

September 1947.

minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday 29th September 1947.

Present

Mr. N. A. Little (in the chair), Mrs. Kerrison, Mrs. Laslett, the Rev. Goundry, Messrs. Geary and Rusken and the clerk.

N. A. P. C.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Charman.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Business  
arising from  
the minutes:

1) Oxted Bus Service

The clerk read a letter which had been received from the Public Relations Officer of the L.P.T.B. advising that the Board regrets that diversion of the Chelsham Garage - Oxted bus service cannot be arranged owing to the lack of intermediate traffic. Furthermore the new proposed service from Oxted to East Grinstead will not be available for some considerable time owing to expected delay in completion of the necessary road improvements. Proposed from the chair that the clerk reply to the effect that the cessation of the basic petrol ration creates a new position & that <sup>the potential</sup> ~~intermediate~~ traffic will accordingly increase. Agreed.

Correspondence  
Bus Service

2) Cesspit

The Rev. Goundry reported that the inspector had viewed the pit & if necessary would have it emptied. The surveyor had not yet reported on the <sup>structural</sup> condition of the pit.

3) Electric fence obstruction

Mr. Geary reported that the electric fence still obstructed the footpath and that furthermore the field had now been

ploughed up. The chairman proposed that the clerk report if it is still not removed and also if the box 'ticks'.

4) N.A.P.C.

The chairman read a letter from the regional officer of the N.A.P.C. advising that a meeting of representatives of Surrey Parish Councils would shortly be arranged to ascertain whether a Council for Surrey County is desired by a sufficient number of Councils to make the proposal administratively possible. The chairman also informed the council that a national conference was to be held on Oct. 20th and that he had made it his business to attend. He would report on the proceedings at the next council meeting.

Correspondence:

Bus Shelter

The clerk read a letter from the LPTB stating that the board would not be in a position for some time to erect a shelter at Tatfield corner. Mrs. Kerrison raised the question of moving the existing shelter from the village. The Rev. Gounding states that the Rural District Council had charge of the village and had been responsible for its repair recently. In reply to the question of who would pay the cost of removal he ~~stated~~ <sup>said he thought</sup> that the R.D.C. would. The chairman proposed that the matter be held over for a few months to enable a check to be made on the extent to which the village shelter was used, but that the

clerk should acknowledge the letter from the L.P.T.B. and mention the bleakness of the corner in question. Agreed.

Rail at Church Hill Bus Stop

Mrs. Laslett reported that a handrail had been erected at the bus stop. Proposed that the clerk write a letter of thanks for the action taken. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

Rent of School room.

The clerk read a letter from the Education Dept. of the Surrey C.C. advising that new regulations have come into effect in regard to the letting of schools & that the charge was now 2/6 per room plus 2/- per hour caretaker's fee. The Chairman read out a paragraph from the Parish Councilors Guide stating that the Council was entitled to use free of charge any suitable room in the schoolhouse of any public elementary school receiving a Parliamentary Grant given certain conditions. He accordingly proposed that the clerk should reply to the S.C.C. that ~~the~~ the Council will continue to pay the charges for cleaning etc. as heretofore i.e. 2/- per meeting. Agreed.

Football Field.

The clerk read a letter from the Hon. Treasurer of the Tatsfield Football Club requesting that the question of a recreation ground for the use of the people of Tatsfield be placed on the agenda of the meeting, adding "that extreme difficulty had been met in obtaining the use of the field behind the Parish Hall

which was part of this purpose. The field was to the F.C., Titsey Estate. field had added, the the church use but gave Mrs. Geary said a sports club lapsed. the chairman ceased letter Kerrison said Mrs. Geary said it was The chairman reply to the scheduled and to work the to implement of the council's was doubtful Committee next.

Village Pond

Mrs. Laslett of the pond responsibility confirmed by proposed that possibility estimate for

which was part of a piece of land scheduled for this purpose" Mrs. Harrison stated that the field was leased by Mr. Robinson to the F.C., Robinson renting it from the Titsey Estate. The Rev. Geary said that the field had been scheduled. Incidentally, he added, the Hall was a Church Hall. The church used to rent the field in question but gave it up some some few years ago. Mr. Geary said that the Red Triangle Club, a sports club, used to rent it, but the club lapsed. In response to a question by the chairman as to why Mr. Robinson had ceased letting the F.C. use the field Mrs. Harrison said that a gate was left open. Mr. Geary said that Mr. Robinson himself said it was due to shortage of feed. The chairman then proposed that the clerk reply to the effect that the land had been scheduled and as soon as it was possible to work the plan the council would take steps to implement it; Also to assure the F.C. that of the council's support in the future although it was doubtful whether the Agricultural Committee could be opposed this year or the next.

Agreed.

Village Pond

Mrs. Laslett drew attention to the <sup>unsightly</sup> condition of the pond. Mr. Geary said it was the responsibility of the Parish Council, this being confirmed by the Rev. Geary. Mrs. Laslett proposed that the clerk should investigate the possibility of having it cleaned and an estimate for the work obtained. Seconded

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Totterfield Parish Council

F.P. from  
Chestnut Ave.  
to Rag Hill

by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.  
Mrs. Laslett reported that two styles  
had been replaced by heavy gates  
on the footpath running from Chestnut Ave  
to Rag Hill. The chairman proposed  
that as this path was not in the  
parish the clerk should write to the  
F. Paths Committee of the R.D.C. + report  
that a continuation of a parish f.p. was  
obstructed. Agreed.

Date of  
Next Mtg.

Accounts.

Loose grit on  
Hill

Mrs. Kerrison reported she had received a  
complaint from the occupier of a house  
on Ship Hill that bicyclists frequently  
came to grief outside her gate owing to  
accumulation of grit and other debris.  
The chairman proposed the clerk should  
report the danger to the Highways  
Committee of the County Council. Agreed

Fencing at  
Hillside Rd.

The Rev. Jowdy reported that the fencing  
had not been reinstated by Mr.  
Gooding on the plot of ground at  
Hillside Rd. previously reported and  
that this farmer was about to leave the  
district. The chairman proposed the  
clerk write to Mr. Gooding as quickly  
as possible requesting that the necessary  
action be taken before he vacates the farm.  
Agreed.

Filling Vacancy

The chairman, in response to a suggestion by  
Mrs. Geary, proposed that Mr. Weatherly  
be co-opted to fill the vacancy existing

in the council.

Agreed.

Date of  
Next Mtg.

Proposed by the chairman that the next meeting be held on 3rd November. Agreed.

Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. Geary, seconded by Mrs. Harrison that the following cheques be passed for payment.

Messrs. Shaw & Sons Ltd £2-0-8

Mr. Doherty (Clerk's Salary to 30/9/47) £10-0-0

Agreed.

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Chairman  
3/11/47.

November 1947

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the School on Monday November 3rd 1947.

Present

Mr. N. A. Little (in the chair), Mrs. Kerrison, Mrs. Jaslett, Messrs. Geary, Charman, Weatherly and the clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. Goundroy.

The Death of  
Mr. McDonald

Mark

of sympathy with  
the relatives

Before proceeding with the meeting the chairman said he regretted he had to announce the death of Mr. McDonald. As a tribute and a mark of sympathy for the relatives the council members and other present stood in silence for a few moments. It was agreed the clerk should write to Mr. McDonald expressing the council's condolence & sympathy.

Mr. Weatherly

Minutes

The chairman welcomed Mr. Weatherly on his first attendance <sup>at the council's meeting</sup> at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Business

arising from  
the minutes:

1. Oxley Bus  
Service

The chairman read a letter from the L.P.T.B. Public Relations Officer expressing regret that nothing further could be done in the matter until present shortages of rolling stock were made up. After general discussion the chairman proposed that the figures of potential traffic be checked but that in the meantime no further approach should be made.

2. N.A.P.C.

The chairman gave a report of his attendance of the National Conference held at Central Hall Westminster on Oct 22.

chairman pro

Amongst other points of interest he mentioned were the suggestions put forward by Mrs. Morrison of the assistance Parish Councils could give to counter the drift from the land by making rural conditions of life more attractive. Other points made of interest were the question of delegation of powers by R.D. Councils to Parish Councils, the proposed <sup>regular</sup> Annual Conference of the Association, the importance of fostering the allotment movement and also of the sale of produce to prevent waste, the duties of the Parish Council to provide recreational facilities and also its power to organise adult education on informal lines. A vote of thanks to Mr. Little for attending the meeting and making this interesting report was proposed by Mrs. Laslett and seconded by Mrs. Morrison and agreed.

### 3. Bus Shelter

The chairman read a letter from the J.P.T.B. which replied to the council's recent letter, regretting that no immediate action could be taken owing to the shortage of materials and mentioning that there was a waiting list of over 600 applicants for shelters.

### 4. Rent of Schoolroom

A reply from the Education Dept. of the S.C.C. was read by the Chairman ~~as~~ stating that the charge of 2/6<sup>d</sup> for the use of the schoolroom is the amount required to cover the cost of fuel, light and cleaning expenses and is not a charge for rent. The chairman proposed that the clerk reply



to the effect that the council agreed to this payment but not to the charge for the caretaker. Agreed.

Vice-Chairman.

5. Fencing at Hillside Rd.

The clerk reported that he had not received a reply to his letter on this subject. Mrs. Laslett proposed that a similar letter be sent to the new tenant, Mr. Dagois, enclosing a copy of the letter previously sent. Seconded by Mr. Weatherly. Agreed.

Footpaths Committee

Overhanging Trees at bottom of Ship Hill

Mr. Chairman reported that the bushes had been cut back on one side of the road but not on the side that caused the obstruction. Mr. Weatherly proposed that Mr. Mowbray be approached by the clerk on the matter. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

Assessment Committee

Complaints re squatters etc

Mrs. Kerrison reported that complaints had been received regarding the occupation by a man called Hitchcock of a tumbledown shack at Snows Corner. This shack had no roof, no water and no sanitation and the man's presence was an embarrassment to people living nearby. A further complaint was made regarding the occupation of a caravan near Mrs. Lawrence's house previously called Argovie. The clerk stated he understood that the Rector had reported these matters to the R.D.C. Mrs. Kerrison proposed that the clerk approach the R.D. Representative regarding what action had been taken. Seconded by

Main Water Supply Parkwood

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Footpaths White La to Plover

absence of a

- Mr. Geary Agreed.  
 Proposed by Mrs. Laslett that Mr. Weatherly  
 be elected ~~vice~~ to fill the vacancy of  
 vice chairman. Seconded by Mrs. Geary
- Vice-Chairman.
- The chairman proposed that Agreed.  
 the election of a member to the vacancy  
 on the footpaths committee be held over  
 till the next meeting ~~when~~ as it would  
 be advisable for Mr. Rushen to be  
 present. Agreed.
- Footpaths  
 Committee
- Mr. Weatherly proposed that Mr. Geary  
 be elected to fill ~~the~~ one of the vacancies  
 on the assessment committee. Mrs.  
 Harrison proposed Mr. Little for the  
 other. Both proposals were seconded  
 by Mrs. Laslett. Agreed.
- Assessment  
 Committee
- Mrs. Laslett handed in a letter from the  
 Metropolitan Water Board regarding  
 the estimated cost of providing a  
 water supply for the nine houses in  
 Parkwood Road and requested that it  
 be passed on to the R.D.C. for  
 consideration. Seconded by Mr. Charman  
Agreed.
- Main Water  
 Supply  
 Parkwood Rd.
- Mr. Weatherly proposed that the general  
 question of mains water supply for  
 Tatsfield be raised with the R.D.C.  
 Seconded by Mr. Charman. Agreed.
- General question  
 of water supply  
 in Tatsfield.
- Mr. Geary referred to the recent Press  
 report that the footpath from White Lane  
 to Pilgrims Way was being closed in the  
 absence of any application to the contrary.
- Footpath  
 White Lane  
 to Pilgrims Way

and proposed that the Footpaths Com-  
mittee investigate the report, seconded  
by Mrs. Kemson. Agreed.

Date of  
Next Meeting

Proposed by the Chairman that  
the next meeting be held on 5th January  
1948. Agreed.

Present.

minutes

~~no~~ Chairman  
5/1/48

Business  
arising from minutes

i) Ordered Bus Service

ii) Hillside Rd.

iii) Water Supply

iv) Bushes at  
Ships Hill

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