

MARCH 1958

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting, held at the Bakery, Monday, March 3rd, 1958

Present Dr. Sturton (Chairman) Mrs. Dohie, Miss Knight, Messrs. Geary, & Smith, with the Clerk

Apologies for absence An apology for absence was received from Mrs. Hodgson & Mrs. Leslie.

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

Thru' The Clerk read a letter from R.D.C. Engineers & Surveyors saying that the plot of land referred to was owned by the Executors of the late Wilfred Albert Homer, who made application for the erection of one dwellinghouse on the land, which had been granted. The agents making the application were Messrs. Friend & Nightingall, 16 Market Square, Westham. The Engineers & Surveyors said that as far as the public rights on the land were concerned, he did not consider that one could presume dedication by virtue of the fact that the land in question had been used as a footpath for the past 20 years. After discussion, it was agreed to seek the advice of the Commons & Footpaths Preservation Society, on the matter, as there was some doubt about the R.D.C. ruling.

His eyes The Clerk read a letter from the County Divisional Surveyors, in which it was stated that catseye cat: Rd. reflectors would probably be installed in the near

future on this stretch of the Cozdon Road.

"Road Blocked" The advisability of the erection of signs at  
 signs in the entrances to roads blocked by snowdrifts  
 times of was discussed, & the Clerk was instructed to ask  
 snowdrifting. the Highways Authorities whether, in such  
 emergencies, the being fitted with the snow  
 plough could carry warning signs for  
 erection where necessary, thus avoiding delay &  
 trouble to motorists

P. V. Jones  
 31<sup>st</sup> 53  
 March

## Annual Parish Meeting 1958

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting  
held at The Bakery, Wed: March 26th, 8 p.m.

**Present** About 18 local Govt. Electors, including seven Parish Councillors.

**Chairman** Dr. Sturton, Chairman of the Parish Council presided.

**Minutes** The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were read, & confirmed.

The Chairman gave a Summary of the year's work, and dealt with matters arising from the last A.P.M.

**Playing Fields**

Mr. Hodgson said he thought that a recent Press report regarding the deletion of the sum set aside for Tatfield Playing Fields in the R.D.C. financial estimates, might lead people to think that the R.D.C. had given up the project. This impression was inaccurate. The deletion merely meant that the R.D.C. was not certain about having to pay this sum in the present year... Mr. Brazier said that the Tennis Club was still anxious to have Playing field facilities.

**Extra**

**Coach Services to the Village** Mr. Leslie said that London Transport was going to run coaches at 6.39 a.m. from Oxted, 7.41 a.m. from Chelsham to Westesham, and 9.57 p.m. from Westesham, as from May. These times were not entirely satisfactory, but he thought they could be useful to Tatfield residents. Their continuance would depend upon the use made of the extra services.

Barrier at School The matter of parked cars in front of the school gates was again brought forward, and it was agreed that the School Managers should discuss the matter at their next Meeting.

Mr. Brazier's Report on School. Mr. Brazier gave his report on the School, as <sup>one of</sup> Parish Council's representatives on the School Managers. He said that he was no longer Vice-Chairman, and that all the managers were now local residents. He thought that he could say that a satisfactory year in various ways had been achieved. Mr. Hodson proposed a vote of thanks for the map that the children had made for the village.

Stiles in village Mr. Hassall Sn. drew attention to the unsatisfactory condition of some of the stiles over footpaths in the village, particularly the 1) Listed Hall Lane to Footfield Rd, and 2) Cudham Lane stiles. These had no cross-bars, and were too high to climb over, and too low to prevent getting mud on one's clothes.

Condition of Old Lane Mr. Drayes drew attention to the bad condition of Old Lane. The contractors for main Drainage had altered the camber of the road, so that <sup>surface</sup> water did not flow towards the ditch. Heavy dumpers had also torn up the path through the wood..

Church Hill widening The question of the widening of Church Hill at its junction with Croydon Road was discussed. The corner before Church Farm was raised.

Tree  
Preservation  
Orders

Mr. Mayes thought that it was futile for the Council to schedule trees for preservation, as no attention was apparently paid to the order. Mr. Hodson said that the tree-felling in the village last year had been necessary, and the P.D.C. had been very reluctant to give their consent. The question of the replacement of trees cut down was also discussed.

Vote of  
thanks

Mr. Brazier proposed, seconded by Mr. Mayes that a vote of thanks be paid to the Parish Council for their work in the past year.

Carried.

R. V. Simon,  
March 17<sup>th</sup> 59

MARCH 31st 1958

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The year's a/c's were available for inspection before the meeting.

Present Dr. Sturton (Chairman), Mrs. Dohie, Miss Knight, Messrs. Geary, Hodgson, Leslie, Smith & The Clerk.

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

Alleged F/P  
thro. plot  
Greenway to  
Goatsfield Rd

A letter from the Commons, Open Spaces & Footpaths Pres: Society was read, saying that where public use of a path can be shown to have taken place for a period of Twenty years, the presumption is that it has come to the notice of the owner of the land. Where public use had only taken place for a period of less than 20 years, it was up to the claimants of the public right of way to show that the matter must have come to the attention of the owner of the land. An important factor would be the actual extent to which the path had been used for the period in question. A desultory or occasional use was of little value as evidence that the path could be presumed to have been dedicated.

prop. Mrs. Hodgson, see Mrs. Dohie that a copy of this letter be sent to R.D.C. for their comment.

Carried.

Blocked

Roads in  
Snowfall

A letter from the County Divisional Surveyor was read, saying that the scheme proposed by the Parish Council (P.87) would be difficult to put into operation, when all vehicles are engaged in non-stop operations, in the early hours of a

snowfall. It was not always possible to ascertain the magnitude & extent of road blocks.

In the previous snowfall considerable efforts had to be expended in preserving a way into Tatfield, although for some period this had been limited to a route via Osted. <sup>the Survey</sup>

It was decided to give a concrete example during the recent snowfall of an instance when the snowplough itself could not function, owing to a <sup>car</sup> blockage at the junction of Ricketts Hill Road & Old Lane, while the other end of the road was free. Cars had proceeded along the road, only to find the blockage, just at the exit point.

arising from Annual Parish Meeting.

at this matter was discussed, & it was agreed that the ~~item~~ should be reviewed at the May meeting.

It was agreed that the owner of the land concerned (P89) should have their attention drawn to the lack of cross-bars at the stiles.

The Clerk was instructed to draw the attention of the R.D.C. to the poor condition of Old Lane & to enquire the length of time allowed the Contractor to maintain roads they had dug up in the process of installing Drain Drainage.

The Clerk was instructed to ask the Highways Authority whether the corner before Church Farm could be made less dangerous, & to ask whether any widening of the Gosdon Road at the Waterworks, comparable to that being

undertaken by the Kent Authority further down, were being contemplated.

Allotment

Rents The Clerk said she had collected the Rents for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  year, & paid them into the Bank

Siting of Council  
Houses  
Precept

Mr. Leslie complained about the bad siting of Council Houses at the Square  
Proposed Mr. Hodgson, sec. Miss Knight

1958-59

that a Precept for £100 be issued on Local Rating Authority

Carried.

Parking on  
Green

Mrs. Dohrie said that cars were still being parked on the Green at night. The Clerk said she would bring the matter to the notice of the police again.

Yes for  
payment

Proposed Mr. Smith, sec. Mr. Leslie that following Yes be passed for payment:— with the date April 1st.

Tisbury Estate Co. Allots Rent $\frac{1}{2}$ yr ending 25.3.58	£2-0-0
Path Cash of Clerk	£5-0-0
Clerk's Salary to 31.3.58	£12-10-0

Carried.

Chairman

R. J. Jones  
Secy  
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