

MAY 1956

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery, Mon. May 7th, 1956, 8 p.m.

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

Apology for absence received from Mr. Betts.

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

Village Sign Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Abraham for seeing to the Village sign recently.

Litter A letter from R.D.C. was read, concerning the Anti-Litter Campaign beginning 19th May. The P.C. was notified that it was proposed to affix an extra litter bin to the lamp post at Westmore Green. A sub-committee was formed to consider ways & means of making the campaign a success, & a meeting <sup>was</sup> arranged for the following Thursday. Members of the Committee: Mrs. Dohie, Miss Knight, Mr. Abraham, Mr. Ridler.

Revision of Definitive Map The Surrey C.C. confirmed in a letter that the County Council had no power to add further public rights of way to the Draft Rights of Way map & Statement, except in those cases where additional information had been submitted as the result of an objection. It was hoped that the first review of the Definitive Maps would be considered in the early part of 1957. The Clerk was requested to bear this date in mind.

Mr. Hodgson said he had tried to see where the obstruction lay, but had not seen any of the building material referred to previously. He promised to investigate the matter again.

The Chairman said that the Voluntary Team had managed to pull out a large number of the bushes on The Green. He hoped to be able to borrow a disc harrow, and attend to the grass at the S. end later on. The Councillors present expressed their appreciation of what had so far been accomplished.

The R.D.C. said in a letter that the land in front of Irons Cotts was not shown on the drawings in their possession as being part of Tatfield Green.

It was reported that Orpington U.D.C. had attended to the surface of this path.

The Surveyor, in a letter, said that he would do what he could to have the grass at these two sites kept short during the forthcoming season.

The R.D.C. wrote to say that the P.C.'s views had been noted... Mr. Hodgson said that where it might be possible to say that R.D.C. houses had been erected right to the acre, this could not be said of private building in the village.

Proposed Mr. Ridler, Sec. Dr. Sturton that

standing orders be suspended. <sup>with regard to</sup>  
the June meeting. Carried.

Audit The Clerk reported that the Audit of the  
P.C.'s a/c's began June 4th next.

Cinder path Mr. Hodgson said he would see whether the  
Council Houses temporary cinder path by the Council Houses  
could be enlarged at the N. end, to permit  
vehicles to turn.

Lusted Hall  
Lane Road  
Sign It was agreed that the Clerk should ask  
the Highways Dept. whether the Lusted Hall  
Lane Road sign, opposite The White House  
could be transferred to the other side of the  
road, so that it could be seen from both  
approaches.

Broken  
Bottles Miss Knight said she had received a  
complaint about broken milk bottles  
lying around the village.  
Proposed Mr. Ridler, see Dr. Sturton  
that the Clerk write to the Dairy

House near Carried.

Howardale Miss Knight said that she had been asked  
whether anything could be done about the  
house near "Howardale", which was in a  
dangerous condition. Mr. Hodgson said  
that this matter was being dealt with.

Approach Rd  
Swedish Houses Mrs. Dottie said that nothing had yet  
been done to tidy up the approach  
road to the Swedish Houses, and <sup>also</sup> reported  
that at the lower end there was an uncovered

well opening. The Clerk was instructed to see that these matters were brought to the notice of the authorities concerned.

Playing  
Fields

Answering a question, Mr. Hodgson said there was nothing to report yet, but the matter was progressing.

Seat on

Ship Hill

Mr. Hodgson said that the Highways <sup>Dept. & R.D.C.</sup> had agreed about the site on Ship Hill, & the P.C. could proceed in the matter.

Meeting of

403 & 410

'buses in

Westonham.

The <sup>increasing</sup> number of people being inconvenienced by the bad bus connections in Westonham was reviewed by the Parish Council.

Proposed Miss Knight, sec. Dr. Sturton that the matter be again brought to the notice of London Transport. Carried.

Rabbits.

The Clerk was asked to find out what the procedure is, to take action under the Pest Control Act.

Emptying of

Swimming

Pools

The Clerk said she had been asked to enquire whether it was allowable to let water from a swimming-pool run on to a highway. She was told to find out from the Highways Dept.

Mud on

Ricketts Hill

It was reported that lorries coming out of a house on Ricketts Hill had deposited mud on the highway. The Clerk was instructed to draw the attention of the Police to the matter.

Proposed Miss Knight, su. Dr. Sherton that  
Jod: a/c be passed for payment  
Commons Pres: Soc. Subs. 1956-57 <sup>s</sup> 10-5-d

Carried.

Alampien Kildes.

Chairman 28/5/56

## ANNUAL Parish Council Meeting. 1956

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Bakery, Mon: May 28th, 1956, at 8 p.m.

- Present** Mrs. Dohie, Miss Knight, Dr. Sturton, Messrs. Betts, Geary, Hodgson & Ridler, with the Clerk
- Chairman** Proposed by Dr. Sturton sec. Mr. Betts that Mr. Ridler be Chairman for ensuing year
- Vice-Chairman** Proposed by Mr. Hodgson, sec. Carried by Mr. Betts that Dr. Sturton be Vice-Chairman for ensuing year. Carried.
- Allots.**  
**Com:** Proposed by Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Geary that Dr. Sturton & Mr. Betts be re-elected to Allotments Committee. Carried.
- Footpaths**  
**Com:** Proposed by Dr. Sturton sec. Mr. Betts that Mr. Geary & Mr. Hodgson be elected to Footpaths Committee. Carried.
- Appreciation for Mr. Geary's work.** Mr. Hodgson proposed, sec. Mr. Ridler, that a vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Geary for his work as Chairman over the past few years. His knowledge of the functioning of Local Government, and of Village affairs was unrivalled. Carried unan.
- Resignation**  
**Mr. Geary** Mr. Geary signified his intention of resigning from the Parish Council within the next 6 months.
- Minutes** The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Later  
The Chairman gave a Summary of what had been done to assist the recent Anti-Litter Campaign. Proposed Dr. Sturton see Mr. Betts that the R.D.C. be informed that the campaign could have been more successful, had <sup>more</sup> litter baskets been available, and that it was felt the large posters were unsuitable in design, while the small litho circles could have been used to better advantage if provided with adhesive. Carried.

Ploughing up  
Footpaths  
It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the occupier of Gossy Down Farm about the restoration of the paths running 1) from Franklyn to Libra, 2) across Rosebanks Field from Cudham Rd.

Footpath  
Obstruction  
The Clerk was instructed to ask the owner of Libra to remove the obstruction caused by stacked drain-pipes, to the path running through his land.

Disc-harrow  
The Green  
Mr. Geary said that he had been promised the loan of a disc-harrow for The Green. He hoped to make arrangements to start work soon.

Under Path  
Council Houses  
Mr. Hodgson said that this matter was being attended to.

Broken Bottles  
The Clerk gave the explanations she had been given by the milk roundman.  
Proposed Dr. Sturton, see Mrs. Dathie that matter be left for the moment.

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fields

Mr. Hodgson said that the matter was progressing

onation  
Seat

As the seat had been delivered it was proposed Mrs. Doherty see Miss Knight that a Sub. Committee consisting of Mr. George De. Sturton & Mr. Betts be formed to see into the matter of putting the seat into position.

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nce in  
Westham

The Clerk said that her letter had been acknowledged.

Rabbits

The Clerk read a letter from Surrey Agricultural Exec. Comm. saying that it would be for the Courts to determine the implication of the word "resort" within the meaning of the Act. Normally, the Agric. Comm. would seek to have rabbits destroyed by or at the expense of the occupier of the land on which they had holes or harborage. If the occupier failed to take reasonable steps to destroy, or confine the rabbits, the failure should be reported to the Police or the Committee.

This would not relieve any occupier of his obligation to kill or take rabbits getting into his property, if reasonably practicable to do so

Emptying of  
Swimming  
Pools.

A letter from R.D.C. Engineer said that the contents were not usually interpreted to mean Sewage, & with regard to their emptying, this was a matter concerning the owners of the swimming pool, & the owner of the land on to which the water was discharged.



Mr. Hodson added that the emptying of swimming pools did not constitute a "nuisance", it being of infrequent occurrence. Dr. Sturton thought that the owner should be present on the road at the time, as the water might constitute a danger to motor traffic.

The Pond Mr. Hodson said this matter had been deferred.

Notice at Manor House The Clerk reported that the notice advertising P.C. Meetings was missing from the board opposite Manor House.

Burial Grounds The R.D.C. invited the P.C. to appoint their Chairman & Clerk to attend a meeting of representatives of Parish Councils in the District with representatives of the District Council, for the purpose of discussing the reservation of suitable land for use for Burial purposes when it became necessary. The P.C. appointed the Chairman & Clerk to attend such a meeting.

Path off Antmore Green A letter from Commons, Open Spaces & Footpath Preservation Soc. to The Secretary, Tabfield Residents' Soc. was read, in which the Asst. Sec. said that the Society possessed a fairly full file about the disputed path, & were waiting to have it included in the Definitive Map of Rights of Way, when it came to be reviewed in 1957. They were in communication with the R.D.C. about the removal of obstructions.

Veranda  
The dangerous condition of the Veranda  
at the Parade was discussed. Mr. Hodgson  
said he would make enquiries as to whether  
anything were being done.

Replacement  
lengthsman  
Village  
The Clerk was instructed to ask the  
Highways Dept. if a temporary lengthsman  
would be given in the village to replace  
Mr. Boon, at present on the sick list.

Footpath  
indication  
Poles  
The Clerk was instructed to draw the  
attention of the Highways Dept. to the  
wobbly condition of the footpath signposts  
recently erected in the village.

Overhanging  
Bushes at  
The Beacon  
Shaw  
The Clerk was asked to find out whether  
anything was being done regarding the  
overhanging bushes at Beacon Shaw.

Road Name  
Plates  
The Clerk was asked to enquire of R.D.C.  
whether there were any intentions about  
erecting road name plates in the village.

a/c for  
payment  
Proposed Dr. Sturton see Mr. Hodgson  
that the membership fee of £4.10.0 be  
paid to Surrey Ass. of P.Cs., but under  
strong protest, & with a request that  
the fee should be reconsidered before it  
again becomes due. £4-10-0

Proposed Dr. Sturton see Mr. Hodgson  
that year's subs. to P.C. Review  
be paid 5-0

Carried.

Alfred Hill  
Chairman 2/1/56

JULY 1956

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Bakery on Mon. July 2nd, 1956 8p.m.

Present - Mr. Ridler (Chairman) Miss Knight, Messrs. Betts.

Geary, Hodgson, Dr. Sturton - The Clerk

Apology An apology for absence was received from Mrs. Doherty.

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

Footpaths at Rosebank The Footpaths Committee were asked to see whether the complaints made about these 2 F.P.s had been attended to.

Green Mr. Geary said that he had been able to tear up a number of the tufts of grass with a chain-harrow. It was agreed that volunteers should meet the following Friday, to deal with those still remaining.

Playing Fields Mr. Hodgson said that this matter was still being dealt with.

Meeting 403 The Clerk was instructed to send a reminder to Transport House.

Pond quantities of Mr. Hodgson said that the Surveyor had been asked to prepare a modified scheme. The amount the R.D.C. would contribute would be decided when this scheme was submitted.

Langthorn Village The Clerk read a letter from the County Divisional Surveyor saying that endeavours

would be made to cover requirements in the village by minor re-arrangement of other lengths main duties.

Nameplates  
in Village

A letter from R.D.C. stated that the question of nameplates for roads at Tatsfield had not so far been dealt with  
p. Dr. Sturton, see Mrs Knight that the Clerk ask R.D.C. to consider erection of nameplates for major roads such as Taznesfield & Westmore Rds.

Carried 4:1

'No Through  
Road' sign  
Taznesfield Rd

p. Mr. Betts see Mr. Hodgson that the 'No Through Road' sign at the village end of Taznesfield Road be moved to the junction of this road with John's Road, or alternatively, that an additional sign be placed there. The Clerk to write to Highways ~~author~~ on matter.

Carried unan.

Danger  
Signs on  
Roads

A letter from Tatsfield Residents Ass. was read drawing attention to the lack of warning signs <sup>for bends</sup> along Picketts Hill

p. Dr. Sturton see Mr. Betts that the Clerk write to the Highways Authorities, drawing attention to the increased traffic in the village especially at the week-end, and asking for a general survey of roads in the village to be made, with a view to erecting danger signs where necessary, particularly along Picketts Hill & Church Rd., & drawing attention to the wrongly-sited bend warning in Linsted Hall lane

Carried unan.

letter The Chairman read a copy of a letter sent by  
to Min: the Tabfield Residents Ass. to Min: of Housing & Local Govt.  
regarding the provision of Drain Drainage.  
Drainage Mr. Hodgson said that matters had progressed,  
All that was now awaited was Government  
sanction for expenditure.

Obstruction

wood Rd Mr. Jeary drew attention to an ~~footpath~~ obstruction  
to F.P. running from Rag Hill, along Parkwood  
Road to Kent Boundary. The obstruction  
was attached to the frontage hedge of Grennam,  
N. of the northern gate of this property.  
The matter was important as it was his  
intention to close his track to passage through  
into Parkwood Road.

p. Mr. Hodgson sec. Dr. Sturton that  
the Clerk write to R.D.C. saying that  
there was uncertainty as to the exact position  
of this F.P., & whether, in fact, an obstruction  
existed, & asking for a definite ruling in  
the matter, as a matter of urgency, because the  
only existing access was to be closed shortly.  
Carried

Allotments  
Gate

The condition of the gate leading into the  
Allotments was discussed.

p. Dr. Sturton, sec. Mr. Betts that the  
Allotments Com. be authorised to spend about  
£5  
Carried

Proposed Mr. Hodgson, sec. Mr. Betts that  
for: Yes be passed for payment

Clerk's Salary $\frac{1}{4}$ ending June 30	£ 10 - 0 - 0
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R. Watson, Hire Room (7 occasions)	£ 2 - 12 - 6

Chairman *Albion* 3/4/56