

September 1948.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the Schools on Monday September 6th 1948 at 7.30 pm.

I Present

Mr. Little (in the chair), Mr. Weatherley, Mrs. Laslett, Mr. Geary, Mr. Pughen & the clerk.
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Kerrison.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Business arising:

II Refuse collection

The clerk read a letter from the Chief Sanitary Inspector advising that the question of refuse collection is being re-opened and suggesting that the matter of the ownership of the land at foot of Ship Hill be referred to the Highways Surveyor. It was agreed that a follow up letter to the latter be sent.

III Hillside Rd

The clerk reported that nothing further had been heard from Mr. Dagois and it was agreed that a further letter be sent requesting a reply failing which the matter would be placed in their hands.

IV Cudham Rd. Notice Board.

The clerk read a report from the district secretary of the AA advising that on examination it was considered ~~that~~ Cudham Rd was unfit for motor traffic ^{but} that the Div. Surveyor was not aware that the sign was vested in the Highway Authority. Mr. Weatherley proposed that the Surveyor be advised that as the post in question bore two other signs referring to County Rds it could be assumed that the 3rd sign was erected by the same authority.

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Greens
Committee

Seconded by Mr. Geary. Agreed.
 The clerk read a reply from the Rural District
 Surveyor stating that the work of removing
 the shelter would be carried out shortly.
 A general discussion followed on the position
 of the Green's Committee, the state of the
 Greens in the parish, and their use and
 abuse. Mr. Weatherley raised the
 question of horses being dumped out
 and whether permission had been obtained;
 Mr. Rusher reported lorries using the
 asphalt path across Westmor Green
 as a short cut; the fact that lorries
 and private motor cars were parked
 regularly on the green was considered;
 and also the need for tree lopping
 and general care of the greens. In
 view of these points and the absence
 of a reply to the clerk's letter
 regarding the need for the pond to
 be cleared and for a common ranger
 the chairman proposed that a letter
 be sent to the R.D.C. setting out
 the above points as reasons why
 it was considered that the present
 arrangement was ^{extremely} unsatisfactory &
 that the Green's Committee should
 be reinstated. Agreed.

New Business
 II Allotments.

The clerk reported receipt of an application
 from Mr. Chas. Buck for the renting of all
 vacant allotments. Mr. Laslett proposed
 that all except 2 be allowed in order

to have a reserve should any further applicants appear. Seconded by Mr. Charman. Agreed.

VII
Late Mr. Kelly.

The clerk reported he had written a letter of condolence and appreciation of the work for the parish of the late Mr. Kelly to Miss Kelly and that Mrs. Laslett had kindly arranged for the wreath to be sent on behalf the past & present members of the parish council. The chairman stated he had received a letter of thanks from Miss Kelly.

VIII
Assessment Committee Report

Mrs. Laslett & Mr. Geary reported their attendance of a meeting of the Assessment Committee in Oct., but that it appeared they were only there as holders of a watching brief, as their opinion on the assessments fixed had little effect. Mr. Weatherley proposed that application be made for a list of the rateable values for the parish and also if possible for longer notice of the date of meetings of the committee. Seconded by Mr. Charman. Agreed.

IX
Accounts for payment.

Mr. Weatherley proposed, Mr. Charman seconded, that the accounts numbered 9713 & 9729 from the SCC in respect of out of pocket expenses in connection with use of the school for meetings, be referred back to for elucidation as it appeared that the same item i.e. clearing

up, was being charged twice. Agreed.
 Mrs. Laslett ~~and~~ proposed and Mr. Weatherley seconded, that the following accounts be passed for payment.

Clerk's Petty Cash	£6-0-0
Messrs. Shaw & Sons	£1-14-9
Educational Supply Assn.	9-10.
S.C.C. A/c No. 8410 ^{cleaning} the of School Room	6-0.

Agreed.

Footpath
Obstruction

Mr. Dawson reported that the footpath from Fudge Corner to Bedsted was obstructed by brambles in the West section. It was agreed that the clerk forward the complaint through the usual channels.

Date of
next mtg.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Oct. 4th.

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Chairman

4/10/28

October 1948.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council meeting held at the School on Monday October 4th. 1948 at 7.30 p.m.

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Present

Mr. N.A. Little (in the chair), Mr. E.C.G. Weatherley, Mrs. J. Laitt, Mrs. Kerrison, Mr. Charman, and Mr. Rushe + the clerk.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Business

arising:

Refuse dump
collection
Ship Hill

The clerk read a letter from the City Div. Surveyor advising that to the best of his knowledge the land at the foot of Ship Hill on which the refuse dump is situated is owned by the brewers who hold the Ship Hotel property. Mr. Weatherley proposed that a letter be sent to the brewers, bringing to their notice the possibility of the dump becoming a nuisance, and requesting a notice be displayed prohibiting shooting of rubbish. It was agreed that the letter should be sent in the first place to the landlord.

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Hillside Rd.

The clerk reported that he had received no reply to his letter ^(to Mrs. Duggan). Mr. Weatherley proposed that the matter be referred to the R.D.C. for advice and action.

Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

Andham Rd
Notice

The clerk read a letter from the City Div. Surveyor offering to carry out either of two alternatives. The chairman proposed that a letter be sent accepting the second proposal i.e. that a sign be erected indicating that the way is not suitable for

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vehicular traffic. Agreed.

Greens
Committee

The clerk reported he had received a p.c. acknowledgement only. The chairman proposed that a follow up letter be sent if no reply were received by the 20th inst. Agreed.

Rateable
Values.

The clerk read a letter from the R.D.C. regretting stating it is not possible to furnish the Parish Council with schedules of the rateable values of properties in the Parish, but that the valuation lists are always open to inspection. Mr. Weatherley proposed that a letter be sent asking why it was not possible. Seconded by Mrs. Laslett. Agreed.

Charges
for
cleaning
schoolroom

After discussion of the reply received from the S.C.C., Mrs. Laslett proposed that the two accounts outstanding be paid. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

Allotments

Mr. Rusken reported that the two vacant allotments badly needed clearing of weeds. When asked if he knew of anyone who would do it, he gave Mr. H. Shrubbs' name. Mr. Weatherley proposed that Mr. Rusken be authorised to request Mr. Shrubbs to carry out the work at an approximate cost of 10/- Seconded by Mrs. Laslett. Agreed.

S.C.A.P.C.

The clerk read a circular from the Hon. Sec. of the S.C.A.P.C. on the Boundary Commission's activities. The chairman proposed that the clerk keep in touch and to advise the commission that the council

wished to be represented at consultations.

Agreed.

Dispensing
chemist

Mrs. Kerrison asked if there were developments in the establishment of a chemist in Tatsfield owing to the hardships for aged people under the present arrangement. Mr. Weatherley proposed

that a follow up letter be sent to the Med. Offr. of Health on this matter.

Milk Supply

Mr. Charman brought to the council's notice the unsatisfactory position regarding the dairy premises in the parish, from which it could appear that the conditions under which the milk was kept prior to delivery were unsatisfactory. The chairman proposed that the appropriate milk authority be approached as to whether the arrangements in ^{effect} during the interim period were regarded as satisfactory.

Agreed.

Accounts for
Payment

Mr. Charman proposed, Mrs. Kerrison seconded, that the following account be passed for payment.

Alex's Salary to 30/9/48 £10-0-0

Sunny C.C. Hire of Schoolroom £2-0-6

Date of
Next Mtg

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Nov. 1st.

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Value

November 1948

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the Schools on Monday NOVEMBER 1st 1948. at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mr. N.A. Little (in the chair), Mr. E.C. Weatherley, Mrs. Kerrison, Mr. Geary, Mr. Rushen & the clerk.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Business arising:

Hillside Road.

The clerk reported he had received a reply from the R.D.C. requesting full particulars of how the complaint originated. This information was being prepared.

Greens

Committee

The clerk read a letter from the R.D.C. advising that the matter was receiving attention & an investigation will be made. Mr. Weatherley proposed that, as this was not clear, a proper reply should be requested to the council's previous letter of 18th Sept., particular stress being placed on the question of grazing rights since the position regarding this was not at all clear. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

Ratable Values

The clerk read a reply from the R.D.C. giving the reasons why a schedule of the parish ratable values could not be supplied. Mr. Geary queried whether the alleged changes were as frequent as they were made out to be. The chairman proposed a reply be sent that the state of affairs affecting other parishes could not apply to Tatsfield in this matter and was not therefore considered as a valid reason; Also that the

Assessment Committee were prepared to maintain the register up-to-date when changes were notified. Agreed.

Allotments

Mr. Rushen reported that the work of clearing the 2 vacant plots had been satisfactorily done by Mr. E. Streets.

It was agreed that payment of 10/- for this service should be made.

Local Govt.

Boundary Commission

The clerk read a letter from the R.D.C. which was considered to be non-committal. The chairman proposed that a letter be sent to the Commission on similar lines.

Agreed.

Surgery & dispensing facilities

The clerk read a reply from the M.O.H. Godstone R.D.C. in which it was stated that unofficially the views of the S.C.C. Executive Council were that Tatsfield was adequately served by existing facilities at Burgess Hill. Mr. Weatherley proposed that the matter be pursued with the clerk to the Surrey Exec. Council. ^{Mr. Kempton} Agreed.

Obstruction

of Footpath

The clerk read a letter from the Opington U.D.C. advising that the landowners concerned with the obstruction of the footpath from Forge Corner were being approached.

National Savings

The clerk read a letter from the Godstone R.D. Savings Committee enlisting the support of the Council in forming more Street Groups. The chairman proposed information be obtained as to the present position in Tatsfield. Mr. Geary suggested that Mr. Miller would know. Mr. Weatherley proposed that a reply be sent to the effect that what

support could be obtained through the medium of the council would be so obtained. Mrs. Kerrison seconded. Agreed.

Footpath
from Clackett's

Mrs. Kerrison referred to S.P.B. Mavis's "Walks for Week-ends" which contained mention of the difficulty of finding rights of way in the district + in particular from Clackett's to Titsey. The chairman proposed that the matter be brought up again at the next meeting when perhaps a copy of the extract could be provided. Agreed.

Date of
next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Dec. 6th.

W. J. Hill
Chairman
6/12/28

December 1948.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at the schools on Monday 6th December 1948 at 7.30 p.m.

Present.

Mr. N. A. Little (in the chair), Mr. E. G. Weatherley, Mrs. Kerrison, Mrs. Jarlett, Messrs Geary, Chairman + the clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. W. Goundry.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Business arising.

Hillside Rd.

The clerk read the reply from the G. R. D. C. advising that the crux of the matter was whether the road was subject to any public right of way or whether it is merely a private estate road. Mr. Weatherley proposed that the matter be passed to the F.P. committee for report at the next meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison.

Surgery & dispensing facilities

The clerk read the correspondence exchanged with the Exec. Council for the S.C.C. It was agreed that the information requested regarding cases of hardship of elderly people be supplied, but that also it should be pointed out that in all cases of sickness, hardship existed due to lack of facilities in Tatsfield.

National Savings

The clerk read a reply from the Goodstone R. D. Savings Committee advising that two groups, the School and the BBC, were now operating in Tatsfield, but that it had not been possible to find a successor to take over the group formerly run by Mr. Billson.

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Society.

The clerk reported that in conversation with him - Mr. Miller had offered to carry on this group. Mrs. Weatherley proposed that Mr. Miller's name be put forward again. Seconded by Mrs. Laslett. Agreed.

Footpath
from Clacketts

Mrs. Kerrison stated the book in question by S.P.B. Mair was "Southern Rambles" a copy of which she produced. It was proposed from the chair that the question of the position of this footpath be referred to the F.P. Committee. Agreed.

Death of
Mr. C. G.
Jeveson-Gowr.

The chairman proposed that a letter of condolence, on behalf of the Council, be sent on the death of Mr. C. G. Jeveson-Gowr, squire of Tatsfield. Carried.

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A/c for
payment

Mrs. Laslett proposed, seconded by Mr. Weatherley, that the following account be passed for payment.

S.C.C. Highway C'ttee. Sent Acknowledgements if-
for year ending 8/10/48

Agreed.

F.P. + stile
opposite
Manor H'se

Mrs. Laslett reported that the state of the footpath and stile opposite the Manor House was unsatisfactory and needed repair. Discussion took place regarding the duties of the parish council, as compared with those of the landowner, to maintain footpaths and it was agreed the clerk should ascertain the position from previous correspondence or if necessary from the Commons + F.P. Pres. Society.

Andham Rd
notice

Mrs. Kerrison proposed that a follow-up letter be sent regarding the misleading notice board, which the Surveyor had promised to rectify. Agreed.

School
Sanitation

Mrs. Kerrison reported that the School Sanitation was now functioning satisfactorily and proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Lady Benn and to the County Div. Educ. Executive for their assistance in bringing about this satisfactory conclusion to a difficult task. Seconded by Mrs. Laslett. Agreed.

Date of
next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting should be held on 3rd Jan. 1949.

Greens
Committee

The clerk reported that he had written to the G.R.D.C. requesting a reply to previous correspondence.

Richard
Church's
book on
Kent

Mrs. Weatherley proposed that the Council should associate themselves with the views contained in Mrs. Minnett's recent letter to the press complaining of the unsatisfactory references to Tatsfield and that a letter should be sent to the publishers requesting the references to be deleted. This resolution was not seconded.

W. J. G. G. G.

Chairman

3/1/49

January 1949

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Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Schools on Monday 3rd January 1949, at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mrs. N. A. Little (in the chair) Mrs. E. C. G. Weatherley, the Rev. Goundry, Mrs. J. J. J. J. J., Mrs. Kerrison, Mrs. Charman, Mrs. Jeany, & the clerk.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Business arising

Hillside Rd. Mrs. Charman, on behalf of the footpaths committee stated he had not yet had an opportunity of inspecting the road. The clerk reported that the road did not appear as a right of way on the F.P. map which had been annotated with the rights of way by the G.R.D.C. Mrs. Weatherley proposed that, in view of the imminent departure of Mrs. Dagon, that a reminder be sent pointing out the need for the fencing to be reinstated. Seconded by Mrs. Kerrison. Agreed.

F.P. to Clerkett's It was agreed to bring this matter up at the next meeting.

Open Committee The clerk read a reply from the G.R.D.C. dated 14th Dec 1948 and a general discussion followed. The Rural D. Rep. took the view that the R.D.C. were doing everything they could and were hampered by lack of suitable labour and equipment. This view was not shared by the ~~staff~~

Parish Council. The chairman stated he had made a summary of the correspondence on the matter which revealed dilatoriness and failure on the part of the R.D.C. to act in accordance with the parish wishes, examples such as the parking of lorries where the complaint arose from the noise and not from the condition of the surface, the clearance of the pond which was ~~to~~ ignored by the R.D.C. lack of assistance in regularising the pasturing of animals on the commons, etc, being quoted. The chairman went on to say that, if the Green's Committee was reinstated, and the spending powers maintained, he would personally guarantee that the greens would be put into a satisfactory condition. At the suggestion of the Rural D. R. to make this offer to the G.R.D.C., the chairman then proposed that a letter be sent to the G.R.D.C. challenging the points of detail in their letter ~~with~~ ^{on} which the council ~~do not~~ agree and making the offer to ~~put~~ get all the work necessary to put the greens in order done provided the Green's Committee was re-formed and given the powers of expenditure at present exercised in respect of the maintenance of the Tatfield & Westmore Greens by the G.R.D.C. Agreed.

Accounts for payment. Mr. Chairman proposed, Mr. Geary seconded, that the following accounts be passed for payment.

Mr W. H. Doherty Clerk's salary to 31-12-48 £10-0-0
 Mrs F. B. Watson Car hire for books to audit — 15/-

Agreed.

Mr. Church's
 book on Kent

Mr. Weatherley commented on Mr. Minnet's latest letter to the local press on the subject of the references to Tatsfield as a squalid village in church's "Kent". The letter in question was produced and read by the chairman. Mr. Weatherley complained that the points mentioned as having been neglected by the Council had received ~~the~~ particular attention and proposed a reply, he sent pointing this fact out. Mrs. Jaslett ^{thought} ~~proposed~~ that the letter would best be ignored. The chairman, after further discussion, proposed ~~to~~ that no further action be taken at this stage. Agreed.

Date of
 next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on 7th February 1949

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Chairman
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