

A Meeting of the Council was held in the School on Wednesday, March 29th 1933, at 7-0 p.m.

Councillors present:-

Messrs Wm. Curson, J. W. Curson, J. W. Gibson, H. Green, H. Gravel, & A. H. Gidney.

Agenda.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.
2. Correspondence.
3. A/c for Year ending 31-3-33.
4. Any other business.

1. The Chairman requested the Clerk to read the Minutes of the last Meeting, which he did, & upon the motion of J. W. Gibson, seconded by H. Green, they were passed as read & signed by the Chairman.
2. A letter in reply to the Council's application for rent reduction was read from J. R. C. Draper, wherein he offered a reduction of 12½% per annum in the rent of the five acres let to the Council for Allotment-Gardens, such reduction to be made in the rent for the year ending 11th October 1933. The Chairman informed the Meeting that he had already instructed the Clerk to accept Mr Draper's offer, he hoped the Council would endorse his action. He had two other matters to bring before the Council - the first was concerning the extension of the present ^{ground} burials. He had had a conversation with the new Rector, Rev^d C. H. Fitch, & the Rector had promised him that the new extension would be the first business to employ the Parochial Church Council, the tenant of the land in question offered no obstruction to the scheme & it is hoped the work

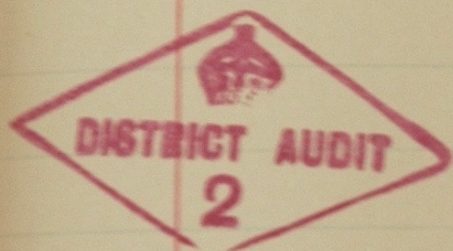
will be commenced in the early summer. Secondly Mr Samuel F Woodingham had given him oral instruction to ask this meeting to accept his resignation from the Council. Mr Woodingham had not been well for some time, rheumatism made walking very difficult, these two coupled with the fact of his age prevented him from carrying out his duties, therefore he hoped the Council would accept his resignation.

Wm Curson moved that the correspondence be received, the Chairman's action endorsed, & Mr S. F. Woodingham's resignation be accepted, & the Clerk be instructed to inform Mr Woodingham thanking him for past services to the Council. N Green seconded the proposition & it was passed unanimously.

3. The Council's Accounts for 1932-33 were laid before the Meeting, & they were accepted on the motion of J. W. Gilson, seconded by N Green.
4. The Chairman informed the Meeting that they would have to elect someone to fill the vacancy caused by S. F. Woodingham's resignation. William Rowe was proposed by N Green, seconded by Wm Curson, & elected by a unanimous vote.
5. The Clerk asked leave of the Meeting to obtain permission for a cheque to be signed on Saturday next & to meet the following:- Clerk's salary half year to Aprilth £1-0-0
 Fee paid to Wm Rowe for clearing Gravel Pit Hill approach 10/-
 Guarantee Bond (Fidelity) 3/- (due 1-3-33)
 2/- due to School Managers for Light & Heat for this & the Parish Meeting. Leave to obtain permission

was granted, & it was resolved on the motion of W Curson, seconded by J.W. Gibson, to sign a cheque on April 1st for the amount due = £1-15-0.

No other business arising the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.



A. H. Sidney Chairman

A Meeting of the Council was held in the School on Thursday, 27th April, at 7-30 p.m.

Councillors present:—

Messrs J. W. Curson, Wm Curson, H Graves, J. W. Gibson, A. H. Gidney & William Rowe.

Agenda. 1. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman for ^{ensuing year.}
 2. Minutes of the last Meeting.
 3. Correspondence.
 4. Any other business.

1. The Clerk occupied the Chair while the Chairman was elected.

Chairman Wm Curson proposed & J. W. Curson seconded that Arthur H. Gidney be Chairman for the ensuing year, — carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman H. Graves proposed that Wm Curson be elected Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by Wm Rowe & passed.

2. The Chairman took the Chair & asked the Clerk to read the Minutes of the last Meeting, which the Clerk did.

3. Arising out of the Minutes the question of the right of the School Managers to charge the Council for Light & Heat was raised by Wm Curson and, after some discussion the following resolution was moved by him 'This Meeting requests the Clerk to make further enquiries regarding the Light & Heat charge & report to our next meeting.' H Graves seconded the above & it was carried.

4. The Minutes was passed as read & signed by the Chairman upon the resolution of Wm Curson, seconded by H Graves.

- 5/ The only correspondence received since the last Meeting & laid before this Meeting was a communication from the 'Commons, Open Spaces, & Footpaths Preservation Society', setting out the benefits obtained by joining the Society through a yearly subscription. A discussion ensued on the various footpaths & public ways of the Parish with the supposed ownership of them, it was finally resolved on the proposition of J. W. Gibson, seconded by W. Curson 'that this Council join the aforesaid Society by the payment of 10/6 (ten shillings & sixpence) annual subscription, such subscription to be charged to the funds of this Council.
6. It was proposed by H. Grover, seconded by Wm Rowe, 'that all cheques drawn on the Council's account in Messrs Barclays Bank be signed by the Chairman (A. H. Gidney), Wm Curson, & the Clerk & no other. (Carried)
7. A cheque for £4-4-6 was signed payable to J. R. C. Draper for Half-year Allotment rents to 6-4-33.

A. H. Gidney Chairman

A Meeting of the Council was held in School on Tuesday, 12th September 1933 at 8-0 p.m.

Councillors present:-

Messrs J. W. Curson, W^m R. Curson, H. Graves, N. Green & A. H. Gidney.

Agenda.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.
2. Correspondence.
3. To sign a Precept.
4. To receive an Application.
5. Any other business.

1. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Clerk, & upon the motion of J. W. Curson, seconded by N. Green, they were passed & signed by the Chairman.
2. Arising out of the Minutes it was resolved that the Vicar should be asked for the repayment of the two shillings wrongly paid for a light & heat charge for Council & Parish Meetings held on March 29th.
3. The correspondence was read by the Clerk & accepted on the motion of W^m Curson, seconded by N. Green.
4. A Precept was signed by J. W. Curson, N. Green, the Chairman and the Clerk for five pounds, to be signed, served on the Local Rating Authority, proposed by W^m Curson & N. Green and passed.
5. An application for one acre of allotment garden from William Jarvis of this Parish was laid before the Meeting.

It was proposed by W^m Curson that the Clerk be requested to write to Mr Hubert Groom (tenant) & Mr Holdsworth (land owner) asking them for

one acre or more of arable land bordering on "Green Way", pointing out the urgency of the request through the applicant having to vacate his present holding this Michaelmas with no place to stable his pony with which he earns his living. N Green seconded this proposal & it was passed.

No other business arising the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

A. H. Crisney Chairman,

A Meeting of the Council was held in the School, on Thursday, January 11th 1934, at 4-30 p.m.

Councillors present:-

Messrs J. W. Curson, W. R. Curson,
J. W. Gibson, H. Graves, A. H. Gidney, W^m Rowe.

Agenda.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.
 2. Correspondence.
 3. Rights of way Act 1932.
 4. To sign a cheque.
 5. Any other business.
1. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Clerk & upon the proposition of J. W. Curson seconded by W^m Rowe, they were passed as read and signed by the Chairman.
 2. Arising out of the Minutes the Clerk informed the Meeting that he received no reply to his letter re Mr W Jarvis' application for land, & gave details of his interview with Mr Holdsworth on the same matter & the subsequent outcome.
 3. Letters from the Clerk - to - Walsingham - Rural District Council & the Commoners, Footpaths & Open Spaces Preservation Society were laid before the meeting, because they both dealt with the "Rights of way" Act 1932 they were accepted & dealt with in the next Minute.
 4. After a long discussion on the "Rights of way" Act 1932, it was resolved on the motion of W R Curson, seconded by J. W. Curson, 'that an Ordnance Map of this Parish be purchased at once from "Stanfords" of London, that the Clerk

be authorised to draw a cheque for the amount to save time, & a further Meeting of the Council be called directly the Map comes to hand for the Council to fill in details of all the Public Footpaths & Rights of Way in this Parish.

5. W. R. Curson proposed & J. W. Curson seconded that a cheque be signed, payable to the Clerk for the following items £1 - Clerk's salary for half-year ending 30-9-33, 5/- = Audit stamp 1932-33 2/6, 2/6 = Cartaker's fee for the year ending 30-9-33, & 10/9 being year's subscription with postage & poundage to the Footpaths, Commons, & Open Spaces Preservation Society, the whole amount £1-18-3., passed unanimously.

6. Under any other business W. R. Curson moved that the Clerk inquire of the Clerk, Walsingham 'R. D. C.' for information regarding the building (if any) of further Council houses in this Parish in reply to the number of applications sent to the R. D. C. This was seconded by H. Graves & passed.

No other business arising the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

W. H. Gidney Chairman

attend the next Meeting of the Council to give reasons for their reported consent to this scheme. This was seconded by J.W. Gibson & passed.

3. It was resolved on the motion of J.W. Gibson seconded by N. Green that the Clerk be requested to write to the Land Agent - J.R.C. Draper asking for information, pointing out the fact of no notice given to the Council before commencing the work, that it appears likely our tenants will lose for this year at least a good part of their holdings & if the question of compensation arises how should the Council deal with it, & also ask if he could offer adjacent land to make up the five acres or consider a reduction in the rent of the allotment gardens? that the Clerk should also inform the Norfolk County Council Clerk of the whole matter, asking for information regarding the expected length of the scheme, whether it is intended to plant a hedge to replace the one to be removed, how much land our tenants will lose for the coming season & if a claim for compensation is received would the Norfolk County Council assume liability.

4. W.R. Curson proposed & N. Green seconded that the Clerk shall inform the District Surveyor that the work must cease on this Council's land until the necessary explanations are forthcoming. Carried unanimously.

5. The question of rubble dumped on Little Hill was raised & the Clerk informed the Meeting he would find out the reason for the dumping & if necessary request the builder in question to remove the rubble.

W.R. Curson

A Meeting of the Council was held in the School, on Tuesday, February 6th 1934., at 8-0 p.m.

A. Councillors present:-

Messrs J.W. Curson, W.R. Curson, J.W. Gibson
H. Gravet, H. Green & W^m Rowe.

The Chairman sent a message regretting his absence from the Meeting through a sudden indisposition.

Agenda.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.
2. Correspondence.
3. Rights of Way Act 1932.
4. Any other business.

1. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Clerk, & upon the motion of J.W. Gibson seconded by W^m Rowe, they were passed as read & signed by the Vice-Chairman.
2. Correspondence laid before the Meeting included letters from the Clerk to the Norfolk County Council & J.R.C. Drapes concerning the Cockthorpe Road Widening Scheme, & one from the Clerk to Walsingham R.D.C. in reply to the Council's inquiry re-the further building of Council Houses in this Parish.
3. The correspondence was accepted on the proposition of J.W. Curson, seconded by H. Green.
4. After a discussion on the Cockthorpe-Road Widening Scheme, the Clerk giving the Meeting the results of his interviews with the Estate Agent & the District Surveyor, it was resolved on the motion of H. Green, seconded by J.W. Curson that this Council agrees to the continuance of the Scheme, providing that a new hedge is planted & the rubbish removed from 10/1 Allotment-garden, the Clerk to inform the District

Surveyors of the Council's decision.

5. It was proposed by J.W. Curson 'that the clerk write to the Estate Agent - J.R.C. Draper, regarding the rent of the Allotment gardens, stating that this Council cannot accept his suggestion to make the last rent reduction permanent to meet the land lost through the Road-widening scheme, unless a whole acre is provided for each holder. The above was (proposed) seconded by A Green & passed unanimously.
6. The Ordnance Map of the Parish was shown to the Meeting, & its purchase accepted by the Council who gave instructions for the following ^{Public} Footpaths & Rights of way to be marked thereon.
 1. 'Green Way' - Public Cart Road.
 2. 'Hollow Lane Greenway' - Public Footpath, - (Side by gate).
 3. 'Bangay Greenway' - Public Footpath.
 4. From Sluice to White Bridges - west bank of river - Right of way.
 5. From Morston Road via east side of 'Five Acre Cart' to Cockthorpe Common - Right of way.
 6. 'Damson Lane' to 'Gravel Pit' - Public - Carriage way, - then by Right of way through 'Minors' wood across 'Home Hills' back to Damson Lane.
 7. From Wells Road across 'Big Hill', foot-bridge, 'Sheep walk' to Damson Lane - Right of way.
8. The following were considered to be Public Open Spaces - the whole of Siffkey 'Greens' from the Sluice to Warham boundary, & 'Little Hill'.
9. No other business arising the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.



W.R. Curson

April 16th 1934.

Declaration of acceptance of Office
as Parish Councillors, for the Parish
of Stiffkey, in the County of Norfolk.

We, the undersigned, having been
elected as Parish Councillors for the
Parish of Stiffkey, hereby declare that
we take the said office upon
ourselves, and will duly and faithfully
fulfil the duties thereof, to the
best of our judgement and ability.

Dated this sixteenth day of April 1934
in the presence of each other and
William Gidney,
Clerk.

J. W. Curson

W. Rowe

J. R. Belton

R. Dowsing

N. Green

R. H. Youngman

W. R. Curson

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The Annual Parish Council Meeting
was held in the School, on Monday,
April 16th 1934, at 8-0 p.m.

Agenda.

1. Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman
for the ensuing year.
 2. To sign the Declaration.
 3. Minutes of last Meeting.
 4. Correspondence.
 5. To nominate a School Manager.
 6. Banking Account. 7. Any other business.
1. The Clerk occupied the Chair until the
Chairman was elected.
 2. It was unanimously agreed, upon the
proposal of W. Rowe, seconded by N. Green,
that William R. Curson should be Chairman
for the ensuing year.
 3. W. R. Curson then took the Chair vacated by
the Clerk.
 4. Robert M. Dowsing was unanimously elected
Vice-Chairman, having been proposed by
J. R. Belton, seconded by J. W. Curson.
 5. Complying with the request of the Chairman
the Clerk read the minutes of the last
Meeting & upon the motion of J. W. Curson,
seconded by N. Green, they were passed as
read & signed by the Chairman.
 6. The correspondence was accepted upon the
proposition of N. Green, seconded by J. R. Belton,
it consisted of an acknowledgement of the
Council's agreement to the Cockthorpe Road scheme
from the District Surveyor, an answer from
the Estate Agent - J. R. C. Draper regarding the
Council's suggestion that the rent should be

reduced to a full acre made up for each of the allotment-garden holders, and an application from Thomas Pearson for a permission to erect a gate entering unto his allotment garden.

7. It was resolved on the motion of N Green, seconded by R. H. Youngman, that permission be given for the erection of the gate providing Y Pearson gives an understanding to leave the gate, at the bank as it is at present, & that no claim for compensation can be made on this Council.

8. W^m R. Curson was nominated School Manager (term 3 years) upon the proposition of N Green, seconded by R. M. Dowsing.

9. It was agreed after the proposition was moved by N Green, seconded by R. M. Dowsing that all cheques drawn on this Council's account in Messrs Barclay's Bank Ltd shall be signed by the Chairman, R. H. Youngman, & the Clerk.

10. The Clerk asked permission to present an account of the amounts due to him, this was granted and a cheque signed for £1-11-3 made up as follows, = Fee & expenses of Returning Officer for the Parish Council election = 10/-, 1 Register of Voters = 1/3, (Fidelity) Guarantee Bond - 1933-34 = 3/- & Clerk's salary to 14.34 = £1.

11. W^m Rowe (under Agenda No 7) asked the meeting if any parishioner could carry a gun unto Gravel Pit. While the Council would not admit the right of any parishioner to do such a thing it was resolved on the motion of R. H. Youngman seconded by R. M. Dowsing, that the Clerk be directed to write to the holders of 'Jale House'

farm shooting, offering for a fixed yearly sum the shooting rights of Gravel Pit.

11. J. W. Curson reported to the Meeting a complaint he had received regarding the smell arising in certain weather from the drain opening on "Big Hill" the blood-hole overflow from the Butcher's shop the opposite side of the road. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the clerk inform the P.D.C. Sanitary Officer of the complaint & ask if he could prevent rubbish being dumped on the Hill also proposed by J. W. Curson, seconded by P. H. Youngman

no other business arising the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

W R Curson.

Chairman.

2-5-34.

A Meeting of the Council was held in the School on Wednesday, May 2nd 1934, at 7-15 p.m.

Councillors present:-

~~Present~~ J. W. Curson, W^m Curson, R. M. Dowsing, W^m Rowe, R. H. Youngman.

Agenda.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.
2. To discuss a certain matter.
3. To pass Accounts to 31-3-34.
4. Any other business.

1. The Clerk read the Minutes of the last Meeting, and upon the motion of J. W. Curson they were passed as read and signed by the Chairman, after being seconded by R. M. Dowsing.
2. The Chairman informed the Meeting that this matter was the main reason for calling a Meeting. The Councillors would remember a complaint being received & how they dealt with it at the last Meeting of the Council, concerning the outlet on 'Big Hill' Muckle Dyke from the blood-hole of the butcher's shop opposite. Some member or members must have disclosed the business to other persons directly after leaving the Meeting, because, the very next day, Mr Winnes, the tenant of the shop, saw the Clerk & in a forceful tirade against the Council revealed he knew nearly everything that happened at the Meeting & stated that the mover (who he named) brought forward the matter for his (Mr Winnes') downfall. The Chairman said this was a state of affairs that could not go on, it nullified all the good the Council did, he had hoped this Meeting could have come to disision on the matter, but, seeing

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only part of the Council was present this appeared impracticable. After some discussion it was resolved on the motion of W^m Rowe, seconded by R. H. Youngman to adjourn this matter.

3. The Council's Accounts for the Year ending March 31st 1934 were laid before the Meeting & adopted on the motion of J. W. Curson, seconded by R. M. Dowsing.

4. No other business arising the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

J. W. Curson
Chairman

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A Meeting of the Council was held in the School, on Thursday, September 20th 1934 at 8-0 p.m.

Those were present:-

Messrs J. W. Curson, W. R. Curson, R. M. Dowling, N. Green, W^m Rowe, R. H. Youngman.

Agenda.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.
 2. Allotments & to receive an application.
 3. Any other business.
1. The Clerk, under the ^{Chairman's} direction read the Minutes of the last Meeting, and upon the motion of J. W. Curson, seconded by R. M. Dowling, they were passed as read & signed by the Chairman.
2. Arising out of the Minutes - it was resolved on the proposition of N. Green, seconded by W. Rowe to allow the matter adjourned from the last Meeting to drop.
3. During a discussion on the Allotment-Gardens let by the Council it was revealed that an apparent breach of the agreement had been committed by Charles Bayfield in allowing C. G. Winnet to sub-let & work his Allotment (N^o 2). It was resolved upon the proposition of N. Green, seconded by R. H. Youngman to request the Clerk to inform Charles Bayfield to terminate his tenancy on October 11th of this year, pointing out the cause for this action & adding that it is usual for the sugar-beet tops to be left behind.

4. W^m Rowe proposed that the first refusal of the No 2 Allotment-Garden should be given to Ernest Hannant, whose application had been with the Council for some time. N. Green seconded, & it was agreed to.
5. The Chairman read an application for one acre of Allotment-Garden from William Greenacre. No action was taken, the application was left lying on the table.
6. J. W. Curson proposed that the Clerk be asked to ^{write} E. Thistleton-Smith pointing out his omission to reply to the Council's last communication regarding Gravel-Pit. This was agreed to, after being seconded by N. Green.
4. It was resolved to request the Clerk to write to the Norfolk County Council & Ministry of Agriculture, asking for information regarding the purchase of land for Allotment-Gardens by the Council, proposed by R. H. Youngman, seconded by J. W. Curson.

No other business arising the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

W. H. Curson