of grit bins and waste paper basket situation (deferred till next meeting); liaison with District Council (Clerk to send reminder of suggested meeting).

d. Authority.

Chairman and Clerk empowered to take any necessary action pending next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.20a.m.

*M. J. Crofts*  
14.10.74  
*Chairman*



MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the United Reformed Church, Paynesfield Road on Monday, October 14, 1974.

PRESENT: Dr. M. Hession (Chairman), Mrs. M. Crofts, the Rev M. Unwin, Mr. K.W. Clarke, and Mr. D. Hayes with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid), Mrs. H. Dunn (District Council member), two members of the public and a Press representative.

1. VISITORS.

Mr. S.W. Speller (Chairman) and Mr. D. Brunton (Clerk and Chief Executive) of Tandridge District Council attended the meeting by invitation.

They were warmly welcomed by the Chairman and after short addresses by both there was a long discussion on matters of mutual interest. Mr. Brunton stressed the desire for mutual co-operation and understanding between the authorities, and the desire to consult local opinion. On planning he said he hoped it would be possible to provide copies of plans in certain important instances.

During a discussion on amenities needed by old folk it was stated that 36 more units were to be provided in Tatsfield. Common room facilities were now normal in such cases and the Council's views on telephones would be borne in mind.

2. MINUTES of the meeting held on September 23, 1974 were confirmed and signed. Mrs. Crofts pointed out that she had wished to discuss the Clerk's salary in private.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

A. Recreation Ground (Item 3a of last minutes)

Chairman reported that informal discussions had re-opened.

b. Rag Hill/Church Road (3b).

No reply to Council's letter.

c. The Limes (3c)

Mr. Hayes reported that calves appeared now to be being reared on the site. Mr. Brunton undertook to report the Council's concerns to the appropriate officers. - Deferred.

d. Goatsfield Road (3d)

Letter (7/10) from A.F. & R.W. Tweedie set out in detail the procedure for claiming a possessory title. These included prior occupation for a period of 12 years.

As this provision could not be fulfilled the Clerk was instructed so to inform Messrs Tweedie, indicating the date on which the Council posted notices on the site (April, 1974). This date to be noted with a view to proceeding when the legal requirement is fulfilled.

e. Miss Kennedy's Land (3e)

Messrs Elford's (Miss Kennedy's solicitors) wrote forwarding office copy entries of the titles of the two properties concerned and asking for the Council's comments.

The Clerk drew attention to matters arising from the deeds and Mr. Clarke undertook to study them and report to the next meeting.

f. Notice Board (3f)

Mr. Clarke reported, Mr. Slatter is undertaking the work.

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g. Crown Road (3h)

Letter (2/10) from District Council said that Council had no legal power to require re-instatement of damage. It was suggested that the County Council should be asked for advice on how to seek inclusion of the path in the new definitive footpaths map. On the proposition of Mr. Hayes the Clerk was instructed to make such an enquiry.

h. Footpath 19 (3j)

Letter (11/10) from Mr. David of the Briars described the work he had carried out.

Agreed after discussion to advise Mr. David that the provision of hard core is a matter for the highway authority; that the path is not a bridleway and that he is entitled to advise horse riders to this effect; also noting that whilst the line of the path has not been changed the boundary fences have been extended in the direction of the path.

i. Plans (3l)

Mrs. Crofts reported on plans she had dealt with on behalf of the Council. Mr. Unwin was appointed to act during the coming month.

j. Manhole Covers (3m)

Clerk to send reminder, pointing out increased danger at this time of year.

k. Dangerous Trees (3p).

Clerk reported that a further reminder had been sent to Mr. Robinson.

l. Sight Lines (3t)

Reported that hedge at junction of Ninehams Road with Ship Hill had now been cut.

m. Financial Statement (3w)

Clerk reported. It appeared that funds should be available to pay for Miss Kennedy's land from revenue. There were no accounts for payment.

o. Road Safety Advisory Committee (4a).

Letter (8/10) gave date of first meeting and again requested nomination. Mr. Hayes was nominated.

p. Ship Hill Site (Coolleen) (4c).

Acknowledgement received from Department of the Environment.

q. King Edward VII Garden (6a)

Clerk reported on current position. Mrs. Crofts to investigate.

r. No further information could be reported on the following items:

i. Rag Hill/Church Road (2b)

ii. Maesmawr Road (3g)

iii. Street Lighting (3i)

iv. Insurance Claim (3n)

v. Land near Windyridge (3q)

vi. Old Folks Flats (2u).

vii. Seats (3s)

viii. Heavy Commercial Vehicles (3v)

ix. Twinning (3x)

x. General Knowledge Quiz (4b)

xi. Footpath: Ninehams Rd/Ricketts Hill (4f)



4. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Former B.B.C. Site.

Letter (8/10) from Gas Board promised details of proposals '... at earliest moment.'

b. School Managers.

Letter (8/10) from Surrey County Council asked the Council to appoint three managers to Tatsfield Primary school.

Clerk to forward names of the Chairman, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Unwin.

c. Village Hall Management Committee.

The Committee asked for a replacement for Mr. Forward as parish council representative and drew attention to the pending retirement of Mrs. Slatter as treasurer. - Deferred till next meeting.

d. Surrey Association of Parish Councils.

Notice of annual meeting received. Mr. Hayes appointed to succeed Mr. Forward as the Council's representative.

e. Auditor's Fees.

Clerk reported that he had been asked to make a return to the District Auditor, based on last year's accounts and from the Auditor's comments it appeared that a considerable increase in stamp fees could be anticipated next year.

5. RESIGNATION.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Mr. P. Forward.

Decided to accept the resignation with regret, to thank Mr. Forward for his services on the Council and as representative on the Village Hall Management Committee and on the SCAPC.

Clerk to investigate machinery for filling vacancy and initiate any necessary action.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Greenways Site.

Mr. Clarke drew attention to a site in Greenways, next to Brambletye on ... : which the apparent foundations of a building had been laid down and which had subsequently been left unfinished.

Clerk to identify the site and to enquire as to the planning position, and to point out that appears to be an unsatisfactory building line.

b. Proposed Youth Club.

Mr. Unwin drew attention to a meeting to be held on November 7 to discuss the possibility of establishing a youth club or similar service for young people.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Unwin's information and promised what support the Council could give.

The meeting closed at 10.25p.m.

*Mr. Professor  
Chairman  
11-11-74.*