

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, March 10, 1975 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. M. Hession (Chairman), Mr. J. Softley, Mrs. M. Crofts, the Rev. M. Urwin, Mr. K. Clarke and Mr. K. Goodchild with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid), Mrs. H. Dunn (District Council member), ten parishioners and three Press representatives.

APOLOGIES were received from Mr. D. Hayes.

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on February 10, 1975 were confirmed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

a. Miss Kennedy's Land (Item 2b of last minutes)

Letters (10/2 and 26/2) from Messrs A.F. & R.W. Tweedie read and Clerk authorised to proceed with purchase.

b. Planning (2d)

Mrs. Crofts reported on applications received during the month. Clerk instructed on representations to be made in respect of proposals for site near Firs Farm, Ricketts Hill Road and for proposed building near Bransgore.

ii. Current Applications.

Mr. Clarke was appointed to deal with applications notified during the current month.

c. Village Hall (2f).

Letter (B/3) from Mr. W. Slatter, secretary to management committee read. This suggested that the Council should appoint a sub-committee to consider estimates for external re-decoration with the Committee.

It reminded the Council, in relation to the best village hall competition that the hall would still need internal re-decoration next year and asked for help in preparing a claim for a rates rebate on the grounds that the hall was a charity.

Clerk to reply: Council would prefer that the whole Council should consider estimates, if necessary at a special meeting; rating position should be taken up with the District Council, it being pointed out that the Parish Council being owners of the hall the question of administering it as a charity can scarcely arise.

d. Village Directory (2g)

Copies were available at the meeting. Clerk to seek confirmation from Mr. Vale of arrangements for distribution: copies in custody of Chairman.

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f. Twinning (2h)

Letters from Mayor of Vern d'Anjou (3/3) and Mrs. Gulley (11/2) considered along with letter (20/2) from Joint Planning Committee. It was reported that following receipt of a letter from Vern d'Anjou after the last meeting it had been decided, after consultation to re-arrange the parish meeting for Wednesday, May 7 so that the French visitors could attend. Clerk instructed on terms of reply to the Mayor and Mrs Gulley. Claim for grant to be lodged with Joint Planning Committee.

f. Annual Parish Meeting (2i)

Arrangements for meeting discussed, the Chairman outlining the proposals for the first half-hour programme, based on proceedings during the first year of the Council's existence (1894-5). Invitations to be sent to Sir Geoffrey Howe, MP and Lady Howe, Mr. and Mrs. J. MacFarlane, Mr and Mrs Dunn, Chairman and Chief Executive, District Council and Mr. Leveson Gower. The Chairman suggested that steps be taken to form a Tatsfield-Vern d'Anjou Association fully representative of interested parties to handle future arrangements with financial support from Council. Proposals considered included the staging of a display in the Village Hall, possibly in advance of the visit. Visitors to be welcomed on arrival at Biggin Hill airport and a programme to be arranged for the Thursday (local schools, Chartwell and District Council offices suggested). The Chairman to invite the visitors to be his guests at dinner on the Friday. Detailed arrangements to be presented to the next meeting following informal discussion.

g. Recreation Ground (2j)

Clerk to apologise that Council members were unable to be present at the Association's recent Committee meeting: to invite Association to put forward its views and/or be represented at next Council meeting.

h. Parking, Village Centre (3ii)

Acknowledgement (18/2) reported from police. Chief Technical Officer, District Council asked to consider Council's representations to Chief Executive.

It was noted that a District Council Committee report recommended consultation with Parish Council and Titsey Estate, but no formal approach had yet been made.

i. Transport to Oxted (2l)

Reply (3/3) from Messrs G Bowser Ltd indicated that the firm had no licence to operate service themselves. No reply from Orpington Rural Transport. Clerk (1) to expedite reply from Orpington Rural Transport and (2) make personal approach to Mr. Bowser with a view to reporting to next Council meeting on the possibility of the Council hiring a suitable vehicle and operating a service if possible from early May on Friday mornings between 9.30a.m. and 12.45p.m. on the basis of the pre-sale of tickets through local sources. Cost to be ascertained on a cost-plus-mileage basis.

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j. District Council Chain of Office (2mi)

Letter (12/2) from District Council reported that the majority of parishes felt the provision of 'parish links' for the Chairman's chain of office was impracticable at present. Letter stated: "... in the circumstances the matter has been left in abeyance." - Noted.

k. Old People's Flats (2mvii).

Still no reply. Clerk to send reminder.

l. Structure Plan (4d)

Background papers received. Circulated for members to study.

m. Exted Work Centre (4g)

Letter (7/2) received. Mr. Urwin to report at next meeting.

n. Borough Road (6c)

Reply (27/2) from District Council reported that digger had been moved. Further oral report received during public adjournment.

o. Goatsfield Road (6d)

Clerk to report circumstances to County Council as highway authority and request any necessary action.

p. Tatsfield Greens (6e)

Clerk to thank District Council for new seat placed on Tatsfield Green, point out that one is missing from Ship Hill and ask that all public seats in the parish be checked.

q. Village Appraisal (4c).

Chairman reported on further approach by Mr. F. Harding, countryside officer. Matter to be discussed at parish meeting, to which Mr. Harding is to be invited.

r. Bus Services (4b)

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Clerk to seek assurance from London Country buses that connections between routes 483 and 410 would be maintained at Westerham and (2) to draw attention to the long waits experienced by Tatsfield passengers at Croydon where they are kept off the buses by those making shorter journeys, Tatsfield passengers being subjected to very long waits.

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

i. Valley Supermarket (2mi)

ii. Former BBC Site (2,v)

iii. Notice Board (2mvi)

iv. Rag Hill/Church Road (2m)

v. Crown Road (2d)

vi. Titsey Estate (2e).

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3. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. S.C.A.P.T.C.

Circulars noted.

b. Ship Wood.

Mr. D. Hayes wrote suggesting that the Council should consider applying for a tree preservation order in respect of Limehouse Bottom (Ship Wood). Difficulties regarding this were expressed during a discussion in which the circumstances regarding the wood were also mentioned. Decided to re-open the subject when Mr. Hayes is able to attend.

c. Conference Invitation.

Invatation for Council to be represented at Conference of Local Councils to be held at Central Hall, Westminster in October noted.

4. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

On the proposition of Mr. Softley seconded by Mrs. Crofts the following accounts were approved for payment and the necessary cheques signed: Bank of England (Loan repayments), £332.19; A.F. & R.W. Tweedie (purchase, Miss Kennedy's land, plus legal costs), £142.59; P.G. Reid (salary plus expenses) £63.20; Trendalls Ltd (printing Village Directory), £35.64; Mr. E. Hayes (contribution towards cost of photos sent to Vern d'Anjou), £2.

5. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Telephone, Old Folks' Flats.

Following a discussion initiated during the public adjournment the Clerk was instructed to inform the District Council of the Council's willingness to meet up to 50% of the cost of installing a telephone for the use of tenants at the old folks' flats, providing steps are taken to initiate provision of the service within the next three months.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Old Folks' Meeting Place.

After considerable discussion on the need for adequate meeting places for senior citizens the Clerk was instructed to endeavour to book the W.I. Hall for their use on Wednesday and Friday each week from 2.0p.m. to 10.0p.m. for a trial period of two months during April and May; and the Village Hall for the same hours on the first Thursday of each month over the same period, Mrs. Dodds of Johns Road to take charge of the detailed arrangements.

The meeting closed at 11.15p.m.

M. Addison

14.4.75

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, April 14, 1975 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. M. Hession (Chairman), Mrs. M. Crofts, the Rev M. Unwin, Mr. E. Clarke, Mr. K. Goodchild and Mr. D. Hayes with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid), a Press representative and about 18 parishioners.

APOLOGIES were received from Mrs. H. Dunn (District Council member).

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on March 10, 1975 were confirmed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a. Miss Kennedy's Land (Item 2a of last minutes).

Purchase reported completed. In pursuance of an enquiry from Messrs Tweedie it was decided that the Land Registry certificate should be in the custody of the Council.

b. Planning (2b)

i. Current Applications.

Mr. Clarke reported on applications notified during the past month.

ii. Land Adjoining the Firs, Paynesfield Road.

Reported that this planning application had been refused.

iii. New Applications.

Mr. Goodchild was appointed to deal with applications notified during the coming month.

c. Village Hall (2c)

Letter (9/4) notified election of officers for the coming year and asked for help in finding a warden. Attention for the need of a warden to be drawn at the parish meeting.

d. Village Directory (2d)

Clerk drew attention to publications of a similar format prepared on a commercial basis by a firm of publishers. - Agreed to investigate this possibility when a further issue is in mind.

e. Twinning (2f)

Chairman reported on current situation. Notification had been received that a party of six would be coming from Vern d'Anjou. Letter (8/4) from Mayor conveyed also invitation for Tatsfield to be represented at opening of sport complex in Vern d'Anjou on May 11.

Clerk to reply that Chairman will meet party at Angers airport at 14.30 hour on May 7 and that he will stay over following return flight to attend opening of the complex.

Draft letter prepared by Chairman for circulation throughout the village approved. Clerk reported formal application made for grant to Joint Twinning Committee, who had asked for report for inclusion in their news letter.

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f. Annual Parish Meeting (2f)

Copies of special poster were distributed for display throughout the village. Detailed arrangements reported on.

g. Recreation Ground (2g).

Mr. Hayes reported on committee meeting of Playing Fields Association at which he represented the Council. He had told the Association the Council would be prepared to consider making a donation when a lease had been negotiated. Letter (18/3) from Association expressed appreciation of the Council's helpful attitude.

h. Car Parking (2h).

Letter (10/3) from Assistant Chief Constable said 'certain recommendations' had been made to the Area Engineer and suggested a site meeting. The meeting had now been confirmed by telephone and was to take place the following day. The Council was invited to be represented. - Mr. Unwin to represent the Council.

i. Transport to Oxted. (2i)

Clerk reported on quotations received from Messrs G Bowser, Ltd of Westerham, and said that from a telephone message it appeared unlikely that Orpington Rural Transport would be able to help.

The Chairman reported that he had been told that local shopkeepers objected to the possibility of having to subsidise through the rates a service which would take trade away from the village.

Mrs. Crofts reported that she had received lower quotations than those reported by the Clerk.

The matter was further discussed during the public adjournment, when Mr. Clark suggested that a petition might be raised to indicate the amount of public demand for a service.

Clerk to write to Mrs. Dodds, the Women's Institute and the Parent-Teachers' Association suggesting a petition and making it clear that the Council need to have precise details of probable demand, times and frequency of services needed and to point out that an expression of views would be welcomed at the parish meeting.

j. Old Folks' Flats '2k & 5a)

Letter (26/3) from District Council said general provision of telephone facilities to old folks' flats was under consideration. In reply to his comment that the matter would be before a committee meeting in June the Clerk said he had written confirming the Council's offer to meet 50% of the cost providing a firm recommendation was made at the June meeting. The Clerk's reply was confirmed.

k. Surrey Structure Plan (21)

Further background papers distributed to members.

l. Borough Road (2n)

The Chairman reported that an item of £7000 proposed expenditure reported in District Council minutes was in respect of main drainage which would apparently serve two houses and a number of vacant plots. Following discussion the Clerk was instructed to write to the Chief Technical Officer, District Council pointing out that of the two houses concerned one did not need or wish to be connected to main drainage and that planning permission had already been refused in respect of the vacant plots.

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u. Goatsfield Road (20)

Acknowledgement received from County Council. Mr. Hayes presented a further report on conditions.

Following a report received on unadopted roads to be presented to the Surrey Association of Town and Parish Councils Mr. Clarke agreed to draft a letter for forwarding to the owner setting out the legal position.

v. Tatsfield Greens (2p)

Further correspondence from District Council promised co-operation asked for.

w. Notice Board (2siii)

Mr. Clarke reported progress.

x. Ship Wood (3c)

Further discussion ensued during which it was pointed out that tree preservation orders can only be made in respect of individual trees.

y. Social Meeting Centre (6a)

Letter (23/3) from Mrs. Slatter confirmed bookings of WI Hall and pointed out that the Village Hall was needed only for probably two Saturdays during the year.

It was made clear during discussion (1) that the facilities were for the general population and not for old folks only; (2) that during the first fortnight it appeared that the arrangements had been satisfactory. Decided to review the situation in June at which time the question of appointing someone to have general responsibility should be considered.

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

i. Valley Supermarket (2si);

ii. Rag Hill/Church Road (2siv);

iii. Crown Road (2sv)

iv. Titsey Estate (2svi)

v. Bus Service (2r).

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Tandridge District Council.

Notification received of annual meeting with Parish Councils to be held on Monday, May 5. Chairman hoped to attend: Clerk had tendered his apologies.

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

Notification of meeting on April 18 included report on unadopted roads, prepared in response to this Council's enquiry. Copies to be prepared for circulation to Council members. Mr. Hayes to thank the Association for their help.

4. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

In addition to the discussion on transport to Oxted mentioned above, Mr. Hayes undertook during the public adjournment to investigate the situation regarding property in Maesmawr Road of which complaint was made.



5. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

On the proposition of Mr. Unwin, seconded by Mr. Clarke payment was approved of the annual subscription to SCATPC (£21.90) and the necessary cheque was signed for payment.

6. PRECEPT.

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

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Maesmawr Road.

Mr. Goodchild reported on representations he had made in respect of activities on a site in Maesmawr Road.

After discussion he agreed to draft a letter in consultation with the Chairman to be sent to the District Council.

b. Westmore Pond.

Mr. Hayes reported that there were views that the pond should be done away with. Following discussion Mr. Goodchild agreed to make enquiries as to methods of treatment and report to the Council.

8. COMMITTEE.

At this point the Council, by resolution, moved into Committee, the Press and public being excluded.

a. Oxted Work Centre.

Following discussion of an appeal for support it was agreed to contribute £25 to the appeal and the necessary cheque was approved for payment.

The meeting closed at 11.40p.m.

M. J. Ellison
Chairman
12.5.75

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

MINUTES of the annual meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the United Reformed Church, Paynesfield Road on Monday, May 12, 1975 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. M. Hession (Chairman), Mr. J. Softley, Mrs. M. Crofts, Mr. D. Hayes, Mr. K. Clarke, Mr. K. Goodchild and the Rev M. Unwin with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid), two Press representatives and about 15 parishioners.

1. ELECTIONS.

Dr. M. Hession was unanimously re-elected chairman and Mr. J. Softley vice chairman.

2. REPRESENTATION.

Mrs. Crofts was unanimously re-appointed to represent the Council on the Village Hall Management Committee and Mr. Hayes as the Council's representative on the Surrey Association of Town and Parish Councils.

This completed the business of the annual meeting and the Council proceeded to hold its normal monthly meeting.

3. MINUTES of the meeting held on April 14, 1975 were confirmed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

a. Miss Kennedy's Land (Item 2a of last minutes).

Acknowledgement received from Messrs Tweedie. Land registry certificate should soon be received.

b. Planning (2b)

i. Current Applications.

Mr. Goodchild reported on applications notified during the month.

ii. Kylemore, Paynesfield Road.

Acknowledgement reported of the Council's notification that it recommended rejection of this application.

iii. New Applications.

Mr. Hayes was appointed to deal with applications notified during the coming month.

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c. Village Hall (2c)

Clerk reported receipt of annual accounts and of estimates for proposed re-decoration and improvements. The management committee recommended acceptance of a tender (one of two received) from a Tatsfield firm in the region of £2000. The hall committee indicated that they had £1000 available towards the cost of the work.

During discussion the need for a retention clause in the contract was stressed.

Decided (1) to take a close look at the proposed contract; (2) Chairman and Clerk to report to members on the financial implications; (3) that a decision be taken at the June meeting (Or, if considered urgent, at a special meeting to be called for the purpose.

d. Village Directory (2d)

Chairman reported that Scouts had been undertaking distribution. As it appeared during discussion that a number of residents had yet to receive copies, the Clerk was asked to check the position with Mr. Vale.

e. Twinning.

i. FRenCh Visit.

Reported that the planned visit of the Mayor of Vern D'Anjou and a party of five other residents had been satisfactorily completed and the programme arranged for them carried through. Clerk reported that a grant of £63 had been received from the British Council in respect of this visit and an application lodged in respect of that paid to Vern D'Anjou by the Chairman.

These reports and accounts available made it appear that the cost of the visit was likely to be between £70 and £80 leaving a balance of between £10 and £20 to be met from Council funds.

The Chairman warmly thanked everyone in the village who had helped to make the initiation of the twinning so successful. By special resolution the Clerk was instructed to minute the appreciation of the Council of the efforts made by the Chairman, Clerk and other members and residents.

ii. Chairman's Visit to Vern D'Anjou.

The Chairman reported in detail on his overnight stay in Vern D'Anjou after flying the French party back to Angers. He spoke of the tremendous welcome accorded to him by the inhabitants in general and said he was invited to cut the ribbon formally opening the village's impressive new sports complex.

He told of the anxiety of the French village to welcome a return party at their own festivities on July 20 and of their desire to arrange football and youth exchanges. They hoped for football matches at August Bank Holiday and at Easter.

iii. Future programme.

There was agreement that every effort should be made to send a party to Vern D'Anjou for their July celebrations and to establish firmer links in all directions as quickly as possible.

It was unanimously decided to call a special parish meeting on Wednesday, June 4 at 7.30p.m., specifically to discuss the establishment of a Tatsfield/Vern D'Anjou Association to organise the British end of the twinning: all local organisations to be invited to be represented: a message explaining the purpose of the meeting to be prepared and circulated to local bodies and also on school buses.

f. Annual Parish Meeting (2f)

Minutes circulated. To be considered at next meeting.

(At this point the Chairman left the meeting and Mr. Softley assumed the chair).

g. Recreation Ground.(2g)

Reported that a grant of £250 to the Playing Fields Association had been approved by the District Council.

h. Car Parking (2h)

Mr. Unwin reported on the site meeting held in the village centre on April 15. Various suggestions were made at the meeting. It was pointed out that limitations placed on parking hours were difficult to enforce: one possible remedy (once used by a bus driver) was to dial 999. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Hayes, and agreed that the Clerk should write to the highway authority expressing support for the laying down of double yellow lines around the island site in the village centre.

i. Transport to Oxted (2i)

Discussion deferred no evidence of public demand having yet been received.

j. Old Folks' Flats (2j)

Letter (18/5) from District Council invited Council to suggest names for the Crossways flats for consideration at a committee meeting to be held in June.

Mrs. Crofts to forward suggestions to Clerk for onward transmission.

k. Borough Road (2l)

Letter (6/5) from District Council stated that this scheme was 'inherited' from the former Godstone RDC. Investigation: '... appears to endorse the facts you quote.' It was suggested that it might well be decided not to proceed until further development was allowed in the area.

After a short discussion it was decided to note the letter.

l. Goatsfield Road (2m).

No reply received from owner. Clerk to seek reply to earlier letter to County Council.

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m. Ship Wood (2q)

Mr. Hayes, reporting on a meeting of SCAPTC drew attention to the fact that a number of cases were on record of preservation orders being made in respect of groups of trees. Clerk to write to District Council asking that such an order should be made in respect of trees comprising Ship Wood (Limehouse Bottom).

n. Social Meeting Centre (2p).

Letter (1/5) from Mrs. J.R. Slatter reported that the WI was required on Wednesdays only during May and sought further instructions regarding the letting. Decided after discussion to continue to provide the service until the end of June: to ask for a report on the current position for presentation at the June Council meeting: to decide on future policy at the June meeting and to reiterate that the service is intended for all local residents.

o. Bus Service (2sv)

Letter (11/4) from London Country Bus Services read. Clerk to point out that the 'Q' proposals do not in fact deal with the problem of short-distance passengers on long run services.

p. Rag Hill/Church Road (2sii)

Copy letter received from District Council who have sent reminder to highway authority of this Council's requests for action. Clerk to point out that references in the letter to Church Hill should refer to Rag Hill and to reiterate requests for improvements at Church Hill also.

q. Titsey Estate (2siv).

No information since January 23. Clerk to send reminder.

r. Meeting with District Council (3a)

Mr. Goodchild reported that he had deputised for Chairman and Clerk and had raised the Church Road/Rag Hill problem.

s. S.C.A.P.T.C.

Copies of statement on unadopted roads circulated.

t. Maesmawr Road (7a)

District Council letter (22/4) said matter was being investigated.

u. Westmore Pond.(7b)

Mr. Goodchild reported. He was awaiting further information.

v. Oxted Work Centre (8a)

Letter (23/4) acknowledged gift with thanks.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Footpath Trail Leaflets.

Letter (16/4) from District Council offered to print and distribute leaflets (of which a specimen was forwarded) and asked if a volunteer would be willing to prepare a local leaflet.

After discussion during the public adjournment Mr and Mrs Wilmot agreed to investigate the possibility of preparing a suitable Tatsfield leaflet.

b. Audit.

Clerk reported that the audit would take place on June 9 under amended regulations. Formal notice had been posted in the village.

4. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The following accounts were approved for payment and the necessary cheques signed: Shaw & Sons (financial statement forms), £0.43; Courier Printing & Publishing Co. Ltd (printing parish meeting posters), £13.75; Dr. M. Hession (re-imbusement, printing circulars), £5.50; Commons Preservation Society (subscription), £1.50; Women's Institute, (hire of hall), £11.90; Mr. F.L. Jenner (car hire), £4; Mr. A.W. Watson (photograph), £12.00; Mr. A. Nevision (designing poster), £5.00; Mr. D. Hayes (expenses, SCAPTC), £5.82; Mr. M. Hession (reimbursement, script duplication), £2.59; Mr. K. Goodchild (reimbursement, French flags), £2.61; Mrs. M. Crofts (reimbursement, lunch and Chartwell visit, with French visitors), £31.35; Mrs. M. Crofts (Gift, expenses, ploughman's supper), £21.95.

5. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Maesmawr Road Well.

Mr. Hayes reported that he had investigated a hole in Maesmawr Road. It appeared to be a disused well which was on private property and appeared not to represent a danger at the moment.

b. School Transport.

Following discussion during the public adjournment the Clerk was instructed to write to the Divisional Education Officer forwarding a request that school transport should be provided for Tatsfield pupils attending Oxted Middle School: pointing out that the Council is aware of County policy but would appreciate a variation to meet this particular case.

c. Bus Shelter.

Attention was drawn to the state of the bus shelter on Westmore Green. Clerk to write to District Council.

d. Green Line Route 706.

Clerk to forward formal objection to withdrawal of service to Tatsfield.

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e. Tree Preservation.

Support to be given to Mr. Davis of Anron, Ricketts Hill Road in approaches to District Council in respect of a tree preservation order: point to be made that this Council had understood that order had in fact been made some time ago.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Abandoned Cars.

Clerk to report to District Council on five abandoned cars in Maesnawr Road and another in the unmade part of Westmore Road.

b. Barnfield Road.

Encroachment near bend at top end to be reported to District Council.

c. Cudham Road/Ricketts Hill.

Clerk to remind District Council of undertaking given at the time Eventyr was built that that sight lines would be cleared under an arrangement made with the owner: to point out that this had not been done and that a serious accident took place at this spot on Friday, May 9.

The meeting closed at 10.55p.m.

M. Affessor
Chairman
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