

CUDDESDON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES AND ALSO DENTON PARISH COUNCIL

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1894

4 Dec: The First Parish Meeting for the Parish of Cuddesdon under the Local Government Act 1894, having been duly convened by the Overseers Messrs W.Dover and R.Warner meeting at the School.

1895

18 Mar: The following were nominated to be councillors:

Harry George Mortimore, grocer

Herbert John Gale, farmer

Joseph Boswell, bricklayer

Joseph Sawyer, labourer

John Sawyer, labourer

Alfred Wing, baker

William Smith, labourer

Simeon Hinton, engine man

29 Apr: Recreation Ground – Mr Chillingworth expressed his willingness to give up part of Farm Orchard for the purposes of Recreation Ground.

1897

23 Apr: To discuss the suggestion of the Jubilee Committee, that the Parish Council should lease the land for a Recreation Ground, if it can be obtained.

6 Dec: Proposed: that 3d per meeting be paid for fire and light required, to Mr Martin – carried unanimously. [Meeting held in the School]

Mr Ryman and the Clerk had measured the proposed site and found it to be 2 acr 2 r 10¼ poles.

1898

3 Jan: The chief reason for desiring a Recreation Ground was to keep the children out of the roads.

14 Mar: at the Annual Parish Meeting:

The Chairman stated that the [Child] Charity was given only to those parishioners who might fairly be considered as necessitous, and in no case to persons in receipt of £1 per week or upwards. In the case of new comers, no coal was given to those who had not resided in the Parish at least 3 months, and to those who had been in the Parish from 3 to 6 months, half quantities were allotted.

Tradesmen also did not receive any coal. [There were 30 recipients of the Charity]

The Chairman next read a letter from Mr Betts of Milton, stating that a valuable right of way over the Weir Bridge at Chippinghurst had fallen into disuse through the decay of the Bridge, and asking the Cuddesdon Parish Meeting to take steps to get the Bridge repaired. In response to the Chairman several older members stated that there had been an unchallenged right of way over the Bridge for 30 years. The Chairman said the Parish Council would take necessary steps to have the matter enquired into.

8 Jun: The Council accepts the mortgage proposed by the County Council for the loan of One Hundred and Sixty pounds on the on the security of the rates of the Parish, for the purchase of Farm Orchard as a Recreation Ground and for other purposes connected therewith, the said sum together with interest at the rate of three pounds five shillings per cent to be repayable by thirty equal annual payments of eight pounds eight shillings and seven pence.

This Council accepts the Contract with Macclesfield Trustees for the sale of Farm Orchard for the sum of One Hundred and Twenty pounds with possession on the first day of July next.

3 Oct: The Council next considered the application for standings on the Recreation Ground during the Village Feast. The charge for Standings for 1 roundabout, 1 set swings, 1 coconut stall, 1 shooting gallery and 1 stall should be 10/- for one night, and 5/- for the second night. For roundabouts or swings only the charge to be 5/- and 2/6 for any smaller stall.

There is annual discussion on charges for the Feast. The Feast is mentioned last in 1922.

1899

23 Feb: The Recreation Ground Committee reports that the levelling was finished for the present and that £24.16.3 had been expended upon the work. Denton Parish Meeting offered an annual subscription of £2 towards the expenses of the Recreation ground in return for the use of the Ground by the inhabitants of Denton. The offer was accepted.

6 Mar: After some discussion concerning the Village Pump it was decided not to hand it over to the Parish Council, but to collect voluntary subscription for its repair.

5 Jun: Recreation Ground – tenders for removing the Cowshed and rebuilding wall on same foundation were received from Mr Burgess and Mr Boswell.

A letter was read from Rev S.M. Corke Secretary of the Reading Room complaining of damage done to the roof by cricket balls.

Mr Gale having read a letter asking permission for the Conservative Van to stand on the Recreation Ground. Mr Sawyer proposed and Mr Mortimer seconded that it is not advisable to grant the use of the Ground to either political party.

4 Sep: Proposed byelaws

2. A person shall not drive or bring, or cause or suffer to be brought or driven on the Recreation Ground, any beast of draught or burden, or any bull, ox, cow, heifer, steer, calf, sheep, lamb, hog, pig or sow or any other animal, unless in pursuance of an agreement with the Parish Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, such person may be duly authorized so to do for pasturage or for any other lawful purpose.

3. A person shall not fight, brawl, quarrel, or use indecent or improper language on the Recreation Ground, or remain thereon, being intoxicated.

4. A person shall not throw or discharge on the Recreation Ground any stone or other missile to the damage or danger of any person or building.

5. A person shall not climb any tree, wall or hedge enclosing or upon the Recreation Ground, or damage the same in any way.

6. A person shall not deposit or throw any filth, rubbish or refuse on the Recreation Ground.

4 Dec: The Chairman, as Chairman of the School Managers asked the opinion of the Council as to whether there would be any objection to a gate being made between the School playground and the Recreation Ground and the Council unanimously gave their sanction.

1905

11 Sep: Recreation Ground – If it is legally permissible, permission be granted to erect on the Recreation Ground at the end of the Recreation Room adjoining that Ground, an iron room for the

use of the lads who are not old enough to be admitted to the Recreation Room. The room to remain the property of the vicar and to be taken away at any time that the Council may require its removal.

1906

17 Apr: That the charge for grazing on the Recreation Ground should be one shilling per week per horse, when each horse is not just put in the field more than twelve hours out of twenty four; but when the horse is left in the field both night and day, the charge to be one shilling and six pence per horse per week.

1908

10 Apr: That permission be granted to the School Managers to connect the surface drains from the School Grounds with one of the existing drains in the Recreation Ground.

1909

6 Dec: That this Parish Council has no objection to the local Post Office opening at 8am instead of 7am.

1916

6 Mar: Beneficiaries of the Child Charity – 38 people.

1918

4 Mar: Potato spraying – Mr Gale proposed and Mr Mortimore seconded that this Council is prepared to undertake the work of spraying potatoes in the Parish.

9 Dec: School Garden – that a piece of land in the north east corner of the Recreation Ground be let to the School Management for the purpose of a School Garden with a rental of 2/6 per annum.

1919

14 Feb: After discussions the Government Housing Scheme the following recommendation was adopted – That four houses be built in the village to let at a rent not exceeding 8s 6d per week.

1920

8 Mar: Childs Charity – owing to the difficulty in procuring coal the Charity was distributed in cash, in sums of 8/- each to old age pensioners and widows. Beneficiaries 15 people.

1921

12 Sep: Feast Week – the charge for roundabouts using the Recreation Ground shall be ten shillings for the first night and five shillings for each other night on which business is done; this charge not to include grazing in the field.

1924

9 Apr: The School Manager having given up the School Gardens, the Clerk was instructed to obtain tenders for renting the same.

14 Jul: The Parish Council desire to express their gratitude to Mr and Mrs Wheeler for their kind offer of a swing to be placed on the Recreation Ground for the use of the children. They wish to suggest that a maypole should be substituted for a swing on the ground that there would be less danger attached to it and it would give amusement and more exercise to more children at the same time.

1925

14 Sep: The Council consider that a see-saw would be a source of danger to the children. The Council is still of the opinion that a maypole would be more suitable.

1929

3 Sep: An application from the Cuddesdon Football Club was read asking that goal posts be erected. The application was granted providing the Football Club bore the expense and erected the posts.

2 Dec: Collection of tins and bottles – the quarterly collection was arranged for 14 December 1929.

1931

26 Mar: Amalgamation of Chippinghurst, Denton and Cuddesdon – correspondence from the Oxfordshire County Council relating to the rearrangement of County districts and parishes which would mean economy and efficiency was read, discussed and agreed.

1935

23 Apr: The Clerk was instructed to proceed with the negotiations for the installation of electric light in the Village.

1939

21 Apr: Position of standpipes – it was proposed that [water] standpipes be place in four positions in the Village as follows: one near to the Old Parsonage, one at the corner of The Lane, one opposite the Recreation Ground gate and one at the corner of The Lane leading to the Hill View Cottages.

1940

29 May: Fire fighting water supply for Cuddesdon – the Clerk was instructed to make all necessary enquiries for the purpose of clearing out the Welbourne Pond Cuddesdon.

1941

24 Apr: The arrangements for the Cuddesdon War Weapons were explained by Miss Somervell, the Local Organiser, and the target of £500 was agreed to. The Lighting and Watching Act.

Fire fighting appliances: A letter from the Bullingdon R.D. Council rejecting the application for additional equipment was read and the Clerk was instructed to again state the Village needs to the District Council.

1945

25 May: Sanction of Post Office Telephone Posts in the Recreation Ground – An agreement permitting the erection of posts in the Recreation Ground by the GPO Telephone Services was sanctioned by the Council.

29 Jun: Council Houses – The Bullingdon Rural District Council propose to build twelve houses in Cuddesdon under their Post War Housing Scheme and the Parish Council having been requested for a statement of the types of houses that were needed after a careful petition of the specification laid before them agreed that ten houses should be of the Non-parlour, three bedroom type and two of the bungalow type for elderly people.

1946

29 Jan: Village Roadman: The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council regarding the state of the roads and the general untidiness of the village streets owing to the lack of a permanent Roadman in this area.

1947

25 Mar: The Clerk was instructed to write to the Wessex Electricity Co asking for an additional light on the top of Denton Hill.

The Rev Riches was invited by the Chairman to explain the scheme of the Village Produce Association for the improvement of the appearance of the Village by planting flowering trees where possible particularly in the Recreation Ground on the side nearest the road.

Public Telephone Kiosk: The Clerk should write to the GPO stating the urgent need of a kiosk in the Village.

1952

21 Nov: Coronation Festivities – it was agreed to call a Parish Meeting to form a committee to arrange the celebrations of Coronation Day June 2nd 1953.

1962

12 Apr: First meeting of Cuddesdon and Denton Parish Council.

1968

13 Feb: The Chairman said that the Council had accepted Mr Nixey's generous offer to re-develop the Recreation Ground.

1970

Playground equipment installed in Recreation Ground.

1973

New sewerage scheme complete in Summer.

1975

Extension to Village Hall complete.