

SEPTEMBER 1956

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council meeting, held at The Bakery, Mon. Sept. 3rd, at 8 p.m.

- Present Mr. Ridler (Chairman), Mrs. Dohie, Miss Knight, Messrs. Geary & Hodgson, with the Clerk.
- Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Stanton & Mr. Betts.
- Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read, & confirmed.
- Path at Libra The J/P Committee said this path was still obstructed with barbed wire, half-way along. Proposed Mr. Geary, sec. Mr. Hodgson that the Clerk write again to Mr. Johnson.
Carried.
- Meeting of 'bus 403 & 410 at Westham The Clerk read a letter from L.P.T.B. saying that the connection between these two 'buses could only be operated either by sacrificing & interworking over other sections, or else by the employment of an extra 'bus. In their view the substantial cost to enable this to be done could no longer be justified, in view of the continual increases in the cost of running their services. After further discussion p. Mr. Hodgson sec. Miss Knight, that L.P.T.B. be asked if the 4.30 'bus operating for the benefit of schools could be allowed to wait for children from Whyteleaf, who missed this connection sometimes by only a minute, or, alternatively, whether the voucher could be used on the Coach.
Carried.

- outside
making &
bus
shelter
- The Clerk was asked to write R.D.C. asking for these two areas to be cut soon.
- The Pond
- A letter from the Engineer & Surveyor was read saying that a modified scheme for beautifying the pond would probably be put before the R.D.C. in September, the cost not to exceed £200.
- Chris Road
- sign at
Paynesfield Rd
- The County Div. Surveyor pointed out in a letter that a sign of this type already existed at S. end of Westmore Rd, & S. end of Paynesfield Rd., in addition to a finger post sign near 'bus shelter. It was thought that these were adequate, & in any case the C.C. had no jurisdiction as Highway Authority over the private section of Paynesfield Road.
- Warning Signs
Road
- The County Div. Surveyor said that the sign in Lusted Hall lane had been moved to a position where it would be better seen. The Highways Sub. Com. were of the opinion that both Picketts Hill & Church Hill roads were of a somewhat tortuous nature, & the erection of signs would not be of any material assistance to drivers.
- sign post &
lamp at 'bus
shelter
- Mrs. Doherty drew attention to the trees which obscured the sign post & lamp at the village 'bus shelter. It was agreed that Parish Councillors should look at the site, & give their views at next meeting.
- Mr. Parkwood
Rd.
- The Clerk said that she had been asked by

the R.D.C. Clerk to give Mr. Jeary's address, with a view to a discussion about the entrance to Parkwood Rd. Mr. Jeary said that he had received no communication from R.D.C. The obstruction to the F/P he had complained about was removed. Regarding his track, in July he had had a conversation with two inhabitants of Parkwood Rd., & they had appreciated his, Mr. Jeary's, responsibility in case of an accident occurring on his track. He had offered to make over the land to the residents of Parkwood Rd., if they were agreeable to pay the cost of transfer. After discussion, the Parish Council decided to leave the matter there, as the business was of a private nature.

Direction Signs to F/Ps

The Parish Council was asked to supply a further list of F/Ps to be furnished with direction signs, at their points of juncture with County repaired roads. It was agreed that the Footpaths Comm. should provide the Clerk with such a list.

Surrey C. Ass. of P.Cs.

The Clerk was instructed to write Surrey C. Ass. of P.Cs. regretting that, owing to distance, a representative could not be sent to the Annual Gen. Meeting at Shalford on Sept. 27th, & asking whether such meetings might sometimes be held nearer. The P.C. re-stated their objection to the basis upon which subscriptions were paid now.

Coronation Seat

Concern was expressed at the delay in the erection of the Coronation Seat, & the Clerk was

asked to write to Dr. Stanton & Mr. Betts about this matter.

Map of Roads

Proposed by Mr. Hodgson, sec. Miss Knight that R.D.C. be asked whether it would be possible to put up a map showing clearly the position & names of the various roads in the village. It was felt that this might be one solution of the problem, until it was possible to erect name-plates. Carried.

Drains in

Westmore Rd.

crossways &

Old Lane

The siltin up of drains at these points was discussed. Prop. Miss Knight, sec. Mrs. Doherty that the attention of the authorities concerned be drawn to this matter, & that the Highways Dept. be asked to remove the grit from above the drain at the junction of Edgar Rd., & Old Lane. Carried.

and. Rail

at School

Mr. Feary drew attention to a broken rail at School Cross Roads, & the Clerk was asked to see into this matter.

Retirement of

Mr. Feary

As this was Mr. Feary's last meeting a vote of thanks for his past work was proposed from the Chair & Carried unanimously. The filling of the vacancy so caused was left to the next meeting.

Thompson
Chairman 1/10/56

OCTOBER 1956

New F/

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting
held at The Bakery, Mon. Oct. 1st, 1956

signp

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

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

Rep. of
P. C. A.

at at
Libra Mr. Hodgson said that he would speak to
Mr. Johnson on this matter.

at
Bakery The Clerk was asked to send a reminder
to Godstone R.D.C. about the cutting of the grass
at the Bakery, & bus shelter.

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Pond Mr. Hodgson said that a modified scheme for
beautifying the Pond had been accepted by
R.D.C., & it had been agreed to contribute
£1 for every £1 given by Tatfield Parish, up
to a limit of £100. The Clerk reported
that she had not yet received any communication
on the matter from R.D.C.

Allotm

at
bus shelter After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Hodgson,
sec. Miss Knight that R.D.C. be asked if
the centre trees of the three facing The Ship
could be removed, as there was over overcrowding.

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Carried.

P Direction Prop. Miss Knight, sec. Dr. Sturton that
Highways Authority be notified that the F/P
direction signs had been broken, at Police Cottage
& opposite the Church -

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see
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Carried

new F/Ps to The Footpaths Committee chose the foll: three F/Ps to be signposted. 1) At either end No 19 i.e. Rusted Hall Lane & Tatfield Green 2) At either end No 27 i.e. below the Rectory, & on the Westerham Rd, 3) at Ricketts Hill end of 17 (at Franklyn). The Clerk said this information had already been forwarded to Highways Authority.

Rep. of Exec. C. Ass. P.Cs. Dr. Sturton signified his consent to being elected representative of P.C. on Executive Comm. of Surrey County Ass. of P.Cs. after a proposal by Mrs Knight, see Mrs. Dohrie.

Coronation Seat The P.Cs thanks were expressed to Mr. Jeary & Dr. Sturton for their part in the erection of the Coronation seat on Ship Hill.

Allotments Gate Dr. Sturton was asked to get ^{Mr} Etbourne's opinion about what should be done to the allotments gate, to make it serviceable.

Main Drainage Mr. Hodson said that tenders would soon be invited for 2 sections of Drain Drainage plan.

Lengthsman Proposed by Mrs Knight see Mrs. Dohrie that 1) Highways Authority be asked when the untidy condition of the village would be remedied, and 2) that satisfaction be expressed about the work now being done by the lengthsman along Ricketts Hill. Carried.

Main Olden Ricketts Hill The Clerk was asked to draw the attention of Highways Authority to the extension into Ricketts Hill road, of the drain cut near the junction of

Old Lane & Ricketts Hill

White Lines
on roads

The Clerk was instructed to write Highways Authority expressing P.C.'s hope of an early re-instatement of the white lines on the roads which have been repaired, and asking whether cat's eyes could be used instead.

Hedge at
Pynesfield
Road

The Clerk was instructed to draw R.D.C.'s attention to obstruction to footpath caused by overhanging bushes from R.D.C. property.

Broken
Branches

Proposed Miss Knight, sec. Dr. Sturton that R.D.C. be asked to remove remaining broken branches from the green.

Carried (Mr. Hodgson abstained)

Yes for
payment

Proposed Dr. Sturton sec. Mr. Doherty that foll: Yes be passed for payment

Mutual Insur. Co. (3rd Party)

14-10

Hooker Bros (Letham Headings)

£ 2-0-6

Clerk's Salary to Sept. 30th. 1956

£ 10-0-0

Carried.

Co-opting
new member

Proposed Dr. Sturton, sec. Mr. Hodgson that Parish Council go into Committee to discuss co-opting new member to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Mr. Geary.

After discussion:-

Proposed Miss Knight, sec. Mr. Hodgson that Mr. T. C. Black be co-opted, if he were willing to serve on Parish Council, in place of Mr. Geary.

Carried.

Mr. Hodgson

12/11/56

NOVEMBER 1956

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting
held at The Bakery, Mon. Nov. 12th, 1956

Mr. Black signed his form of acceptance of office.

Present: Mr. Ridley (Chairman) Mrs. Dohie, Miss Knight,
Dr. Sturton, Mr. Black & Mr. Hodgson.

The Minutes of last meeting were read &
confirmed.

The Chairman said he was pleased to welcome
Mr. Black back to the Parish Council (Mr. Black)

Mr. Hodgson said that Mr. Johnson was making a
surface to his path, as material became available.
The Clerk was asked to thank Mr. Johnson for his
co-operation.

The Clerk said that Godstone R.D.C. had agreed to
have the middle tree felled. The work would be
put in hand as soon as possible, although there
was likely to be some delay.

Dr. Sturton said that Mr. Reeves had agreed to
repair the gate for between £3-4.

Godstone R.D.C. said that the Minister's
approval for main Drainage had been received
in principle. He had however, requested R.D.C.
to obtain tenders for the work. On receipt
of these, a revised estimate of the cost
would be submitted to the Minister. Tenders
for the work were to be received by Nov. 21st

'Bns 403 & 453 The Public Relations Officer in a letter said that too much disturbance to passengers travelling on these journeys would be caused by changing the time-table. He suggested that the School Authorities be approached, asking whether the children concerned could be allowed to catch the 4.09 p.m. bus from Whyteleafe, which would enable them to catch the 4.16 p.m. at Wardenham. The Clerk was instructed to put this suggestion to Mr. Welch, Reigate.

F/Es Committee

Proposed Mr. Hodgson, sec. Dr. Sturton that Miss Knight take the place of Mr. Jany, resigned.

Carried

Allotments Committee Proposed Dr. Sturton, sec. Mrs. Dohie that Mr. Black take the place of Mr. Belth, resigned.

Carried

The Pond

Submitted by R.D.C. After the 3 Schemes for beautifying the Pond had been examined

Proposed Dr. Sturton, sec. Miss Knight that the sub. Com: formed last December meet on Nov. 21st, 8 p.m. at The Bakery, to consider the schemes.

Parish meeting to be held W.I. Hall, Thurs. Nov. 29th, 8 p.m.

Guttering at P.O.

Mrs. Dohie drew attention to the guttering at the P.O. & the Stables in the rear. Both these overflowed into the highway, & formed icy surfaces in winter. There had been several falls in the past, caused by these conditions.

Proposed Dr. Sturton, sec. Miss Knight that R.D.C. be asked if any action could be taken in the matter.

Carried

in Tynesfield The cutting down of trees near the new building site in Tynesfield Road was discussed. Mr. Hodgson said that a new rule had been made now, whereby when tenders were submitted the contractor had to say how many, and which, trees he thought would have to be cut down.

Minutes of R.D.C. Mr. Hodgson, in reply to a question, said he would find out whether the Minutes of R.D.C. Meetings could be passed on to the Parish Council.

Longing Fields Mr. Hodgson said he might have some information to give the Parish Council at the next meeting.

Polstaple Hill The necessity for some improvement in ^{the} road conditions of Polstaple Hill was discussed. Proposed Mr. Black, Sec. Dr. Sturton that Highways Dept. of R.D.C. be asked if they would draw the attention of K.C.C. to the narrowness of the hill, and ask for improved access at Stock Hill end.

He Prop. Miss Knight, Sec. Dr. Sturton that ^{Carried} ~~for~~ ^{to} be passed
 Titsey Estate Co, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr rent allotments £2-0-0
 S.C.C. ack. sent 1-0 P.C.
 Reigate Returning Officer, Elects list 1-8 P.C.

^{Carried}
 M. Hodgson Min. Sec.
 2 Dec 56

Nov. 29th, 1956 Parish

Minutes of the proceedings of a special meeting, called to examine three schemes for beautifying The Pond, & held at W.I. Hall, Thurs. Nov. 29th, at 8 p.m.

Present Eleven people, including 3 Parish Councillors & the Clerk.

Chairman Mr. Ridler

Dr. Sturton gave a report of the meeting of the Committee held the previous week. The members were in favour of the scheme for creating an informal shape by partial infilling of the Pond. They had suggested a house-to-house collection to obtain the necessary funds, with boxes in the main centres of the village. This particular scheme might cost £250, of which R.D.C. had offered to contribute ^{up to} £100.

Mr. Nichols wondered whether the village would be justified in embarking upon such a large financial burden, in present circumstances. He had hoped for something less elaborate.

after further discussion.

Propositions 1) proposed by Mr. Haswell & sec. Mrs. Kelly "that the question be shelved indefinitely"
4 in favour, 6 against

2) Proposed Dr. Sturton sec. Mrs. Hall "that this meeting approve the first plan in principle, & that the Parish Council obtain the costings of the various works involved, & present them at the Annual Parish meeting in March."

Carried.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Nichols, sec. Mrs. Hall.

Alfred Hill 20/3/57

DECEMBER 1956

Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Bakery, Mon. Dec. 3rd, 1956 at 8 p.m.

- Present** Mr. Fidler (Chairman) Mrs. Dohie, Miss Knight, Dr. Sturton, Mr. Hodgson & the Clerk
- Apology for absence** An apology for absence was received from Mr. Black
- Minutes** The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed
- Bus 403 & 453** The Clerk said she had received no communication on this matter.
- The Pond** The Chairman gave an account of the Parish Meeting held Thurs. Nov. 29th at W.I. Hall. The Clerk was instructed to obtain the information requested.
- Minutes R.D.C. Meetings** ^{reported that the R.D.C. had} Mr. Hodgson said that it was not practicable to pass on the Minutes of R.D.C. Meetings to the Parish Council, as this would entail re-arrangement of the Minutes, and added expense.
- Watering P.O.** A letter from the County Divisional Surveyor said that this matter was being investigated.
- Playing Fields** Mr. Hodgson said that negotiations with the owner of the field in question had begun.
- Polesteple Hill** The Clerk said that the Clerk of the Kent County Council had informed her that Polesteple Hill is an unclassified road, as was the junction of this road with Westerham Road. A copy of her letter had therefore been

forwarded to Orpington U.D.C. from whom an answer had not yet arrived.

Transport
during Petrol
Rationing

A letter from Mr. Abraham was read asking the Parish Council as a matter of urgency to make representations to the Transport Executive for better transport facilities in the village, in view of petrol rationing, & rumoured curtailment of existing services. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Transport Executive pointing out that passengers on the homeward journey get left behind under present conditions, & this ^{situation} will be made worse when petrol rationing comes into force, and motorists use the public transport. It was also agreed to ask whether it would be possible to have a system whereby no passengers would be set down in suburban areas, where other transport was available, as it had been noted that short distance passengers often crowd out those wishing to go to outlying districts, where no other transport was available, and only an hourly service was maintained.

Co-opting
new members

Proposed Mr. Hadson, see Miss Knight that the Chairman find someone willing to serve on Parish Council, before the next meeting.

Carried
A. Hadson
Chairman 7/1/57