

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

MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the United Reformed Church, Paynesfield Road on Monday, June 9, 1975 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Dr M. Hession (Chairman), Mr. J. Softley, Mrs. M. Crofts, the Rev M. Unwin, Mr. D. Hayes and Mr. K. Goodchild, with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid), a Press representative and eight parishioners.

AN APOLOGY was received from Mr. K. Clarke.

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on May 12, 1975 were confirmed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a. Miss Kennedy's Land (Item 4a of minutes of last meeting).

Clerk reported receipt of Land Registry Certificate which he was authorised to deposit with the Council's bank, along with early minute books.

b. Planning (4b)

i. Current Applications

Mr. Hayes reported on applications notified during the month and said objection had been lodged against development at the rear of Pines, Paynesfield Road. This had been acknowledged by the District Council.

ii. New Applications.

Mr. Clarke was appointed to deal with applications received during the coming month.

c. Village Hall (4c).

Following consideration of a letter (28/5) from Mr. W. Slatter and of a discussion at an informal meeting of members held on June 4 it was decided to approve acceptance of the tender of Mr. A.C. Jackson in the sum of £1738 (including V.A.T.) i.e. alternative No. 1 on document dated June 4 prepared of the Village Hall Management Committee. Clerk so to inform management committee.

d. Village Directory (4d)

Reported that delivery of the 1975 issue was completed by Scouts on May 17. Agreed to donate £6 to the Scouts in appreciation of their services and to ask that any surplus copies be returned to the Chairman.

e. Twinning (4e)

Report of the special parish meeting held on June 4 (as filed) noted. Chairman reported on arrangements made for the return visit on the week-end of July 20 and read letter received from the Mayor of Vern D'Anjou.

f. Annual Parish Meeting (4f).

Decided that no further action was needed on matters arising from the annual parish meeting.

g. Recreation Ground (4g)

The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Playing Fields Association was being held that evening. It had proved impossible for the Parish Council to be represented but the Council would be happy to hear any views put forward by the Association.

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h. Car Parking (4h)

Letter (6/6) from County Council said it was most unlikely that action could be taken before next spring.
Decided after discussion to write to the owners of the Old Ship setting out the position and seeking their co-operation in controlling car parking.

i. Transport to Oxted (4i)

Letter (14/5) from Mrs. Dodd (Tatsfield Not-So-Young Club) forwarded request bearing signatures of 26 parishioners asking for a service to Oxted. After discussion the Council approved in principle the offering of a financial guarantee for a service of one vehicle a week to Oxted and back for a trial period of six weeks: maximum commitment for the Council not to exceed £60; suggested fare to be 35p return; the position to be reviewed at the October Council meeting.

Clerk to convey the Council's proposals to Mrs. Dodd with a suggestion that the service be set up during the first week of September and a request that the Council be provided in advance with details of day, time and financial arrangements: payment of the grant to be subject to the production of an account of expenditure and income.

j. Old Folks' Flats (4j).

Mrs. Crofts reported that ~~she had~~ ^{it was} suggested that the flats be known as *Marsh* Crossways Court.

This was approved and the Clerk was instructed to ask the District Council to provide a suitable nameplate and to consider providing outside seats for the use of residents.

Following a discussion during the public adjournment it was further agreed to ask the District Council to consider providing a simple footpath to the flats.

k. Borough Road (4k).

Chairman read a letter from Mr. J.M. Northfield of Anglecroft and this was commented on during the public adjournment by Mr. Northfield in person. Dr Hession explained the Council's attitude during a discussion in which other members joined.

l. Goatsfield Road (4l).

Letter (22/5) from Highways Engineer said this matter had been referred to the County Clerk and Chief Executive.

Messrs Amhurst Brown wrote (27/5) on behalf of Mr and Mrs. Budgen seeking further information.

Lawyer's letter to be forwarded to County Council: the firm to be so informed.

m. Ship Wood (4m).

Letter (21/5) from District Council stated that District Planning Officer was making an inspection.

n. Social Meeting Centre (4n)

Letter (14/5) from Mrs. Dodd thanked the Council and hoped the service would be continued.

Reported that average attendance had been between 16 and 20, and also that it was felt the service might be discontinued during summer months.

Decided to authorise continuance of the service from October to the end of the year. Clerk so to inform Mrs. Dodd and to repeat that this service must be available for all residents regardless of age.

o. Rag Hill/Church Road (4p).

Letter (20/5) from Greater London Council confirmed views expressed in August 1972 i.e. that no objection would be offered to the erection of signs near the Bromley boundary drawing attention to any restriction imposed in the present Tandridge District.

Copy of earlier letter to be sent to County Council with reminder that this matter, which urgently needs attention, had been pursued since 1968.

p. Titsey Estate (4q).

Clerk reported that he had been informed by telephone on June 6 by Messrs Strutt and Parker that Major Loveson-Gower would like to give the greens to the parish council, subject to payment of legal fees by the Council. It was hoped to be able to present a document formalising the transfer to the Council on July 6 on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Southwark for the culminating service in the 900th anniversary celebrations of the parish church.

It was unanimously agreed to accept the offer, subject to the advice of Messrs Tweedie who were to be instructed to act for the Council legally.

q. Maesmawr Road (4t)

Letter (12/5) from District Council explained current position and stated that "... in the absence of any statutory nuisance and a breach of planning control there is no action which the Council are able to take in the matter. I am also told that the piggery has been in existence for a very long time and that there has been no previous complaints." Following discussion the matter was adjourned for further report by members.

r. Westmore Pond (4u).

Mr. Goodchild reported on enquiries he had made and said he hoped to present a further report at the next meeting.

s. Footpath Trail Leaflets (3a - p.9).

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot, to whom the District Council letter was passed agreed to continue their enquiries and to seek the help of local organisations or individuals.

t. Audit (3b - p.9).

Clerk reported that accounts had that day been lodged with District Auditor.

u. School Transport (5b).

Letter (27/5) from Area Education Officer stated that he was consulting with County Education authority and will write when further information is available.

v. Bus Shelter (5c).

Letter (21/5) from Chief Technical Officer promised attention.

w. Tree Preservation (5e).

Letter (21/5) from District Council explained the position at Annon and said it was considered inappropriate to make an order in respect of an oak tree at the rear of the house. The tree was inspected by Godstone Rural District Council in 1972 but no order was made. - Reply noted.

x. Abandoned Cars (6a).

Letter (21/5) from Chief Technical Officer promised attention.

Matt

y. Barnfield Road (6b).

Letter (21/5) from District Council reported that this matter had been passed to the Area Engineer.

z. Cudham Road/Ricketts Hill (6c)

Letter (21/5) from District Council reported that an approach had been made to the owner concerned.

zl. No Further Information was available on the following matters:

- i. Bus Service (4c);
- ii Oxted Work Centre (4v)
- iii. Green Line Route 706 (5d).

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Scouts.

Letter (6/5) from Mr. D Putnam to Chairman asked for help in meeting cost (estimated at £1750) of improvements to group headquarters. Decided after discussion to reply that the matter will be considered when next year's budget is being prepared.

b. S.C.A.P.T.C.

Circulars noted.

c. Structure Plan.

Transportation document received. Mr. Softley to study and report.

d. North Downs Way.

Draft proposals for North Downs Way were considered and it was decided to recommend an amended line near the junction of Church Hill and Clark's Lane on the grounds that it would provide better sight lines and divert pedestrians from a point liable to accidents.

4. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Telephone Problems.

Complaints were made of the difficulties experienced in endeavouring to make telephone contact with Biggin Hill doctors. Following discussion by the Council, the Clerk was instructed (1) to inform the telephone authorities of complaints of misdialling (users complaining that when dialling 9934, the Biggin Hill code, they find themselves connected to the emergency ('999') service and (2) to write to joint Biggin Hill doctors' practice suggesting that they may consider whether they should install a further exchange line.

5. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The following accounts were approved for payment and the necessary cheques signed: Petty c , £10; P.G. Reid (Salary plus expenses), £79.26; Charlotte F. Johnson (French flags), £5.00; Dr. M. Hession (re-imbursment, French guests), £10.50; Tatsfield Women's Institute (hire of rooms), £3.40; Tatsfield Scouts (donation, re. Tatsfield Directory), £6.00.

met

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Village Name Signs.

The Chairman sought the views of members on the provision of 'Tatsfield' name signs on approaches to the village.

Clerk to seek information from Cojnty Council.

b. Prescription Service etc.

Mr. Unwin drew attention to problems experienced by old people and others in securing the dispensing of prescriptions and transport facilities. The Chairman explained that local doctors could advise on the prescription service: local organisations might be able to help in other matters.

c. Memorial Seat.

Mr. Soffley said a memorial seat erected to commemorate Mrs. Roper had disappeared.

The Chairman pointed out that the position regarding public seats was being reviewed by the District Council.

Clerk to notify District Council.

d. Church Celebrations.

Mr. Goodchild drew attention to the remarkable effort made by Mr. Unwin and others in mounting the extensive 900th anniversary celebrations. Members unanimously endorsed his views and the hope was expressed that this might be the forerunner of similar events even if on a smaller scale.

The meeting closed at 10.55p.m.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the United Reformed Church, Paynesfield Road on Monday, July 14, 1975 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. M. Hession (Chairman), Mrs. M. Crofts, Mr. D. Hayes and Mr. K. Clarke, with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid), about 40 parishioners and a Press representative.

1. APOLOGIES were received from the Rev. M. Unwin and Mr. K. Goodchild.
2. MINUTES of the meeting held on June 9, 1975 were confirmed and signed with one amendment as initialled by the Chairman.
3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Planning (Item 2b of last minutes)

i. Current Applications

Mr. Clarke reported on applications notified during the past month. Objections had been lodged to outline proposals in respect of the bakery site in the village centre. These had been acknowledged. The Chairman pointed out that this was one of the most important sites in the village.

ii. New Applications.

Mr. Hayes was appointed to deal with applications notified during July, and the Chairman those received during August.

b. Twinning (2c)

Reported that arrangements had been made by the Tatsfield/Vern D'Anjou Association for a party of about 20 to visit Vern during the following week-end.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter saying that Vern would like to bring a party of about 60 people - including two football teams - to Tatsfield during the August Bank Holiday period.

Later the Council agreed to make a grant of £25 to the Tatsfield/Vern Association to meet its initial expenses.

c. Village Hall (2c)

Agreement for improvements presented and signed by Chairman. Work to be completed during August.

d. Car Parking, Village Centre (2h)

No reply received from brewers. Letter (9/7) from District Highways Surveyor reported approach from London Country Buses asking for restrictions. The company said a delay of 38 minutes occurred on one occasion.

Clerk to reply pointing out that the matter is already under consideration following approaches made to the County Council and to urge that improvements should be made as speedily as possible: copy of County Council's latest letter to be sent to licensee of Old Ship public house following informal approach by Clerk.

During the public adjournment Mr. Wilknot suggested that the introduction of a bus lane might be a useful solution.

e. Transport to Oxted (2i)

Clerk reported letter (9/6) from Mrs. C.M. Gulley (Secretary, Tatsfield WI) which stated that when this matter was put to WI members only two were prepared to support a regular service. After consultation with the Chairman the decision made at the last meeting had not been implemented, pending further discussion by the Council.

Clerk further reported that Surrey County Council had advised him that if the Council wished to proceed an approach should be made to the Traffic Commissioner.

Mr Garrard (County Council) had suggested that it might be possible for the county to help by arranging for the diversion of suitable buses into Tatsfield to meet the need.

Letter (8/7) said a County Council official would be glad to visit the village and discuss the situation.

Decided after discussion to accept the County's offer of a meeting and to arrange this for a mutually convenient date: a decision to be postponed meanwhile.

f. Crossways Court (2j)

Letter (25/6) from District Council (1) accepted the name Crossways Court and said a nameplate would be provided and (2) said a telephone would be provided at a cost of £350. The District Council accepted this Council's offer to meet half the cost.

A further letter (11/7) explained that the earlier price of £90 was for a Harley-type porch. It was now proposed to erect a more permanent structure as being less liable to damage etc. Points made by this Council about the provision of seats and a footpath had not yet been answered. Agreed after discussion to tell the District Council that this Council's offer of half the cost up to £50 was based on the estimate of £90 and this the Council were prepared to honour: Clerk to remind District Council of further outstanding matters.

g. Goatsfield Road (2l)

Letter from Messrs Amhurst Brown acknowledged receipt of notification that this matter has been passed to the County Council.

h. Ship Wood (2m)

Letter (14/6) from District Council said a detailed survey was being undertaken with the view to preparing a Tree Preservation Order.

i. Social Meeting Centre (2n)

Letter (12/6) from Mrs. Lucas confirmed that this closed from June 4: it was hoped it would re-open in October.

Agreed after discussion to confirm this arrangement and to review the situation at the December Council meeting.

Clerk reported that he had received notification of the booking of the Village Hall on August 9 at a fee of £15.

After discussion during the public adjournment during which Mr. Wilnot (Management Committee chairman) said this appeared to be a letting for which the Committee made a concessionary charge, it was agreed to return the booking form, Mr. Wilnot to explain the situation to the management committee.

j. Rag Hill/Church Road (2o)

Letter (19/6) from County Area Engineer reported that police felt a width restriction on Church Hill would be 'virtually unworkable'. Signs indicating 'Narrow single track road' would be erected here and - until the question of possible restrictions is decided - also on Rag Hill. Further letter (10/7) from Assistant County Engineer rejected width restrictions at this moment and gave details of county-wide plans. Clerk to reply to Area Engineer thanking him for the offer and asking that it be carried into effect as soon as possible and reminding him of the willingness of the GIC for a sign to be erected on the Rag Hill approach to Tatsfield inside the London area.

k. Titsey Estate (2p)

Handing over of letter of intent at ceremony on Westmore Green reported. Correspondence from Messrs Strutt and Parker and Messrs Tweedie said surveyor's fees on transfer were not likely to exceed £60 and also set out terms of gift from Mr. Leveson Gower. Wayleaves and easements were indicated as bringing in £0.50 per annum. Chairman to examine terms proposed: agreed in principle on securing control to endeavour to negotiate extinguishment of wayleaves etc on payment of lump sums to be negotiated: authority given for signing of necessary cheques during vacation period up to £60 in respect of surveyor's fees and £200 legal costs. Clerk reported that he had been advised that an approach to the District Council to continue to service the Greens as formerly would be needed and was likely to receive sympathetic consideration.

l. Macsmawr Road (2q)

Further reports were made of conditions and after discussion the Clerk was instructed to tell the District Council that further complaints had been received: that the calves had been moved to a site almost opposite that formerly occupied: that buildings involved caused a loss of visual amenities, and to ask that representations be made to the owners on these matters and also on the nuisance alleged to arise from smells.

m. Westmore Pond (2r)

A report received from Mr. Goodchild set out a scheme based on recommendations made by Mr. Harrision of the Save the Village Pond Campaign. A concrete facing wall round the inside of the containing wall was suggested with three shallow steps for the safety of smaller children. Estimated cost (given voluntary labour) £30-£50. Decided after discussion to defer full consideration pending the attendance of Mr. Goodchild.

n. Audit (2t)

Clerk reported completion of audit on June 13. Comments: Fidelity bond should be provided in respect of Clerk: Clerk's salary underpaid by £90. Enquiries from insurance company had produced a suggested premium of £10. This was felt to be unrealistic as maximum cash held by Clerk at any one time is £10. Clerk to investigate further and report. Payment of salary arrears approved.

o. School Transport (2u)

Letter (25/6) from Area Education Officer said transport asked for could not be provided and detailed situation. There would be no admissions of Tatsfield children to Oxted Middle School this September. - Noted.

p. Green Line Route 706 (2zliii)

Letter (12/6) from London Country Bus Co. said they were unable to change arrangements made and suggested that the service provided by bus route 483 was adequate.

Clerk to reply that Route 483 makes no good connections with services to London and to ask that a suitable adjustment be made, particularly in respect of a connection at Sanderstead.

q. North Downs Way (3d)

Acknowledgement of Council's suggested amendment received from District Council.

r. Telephone problems.(4a)

Letter (22/6) from Dr. Benison said patients had been asked to avoid making calls at peak hours. A second line had been installed for out-going calls. No reply from telephone authorities.

Clerk to thank Dr Benison for his reply: to point out that it was read at a well-attended Council meeting and would receive further publicity through the Council minutes.

s. Memorial Seat (6c)

Letter (25/6) from District Council said Mrs. Roper's memorial seat had been damaged by vandals and been replaced by a park-type seat. The memorial plaque appeared to have been stolen. The Council's views were requested.

Clerk to reply that in the circumstances the Council did not seek any further action, the park-type seat being probably less liable to damage.

t. Church Celebrations (6d)

Clerk to express to Mr. Unwin the Council's warm appreciation of his success in organising the church's 900th anniversary celebrations, which it was felt had added a great deal to village life.

u. No Further Information was available on the following matters

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| i. Borough Road (2k); | ii. Footpath Trail Leaflets (2s); |
| iii. Barnfield Road (2y); | iv. Village Name Sign (6a). |

4. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Paynesfield Road

Chairman reported that he had received a petition dated July 1 signed by 97 residents of Paynesfield Road asking the District Council (1) to re-position the 'No Through Road' sign at the road's junction with Crossways and (2) to place some form of obstruction to vehicles at the end of the metalled part of Paynesfield Road.

Decided after discussion to inform the District Council that this Council supports the re-positioning of the sign.

Considerable discussion ensued about the status of the lower end of Paynesfield Road and the Clerk was asked to investigate the matter by reference to records, the matter having, it was believed, been discussed in about 1965.

b. Alleged Enclosure: Beech Wood/Ninehams Road.

Chairman reported on complaints received about the alleged enclosure of an area of land behind the Pines (Beech Road) and produced a petition bearing the signatures of 310 residents confirming the use of the land by the public for periods of up to 80 years.

Letter (3/7) from Messrs Tweedie's set out the legal position following consultation with Counsel.

The Chairman reported on latest developments. Chairman and Clerk to consult and take any action deemed necessary, including taking advice of SCAPTC and/or the Commons Preservation Society.

c. Footpath Queries etc.

Chairman reported on correspondence received from Miss M. Kelly who said a footpath running through the wood to Ricketts Hill was not marked on the 1963 Ordnance Survey. - Clerk to investigate.

Miss Kelly also asked that the 'Old Lane' sign opposite Sparrow Horn should be replaced. - Clerk to write to County Council.

d. Appeal: Ebor Cottage.

Letter (2/7) from District Council referred to the adjournment of the appeal in respect of land adjoining Ebor Cottage, Paynesfield Road, until October 22. - Noted.

e. Surrey Voluntary Service Council.

Letter from Mr. Harding (Countryside Officer) asked if Council were now in position to pursue a village appraisal.

Clerk to reply: Council have not yet received confirmation that there is a volunteer willing to undertake this task.

f. Village Hall.

Notification received of increased charges.

g. S.C.A.P.T.C.

Mr. Hayes reported on June meeting.

h. Other Correspondence received included:

Report of Boundary Commission on proposals for Tandridge District; report of Surrey Playing Fields Association; Minutes of Tandridge District Council and committees; Surrey Structure papers (circulated).

5. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The following accounts were approved for payment and the necessary cheques signed: Audit fee, £43.20 (including VAT £3.20); Sheila Abel (flowers, Vern D'Anjou visit), £6.60; Tatsfield WI (hire of room for special parish meeting) £0.85; P.G. Reid (arrears of salary, 1974-5), £90; Mr. D. Hayes (expenses; SCAPTC meeting), £2.41; Tatsfield/Vern D'Anjou Association (grant), £25.00.

The meeting closed at 11.30p.m.

Michael A. Hester
8.9.75

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

MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the United Reformed Church, Paynesfield Road on Monday, September 8, 1975 at 8.00p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. M. Hession (Chairman), Mrs. M. Crofts, the Rev. M. Unwin, and Mr. K. Goodchild with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid), about 14 parishioners and two Press representatives.

1. APOLOGIES were received from Mr. J. Softley, Mr. K. Clarke and Mr. D. Hayes.
2. MINUTES of the meeting held on July 14, 1975 were confirmed and signed.
3. MATTERS ARISING.

a. Planning. (Item 3a of last minutes)

i. Current Applications.

Reported that application in respect of the Pines, Paynesfield Road, which had been opposed by this Council had been refused.

Opposition had been expressed to Bromley Council to proposed development at the south end of the Grove, Biggin Hill.

Acknowledgement had been received of this Council's letter to the District Council opposing an application in respect of Normandale, Paynesfield Road,

ii New Applications.

Mrs. Crofts was appointed to deal with applications received during the coming month and Mr. Goodchild those received during October.

b. Twinning (3b).

The Chairman, commenting that this had now been taken over by the Tatsfield/Vern D'Anjou Association congratulated all concerned on the outstanding success of the Bank Holiday week-end visit of a party from Vern.

In addition to the interchange visits to be arranged by the Association it was hoped to arrange visits by the Councils of each village to the other.

The Council approved this in principle and discussed details further in private session at the conclusion of the meeting.

c. Car Parking, Village Centre (3d).

Letter (14/7) from County Council forwarded sketch plan showing location of proposed double yellow lines round island on which bus shelter stands. Clerk reported on co-operative attitude adopted by licensee of the Old Ship. - Npted.

d. Transport to Oxted (3e).

Clerk reported that Mr. Garrard (Surrey County Council) would be pleased to visit Tatsfield to discuss situation on any evening other than Monday or Wednesday to put forward what he described as 'some quite promising suggestions' from London Country Buses.

Decided after discussion to invite Mr. Garrard to attend an informal meeting to be held at Neville House on Thursday, September 18 at 7.30p.m.

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e. Crossways Court (3f).

Letter (14/8) from District Council said nameplate was on order. District Council could not provide seats but would give permission for them if they were provided by the Parish Council or a voluntary organisation. The land did not belong to the Council and previously frontagers would not agree to a path being provided.

Decided after discussion to write to the warden (Mrs. Dobinson) setting out the position regarding both seats and footpath and to suggest that if interested local organisations set about providing a seat the Council might be able to consider making some contribution: also that frontagers concerned should be approached in an endeavour to persuade them to give permission for a footpath.

f. Goatsfield Road (3g).

Letter (5/8) from County Council said notice had been served on the owners of two properties advising them that an encroachment had occurred on to the highway. Plan forwarded with letter. - Noted.

g. Social meeting Centre. (3i)

Reported that Not-So-Young Club had not yet decided whether to seek special rate in respect of letting to them of Village Hall for a function on August 5.

Agreed after discussion that this appeared to be a matter for decision between the Not So Young Club and the Hall Management Committee.

h. Titsey Estate (3k).

Letter (14/7) from Messrs Tweedie forwarded revised schedule of easements which it was agreed to accept.

Further letter (23/7) from telephone authorities forwarded documents relating to their easements over Commons. - Noted.

i. Maesmawr Road (3l).

Letter (31/7) from District Council said Chief Planning Officer was investigating Council's latest complaint. - Noted.

This matter was further discussed during the public adjournment when Mr. Goodchild undertook to take the matter up with the County Veterinary Officer and other officials as necessary.

j. Westmore Pond (3m).

Mr. Goodchild's report further considered. During the public adjournment Mrs. Geary read a statement announcing the formation of the Tatsfield Village Pond Preservation Society. She recalled a story that at one time children were ducked in the pond as a symbol that they were citizens of Tatsfield.

The Chairman welcomed formation of the Society and members of the Council at once joined it.

Mr. Goodchild to consult with the Society and report any proposals for the future of the pond.

k. Audit (2n).

Clerk reported on further correspondence with the insurance company who said £10 was their minimum premium. Clerk to pursue matter with firm specialising in Parish Council insurance.

1. Paynesfield Road (4a).

Clerk reported that he had been unable to trace relevant references in the minutes.

Letter (17/7) from County Council expressed the view that road had been established since the beginning of the century as a privately maintained public highway over which vehicular traffic had a right of way.

Decided to inform County that whilst accepting this view the Council would not wish to see further development or to have the road brought into any further use than at present.

m. Footpath Queries etc (4c).

Council request for replacement of 'Old Lane' sign had been passed to District Council for attention.

n. Barnfield Road (3Uiii)

Clerk to expedite reply.

4. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Bus Shelter.

During the public adjournment, in addition to matters mentioned elsewhere it was reported that tiles were removed from the roof of the bus shelter shortly after repairs had been completed.

Clerk to draw this to the attention of the District Council with a request for repairs to be carried out.

b. Beech Road/Ninehams Road.

During a discussion the Chairman pointed out that Counsel's opinion was still awaited on the legal issues raised. The public right of way had been secured and obstructions removed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Cudham Road/Ricketts Hill Road (Item 6c, minutes of 12/5/75).

Letter (14/7) from District Council said hedge had been cut and sight lines improved. It was felt that a reasonable driver would now have no difficulty at this point. - Noted.

b. Playing Fields Association.

Letter (11/8) from Mr. C.H. Bradshaw (honorary secretary) asked Council for assistance towards provision of new pavilion, towards which a District Council grant of £233.96 had been received.

The Association also pointed out that there was no reference to that body in the Village Directory.

Clerk to reply (1) apologising that the Association was not included in the directory and (2) to support the application in principle, but to point out the limited funds available to the Council at the moment.

Full details of the Association's long-term programme to be sought.

c. Official Correspondence.

Circulars, Council minutes etc., received from the SCAPTC, the District Council and the County Council inspected and noted.

6. FINANCIAL.

a. Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were approved for payment and the necessary cheques signed on the proposition of Mrs. Crofts, seconded by Mr. Goodchild: P.G. Reid (wages plus expenses), £105.95; Petty Cash, £10; Bank of England (loan interest and repayments), £325.98.

b. Precept.

A precept for £850 was issued on the District Council.

c. Lawyer's Account.

Clerk reported receipt of an account for £95 in respect of legal costs between November 1966 and January, 1974. He had been unable to reconcile this completely with Council minutes.

Clerk to write pointing out that the account covers a period of eight years, and that the present Council was only elected in 1971 and to ask for a more detailed statement.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. Lost Sign.

Clerk to report to District Council that 'No Parking' sign near the Post Office is missing and to ask for its replacement.

b. Litter Bins.

District Council to be asked to empty these twice weekly when refuse collection staff are in Tatsfield.

c. Public Service.

Clerk to write expressing appreciation of the work of Mr. Nigel Shaw, of Primrose Ridge, Greenway in again organising holiday entertainment for children.

The public part of the meeting ended at 11.00p.m. with the passing of a formal resolution seeking withdrawal of public and Press.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Council further discussed matters relating to the erection of a pavilion on the Furze Corner field and the extent to which this site could be brought into use.

There was a further discussion on the proposed official interchange of visits between the Councils of Tatsfield and Vern D'Anjou.

M. H. H. H.
Chairman

13.10.75