

May 1958

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting, held
at the Bakery, Mon: May 5th, 1958

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

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Clerk read a letter from R.D.C. Surveyor saying that in view of the letter from the Footpaths Society, and provided that the Parish Council could supply sufficient evidence of users, it might be worth while submitting a claim to the C.C. to be considered at the first revision. The Clerk said she had asked for a number of claim forms from the Footpaths Soc., & she would forward these as soon as they arrived, to Mrs. Dohie. Ten statements were considered sufficient for evidence of users.

The Clerk said that she had seen the Foreman, Mr. Datchelor, and explained about the road-block at the S. end of Ricketts Hill. She had telephoned the S.C.C. Surveyor that morning, to find out whether anything might be done to prevent this happening again, but was unable to speak to him.

The Clerk read a letter from the County Divisional Surveyor regarding Church Lane. The matter was being brought before the Committee, but there was no great prospect of works being undertaken in the immediate future.

- Croydon -
Westminster
Road The Surveyor said that this road would ultimately be considerably improved, and surveys were now taking place. No date for the start of these works could be given now.
- Parking Cars
on Green The Clerk said this matter had been attended to.
- Boundary
Stones at
"The Ship" The Clerk said that, while speaking to the police about the parking of cars on Westminster Green, she had referred to cars parked outside "The Ship". Her attention had ^{been} drawn to the boundary bricks set in the road. After some discussion, prop. Mr. Smith, sec. Mrs. Doherty that the Highways Authorities be asked what the position would be should the brewers, at some future date, decide to develop along this frontage.
- Siting of new
Council houses
in Fynesfield
Road. Lack of liaison between R.D.C. and private builders was again discussed, and it was agreed that this should be stricter.
- Audit The Clerk said that she had been informed that the Audit would take place on June 19th.
- School Barrier This matter is to be brought up at June Meeting.
- Allotments Applications from Mrs. Wilkinson to take over Mr. Rusken's Allotments as ^{the} latter did not appear to cultivate them, was not proceeded with, as Mr. Rusken had not signified his intention to give them up.

An application from Mrs. D. Foster was turned down, as it had been made too late.

It was agreed that allotments should be advertised on the Boards, before March 25th in 1959.

Cutting of the Green

Miss Knight asked that R.D.C. be approached about the cutting of the Green, & the Clerk was instructed to do this

Library

A letter from Mrs. Hayman, Honorary Librarian, was read, in which she complained that a report of the A.P.M. in a local paper seemed to suggest dissatisfaction with the library service, and she wanted the matter clarified. Mrs. Hayman enclosed a letter from the County Deputy Librarian saying that considerable building development in certain parts of the County had caused a Committee to be set up to see whether the different areas were being adequately served. The Ministry of Education was considering library services throughout the United Kingdom, and changes in the exercise of library powers might be recommended, but that it was improbable that any changes would take place in the Rural library service.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs. Hayman saying that no dissatisfaction with the helpers had been expressed. The services rendered by the volunteer librarians was greatly appreciated, & the remarks passed at the A.P.M. were along the lines of what had been said in the County Deputy Librarian's letter quoted above.

Notes on Eastmore Green

The Clerk was instructed to seek permission

from R.D.C. for the erection of two seats near the ponds, & to enquire whether the Council would accept them for maintenance

Old Lane A letter from R.D.C. was read saying that Old Lane had been inspected, & the Surveyor was satisfied with its condition. The Contractors had been instructed to clear up the loose stones on the top section, & to clear out the grips, & extend them so that they do not so readily block up. The contractors were responsible until the end of August 1958.

a/c

Proposed from Chair, that foll: be passed for payment: -

R. Watson	Hire of room 4 occasions	£1-10-0
Postmaster General	(phone ½ year)	£6-7-6
Common Pres. Soc.	(1 year's subs.)	10-6

R. L. Shrewsbury
June 2nd 58

June 1958

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery, on Mon: June 2nd, 1958

Present Dr. Sturton (Chairman), Mrs. Dohie, Miss Knight, Mrs. Hodgson, Mr. Smith and the Clerk

Apology for Absence An apology for absence was received from Mrs. Leslie.

Election of Chairman Proposed Mr. Hodgson, sec. Miss Knight, that Dr. Sturton be Chairman for ensuing year.

Vice-Chairman Proposed Mrs. Dohie, sec. Mrs. Hodgson, that Miss Knight be Vice-Chairman for ensuing year. Carried

F/Ps Committee Proposed Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Smith, that Mrs. Dohie & Mrs. Hodgson be elected to F/Ps Com: Carried.

Allot? Comm: Proposed Mr. Smith, sec. Mrs. Dohie that Mr. Gray be elected to Allot? Comm: Carried
Mr. Smith agreed to continue as second member as he had only recently been elected to the Committee

School Managers Proposed Mr. Hodgson, sec. Mrs. Dohie that Dr. Sturton & Mr. Brazier represent the Parish Council on the School Managers Carried.

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

20 Greenways Mrs. Dohie said that she had Ten signed Greenfield forms declaring over 20 years' user of this Road.

path. It was agreed that Mrs. Dohie should proceed with the matter, & report to the Parish Council on the result.

Blocked roads

in Snow.

A letter from the County Divisional Surveyor was read, informing the Parish Council that an investigation of the particular case had been made. Conditions at the time were such that, had vehicles been diverted to erect noticeboards, considerable lengths of road might have become blocked while this was being done. Boards indicating "Road Closed" could only be erected at the request of the Police. The presence of such boards might put residents on the road returning to their homes in the position of making "considerable deviation unless they first drove up the alleged obstructed length to ascertain the exact point at which the block occurred. In view of these facts he did not feel that any case had been made out for his department to make a general practice of erecting "Road Closed" boards, & the sub-Committee accepted this view.

Church Lane

The County Divisional Surveyor informed the Parish Council that his Committee was unable to recommend any improvement at Church Lane at the present time.

Croydon - Westerham Road

The question of the improvement of the Westerham - Botley Hill Road B2024 is at present under consideration, & plans are being prepared. This information was contained in a letter from the Highway Dept.

The Ship
Forecourt

The County Divisional Surveyor said, in a letter, that over a period of years, it appeared that the boundary markers at The Ship had been buried, and an area beyond these limits repaired, possibly originally at the expense of the brewers, & subsequently tar sprayed during the general treatment of the adjoining road. In view of the considerable period during which the area had been open to the use of the public, he did not think the brewers would ever be likely to enclose the area.

Seats on
Westmore G.

R.D.C. wrote accepting responsibility for the maintenance of 2 seats the P.C. proposed to erect on Westmore Green. The Clerk was instructed to ask R.D.C. whether they could purchase seats more cheaply than the P.C.

The Pond

R.D.C. in a letter concurred with the proposal to carry out paving around the pond in square concrete slabs of random size, the Contractor had been asked to put the work in hand at an early date.

School Barrier

The Chairman said that he had been in communication with the Headmaster about ^{the} parking of cars in front of the School, & had been told that these could be parked inside the gates. The matter is to be raised at the next Managers Meeting.

Building of
R.D.C. houses

Mr. Hodgson said that he had brought up this matter at a meeting, and it had been agreed to seek more co-operation in future between R.D.C. & private builders.

Use of P.C.
notepaper in
Pond appeal

The Chairman said that it had been suggested that P.C. notepaper should be used when appealing for funds to beautify the pond, but it was thought that a better way would be to ask for any contributions to be sent direct to R.D.C. marked for that purpose. This would avoid any embarrassment to the Hon. Sec. when using his own notepaper.

Kerbs at The
Bakery

A letter from Mrs. Cox was read asking whether the two broken kerbstones at the Bakery could be replaced. The Clerk was instructed to draw the attention of Highway Dept. to the matter.

a/c

Proposed Mrs. Knight, sec. Mrs. Doherty
that foll: a/c be passed for payment
Subs. Survey Ass. of P.C. 1958-59 £4-10-0
Subs. magazine " " — 5-6

Carried.

It was agreed that a protest be made at the excessive amount of this subscription, & intimating that should it be raised any further the P.C. would have to re-consider their membership of the Association.

R. G. Anderson
July 7 58.

JULY 1958

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held
at The Ballery, Monday, July 7th, 1958

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

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read
and confirmed.

FP Greenway The Clerk said she had obtained the address of the
Rd. owner of the plot concerned, & had given it to
Mrs. Doherty.

The Pond Mr. Hodgson said that he had ascertained that
it would be in order to ask R.D.C. to levy a
penny rate, towards the cost of blanketing the Pond.
Proposed Miss Knight, seconded Mrs. Doherty
that R.D.C. be asked to levy a penny rate in
the next financial year, for this purpose.

School The Chairman said that the matter had been
Barrier brought before the School Managers Meeting. It
was thought that parking cars inside the School
gate might lead to an accident, so it was agreed
that cars should be parked lower down the road,
& clear of the entrance to the School. Carried

Kerb at The Clerk reported that the Kerb had been
The Ballery repaired satisfactorily.

FP Leading The condition of this path through overgrown
Rd. to opp: grass was subject of a complaint. It was
House agreed that F/Ps Committee should investigate matter

- The Green The Clerk was instructed to ask the Surveyor when the grass on Tatsfield Green would be
- Huts in Goatfield Rd. Mrs. Leslie brought up the matter of huts in Goatfield Road, which, it was thought, the owners of the land in question were using as sleeping accommodation at intervals through the summer. It was thought that in February 1957 the use of these huts was restricted to keeping tools in. The Clerk was instructed to bring the matter to the notice of R.D.C.
- Choice of School for 11+ children Mrs. Dobbie brought up the matter of the lack of choice ^{in schools} now affecting Tatsfield children who succeeded in passing the 11+ examination. Whytelea Girls' School was unable to take any more children from Tatsfield. Those who went to Orsted Secondary School found it difficult to take part in after-school activities, owing to transport difficulties, & she considered these essential to the development of the children. The matter was discussed at length. Mr. Hodgson said he thought a taxi would be ruled out, owing to the expense.
- etc for payment Proposed from the Chair that following $\frac{1}{2}$ be passed for payment.
Clerk's salary for $\frac{1}{4}$ ending June 30th £12-10-0
Carried
A. J. Geary 1958