

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the United Reformed Church, Prynusfield Road, Tatsfield on Monday, March 13, 1978 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. P.N. Owen (Chairman), Mr. R.W. Pearce, Mrs. M.W. Crofts, Mrs. E.M. Haggis, Mrs. E.M.G. Payer and Mr. H.W. Hunt, with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid) and four parishioners.

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on February 13, 1978 were confirmed and signed, with the addendum added by the Chairman in manuscript.
2. MATTERS ARISING.
 - a. Planning (Item 2a of minutes of last meeting)
 - i. Current Applications.

Mrs. Payer reported on applications notified during the month and action taken.
 - ii. Appeal, Meadowbank, Gatsfield Road.

Reported that an appeal had been lodged and was being dealt with on the basis of written representations.
The Clerk was instructed to reiterate the Council's case in opposition to the appeal.
 - iii. Ricketts Hill Road.

Letter (7/3) from Mr. A.S. Grover sought right of access to land north of Oakbank, Ricketts Hill Road, in respect of a proposed dwelling.
Decided after discussion that the Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Grover that the Council has no objection in principle but is seeking legal advice as to the terms on which this should be granted. Clerk instructed to seek legal advice.
 - iv. New Applications.

Mr. Pearce was appointed to deal with applications notified during the coming month.
 - b. Surrey Structure Plan: Village Appraisal (2d).

Decided to convene the initial meeting of the committee appointed at the meeting held on February 15 for Thursday, May 11, 1978 at the United Reformed Church at 8.0p.m. Clerk to make necessary arrangements and to notify members of the committee and, through the Chief Executive, to invite Mr. Elton (District Council's Planning Department) to attend.
 - c. Village Directory.

Mr. Hunt reported progress. Information awaited from a number of organisations.
 - d. Parking: Westmore Green (2f).

District Council informed that this Council accepts the terms suggested and will meet one third of the cost of this work.

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e. Village Hall (2g)

Mr. Hunt reported that the committee was considering the proposed new constitution. During discussion regarding the election of officers and members of the management committee, Mr. Hunt agreed to accept nomination as chairman. The Clerk was instructed to seek insertion of a suitable notice in the parish magazine stressing the need for volunteers to serve on the management committee.

f. Stiles (2j).

Mrs. Crofts said she was still awaiting information.

g. King Edward VII Memorial Garden (2n).

Mrs. Crofts reported on enquiries she had made. She hoped further information might soon be available.

h. Annual Parish Meeting (2o).

Arrangements for the annual parish meeting were discussed, the Chairman saying he hoped these would be broadly similar to last year, with reports from local organisations. Mr. Brunton to be invited to report on District Council matters (particularly as affecting Tatsfield). Following a short break for refreshments it was agreed that there should be an 'open forum' and the whole meeting followed by the annual meeting of the Vern D'Anjou Association. During a public adjournment the question of publicity for the meeting was discussed on the initiative of Mrs. Pearce. The Clerk was instructed (1) to insert a suitable notice in the County Border News and (2) to order 50 bills A3 size, printed black on yellow suitable for use at this and subsequent parish meetings.

i. Pilgrims Way/B2624 Junction (2q)

Letter (22/2) from county council said a scheme had been prepared for this stretch of the B2024, including the junction. Problems had arisen regarding land acquisition, but these it was hoped to resolve. - Noted.

j. Boundary Reviews. (2r)

Clerk reported that government circular made it clear that where parish boundary changes involved also a change in county boundaries (as in the case of Tatsfield's boundaries with Biggin Hill or Westerham) the matter had to be dealt with directly by the Boundary Commission. It seemed premature to raise the matter at this juncture. After discussion the Clerk's report was accepted.

k. Footpath 27 (6d).

Letter (6/3) from Mr. Howard Thomas said stiles had now been erected and the path was now open to through traffic. Clerk to write expressing the Council's appreciation of Mr. Thomas's prompt action.

l. Roads (5a).

Letter (1/3) from County Council promised emergency repairs. - Noted.

m. Horse Riding (5d).

No reply. Mrs. McHaze to provide Clerk with up-to-date address.

n. Phone Box: Village Centre '5e)

Mrs. Player reported on arrangements for the regular cleansing of the phone box and for window cleaning. The box was subject to surface water flooding. After discussion the clerk was instructed to draw the attention of the telephone authorities and ask if steps can be taken to deal with the flooding problem.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Scout Fete.

Letter from Mr. Dredge (Group Scout Leader) asked permission for scout fete to be held on Westacre Green on Saturday, July 6. - Agreed.

b. County Council: Re-Organisation of Highway Services.

Letter (9/3) from County Engineer outlined re-organisation of services, noted.

c. Derelict Van.

Letter (13/3) from Mrs. A. Hayes drew attention to derelict van at the end of Massamur Road. - Clerk to report to County Council with a request for action, in accordance with terms of County Council circular of March 9.

4. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The following accounts were approved for payment and the necessary cheques signed: Bank of England (loan repayments & interest), £294.97; P.G. Reid (expenses), £6.32; P.G. Reid (wages- March), £40.00.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Phone Box: Junction of Ricketts Hill Road & Lusted Hall Lane.

Reported that the area around this phone box, which had been used for the storage of materials during work carried out on behalf of the water authority was still in a bad state. Clerk to seek action to tidy this up.

b. M25 Service Area.

Following a report by the Chairman on further letter from the Minister of Transport to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Clerk was instructed to seek a pro-forma on which the Council can submit evidence to the Prior Committee which is considering motorway service areas.

c. Vern D'Anjou Visit.

The Chairman reported that arrangements were in progress for a party of 61 people from Tatsfield to visit Vern D'Anjou: 53 by coach and eight by car.

d. Speed Limit.

Mrs. Crafts suggested that a speed limit should be sought on Ricketts Hill. Diverse views were expressed during a discussion and it was eventually decided to defer the matter until the next meeting.

e. White Lane.

Mrs. DeHuge complained of dumping taking place at White Lane and agreed to investigate the matter further.

f. Youth Club.

Mrs. Bellago spoke of the difficulties experienced by the youth club in finding a regular meeting place. After some discussion during which mention was made of the regular bookings taken up by the badminton club, the Chairman said this seemed a suitable matter to be aired at the annual parish meeting.

g. 'Clear Up' Day.

Agreed that arrangements for a united village 'clearing-up day' should be discussed at the annual parish meeting.

h. Gas Supply.

Mr. Hunt said many people would like a supply of gas to the village. It was pointed out that on the most recent enquiries it appeared clear that it would be impossible to secure a supply at terms likely to be financially attractive. Clark to report on earlier correspondence at next meeting.

i. Lorries Turning on Green.

Mrs. Flayer reported on damage caused to Westmore Green apparently by brewers' lorries delivering to the Men's Club. Clark to draw complaint to the attention of the club with a request that drivers should be asked to cease this practice.

j. Chairman.

The Chairman asked members to accept his apologies for his inability to attend the April Council meeting.

6. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

c. Bus Shelter.

Clerk to report to Technical Services Officer complaints of vandalism to the bus shelter with a request for action.

The meeting closed at 11.00p.m.

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10/4/1978

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the United Reformed Church, Paynesfield Road, Tatsfield on Monday, April 10, 1978 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. R.W. Pearce (Vice-Chairman), presiding, Mrs. M.E. Crofts, Mrs. A.M. McHugo, Mrs. F.M.G. Player, Mr. H.W. Hunt and Mr. R.F. Payne, with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid) and six parishioners.

APOLOGIES were received from Mr. P.N. Owen.

1. NEW MEMBER.

Mr. R.F. Payne, elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. M.L.G. Hession, having signed his declaration of acceptance of office, took his seat. He was warmly welcomed by the Chairman.

2. MINUTES of the meeting held on March 13, 1978 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

a. Planning (Item 2a of last minutes).

i. Current Applications.

A. Redland Tiles (78/126/175 & 78/258/249).

The Chairman reported on these applications and produced copies of the plans, which were discussed.

78/126/175 referred to the installation of five lighting towers to house banks of lights at a height of 15 metres. These would replace 16 lights, carried on wooden poles each of 400 watts.

Decided after considerable discussion to express opposition to this proposal on environmental grounds, it being understood that the new installation is not essential to the working of the factory.

No. 78/258/249 is for the erection of a new factory building, covering in part the site of an existing building.

Decided to inform the District Council that no objection is offered to this extension which would, it appeared, be very little visible outside the actual site.

B. Cheveralls Farm Entrance (78/211/273).

Mr. Pearce reported on this proposal to re-site the entrance to the farm in Clark's Lane.

After discussion the Clerk was instructed to seek further information in particular in relation to long term plans for the farmland.

C. Oak Lodge, Lusted Hall Lane. (Bromley: 78/636).

Letter (22/3) from Bromley Planning Officer forwarded copy of plans for detached four-bedroom house with integral garage on this site.

Clerk to write thanking Planning Officer for his co-operation and reiterating this Council's view that this site should be developed only on a one-for-one basis. Opposition is therefore expressed to this development on only half the site. Additionally, attention to be drawn to the increase in traffic hazards to be anticipated from additional building.

ii. New Applications.

Mrs. McHugo was appointed to deal with applications notified during the coming month.

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iii. Ricketts Hill Road (2siii).

The Clerk reported that after taking legal advice as instructed he had, after consultation with the Council chairman been in touch with the District Valuer who, by letter dated 11/4 asked for confirmation that the Council wished him to act in this matter. After instruction the Clerk was instructed to ask the Valuer to proceed but to make it clear that it was desired to preserve any trees on the site.

b. Surrey Structure Plan: Village Appraisal (2b).

Letter (29/3) from Mr. Brunton said Mr. Pigram hoped to attend the meeting arranged for May 11. If he could not, another member of the Town Planning department would deputise. The Chairman pointed out that a new full-time Countryside Officer had been appointed for the county, and the Clerk was instructed to invite Mr. Stephen Wollet (the officer concerned) to attend the meeting on May 11.

c. Village Directory. (2c).

Mr. Hunt reported that the new issues was in an advanced stage of preparation. After some discussion Mr. Hunt agreed to confer with Mr. Owen regarding the printing of the directory.

d. Parking: Westmore Green (2f).

Letter (31/3) from District Council said the lowest quotation received was for 2717.70 and asked for confirmation that the parish council was prepared to meet the additional charge i.e. a total of £238.56. The Clerk was instructed to inform the District Council that the Council is prepared to meet this cost.

e. Stiles (2f) & King Edward VII Memorial Garden (2g).

No further information. Matters to be brought forward to next meeting.

f. Annual Parish Meeting (2h).

Clerk reported that Mrs. Stevenson would be preparing report on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee and, Mr. Brunton having a prior appointment Mr. Owen would report on District Council work. Mr. Pearce undertook to present the report of CATSA as provided by Mr. Carey.

g. Pilgrims Way/B202h Junction (2i).

Clerk to request copy of plans of proposed improvements from County Council.

h. Horse Riding (2m).

Clerk to write further letter in the light of information provided by Mrs. McInigo at the meeting

i. Phone Box: Village Centre (2n).

Clerk reported on telephone call (4/4) from telephone manager's office. This indicated that it was appreciated that the floor needed to be brought up to the level outside and this would be done as soon as possible. It had been pointed out that a nearby damaged downpipe contributed to the trouble. The Chairman recalled that cleaning of the kiosk was undertaken under local arrangements, weekly and the windows cleaned once a month.

j. Re-Organisation of Highway Services (3b).

Further correspondence and publicity material noted.

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k. Derelict Vehicles (3c).

Letter (6/4) from Chief Technical Officer, District Council said an inspection was made on April 3. During this a mechanic arrived to repair the vehicle. In these circumstances no further action had been taken. - Noted.

l. Phone Box: Junction of Ricketts Hill Road & Lusted Hall Lane (5a).

Letter (29/3) from Thames Water said re-instatement was connected with work carried out by the telephone service and this Council's letter had been passed to them.

Clerk to point out that it appeared clear that materials on the site at the time the problem arose included water pipes and ancillary equipment.

m. M25 Service Area (5b).

Pro-forma for the forwarding of evidence received. After discussion Mr. Pearce was authorised to complete this for forwarding.

n. Speed Limit (5d).

After some discussion the consensus of the Council was opposed to the seeking of the imposition of a speed limit on village roads and it was at the same time agreed to seek the comments of the Parish Meeting.

o. White Lane (5e).

Mrs. McHugo said she had reported this matter to the District Council. No action had yet been taken. She was authorised further to pursue her approaches to the District Council.

p. Youth Club (5f).

A long discussion took place on the possibility of providing the proposed new Youth Club with accommodation, which it was felt could properly be discussed by the Parish Meeting.

q. 'Clean Up Day'.

Discussion took place as to the method of carrying out this project, it being pointed out that it was proposed to launch a campaign at the Parish Meeting.

r. Gas Supply (5h).

Clerk reported on earlier discussion with SEDGas. Mr. Hunt to make further enquiries and to suggest to the Village Appraisal Committee that this matter should be included in their questionnaire.

s. Lorries Turning on Green (5i).

Letter (24/3) from Mr. W. Crofts, club secretary said steward had been asked to press on the Council's complaint to drivers. After considerable discussion the Clerk was instructed to reply asking the club to convey the Council's complaint direct to the suppliers, with a request that specific instructions be issued to drivers. The club to be invited to provide copies of these letters to the Council.

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4. REPORTS.

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

Mr. Pearce reported on the last meeting of the Surrey Association of Parish & Town Councils.

Mr. Arnold Baker, secretary of the National Association of Local Councils was about to retire. Asked for its views by Mr. Pearce, the Council decided that this a matter for action by the County Association rather than individual Councils. Other points reported by Mr. Pearce were: parish reviews expected to be completed by October 24; cutting of grass on roadside verges would this year take place only once, except where sight lines were affected, when local report of problems would be appreciated; a survey was being made by the Nature Conservancy of fields which had not been ploughed or re-seeded down the years and information of these was sought.

Mr. Pearce's report was received, and during a public adjournment Mrs. Geary and Mr. F. Watson contributed their own memory of fields which might be of interest to the nature conservancy.

Mrs. Plover was requested to make enquiries and co-ordinate information.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Land in Lusted Hall Lane.

Clerk reported that a request for the display of a notice of the sale of land had been forwarded by the District Council. The notice had been duly displayed for the requisite period: the Council was asked to indicate what charge should be made for the service. - Agreed to ask for a fee of £5.

b. Police Publicity.

Letter from PC R Dredge asked if the Council would like police crime prevention and road safety officers to attend and speak during question time at, possibly two Council meetings.

The Clerk reported that this was in substitution for the proposed police display which it now appeared would not be held.

Clerk to reply expressing appreciation of the offer but declining it on the grounds that public attendance at Council meetings would not be likely to justify the officers' attendance. The matter to be also reported to the Parish Meeting.

c. Surrey Structure Plan.

Draft written statement received. It was decided to order two further copies at a cost of £1.50 each: one for use by the Council, the other for the Village Appraisal Committee.

d. Farleigh Lodge, Ricketts Hill Road.

Letter (7/4) from Mr. P.B. Leslie asked for right of occasional access to Crown Road for personal use with his vintage car, and suggested an annual licence.

After discussion the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Leslie that the Council regret they are unable to agree as they are anxious not to create a precedent by granting permission - which has been refused in the past.

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6. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The following accounts were presented for payment and the necessary cheques signed: Hooker Bros. Ltd (parish meeting notices), £25.11; Surrey Association of Parish & Town Councils (annual subscription etc), £31.50; P.G. Reid (Wages - April), £44.00; P.G. Reid (Expenses), £8.31; Tantridge District Council (register of electors), £0.20; Surrey County Council (structure plan), £3.00.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Crossways Court.

The Council considered the collapse of part of Crossways Court and was told of remedial measures taken and planned.

During a public adjournment Mrs. Geary and Mr. Watson recalled that the building had been erected on the site of a former rubbish pit which they felt might have been a contributory cause.

Mrs. McHugo to contact District Engineer concerning the re-occupation of part of the block.

b. Cyclists.

Mr. Hunt drew attention to the danger caused by children cycling in village streets and after discussion he agreed to report this to the police.

Mrs. Crofts agreed to raise the matter with the village school headmaster.

c. Visibility, B2024.

Mrs. McHugo drew attention to the bad visibility at the top of Titsey Hill, caused by the dumping of mounds of earth beside the road.

Earlier correspondence having been recalled, the Clerk was instructed to pass the complaint to the County Council, providing Mr. Whelan with a copy of the letter.

d. Gas Board Installation.

Mrs. McHugo having commented upon the large building erected near the former BBC station she was assured by the Chairman that this was a temporary construction which should be removed within six months.

e. Footpath 27.

Mrs. Crofts reported obstructions to that part of Footpath 27 leading from the Pilgrims Way to the B2024. - Clerk to forward complaint to Mr. T. Okey of Pilgrims Farm for attention.

f. Rate Demand.

The Chairman said he had noted that the Parish Council had limited its precept for the coming year to a 1p rate and said he felt greater provision should have been made for assistance to local projects. He proposed to comment at the Parish Meeting.

8. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Public Notice Board: Westmore Green.

In reply to a question the Chairman said it had been appreciated that repairs to the board which were being carried out voluntarily, would take some time. He promised to investigate.

b. Pilgrims Way/B2024 Junction.

Mr. Watson drew attention to the difficulty of carrying out improvements to the junction and was reminded by the Chairman that the Council had asked to see plans of the proposed works.

The meeting closed at 11.15p.m.

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8/5/78

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, Tatsfield on Monday, May 8, 1978 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. P.N. Owen, Mr. R.W. Pearce, Mrs. M.E. Crofts, Mrs. A.M. McHugo, Mrs. E.M.G. Player, Mr. H.W. Hunt and Mr. R.F. Payne, with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid) and about 20 parishioners.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

On the proposition of Mr. Pearce, seconded by Mrs. Player, Mr. Owen was elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Pearce thanked Mr. Owen for his work during the past year, and Mr. Owen expressed appreciation of the support given him.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

On the proposition of Mrs. McHugo, seconded by Mr. Owen, Mr. Pearce was elected vice-chairman for the coming year.

3. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following were appointed to represent the Council on the organisations indicated:

Surrey Association of Parish & Town Councils: Mr. Pearce.

Village Hall Management Committee: Mr. Payne (Mr. Hunt being now Chairman of the Committee.

VERN D'ANJOU ASSOCIATION: Mrs. Crofts.

Playing Fields Association: Mr. Pearce and Mr. Hunt.

Village Pond Association: Mrs. Player and Mr. Hunt.

This concluded the business of the annual meeting and the normal monthly Council meeting followed at once.

4. MINUTES of the meeting held on April 10, 1978 were confirmed and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

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

i. Redlands Tiles (78/126).

Letter (20/4) from District Council intimated that this application (for the erection of banks of tower lights) had been withdrawn.

The Chairman indicated that conditions were likely to be imposed on the plans for extension approved by the Parish Council at the last meeting. These would be in accord with District Council policy.

ii. The Old Bakery (290/384).

The Chairman declared a personal interest in this application and withdrew whilst it was being discussed, the Vice-Chairman presiding in his absence. Plans of the proposals were before the meeting and at one stage members of the public were invited to comment.

The application was for development as a licensed restaurant, the building to remain externally virtually unaltered and access to be to a car park for 24 cars from Paynesfield Road with the exit in Westmore Road. Parking problems, in particular in relation to Westmore Road, were discussed at some length.

The Clerk was instructed to indicate to the Planning Officer that the Council were in general happy to accept the proposals but to seek confirmation that the ratio of car park places to seating accommodation (24-74) accorded with District Council policy and to suggest that users should have their attention specially drawn to the need to use the car parking facilities provided by the management.

iii. Cheverells Farm Entrance.(78/211/173) - Item 3a1B of last meeting.

The Chairman said this application presented a number of problems which would be the subject of report and discussion at the next meeting of the District Council Planning Committee.

After discussion the Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Officer that the Council hoped no decision would be reached until the Parish Council knew all the facts. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were empowered to act in the light of any further information received.

iv. United Reformed Church.(78/257/352).

Discussion of this application was adjourned whilst Mr. Forward - a member of the church - fetched a copy of the plans. These were inspected by Council members and discussed at length with the active participation at the invitation of the Chairman, of members of the public.

The proposals were criticised by both Council members and others, mainly on grounds that parking problems would arise from the creation of additional meeting room space and that a nuisance would arise to residents in both Pynesfield and Johns Roads from noise which might arise. There was a further feeling that a two-storey addition - urged by church representatives present on economic grounds - would distract from visual amenities.

There was, on the other hand, sympathy with the desire of the church to improve the service it is able to offer through its Sunday school. Eventually it was decided to inform the Planning Officer that the Council favoured a single-storey extension, involving the demolition of the rear of the present building and a general clearing up of the site, but felt a restriction should be included to prevent the addition of a further storey by inserting dormer windows in the roof.

v. Storrington, Gostsfield Road.

The Chairman reported that this application had been approved.

vi. New Applications.

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

b. Surrey Structure Plan: Village Appraisal (3b).

Clerk reported that Mr. Wollat (Countryside Officer) hoped to attend the meeting on May 11 but Mr. Pigram would be unable to be there. Mr. Evans of the Planning Department would deputise for him.

The Vice-Chairman to preside at the meeting on May 11, for which the Chairman tendered his apologies.

c. Village Directory (3c).

Mr. Hunt said delivery of the new edition was expected shortly. It was reported that members of the Community Care might be able to help with distribution.

d. Parking: Westmore Green (3d).

Letter (19/4) from Mr. Brunton said instructions had been given for this work to be put in hand.

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e. Stiles (3o)

Mr. Andrews (Surrey County Council) to be asked to provide stile on Footpath 570 and invited to contact Mrs. Crofts as to the precise location.

f. King Edward VII Memorial Garden (3e)

Clerk to write enquiring as to the possibility of progress. Chairman also to pursue matter at District Council level.

g. Annual Parish Meeting (3f)

Agreed that the minutes of the annual parish meeting should be read at the next Council meeting with a view to taking any action required.

h. Pilgrims Way/B2024 Junction (3g)

Reply awaited from County Council to request for plans.

i. Horse Riding (3h)

No reply had been received. During further discussion the Clerk was instructed to ask the County Council to provide a stile on Footpath 19 (Manor House to Minchams Road). Mr. Andrews to be asked to contact Mrs. Crofts (as in sub-paragraph (e) above).

j. Derelict Vehicle (3k)

Clerk reported that he had been told by Mr. Hayes that the vehicle concerned was not being repaired but 'cannibalised'. He had reported this to the District Council on April 21 and on April 28 the Council had written to say that the vehicle was now a wreck and was being dealt with accordingly. - Noted.

k. Phone Box: Junction of Rickotts Hill Road & Lusted Hall Lane (3l)

Clerk reported letter (14/4) from Post Office Telecommunications saying that the Gas Board had recently been working in this locality. As a result he had written to Segas. - Mr. Pearce to pursue enquiries.

l. M25 Service Area (3m)

Mr. Pearce reported that he had returned evidence on behalf of the Council and handed the Clerk a copy for record.

m. White Lane (3o)

Mrs. McHugo reported that action was still awaited.

n. Youth Club (3p)

The Chairman read a letter from Mrs. I. Jupp, who has been co-operating with Mr. Dredge in forming the Youth Club. At a meeting on April 18 a committee which included five boys and five girls had been elected. An initial programme of six weekly meetings was planned and these the Council agreed should be supported by meeting the cost of the village hall.

The Chairman pointed out the problems the Hall Management Committee might face in making the hall available to the club and said it was hoped these could be met by a spirit of co-operation from other users.

o. Land in Lusted Hall Lane (5a)

Clerk reported that the £5 fee had been paid and banked.

p. 'Clean Up Day'.

The Chairman said the proposal was that the village should be divided into two sections: one based on the village centre and the other on the Rickotts Hill area. Each would have a skip provided to take waste collected. After some discussion as to the best date for this event the discussion was deferred till the next Council meeting.

q. Lorries Turning on Green (3a)

Chairman read letter (Club secretary) rejecting the Council's proposals. Agreed after discussion that if the offence recurs an endeavour should be made to identify the vehicle concerned and the owners be then written to direct.

r. Surrey Structure Plan (5c)

The additional copies having been received these were placed at the disposal of members.

The Chairman read the District Council's comments on the plan's attitude to certain aspects of the administration of the Green Belt and the Council agreed with the District Council's approach to the problem.

s. Crossways Court (7a).

The Chairman reported on repairs and investigations currently taking place and said it was hoped that the building would soon be in full use again.

t. Cyclists (7b). - Matter to be considered at next meeting.

u. Visibility, B2024 (7c)

Letter (20/4) from County Council said tipping was associated with a planning application and had been referred to Highway House. - Clerk to ask for further details of the planning application.

v. Footpath 27. (7e).

Reply (25/4) from Mr. Okey, along with the Clerk's reply, noted. Chairman to deal with further with the aid of the correspondence.

w. Notice Board: Westmore Green (8a)

Mr. Pearce said there would clearly be further delay before this could be provided by voluntary labour and he was authorised to secure estimates for presentation to the next meeting for the work to be carried out professionally.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. S.C.A.P.T.C. - Minutes of meeting held 7-4-78 received.

b. Tatsfield Table Tennis Club.

Letter (4/5) from Mrs. R. Bradshaw asked for a small grant to help the club over a difficult period.

Mrs. Bradshaw, who was present, supplemented her letter and after discussion it was decided that the matter be further investigated and further considered at the next meeting.

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7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The following accounts were presented and the necessary cheques signed for payment: Cornhill Insurance Co. Ltd (premium), £3.00; Biggin Hill News Ltd (advertising, parish meeting), £3.84; F.G. Reid (expenses), F.G. Reid (wages - May), £11.00; Commons Preservation Society (subscription), £2.00; Mrs. H.E. Crofts (re-imbursment, parish meeting refreshments), £2.26; Rev. N. Urwin (Community Care donation), £30.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Village Hall Management Committee.

Mr. Hunt reported that no successor had been found to Mrs. Stevenson, who had resigned as secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee. The Clerk agreed to provide copies of the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee as drafted by Mr. Hunt.

b. Chestnut Avenue.

Following a suggestion by Mrs. Crofts the Clerk was instructed to ask the County Council to provide a suitable litter bin at Chestnut Avenue near its junction with the B2024.

c. Pond Association.

The Chairman said that Mr. Hoskins (OTO) was procuring details of the method proposed for dealing with the pond. Mr. Owen said he understood Mr. Clarke was seeking that the work should be expedited.

d. Community Care.

The Chairman drew attention to the valuable work carried out by Community Care in relation to its transport scheme and other matters. On Mr. Owen's suggestion it was agreed to make a donation of £30 to the work, via the Rector, to defray expenses already incurred.

9. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Maesowr Road.

During the public adjournment attention was drawn to the quantity of broken seats and other rubbish in Maesowr Road and the Clerk was instructed to report this to the Chief Technical Officer with a request that it be cleared away.

b. Foot of Ricketts Hill.

Following a complaint from Mrs. Pearce the Clerk was asked to draw the attention of the highway authority to the bad condition of the road at the bottom of Ricketts Hill.

The meeting closed at 11.15p.m.

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R. W. Lane
12th June 1978

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TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held in Committee at the conclusion of the annual meeting on Monday, May 8, 1978.

PRESENT: Members as listed at the annual meeting.

1. RICKETTS HILL ROAD: ACCESS. (Item 3a111, minutes of 10-4-78).

The Chairmann read a letter received by Mr. Grover from the District Valuer. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to draw the attention of the Valuer to the terms on which previous access rights had been granted by the former owner of the greens and to point out that an alternative access appeared to be available.

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12th June 1978

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the UNITED REFORMED Church, Pynesfield Road, Tatsfield on Monday, June 12, 1978 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. R.W. Pearce (Vice-chairman), presiding, Mrs. H.E. Crofts, Mrs. A.N. McInigo, Mrs. E.M.G. Payer, Mr. R.W. Hunt and Mr. R.P. Payne, with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid) and five parishioners.

APOLOGIES were received from Mr. P.N. Owen.

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on May 8, 1978 were confirmed and signed, along with those of the meeting held 'in committee' at the conclusion of that meeting.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

a. Planning (Item 5e. of last minutes).

i. Redland Tiles (5ai) - 78/454/250

Decided after discussion to offer no objection to this application for the erection of a three-bay extension to the existing experimental workshop, providing the conditions imposed by the District Council in the previous case are also applied to this application.

ii. Old Bakery (5aii).

Letter (5/6) from Chief Planning Officer said conditional permission had been granted. Parking facilities did comply with Council standards. It was not possible under planning law to require a notice to be displayed regarding the use of parking facilities. - Noted.

iii. Cheverolls Farm, Chalsham (5aiii) - 78/396/600.

This application for the raising of the level of the land was considered at length, plans being available for inspection. It was eventually agreed that the Clerk should consult with Mr. Pearce as to the manner in which the Council's views should be expressed.

It was agreed to oppose the application on the following grounds:

1. That the changes in the contours of this Green Belt area, which at one point passes close to an is visible from the North Downs Way, is undesirable;
2. That considerable additional traffic hazards will be created during the carrying out of the project, probably near to the already dangerous junction at the top of Titsay Hill;
3. That the two proposed areas, presumably to be used for a type of stock piling are objectionable and liable to impede visibility: that that already existing near to the B269 should be removed and that proposed beside the B2024 not permitted.

It to be further pointed out that the existing piles of earth beside the B269 now cause an additional interruption of visibility through the growth of grass etc from 3' to 4' high and that this also should not be permitted.

iv. United Reformed Church. (5aiv)

Letter from District Council said this application had now been refused.
- Noted.

v. Other Applications.

Mr. Payne reported that he saw no reason to offer objection to the following applications: 78/14/18, adjoining Oak Bank, Ricketts Hill Road (detached dwelling and garage); 78/383/501, Tulp Cottage, Old Lane (kitchen); 78/390/541, Little Dene, Ricketts Hill (extension to kitchen and lounge, formation of three bedrooms and bathroom in roof space).

vi. New Applications.

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

b. Village Appraisal (5b).

Reported that a number of sub-committees had now been appointed to deal with various aspects of the problems arising. A further meeting of the main committee would be held towards the end of June.

c. Village Directory (5c)

Copies of the new edition were available for distribution. After some discussion it was agreed that Council members should themselves deal with distribution, Mr. Hunt being asked to co-ordinate this.

d. Stiles (5e) and Horse Riding (51).

Letter (19/5) from County Area Engineer said situation had not changed since his letter of July 17, 1977 which dealt with the problem in some detail and a further meeting did not seem likely to prove useful. Clerk to approach Mr. Brunton and request that he will endeavour to obtain details of ownership of Gorsey Dawn farm from Land Registry. Mr. Pearce to contact Scouts with a view to them repairing stiles with materials purchased by the parish council.

o. King Edward VII Memorial Garden (5p).

No further information was available.

f. Annual Parish Meeting (5g).

The meeting discussed at some length how best to deal with the parish meeting in future years so as to improve the link between Council and the public and agreed: (1) that a notice be posted well in advance of the meeting inviting resolutions for inclusion in the agenda with an undertaking that any such resolution would, if passed by the meeting, receive the careful consideration of the Council and (2) that a copy of the minutes of the meeting should in future be circulated among members of the Council.

g. Pilgrims Way/E202h Junction (5h).

A plan forwarded by the County Council was considered. This showed that improvements, in sight lines were planned, but no road construction work was envisaged. - Noted.

h. Grass 'Island': Junction of Ricketts Hill Road & Lusted Hall Lane (5k).

No further information available.

i. White Lane (5n).

Mrs. Melluge, who reported that she had been in touch with the District Council on three separate occasions was asked to continue to deal with this matter.

j. 'Clean Up Day' (5p)

Agreed that this should be on November 18, Mr. Payne to prepare overall plan for consideration at next meeting. Mr. Payne said he would not be available to work on this during the month of October.

i. Litter Bins.

Clark to ask District Council to empty these regularly and where necessary to replace. Attention to be drawn especially to those at the bus stop, at Westmore Green and near the school.

k. Lorries Turning on Green (5q).

Mrs. Payer provided a list of occasions on which a particular lorry had offended and the Clark was instructed to contact the firm concerned.

l. Cyclists (5t).

Mrs. Crofts reported that Mr. Hillier was warning schoolchildren of the dangers and Mr. Hunt undertook to approach the local policeman.

m. Visibility etc, B2024. (5u).

Letter (10/5) from County Council said none of the work had taken place on highway land and the County Surveyor could do nothing to get the material moved. The planning authority was investigating whether planning permission was needed.

The Clark was instructed to remind the County Council of the need to renew white lines marking the road edge on the roads approaching the B2024/B269 junction at the top of Titsey Hill.

n. Footpath 27 (5v).

The Chairman said Mr. Owen had spoken to Mr. Okey who said he had been unable to locate any obstruction and asked in the event of future complaints to be informed of the exact location concerned.

Clark to consult Mr. Smith of Kent Cottages for further information and to take any necessary action upon receiving this.

o. Notice Board: Westmore Green (5w).

Mr. Pearce was authorised to make a further approach following the meeting.

p. Chestnut Avenue (8b).

Letter (6/6) from County Valuer & Estates Officer suggested a site meeting to decide where proposed litter bin should be placed. - Correspondence passed to Mrs. Crofts, who was authorised to deal with the subject.

q. Pond Association (8c).

Mrs. Payer reported that soil samples were undergoing laboratory tests to assess the suitability of the material it was planned to use and a report was awaited by the Chief Technical Officer.

During discussion it emerged that the recent clearance of the pond had been undertaken with the help of Mr. Clarke, Mrs. Garry and Mr. Watson, and they were thanked by the Chairman.

r. Community Care (8d).

Letter (24/5) from the Rector thanked Council for its donation.

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s. Messum Road (9a).

Letter (25/5) from District Council said the material complained of belonged to the piggeries nearby. It was hoped this would be tidied up. The situation would be kept under review by the Chief Technical Officer.

t. Foot of Rickotts Hill (9b).

Acknowledgement from County Council said matter was in hand and the Chairman reported it had now been dealt with. Clerk to thank County Surveyor, and comment that the Council are looking forward to the re-surfacing of Rickotts Hill.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Letter (10/5) invited Council to nominate a member to be co-opted to the committee of the Oxted Centre and invited a contribution towards the work of the centre. Further letter (6/6) invited Council to be represented at cheese and wine luncheon to be held on June 22.

Decided: (1) to nominate Mrs. Ployer for co-option to the committee; (2) to donate £10 towards the work; (3) to inform the Centre that Mrs. McHugh will be attending the lunch in another capacity and will also represent the Council.

b. Tatefield Playing Fields Association.

Letter (15/5) from Mr. C.H. Bradshaw announced his resignation as secretary of the Playing Fields Association and asked that future correspondence should be addressed to the Rector. - Noted.

c. S.C.A.P.T.C.

Circulars etc noted. The Chairman indicated that he would be unable to attend the next meeting and, no other member having expressed a desire to attend said he would convey his apologies.

d. Audit.

Clerk reported that he had that day posted notice of the audit, which would take place on July 17, 1970.

e. Gatwick Area Conservation Area.

Notice received of annual meeting to be held at Herley on June 21.

f. Oxted Social Centre.

The Council further considered appeal from Oxted Social Centre, which had previously been circulated among members, and it was decided to make a donation of £40 to the centre.

g. M25: Leatherhead Side Roads.

Correspondence from Surrey County Council regarding forthcoming inquiry into Leatherhead interchange side-roads. - Circulated to Council members.

h. Education.

Detailed representations on education matters put forward in a letter from Mrs. C. Protherough to be circulated among members with a view to discussion at the next meeting.

4. Seat, Crossways.

Letter (12/6) from Mrs. J. Harris recalled that last year she was able to provide a seat for the use of residents at Crossways Court costing £65 and invited the Council to consider the provision of a second seat. After some discussion consideration was deferred till the next meeting to enable the need to be assessed.

j. School Manager.

Letter (12/6) from Mr. P.W.R. de Buriatte, secretary of Tatsfield First School PTA announced the resignation of Mr. R. Nolan, the PTA nominee, from his position of school manager on leaving the country and nominated Mr. D.C. Isham of 23 Ship Field Close to succeed him. Agreed to nominate Mr. Isham to succeed Mr. Nolan. Divisional Education Officer and Mr. Strange (Chairman of Managers) to be informed.

k. Ricketts Hill Road: Access.

Letter (31/5) from Messrs Strutt & Parkar, which had been read by all Council members, considered. - Clerk instructed to forward copy to District Valuer.

4. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The following accounts were approved for payment and the necessary cheques signed: Cornhill Insurance (Village Hall premium), £96.00; (Hall committee asked to review cover); F.G. Reid (wages - June), £44.00; F.G. Reid (Expenses), £9.76; Tatsfield W.I. (Hire of room for village appraisal meeting), £1.25; Village Hall (Youth Disco), £10.00; Citizens' Advice Bureau (donation), £10; Mr. H.W. Hunt (re-imbursment, deposit on Village Directory), £10.00; Willprint Litho (balance of printing, Village Directory), £46.64; Oxted Social Centre (donation), £40.00.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Tree Planting.

Mr. Payne spoke of the desirability of stimulating a tree planting programme and of replacing olms which had been lost. - After some discussion the Clerk was instructed to seek the advice of Mr. Wollat, Countryside Officer as to the availability of grants for this purpose and to seek general advice.

b. Phone Box: Village Centre.

Mrs. Plover said she understood that the phone box was not now cleaned regularly under local arrangements. - Clerk to seek information.

c. Children's Swings, etc.

Mrs. Plover drew attention to the danger to children using the equipment on Westmore Green from such things as broken glass. Clerk to report facts to District Council and to seek confirmation that the commons are covered by the District Council insurance in respect of public liability.

d. Common Ranger.

It was suggested that the collection of litter and minor maintenance of the greens could be carried out by a 'common ranger' employed on a part-time basis by the Council. Members were asked to formulate their views for discussion at the next meeting.

6. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Tree Danger.

Attention was drawn to possible danger from falling trees in Old Lane area. Clerk to notify District Council.

The meeting closed at 11.0 p.m.

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TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the United Reformed Church, Ryvesfield Road, Tatsfield on Monday, July 10, 1978 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. P.N. Owen (Chairman), Mr. R.W. Pearce, Mrs. M.E. Crofts, Mrs. A.M. McHugo, Mrs. E.M.G. Payer, Mr. H.W. Hunt and Mr. G.E. Payne, with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid) and seven parishioners.

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on June 12, 1978 were confirmed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a. Planning (Item 2a of last minutes).

i. Cheverells Farm (2a111).

No reply had been received to the Clerk's letter to the District Council, of which he was instructed to forward a copy to the Chairman of Titsey Parish Meeting.

Clerk to write to Planning Officer drawing attention to the Council's continued concern at the obstruction to visibility caused by the piles of earth beside the road north of the top of Titsey Hill and to ask for information as to the action it is proposed to take.

ii. Current Applications.

Mr. Hunt reported on applications notified during the month and the action decided upon was as follows:

Trout Roost, Greenways. (front porch). - No objection.

Redland Tiles (Additional office accommodation).
Some concern was expressed at this further application by this firm and Mrs. McHugo undertook to investigate further with a view to informal opposition being expressed if this seemed appropriate.

76/589/1014 - Land at Skye Tor, Maesmar Road (Mrs. J. Abel).
Subject to a view of the site by Mrs. McHugo it was decided to oppose this application.

78/596/767/R - Odeni, Hillside Road (R. Banks). - Kitchen extension.
No objection.

19/78/1635 (Brosley) - Rear of 94, Sutherland Avenue, Biggin Hill, fronting the Grove (8 detached houses & garages - Outline).
Opposition to be expressed. Clerk to ask for information regarding further building policy in this part of Biggin Hill.

iii. New Applications.

Mrs. McHugo was appointed to deal with applications notified during July and Mr. Pearce those notified between July 31 and the next Council meeting.

b. Village Appraisal. (2b)

Considerable discussion took place regarding the future of the committee, Mr. Hunt pointing out the poor attendance of members.
It was agreed that the Committee be invited at its meeting the following evening to consider the County Council's survey of village in Surrey and to report progress.

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c. Village Directory (2c).

Distribution of the new issue of the Village Directory was discussed and it was decided that as from August 1 any undelivered copies should be made available for collection at the Post Office. Notices of this to be inserted in the first issue of County Border News after that date and also in the Parish magazine.

d. Stiles (2d).

Letter (3/7) from Surrey County Council forwarded name and address of the owner of Gorsey Down farm. After considerable discussion the Clerk was instructed to write to the owner asking for the erection of two stiles at Footpath 570 and asking him to contact Mrs. Crofts as to the precise location of these.

e. King Edward VII Memorial Garden (2e).

Mrs. Crofts said she had been in touch with Mr. Wilson (District Council) that day and there was some hope of action being taken.

f. White Lane (2i).

Mrs. McHugo reported that the offending area had now been fenced in. - Noted.

g. 'Clean Up Day' (2j).

Mr. Payne suggested that a circular letter should be sent to local organisations inviting their co-operation and undertook to prepare copy for the Clerk to process. Circulars to be distributed in September and to be supported by announcements in the County Border News and the Surrey Mirror as well as in the parish magazine.

Clerk to write to Technical Services Officer asking him to contact Mr. Payne regarding the provision of skips. Poster publicity also to be considered. Mr. Payne was thanked for his report which was adopted.

h. Litter Bins (2ji).

Letter (23/6) from Mr. Hoskins (TSO) said inspection would be carried out and any needed replacements made. Emptying would be at the time of the weekly refuse collection. Any additional emptying would have to be on a voluntary basis for collection with household waste. - Noted.

i. Lorries Turning on Green (2k).

No reply to Council letter, but Mrs. Player reported that no further incidents had been noted.

j. Cyclists (2l).

Mr. Hunt reported that in the view of the local police these matters were now more properly dealt with by the local road safety committee. Clerk to report matter to that Committee for consideration.

k. Visibility E2024 (2m).

Acknowledgement received from County Engineer promising attention noted.

l. Footpath 27 (2n).

Clerk reported that in the light of further information he had written to Mr. Okoy specifying the cause of the complaint. - Chairman to pursue.

m. Notice Board, Westmore Green (2o).

Mr. Tapscott (who was present) undertook to carry out the necessary work and authority was given to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to spend up to £50 on this object, subject to report to the next Council meeting.

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n. Chestnut Avenue (2p).

Mrs. Crofts reported that a site near the junction of Church Road and Chestnut Avenue had been selected for the proposed litter bin.

o. Pond Association (2q).

Reported that work on breaking up the pond surface would begin on July 20. Mrs. Player said the Association now had 300 members.

p. Citizens' Advice Bureau (3a).

Letter (20/6) thanked Council for its donation. Mrs. ^{McHenry hnd.} ~~Player~~ reported that the Bureau would be prepared to hold occasional sessions locally if a demand was revealed. - Noted.

q. Tatsfield Playing Fields Association. (3b).

The Chairman reported that Tandridge District Council had agreed to contribute £200 towards outstanding work on the Association's pavilion and it was hoped that a further contribution would be forthcoming from the district Sports Association. He presented a copy of the Association's scheme. Agreed to contribute £150 towards the provision of a cesspool and shower and washing facilities.

r. Oxted Social Centre (3f).

Letter (21/6) thanked Council for its donation.

s. Education (3h).

Letter (10/5) from Mrs. C. Protherough forwarding copy of letter (9/5) addressed to the Divisional Education Officer considered. This drew attention to the effect of the replacement of a retiring teacher by a part-time appointment for one day a week. Agreed after discussion that the Clerk write to the Divisional Education Officer pointing out that, whilst it was agreed that the staffing situation at Tatsfield First school is still within the limits set down, the Council is concerned at the inevitable fall in standards which this change will cause. Copy of letter to be sent to Mrs. Protherough.

t. Seat, Crossways. (3i).

After further discussion it was agreed to reply to Mrs. Harris thanking her for her suggestion but saying that it appears that the seat already kindly provided by her seems to meet the current need and the Council does not therefore propose to adopt her suggestion of providing another, but will keep the position under review.

u. School Manager (3j).

Acknowledgement of Mr. Isham's appointment received from Divisional Education Officer.

v. Ricketts Hill Road: Access (3k).

Confidential letter (29/6) from District Valuer noted.

w. Tree Planting (5a).

Detailed letter (26/6) from Countryside Officer passed to Mr. Payne for consideration and report.

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x. Phone Box: Village Centre (5b)

Formal acknowledgement only received. If no further reply received, Clerk to seek reply in time for September meeting.

y. Children's Swings, etc. (5c).

Letter (30/6) from Mr. Brunton confirmed that children's equipment was covered by District Council insurance.
Mr. Brunton said that trees in Old Lane to which this Council had drawn attention would be felled as a matter of urgency, and members said this work was now being carried out.

z. Common Ranger (5d).

Clerk to write to Mr. Brunton for advice and to ask whether some part-time assistance can be made available for care of the greens: letter also to be sent to Headmaster of school asking for co-operation in keeping greens tidy.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Surrey County Council.

i. Villages in Surrey.

Letter (20/6) forwarded copy of booklet containing information about villages in Surrey and invited comment. - Passed to Appraisal Committee for consideration.

ii. Grass Cutting & Verges Maintenance.

Letter from Area County Surveyor set out policy for present season and promised that matters drawn to his attention would be dealt with as labour became available.

iii. Bye-Laws for Open Spaces.

Letter (3/7) forwarded copy of new bye-laws. To be circulated for information of members.

b. M25 Motorway: Godstone/Westerham Section (Landscaping).

Letter (29/6) from Department of Transport forwarded copy of landscaping proposals for Godstone/Westerham section of motorway and invited Council to be represented at site meeting to be held at 10.30a.m. on October at Resident Engineer's Office, Chalkpit Lane, Oxted. - Mr. Pearce was appointed to represent the Council

c. Joint Twinning Committee.

Circular regarding Congress to be held at Mainz in September noted.

4. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The following accounts were presented and the necessary cheques approved for payment: P.G. Reid (Expenses), £6.16; Westerham Parish Council (Administration), £12.50; P.G. Reid (Wages - July), £44.00; P.G. Reid (Wages - August), £44.00; Tatsfield Women's Institute (Hire of room), £1.25; Tatsfield Playing Fields Association (grant), £450.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Ricketts Hill Road.

Mr. Pearce reported that repairs to Ricketts Hill Road had been carried out up to the point where the 'Tatsfield' sign had been erected, leaving a short length of road to be completed. He had been informed by the County Area Engineer that the final section of road had been left for completion after building nearby had been completed.

Clerk to write to County Council thanking them for the work already carried out and expressing the hope that it will be possible to complete the task by the end of the year.

b. Crossways Court.

Mr. Payne drew attention to the unsatisfactory state of the surroundings of Crossways Court. - Clerk to notify Housing Officer with a request for action.

c. Village Hall.

Mr. Hunt reported on problems arising regarding the use of the Village Hall Hall by the Youth Club. His view that as the Judo Club has eight members in Tatsfield it should be encouraged and allowed the use of the hall was supported by the Council.

d. Biggin Hill Civil Airport.

Mr. Pearce stressed the importance to Tatsfield of the proposed development of Biggin Hill as a civil rather than a recreational airport.

After discussion in which his views were supported Mr. Pearce was authorised to draft a letter for submission to the County Planning Officer (whose reported views were opposed to those expressed by Mr. Pearce). Copy to be sent to Sir Geoffrey Howe.

e. Westmore Road.

Chairman to investigate complaint regarding the state of hedges in Westmore Road.

6. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Westmore Pond.

Following a query raised during the public adjournment, the Clerk was instructed to ask the District Council whether those working on pond improvements as volunteers would be covered by insurance.

b. Top of Titsey Hill.

The dangerous junction at the top of Titsey Hill was further discussed during a public adjournment and the Clerk was instructed to write asking that the Road Safety Committee be asked to consider possible ways of dealing with this.

The meeting closed at 11.35p.m.

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TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the United Reformed Church, Paynesfield Road, Tatsfield on Monday, September 11, 1978 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. R.W. Pearce (Vice-chairman), presiding, Mrs. M.E. Crofts, Mrs. A.M. McHugo, Mrs. E.M.G. Player, Mr. H.W. Hunt and Mr. R.F. Payne, with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid), five parishioners and a Press representative.

APOLOGIES were received from Mr. P.M. Owen.

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on July 10, 1978 were approved and signed, with the substitution of the name of Mrs. McHugo for that of Mrs. Player in paragraph 2p (page 18).

2. MATTERS ARISING.

- a. Planning (Item 2a of last minutes).

- i. Cheverells Farm (2ai).

Clerk reported that in reply to letter (21/7) from Messrs Strutt & Parker (agents to Major Lovason-Gower) he had referred the firm to the District Council for details of the proposal.

Mr. Pearce reported that Mr. Owen had told him that the matter was still under discussion at District Council level.

Members again complained of the serious obstruction to visibility caused by the piles of spoil beside the road north of the top of Titsey Hill. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Divisional Engineer and seek advice on the best method of expediting action in this matter: to report the outcome to the Chairman for instructions on further action.

- ii. Redland Tiles (2aii).

Letter (2/8) from County Council said Redland Tiles could not commit themselves as to their future intentions. They were being pressed for information. Any application would be carefully considered and if permitted would be subject to stringent conditions.

Clerk to ask that this Council be informed of any further proposed development before planning permission is granted.

- iii. Land at Skye Tor, Maesmar Road (78/589/101h)

Letter from District Council reported that this application had been refused.

- New Applications.

- iv. Oak Lodge, Lusted Hall Lane (Branley - (19/78/1878).

Opposition expressed on grounds of density and increased traffic hazards on this narrow road.

- v. Cattery, Maesmar Road (78/719/998).

Mrs. McHugo to inspect plans to house up to 40 cats, with particular reference to new buildings close to boundary, - In forwarding comment in the light of Mrs. McHugo's conclusions, the Clerk to draw the attention of the District Council to the increase likely in the use of this unmade road and to ask what control can be exercised over this: also can applicant be asked to undertake some road maintenance.

- vi. Land north of Oakbank, Ricketts Hill Road (78/678/0/1068).
Proposed development to be opposed on the ground that the width of the frontage is too small for this part of the village and such a development would destroy the character of this part of Tatsfield.
- vii. Greenway Cottage, Greenway (78/856/0/1334).
No objection was offered to this proposal to build two other split-level bungalows with garages on this site, but the District Council to be told that Parish Council approval is subject to the views of the occupiers of nearby property
- viii. Other Applications. - No objection was offered to the following applications:
Mole End (formerly Greenacre) Chestnut Avenue. (78/692/1075).
(Alterations: two storey extension; swimming pool etc).
Esher Cottage, Ricketts Hill Road (78/695/955)
(Conservatory).
Site of Coolleen, Ship Hill (78/776/1169).
(Siting of caravan for 12 months).
Rosebank, Hillside Road (1800/0/1225).
(two storey extension).
Fir Tree Cottage, Ship Hill (78/804/1222).
(Extensions: garage etc).
Warelen, Pynesfield Road (78/807/1194).
(Detached garage).
- ix. New Applications.
Mrs. Pleyer was appointed to deal with applications notified during the coming month.
- b. Village Appraisal (2b).
Mr. Hunt reported that the next meeting was to be held on September 29.
- c. Stiles (2d).
No reply. Clerk to send reminder to owner of Gorsey Down Farm. (570 x 190) P
- d. King Edward VII Memorial Garden (2e).
Mrs. Crofts reported that Mr. Wilson (District Council) now had a larger plan and hoped to be able to make some progress.
- e. Lorries Turning on Green (2i).
Mrs. Pleyer reported that no further incursions had occurred.
- f. Cyclists (2j).
Council's request re. Road Safety Committee passed to County Council. Mr. Hunt said he had heard from the County Council who would like the names of young cyclists concerned so that an approach could be made through their parents with a view to setting up a proficiency course for them. P

E. 'Clean Up Day' (2g)

Letter (20/7) from District Council said no skips were available, but sacks could be provided for the collection of rubbish and these the District Council would be prepared to collect and dispose of.

Mr. Payne reported that a circular had been sent to all local organisations seeking support.

After considerable discussion the following action was agreed upon: (1) Clark to ask District Council whether Wedgwood's yard can be made available over the week-end of November 18 for skips; (2) Mr. Payne to arrange the hire of two skips; (3) Mr. Pearce to approach farmers for loan of suitable vehicles; (4) ~~Mr. Pearce~~ ^{Mr. Payne} to arrange printing of 25 posters for distribution; (5) Mr. Payne to telephone local organisations for replies just before the October meeting (6) Clark to obtain quotations for insurance of those active on 'clear up day'.

Further details to be considered at the October meeting.

h. Footpath 27 (2l).

Mr. Pearce said Mr. Owen had been unable to secure the co-operation of the owner and the Clerk reported that the entrance to the path from the Pilgrims Way was still obstructed by barbed wire. - Clerk to report facts to County Council with a request for action.

i. Notice Board, Westmore Green (2m).

Mr. Tapscott reported that the likely cost of materials was £50 and was authorised to proceed. Any accounts to be sent to the Clerk for payment.

j. Pond Association (2o).

Mrs. Player reported progress. A bill for £345 had been received for work already completed. It seemed likely that the Association's assets of about £800 - to which had to be added a further £100 raised by a children's sponsored walk - would be adequate.

An early meeting was planned to consider the situation with regard to the Bentonite lining. Good co-operation had been received from the District Council's technical officers.

k. Education (2s)

Letter (21/7) from Area Education Officer said Tatsfield school was above the Surrey minimum teacher/pupil ratio, which was one of the best in the country. There was no reason why a good standard of education should not be maintained at the school. - Noted.

l. Tree Planting (2w).

Mr. Payne reported that he had arranged a meeting with the appropriate County Officer and would be reporting on his recommendations for local planting.

m. Common Ranger (2z)

Letter (4/8) from Mr. Brunton said voluntary wardens as employed by the former Rural District Council had not proved successful. The employment of additional staff would be more effective and efficient but there seemed no immediate likelihood of this.

During a general discussion the possibility of the Parish Council employing a part-time ranger was explored. It was decided to make further informal enquiries and discuss the matter further at the next meeting. Members were asked to give some thought to the order of expenditure which might be appropriate.

n. Phone Box: Village Centre (2x).

Reply awaited. Clerk reported that the telephone authorities had mislaid the original letter and when a reminder was sent had replied to say they would undertake a review of village facilities.

o. Ricketts Hill Road (5a).

Acknowledgment received from County Council.

p. Crossways Court (5b).

Letter (24/7) said matter had been referred to Technical Services Officer, District Council.

q. Biggin Hill Civil Airport (5d).

Undated letter from Surrey County Council received on September 11, explained why Biggin Hill was considered best for dealing with London business demands and forwarded copy of Press statement. Discussion of this was deferred till next meeting, the letter in the meantime to be circulated for all members to study.

r. Westmore Pond (6a).

Letter (28/7) from District Council said volunteers were not covered by that Council's insurance.

s. Top of Titsey Hill (6b).

Matter referred to County Road Safety Committee.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Tatsfield Rovers F.C.

Letter (25/7) seeking permission for comic football match held on Westmore Green on September 3, noted.

b. Old Bakery.

Letter (18/7) from Mr. P. Johnston said that in developing the Old Bakery it was proposed to erect a thatched dovecot on the grass nearby and asked if the Council had any objection. It was possible also that heavy elm tables and benches would be provided in the same area.

Mr. Johnston further asked if the footpath could be properly finished off, the grit container moved and suggested that the post which formerly carried the Old Ship sign might be moved.

After discussion it was decided (1) to agree in principle (subject to the completion of any necessary formalities) to the dovecot, provided the existing pole is moved; (2) that the proposed seats and tables would not be suitable at this point (3) to approve the removal of the grit bin if a suitable alternative site can be agreed upon and to agree to footpath improvements, providing Mr. Johnston will arrange and bear the cost.

The site being part of the Common, the Clerk was instructed to investigate what record exists on the deeds of the authority on which the signpost was erected. Clerk to reply to Mr. Johnston in the terms of the Council's decisions.

(Extract from Minutes dated September 11th 1978)

c. Farleigh Cottage, Ricketts Hill Road.

Letter (5/8) from Mr. P.S. Leslie expressed the view that a right of way exists over Crown Road to Ricketts Hill Road and claimed that this was confirmed by older residents. He enclosed a copy of a Land Registry plan which he claimed clearly defined Crown Road as a right of way which he felt justified in using to gain access to the rear of his garden to store a vintage car during the winter and '... at certain other times during the year.' The Clerk produced a file of previous matters affecting Crown Road and after discussion it was agreed to defer discussion pending a study of those, Clerk to inform Mr. Leslie that the position is being investigated.

f. Vandalism.

Letter (31/8) from Mrs. P. Johnston (Women's Institute secretary) drew attention to a recent increase in vandalism in the village. Agreed after discussion that letter be reported to the police with a request for an increase in police patrols and that residents should be encouraged to contact the police with any information regarding acts of vandalism. Clerk to ask for a short statement to be inserted in the Parish Magazine to this effect.

e. Closure of Rural Services.

Questionnaire received from Surrey Voluntary Service Council passed to Village Appraisal Committee for reply.

f. Surrey Museums.

Letter (22/8) from District Council asked for information about private museums or collections, particularly those in need of accommodation. - Clerk to reply that although a number of collections of local interest are understood to exist, none is known to which the letter would apply.

g. Surrey Structure Plan.

Letter (26/7) from Surrey County Council announced that examination in public of county structure plan would open at Guildford on November 14.

h. Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign.

Payment of annual subscription of £5 agreed.

i. Meeting with District Council.

Reported that the annual meeting with the District Council to which Chairmen and Clerks of Parish Councils are invited would take place at Oxted on Friday, October 20. Mr. Pearce said that as Mr. Owen would attend as a District Council member he (Mr. Pearce) would attend in his capacity as vice-chairman.

j. Annual Quiz.

Letter (28/8) from Oxted Work Centre re. annual quiz to be considered at next meeting.

k. Other Correspondence circulated for the information of members included documentation received from County and District Councils, SCAPTC etc.

4. FINANCIAL.

a. Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were presented for payment and the necessary cheques approved for payment: Department of the Environment (Audit fee), £46.44; Bank of England (loan repayments and interest), £288.77; P.G. Reid (wages - September), £44.00; P.G. Reid (Expenses), £13.84; Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (Subscription), £5.00.

b. Precept.

A precept for 1997 was drawn on Tandridge District Council.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Highway Improvement: Tatsfield School.

The Clerk was instructed to seek plans of proposed improvements near the school as described in the minutes of the Tandridge Area Partnership Sub-Committee meeting of July 10.

b. Crossways.

Mr. Hunt complained of weeds growing in the gutters in Crossways. - Clerk to notify County Council.

c. Cats Eyes: Approach Road.

Clerk to ask County Council to lay down cats eyes on Approach Road.

d. Dangerous Trees.

County Council to be asked to deal with dangerous ^{trees} near Furze Corner (as reported by Mrs. McRuge) and in Kensley Road (reported by Mr. Tapsell during a public adjournment).

e. White Lines.

White lining from top of Titsey Hill towards the village to be requested. County Council to be thanked at the same time for providing lining on Ricketts Hill Road.

6. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Abandoned Car.

Mrs. A. Hayes reported an abandoned car in Maesamar Road and the Clerk was instructed to report this to the District Council for action.

b. Ducks.

Mrs. D. Geary asked if there would be any objection to ducks being provided on Westmore Pond on completion of current work and the Council expressed approval.

c. Offensive Smells.

Mrs. Hayes complained of offensive smells arising from the preparation of pig swill from premises in Maesamar Road and was advised that this matter was the concern of the Environmental Health Officer, District Council.

d. Review of Footpaths & Bridleways

Mrs. Hayes asked if the Council was carrying out such a review since she understood that a national review was in progress. The Council had no knowledge of this and asked Mrs. Hayes to supply a copy of her source of information, which she agreed to do.

The meeting closed at 11.20p.m.

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4/10/78

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL, held at the United Reformed Church, Paynesfield Road, Tatsfield on Monday, October 9, 1978 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. P.N. Owen (Chairman), Mr. R.W. Pearce, Mrs. M.E. Crofts, Mrs. A.M. Mc.Hugo, Mrs. E.M.G. Payer, Mr. H.W. Hunt and Mr. R.F. Payne with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid) and ten parishioners.

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on September 11, 1978 were confirmed and signed, with the minor amendments to items 2c and 2g as inserted in manuscript and initiated by the Chairman.
2. MATTERS ARISING.
 - a. Planning (Item 2a of last minutes).
 - i. Cheverells Farm (2ai).

Clerk reported on telephone conversation with County Council Highways department, who took the view that the sight lines were 'adequate'. The only practical approach, which might or might not prove effective, seemed to be through planning channels.
Following some discussion the Clerk was instructed to write to the police asking their views and also whether, in practice, there had been any increase in the number of accidents at this point since the dumping of waste beside the roadside took place.
 - ii. Redland Tiles (2aii).

Letter (21/9) from District Council said the firm was negotiating with the Divisional Planning Officer, Surrey County Council, to whom this Council's letter had been passed.
The Chairman reported that the latest application had been approved but with stringent conditions.
 - iii. Land north of Oakbank, Ricketts Hill Road (78/678/0/1068).

Letter (27/9) from District Council said this application had been refused.
 - iv. Land at Skye Tor, Maesnawr Road (78/589/1014).

The Chairman reported that the applicant was proceeding further in this matter: either by way of appeal or by submitting the case to the local ombudsman.
 - v. Current Applications.

Mrs. Payer reported that no significant local applications had been notified during the month.
 - vi. New Applications.

Mrs. Crofts was appointed to deal with applications notified during the coming month.

b. Village Appraisal (2b).

Mrs. Player reported on meeting held on September 29 at which Mr. Hunt and she represented the Parish Council and which was attended by the Countryside Officer and a representative of the District Council.
Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Hayes were preparing a document for presentation to the next meeting which was intended as a guide for the use of the Parish Council and in consultation also with the District Council. Further consideration was to be given to other problems affecting the parish.
A pilot questionnaire and later a full questionnaire was planned. Co-operation was promised by both the District Council and the Transport Planning Unit of the County Council (who hoped to make some computer time available).
The estimated cost to the Parish Council was between £15 and £20. A further committee meeting would be held on October 17.
Considerable discussion ensued, part of which was during a public adjournment. It was eventually decided, in the light of further expenditure which seemed likely to be involved that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to incur expenditure up to a limit of £50 subject to report to the next meeting of the parish council.

c. Stiles. (2c).

No reply having been received to a further reminder, the Clerk was instructed to send a final request to the owner of Gorse Down Farm by recorded delivery.

d. King Edward VII Memorial Garden (2d).

Mrs. Crofts said she had no further information.

e. 'Clean Up Day.' (2g)

Letter (27/9) from District Council said Wedgwoods Yard would be available on the week-end of November 18-20 and asked how many sacks would be needed and what arrangements would be made for collection.
Clerk reported on conversation with Mr. Wilson (District Council) who had agreed that the use of the yard on this and further annual occasions should be written into the tenancy agreement now being negotiated.
Clerk to notify Mr. Williams (occupier of Wedgwoods Yard) of arrangements proposed, thank him for his co-operation, and ask him to indicate to Mr. Payne where he would like the skips left.

Skips. - Mr. Payne was authorised to hire two skips at a cost of £18 each.

Posters. - Mr. Payne reported that 50 posters were on order for display throughout the village.

Response. - Mr. Payne reported that a number of local organisations had promised to help and he hoped about 50 people would be available on the day: a response which the Chairman described as very encouraging.

Trailer. - Mr. Pearce reported that Mr. Streets would provide a tractor, trailer and driver. - Clerk to write thanking Mr. Streets for his help.

Publicity. - Mr. Payne to arrange further publicity in the parish magazine.

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Insurance - The Clerk reported that he had written to the Council's insurers and two brokers. The only estimate available was for cover of up to £25,000 by an Oxford firm. The Clerk was instructed to seek a quotation for up to £250,000 from this firm and also to pursue the Council's insurers for an alternative quotation. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were authorised to take any needful action on this matter.

f. Footpath 27 (21),

Clerk reported that details of complaint had been forwarded to the Secretary, Surrey County Council, whose acknowledgement (28/9) said County Engineer was investigating.

The Chairman undertook to make a further approach to the farmer concerned. If this proved ineffective the Clerk to write to the County Council pointing out the long delay which has occurred and asking that the matter be given some priority.

g. Notice Boards (21).

i. Westmore Green.

Letter (9/10) from Mr. Tapsell said he hoped to collect necessary wood that Wednesday, and asked how to locate the grasshopper design from the old board. - Noted, Mr. Pearce to consult with Mr. Tapsell re. emblem.

ii. At school crossroads.

Reported that this was knocked down by an unknown vehicle in August. Clerk to seek estimate from District Council of cost of re-erecting board on Ship Hill area and to ask for reply in time for next Council meeting.

h. Pond Association (2j).

The Chairman reported on letter (5/10) sent by Pond Association to Mr. Hoskins, saying the Association had accepted a technical report and ordered 4 tons of Pondseal for delivery on October 27, 1978. This would be applied by volunteers.

Mr. Owen said the Pondseal would cost £280, plus VAT and moved that this account be paid by the Parish Council on the understanding that the £30 by which this exceeds the £250 promised by the Council should be repayable to the Council in what he hoped would be the unlikely event of the Association being wound up. - This was agreed.


i. Tree Planting (21).

Mr. Payne reported on his meeting with a representative of the county landscaping department and presented a scheme for the planting of hedgerow trees on the Approach Road and Ship Hill. A grant of 50% of the cost should be recoverable from the Countryside Commission.

After discussion Mr. Payne was authorised to pursue further enquiries and seek estimates for further consideration. A copy of the scheme to be sent to Mr. Wilnot for information.

j. Common Ranger (2m).

This matter was further discussed and it was decided that, following a meeting on the spot, recommendations should be made to the District Council for the provision of additional litter bins. The position to be further discussed when it is seen whether this results in an improvement.



k. Phone Box: Village Centre (2n).

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by telephone that responsibility for cleansing the telephone box in the village centre rested with Westerham post office authorities.

Mrs. Plover reported that the kiosk was now in better condition than usual. Decided to take no further action at the moment, but to keep matter under review.

l. Biggin Hill Civil Airport (2q).

Letter (26/9) from Sir Geoffrey Howe noted. - The Chairman reported that Mrs. Marcisi had been appointed to represent the district Council on the Biggin Hill committee and agreed to invite her to attend the next Council meeting.

m. Old Bakery (3b).

The Clerk reported that the deeds of the commons showed no authority for the erection of the Old Ship signpost. The advice of the Council's solicitor was that the Council should be prepared, subject to the removal of the Old Ship signpost, to grant a license for the dovecote, subject to six months notice on either side, the applicant paying all costs and carrying out any negotiations in respect of the Old Ship post and the securing of any needful planning permission. - The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Johnson on these lines.

n. Farleigh Cottage, Ricketts Hill Road (3c).

Following further discussion of Mr. Leslie's letter, during which Mr. Pearce reported that correspondence available on earlier matters did not help, the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Leslie to say that the Council are prepared to grant the limited access requested, on condition that passage over Crown Road is limited to three or four occasions a year, and to point out that the Council may have to review the situation should any further information regarding the usage of the road come to light.

o. Vandalism (3f).

Letter (26/9) from Superintendent, Caterham said nine cases of vandalism involving damage amounting to £27 in all, had been reported in Tatsfield during the last nine months.

That did not include damage to the WI gates, which was not reported until the Clerk's letter was received. Tatsfield was promised the fullest police coverage commensurate with its size, to the limit of police manpower. - Noted.

p. Surrey Structure Plan (3g).

Mr. Pearce reported on discussion at the meeting of SCAPTC held the previous week during which it was suggested that greater control should be exercised over the extension of existing houses, particularly where this was likely to disturb the social balance of a community.

After discussion the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were authorised to draft a letter supporting this point of view.

q. Jatwick Area Conservation Campaign (3h).

In acknowledging the Council's subscription the Campaign promised that Tatsfield would be included in any future list of subscribing local authorities.

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r. Annual Quiz (3j).

Mr. Hayes agreed to be a member of the Tatsfield team and the Clerk was instructed also to invite Mrs. Umin and Mr. Cawley (Shipfield Close) to join the team: and so to inform the organisers.

s. Precept (4b).

Clerk reported that this had been received and paid into the Council's account.

The Chairman suggested that a review should be undertaken of the Council's anticipated commitments during the present financial year and hoped this could be done in the next four weeks.

t. Highway Improvement: Tatsfield school (5a).

Reported that the Council's request for plans had been passed to the County Area Engineer. They had not yet been received.

u. Crossways (5b); Cats Eyes, Approach Road (5c); Dangerous Trees (5d) & White Lines (5e).

Clerk reported that all these matters had been reported to the County Council, who had acknowledged the letter, and said they were being 'investigated'.

i. Westmore Road.

Copy of letter (20/9) written by Mr. G.S. Farmer to County Council, complaining of woods etc in Westmore Road, noted.

v. Abandoned Car (6a).

Letter (27/9) from District Council said arrangements were being made for the removal of the abandoned car in Magsmawr Road.

w. Ducks. (6b).

Clerk reported that Mrs. Geary had been formally acquainted of the Council's views.

x. Offensive Smells (6c).

Chairman reported that Environmental Health was dealing with these.

y. Review of Footpaths & Bridleways (6d).

Mrs. Hayes said, during a public adjournment that she had no information yet.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Surrey County Council.

Notices of opening of examination in public of Surrey Structure Plan had been posted in village; copy of Public Transport Plan (Draft) to be circulated for study by members.

b. District Council.

Letter (12/9) forwarded notice of resolutions on hackney carriages as considered by District Council at its meeting on October 5.

c. Cancer Research.

Appeal (25/9) re. organisation of carol singing parties or concerts in aid of Imperial Cancer Research passed to ~~the Clerk~~ *the Rector*.

d. Basement, Ricketts Hill Road (Item 2v, minutes of 10-7-78).

Clerk reported letter (11/9) from District Valuer and his reply, sent after consultation with the vice-chairman was approved.

e. Association of Neighbourhood Councils.

Clerk authorised to complete and return questionnaire.

f. Vern d'Anjou Association.

Letter (5/7) from Mrs. C. Lane, secretary, invited Council to consider giving financial support to Association. During discussion it was pointed out that the intention was that the Council having initiated the twinning exercise the Association should thence be self-supporting. It was agreed that in the event of any official visit by Vern d'Anjou Council members the Council would be prepared to play a part in offering official entertainment. - Clerk to report accordingly.

g. Oxted Work Centre.

Notification of annual meeting (24/10) and annual report received. - Circulated for information of members.

4. REPORTS.

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

Mr. Pearce reported on the annual meeting held the previous week-end. Arising from his report the Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council to ask when the review of parish boundaries would be initiated. Formal invitation to be sent (subject to the availability of the Village Hall) to the Association to hold its meeting on June 15, 1979 at Tatsfield Village Hall.

b. M25 Landscaping Proposals.

Mr. Pearce reported on the meeting held to consider landscaping proposals for that section of the M25 motorway leading to the Surrey boundary. He expressed himself as impressed by the proposals to deal with problems of noise and amenity. Plans of the proposals were inspected by members.

c. District Council.

The Chairman reported on proposals now being considered for a joint District/County Council bus pass for old people which would probably cost £2.50 and permit holders to travel at half fare.

5. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The following accounts were presented and the necessary cheques approved for payment: P.G. Reid (wages - October), £44.00; P.G. Reid (expenses), £9.11.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Litter Bin.

Mr. Hunt complained that the litter bin at the foot of Ricketts Hill was not being emptied. - Clerk to report to District Council.

b. Waiting Cars.

Mr. Hunt said cars were waiting in the mornings on the yellow lines round the island in the village centre. - Clerk to write to police.

c. Old Lane.

Mrs. Crofts drew attention to the need to keep the gullies beside Old Lane clear. - Clerk to write to County Engineer.

7. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Car Parking: The Square etc.

Attention having been drawn to car parking problems at the Square and elsewhere the Chairman promised to investigate and report back to next meeting.

b. Bus Shelter.

In reply to a question about the bus shelter, the Chairman said these were now under the control of the District Council. In the event of persistent vandalism it was not proposed to replace them.

c. Grass Cutting.

Clerk to ask Parks Superintendent to cut grass between Ricketts Hill and Old Lane.

d. Ranger.

During a discussion on the suggestion that a common ranger should be employed Mr. Pearce told Mr. Hayes that he did not anticipate this could be done at a cost of less than £500 a year. Mr. Hayes thought there must be some other way of dealing with the problem.

e. Playground Equipment.

A lady parishioner complained of the condition of the playground equipment on Westmore Green and of the surroundings. Clerk to seek action from District Council.

f. Pond.

The same parishioner suggested that the pond should be fenced. The Chairman said there would be only a gradual slope and the pond should be less dangerous than in the past.

g. Fencing.

Mrs. Pearce complained of the unsightly fence at the bus stop on the Approach Road (Tatefield end), which it was stated was put up as a temporary measure about three years ago. - Clerk to write to the Highway Authority.

The meeting closed at 11.31p.m.

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13/11/78

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held at the United Reformed Church, Pynesfield Road, Tatsfield on Monday, November 13, 1978 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. P.M. Owen (Chairman), Mr. R.W. Pearce, Mrs. M.E. Crofts, Mrs. A.M. McHugo, Mrs. E.M.G. Payer, Mr. H.W. Hunt and Mr. R.F. Payne, with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid).

Mrs. L.M. Marcisi (Tandridge District Council) attended by invitation and there were also present nine parishioners and three Pross representatives.

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on October 9, 1978 were confirmed and signed, with the amendment made in manuscript by the Chairman to Item 3c.

2. BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Marcisi, who represents Tandridge District Council on the Biggin Hill Airport Consultative Committee and at Mr. Owen's invitation Mrs. Marcisi addressed the meeting. She pointed out that she had only recently been appointed and explained the constitution and compared the committee, in operation, favourably with that at Gatwick, upon which she also represents the District Council.

She expressed her willingness to take up any matter which concerned Tatsfield residents, including noise abatement, but asked to be provided with specific facts.

Mr. Pearce pointed out the concern felt by the Parish Council at the comments made by the County Planning Officer.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Marcisi for her talk and promised that copies of the correspondence referred to by Mr. Pearce would be sent to her.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

- a. Planning (Item 2a of last minutes).

- i. Cheverells Farm (2ei).

Letter (30/10) from police said only one accident had been reported from the top of Titsey Hill this year and the spoil complained of was not a contributory cause.

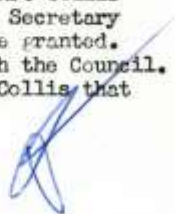
Letter (1/11) from Area Engineer reiterated this point and said no further action was deemed necessary. - Correspondence noted.

- ii. Redland Tiles (TA/78/623) (2aii)

Letter (12/10) from Chief Executive, Surrey County Council set out conditions on which permission had been granted for the erection of a single storey building to house three slat conveyor and a double unit in the stacking area. - Noted.

- iii. Easement, Ricketts Hill Road (3d).

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Collis forwarding correspondence with Sir Geoffrey Howe and the Secretary of State regarding the terms on which an easement might be granted, which it was pointed out was a matter for negotiation with the Council. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Collis that negotiations must continue through the District Valuer.



iv. Current Applications.

Mrs. Crofts reported on applications notified during the month:

1. The Knowle, Paynesfield Road (78/985(0)/1540).

Decided after discussion to object to this application on the basis that the proposed building would lead to an excessive density.

v. New Applications.

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

b. Village Appraisal.

Mrs. Ployer reported that two further meetings had taken place at which a brief had been agreed. She produced a copy of the proposed questionnaire which it was agreed to circulate for the information of members. Mr. D. Hayes had been appointed Chairman of the Committee.

1. Biggin Hill News.

Mr. Pearce read a comment from the Biggin Hill News regarding the proposed questionnaire. He took exception to the comments and it was agreed to instruct the Clerk to cease forwarding copies of Council minutes to the publication and to make no further use of it in relation to publicity.

c. Stiles (2c)

Clerk reported that no reply had been received to letter sent by recorded delivery. He was instructed to seek confirmation of delivery from the Post Office.

d. King Edward VII Memorial Garden (2d).

Clerk reported that Mr. Wilson was unable to provide any fresh information. After discussion Mr. Wilson had promised to contact Mrs. Geary, who he thought might be able to help.

e. 'Clear Up Day'. (2e).

Mr. Payne reported that skips had been ordered. Posters had been received and distributed. He had arranged areas to be dealt with by various organisations which had offered to help.

1. Refreshments.

Mrs. Crofts volunteered to provide light refreshments for helpers.

ii. Insurance.

The Clerk reported on estimates received and after discussion was instructed to accept the estimate by Cornhill Insurance for public liability insurance for all Council activities, including the clear-up day at an annual premium of £12.

f. Footpath 27 (2f).

The Chairman reported that, in company with the Vice-Chairman he had inspected the path in question and found the 'obstruction' only to comprise strands of clear wire which were easily negotiable. Mrs. Crofts agreed to approach the original complainant to see whether he was satisfied with the present situation.

g. Notice Boards (2g).

i. Westmore Green.

Proposed 'headboard' bearing grasshopper design presented by the Chairman, who said Mr. Tapsell had asked what colouring, if any, the Council wished applied to the design. Members were impressed with the design and it was agreed to tell Mr. Tapsell that no further adornment is desired.

ii. At School Crossroads.

Letter (26/10) from District Council said posts had rotted and in view of the cost of oak it was recommended that concrete 'spurs' should be used at a cost of £25.

Following some discussion as to the positioning of the board the meeting accepted the suggestion of Mrs. Crofts that it should be on the right hand side (approaching from Ship Hill) of the junction opposite the school. Clerk to inform District Council and ask that Mrs. Crofts be consulted as to the precise position when the work is carried out.

h. Tree Planting (2i)

Letter (16/10) from Mr. M. Wilnot congratulated Council on proposals and suggested that tree planting should also be undertaken between Tatsfield Firs and Clarke Lane. - Mrs. McHugo did not agree with this suggestion. After discussion it was decided that copies of the proposals should be forwarded to Mr. Robinson (Park Farm) and Mr. Wholen (Lusted Hall Farm) inviting their comments.

i. Annual Quiz (2r).

Reported that Mrs. Unwin being unable to accept the invitation to take part the Tatsfield team comprised Mr and Mrs Cawley and Mr. D. Hayes. In the event Tatsfield finished second in the competition. The Chairman thanked the participants.

j. Highway Improvements, Tatsfield School (2t).

Letter (11/10) from County Council forwarded plans, which were studied by members.

Clerk reported on telephone message (10/11) from County Council saying that work, which was likely to cause some traffic problems, would commence that day and was expected to take two days. - Report noted.

k. Crossways; Cats Eyes, Approach Road; Dangerous Trees & White Lines (2u).

Detailed reply received from County Council (11/10) as follows:

- i. Crossways. - To be cleared when maintenance gang is next in area.
- ii. Cats Eyes, Approach Road. - Already in place. Replacement rubbers to be provided as necessary.
- iii. Dangerous Trees. - Owner of trees near Furze Corner has been asked to fell them. Tree in Kemsley Road the responsibility of adjoining landowners.
- iv. White Lines. - Edge of carriageway usually marked by white lines only when road edge is 'deteriorating'. B2026 is kerbed to protect the verge.

l. Abandoned Car (2v).

Clerk reported that number of car had been provided by Mrs. Hayes and reported to District Council. It had now been removed.

m. Surrey Public Transport Plan (3a).

During some general discussion it was suggested that consideration should be given to the provision of alternative forms of public transport and emphasised that priority should be given to the provision of transport for school children.

n. S.C.A.P.T.C.

i. Parish Review.

Letter (17/10) from Mr. Brunton set out present position, pointing out complications arising from the boundaries with other counties concerned.

ii. Meeting, June 1979.

Letter (18/10) from Secretary provisionally accepted invitation to hold meeting of Association at Tatsfield Village Hall.

o. Litter Bins (6a).

Clerk to ask District Council to provide res-type bins on either side of the playground equipment and to make arrangements for regular emptying.

p. Waiting Cars (6b).

Acknowledgement from police 'noted' Council letter. - Clerk reported that PC Brodge had told him that since yellow lines were laid down he had only had occasion to warn three drivers. - Noted.

q. Old Lens (6c).

Letter (20/10) from County Council said gullies were attended to in the first fortnight of October. - Noted.

r. Car Parking: The Square etc (7a).

The Chairman suggested that this matter should be dealt with alongside proposals for a speed limit in the village.


s. Playground Equipment (7a).

Letter (26/10) from District Council said this would receive attention in due course.

Mrs. Player drew attention to the practice of dealing with defects by shortening swing chains with the result that the seats became higher and higher.

t. Fencing (7g).

Clerk reported that Mr. Hitchcock (County Council) had visited the site and suggested that the fencing should be removed. There was some difference of view but it was decided after discussion not to agree, on grounds of safety, to removal, but to ask that there should be some tidying up.



4. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. S.C.A.P.T.C. - Minutes of meeting held 7-10-78 received.

b. Surrey Voluntary Service Council.

Notice of conference on 'Surrey Villages: Their Future' to be held at Surrey University on December 16, 1978, received.

Mr. Pearce, to whom correspondence was passed, to represent Council.

5. REPORTS.

a. Twinning Sign: Foot of Ricketts Hill.

Clerk reported telephone message from County Engineer's office that Bromley Council had intimated that the sign at the foot of Ricketts Hill erected by the Parish Council would obstruct visibility to new entrance and had asked that it be moved.

Clerk to reply that in view of the short height of the sign above ground it cannot be held to obstruct visibility and this Council does not agree to its removal.

b. Playing Fields Association.

Plans of proposed improved accommodation presented by Chairman who explained the suggested programme. - Noted.

c. Youth Club.

Notice of annual meeting received. Agreed to pay for cost of hall for club meetings to end of financial year.

d. Speed Limit.

The meeting considered a petition asking for the imposition of a speed limit of 30mph in Insted Hall Lane, Paynesfield Road, Westmore Road, Ship Hill and Ricketts Hill Road, a copy of which had been presented to the Chairman during a public adjournment.

The petition which contained 400 signatures had already been sent to Surrey County Council.

The Clerk having reported on some discussion with County Council officials discussion followed at the conclusion of which the Chairman said he proposed to adjourn a decision till the next meeting. In the meantime the Clerk was instructed to ask the County Council for a detailed statement setting out the implications of the proposal and the steps to be taken for it to be implemented should the Council decide to support the petition.

6. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The following accounts were approved for payment and the necessary cheques signed: City Timber Ltd (Wood for notice board), £83.18; P.G. Reid (Wages - November), £44.00; P.G. Reid (Expenses), £6.86; Tatsfield Village Hall (use of hall by Youth Club), £63.00; Streetloze Minerals Ltd (Pondseal), £302.40; Longmore Press Ltd (Posters, Clear Up Day), £13.41; Cornhill Insurance (Public Liability cover), £12.00.

1. Precept.

A precept for £907 was issued on the District Council.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Gas Supplies.

Mr. Hunt reported on a renewed request for the installation of a gas supply to the village and reported that SEB Board were undertaking a computer study of the best line for a main to take.

b. Village Hall.

Matters regarding the village hall were raised, including the need to find a successor to Mr. Taggell whose work for the hall was the subject of complimentary remarks, but who had expressed a desire to retire from it.

c. Dovecote.

The Chairman gave notice that he would ask the Council again to consider the proposal to erect a dovecote near the Old Bakery at the next meeting.

9. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Speed Limit.

There was a short discussion following the presentation of the petition during the first public adjournment and it was recalled that the proposal gained little support when brought up at the Parish meeting.

b. Pond.

Mr. Hayes commented that the pond now had water in it and it was noted that a member of the Technical Service Officer's staff joined in work with volunteers.

It was also reported that further work to improve the pond and its surroundings would be carried out in the spring.

c. Bridleways.

Mr. Hayes quoted from a periodical report that a special review of bridleways was shortly to be undertaken. It was pointed out that no notification of this had yet been received.

d. Notice Boards.

A parishioner spoke of the need to provide a notice board in the Lusted Hall Lane part of the parish, and Mrs. Crofts recalled unsuccessful attempts to do this some years ago.

The meeting closed at 11.20p.m.


17/12/78

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, Tatsfield on Monday, December 11, 1978 at 8.0p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. P.N. Owen (Chairman, Mrs. M.E. Crofts, Mrs. E.M.G. Payer, Mr. H.W. Hunt and Mr. R.F. Payne with the Clerk (Mr. P.G. Reid), five parishioners and a Press representative.

APOLOGIES were received from Mr. R.W. Pearce and Mrs. A.M. McHugo.

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on November 13, 1978 were confirmed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

a. Planning (Item 3a of Last minutes)

i. Encasement, Ricketts Hill (3aiii).

Following a further report by the Chairman the Clerk was instructed to ascertain the terms on which the most recent encasements were granted. The Chairman, to whom the correspondence file was passed, to consult the District Valuer and report.

ii. The Knowle, Paynesfield Road: 78/985(0)/1540 (3aiv(i))

Clerk reported letter (22/11) from Planning Officer saying that application had been refused on the grounds that the site was too small and the proposed dwelling would overlook and be overlooked by property to the rear.

iii. Greenways Cottage: TA/1978/856/(0)/1334, Outline.

Letter (23/11) from Planning Officer said that despite comments from nearby residents there was insufficient grounds to sustain a refusal of permission and conditional consent had been granted.

iv. Current Applications.

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

v. New Applications.

Mrs. Crofts was appointed to deal with applications notified during December, and Mr. Hunt those received during January.

b. Village Appraisal (3b).

Mrs. Payer reported that the next committee meeting would be held on January 15 and two pilot questionnaires were planned for January 20 and January 23.

c. Stiles (3c).

Clerk reported that he was awaiting confirmation of delivery of recorded letter addressed to owner of Gorsey Down Farm.

d. King Edward VII Memorial Garden (3d).

Mrs. Crofts reported that arrangements had been made for Mr. Wilson, (District Council) to visit the site with Mrs. Geary, Mr. Mayes and Mr. Tapscott as well as Mrs. Crofts herself.

e. 'Clear-Up Day' (3c).

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Payne on the success of the effort and thanked him for organising the event, and Mrs. Crofts for providing refreshments. It was reported that letters of thanks had been sent to organisations which had co-operated.

Mr. Pearce to be contacted with a view to expressing appreciation of help given by Mr. Streets.

i. Outstanding Problems.

Maesmawr Road.

Clerk to write to Mr. Hoskins (copy to Environmental Health Officer) asking for collection of heavy waste near the piggeries in Maesmawr Road.

The Avenues. - Mr. Payne to investigate position.

White Lane. - Clerk to ask Mr. Hoskins to clear rubbish away.

f. Footpath 27 (3f).

Letter (16/11) from Clerk & Chief Executive, Surrey County Council said farmer had been requested to remove the two sections of barbed wire which caused an obstruction and had been informed that if this was not done the County Council had power to carry out the work. - Mrs. Crofts also reported.

g. Notice Boards (3g).

Letter (22/11) from Chief Technical Officer promised to re-site the board near the school after consultation with Mrs. Crofts.

h. Tree Planting (3h).

Letter (6/12) from Mr. J.P. Whelan welcomed the proposed programme and granted permission to enter his field to plant the proposed trees. - Mr. Payne to pursue enquiries as to supply of trees.

i. Highway Improvement, Tatsfield School (3j).

The work not having apparently yet been carried out the Clerk was instructed to enquire when this could be expected.

j. Litter Bins.(3o)

Letter (22/11) from Mr. Hoskins said funds had run out for this financial year, but additional bins would be provided after April 1979. So far as he was aware all bins in Tatsfield were 'adequately emptied'.

Clerk to ask that plastic bags in frames near swings on Westmore Green should be regularly exchanged for new ones.

k. Fencing (3t).

Letter (24/11) from Area Engineer said instructions had been given for fence to be tidied up and it was reported that this had now been satisfactorily done.

l. Playing Fields Association (5b).

The Chairman reported that the plans were now being considered by Bromley Council.

m. Youth Club (5c).

Mr. Hunt reported on the annual meeting which revealed a satisfactory situation. Clerk to write to Mr. Aylott of Greensloves to thank club for its work in repairing the bus shelter.

n. Speed Limit (5d).

Letter (22/11) from County Engineer set out criteria for establishing a speed limit. As no 'A' roads were concerned this could be done without involving the Department of Transport. It would take about seven months to implement a decision.

Some discussion ensued during which the Chairman pointed out that many who signed the petition were more concerned about parking without lights than with road safety and Mrs. Crofts stressed the need for a limit in Ricketts Hill.

It was decided to defer consideration to the January meeting, the Clerk meanwhile to circulate copies of the County Engineer's letter to all Council members, to Mr & Mrs. Kent and Mrs. James (organisers of the petition), Sir Geoffrey Howe MP and Mr. J. Macfarlane.

o. Precept (6i).

Clerk reported that precept had been paid and cheque banked.

p. Gas Supplies (8a).

Mr. Hunt said he understood the cost was likely to be £300 per household, plus connection charges. It seemed unlikely that a supply would be available in Tatsfield in the near future.

q. Fond (7b).

The Chairman expressed appreciation at the way in which the work had been carried out.

r. Dovecote (8c).

The Chairman having declared a personal interest, the Council further discussed this matter.

It was agreed to grant permission conditionally for the dovecote to be erected on a spot near the centre of the open space (part of the Green) outside the Old Bakery temporarily, Council members to be invited to inspect the dovecote with a view to reaching a decision at the January meeting on the granting of permission permanently, on licence.

s. Notice Board (9d).

The Chairman said he understood a notice board had now been brought into use on private property.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. School Manager.

Letter (22/11) from Area Education Officer reported resignation of Mr. D.A. Isham as school manager and asked for appointment of a successor.

Clerk to invite Parent Teacher Association to forward name of proposed manager for appointment by Council.

b. Boundary Changes.

Circular (27/10) from Department of the Environment reminded District Council of the need to put to the Boundary Commission proposals for changes in principal area boundaries as soon as they could. In view of the significance of this in relation to Tatsfield the Clerk was instructed to invite the comments of Mr. Brunton (Chief Executive) and seek his advice.

c. Hedge Cutting Appeal.

Letter (13/11) from Mrs. F.L. West, forwarded by District Council asked for help in cutting her hedges. - Clerk to refer this to Youth Club.

d. 1st. Tatsfield Scouts.

Letter (28/11) from Mrs. M. Hughes (secretary) on behalf of 1st Tatsfield Scout Group said repairs were needed in roof of larger hut. If undertaken by helpers these would cost about £380 for materials, towards the cost of which some assistance was sought. Agreed after discussion to make an immediate grant of £50, the Clerk to seek details of the group's financial situation. The matter to be further considered on receipt of further information.

e. S.C.A.P.T.C.

Documentation received circulated for information of members, including information regarding Surrey Play Council conference to be held on February 21, 1979.

4. REPORTS.

a. Motorway Service Area.

Attention was drawn to a report on motorway service areas to be considered by the Planning Committee of the District Council at its meeting on the following evening.

This indicated that the County Council was being recommended to accept the need for a service area at Titsey Wood, but on a reduced scale, with special regard to layout and the design of buildings and any access other than from the motorway to be limited and to be predominantly from the south. The Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the relevant documentation to Mr. Carey (CATSA) for information.

5. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The following accounts were presented and the necessary cheques approved for payment: Mr. B. Stanling (refreshments 'Clear-up day'), £1.16; Skevington Waste Disposal Ltd (skips for clear-up day), £38.88; P.G. Reid (Expenses), £9.88; P.G. Reid (Maps - December), £44.00; Tatsfield Village Hall (Youth Club rent) £12.00; 1st Tatsfield Scout Group (donation), £50.00.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Annual Parish Meeting.

Agreed that the annual parish meeting be held at Tatsfield Village Hall on Wednesday, April 11, 1979.

b. Keeping Tatsfield Tidy.

Mr. Payne spoke of the need to maintain the impetus of 'clear-up day' in keeping the village tidy and said it might be necessary to employ someone on this task.

c. Car Parking, The Square.

Mrs. Payer reported on the continued problem of car parking at the Square which she agreed to raise with the District Council Housing Manager.

7. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.

a. Surface Water Drainage.

Mr. Mead reported on problems of surface water drainage arising at the foot of Rickotts Hill Road and Lusted Hall Lane, where water was now also coming from the Grove. He thought the soakaway at this point needed enlarging.

Clerk to report problem to Surrey County Council, Tandridge District Council and Broulady Council, pointing out to the Surrey authorities that the major problem appears to arise in their area.

b. Speed Limit.

Mr. D. Hayes drew attention to the trend towards urbanisation which would be stimulated by the adoption of a speed limit. The answer to many problems appeared to lie in careful driving.

The meeting closed at 9.55p.m.

R. H. Lane
8th January 1979.