

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

1894 - 1947

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18th December 1894.

First meeting - those present, Mr. Harcourt, Capt. Barnes, Mr. J. Edney, Mr. W. Edney, Mr. Adams, Mr. Westbrook, Mr. Bilk & Mr. R. Gale. Mr. R.A. Gale elected Chairman.

Area covered included Catherington, Blendworth and Part of Cowplain.

1895

Allotments negotiated with Idworth Estates - Committee formed to deal with charities including, Ring Charity established 22.2.1833.

Precept set at £5 payable in 2 installments.

Letter Boxes called for at the Causeway & Horndean Hill. Meetings held quarterly.

1898.

Mr. White attended a meeting to explain the new Light Railway scheme to be extended from Waterlooville to Horndean. The scheme was readily accepted.

Parish Council anxious to get Mains Water into village.

Allotments, Footpaths, Charities & Light Railway were the main points of discussion at the turn of the century.

1900.

Complaints received about the increased amount of smoke coming from the Brewery chimney.

1902.

Still trying to get mains water to the village.

1904.

Motoring Age comes to Horndean, streets signs to be erected at Horndean Hill & against Dr. Nash's house to warn motorists.

1905.

Precept remains at £5.

1907.

The Public Elementary School at Waterloo-ville is not required for the wants of Catherington who have sufficient.

1907.

Still no mains water.

1908.

An approach is made to Portsmouth Water Company at Farlington to supply Catherington by connecting up with Waterlooville if the District Council pay for the water main.

Idworth Estate asked to repair stile at Kinches Farm.

Request made for full postal delivery on Sundays and the issue of postal orders and savings bank deposit at Cowplain.

1909.

Post Office to shut on Wednesday afternoons.

1910.

Valuation List cost £1.1.0d. plus 7/6d for the hire of a trap.

Managers appointed for local schools, Rev Kefford joins the council.

Reports of obstructed Footpaths.

1916.

Precept still fixed at £5.

1917.

County War Agricultural Committee agree upon Seed Potato Scheme.

1918.

Agreed that under war conditions if Cows are out with a minder they may be permitted to feed from grass by the side of the road.

1919.

A 3d. rate was called for to cover the expenses of the peace celebrations in Catherington to and Blendworth. Any left over to be used to entertain returned soldiers.

Celebrations took place at the Ship & Bell, Red Lion and the Good Intent on 22.12.1919.

Sir Dudley Jervois organised the events.

1921.

Road side seats to be placed between Car Sheds and Wallis Road.

1922.

Pavements to be installed along the Portsmouth Road between Good Intent and Causeway Lane & Good Intent and Horndean.

1926.

Concern over ditches between Cowplain Post Office and Spotted Cow.

Call for first Refuse Collection throughout Catherington Parish.

1927.

A proposal to amalgamate District Councils, Parish Council to recommend R.D.Council not to proceed with scheme.

A parish meeting in the Boys School supported the Council.

Seat erected in Cowplain for £4.13.6d.

Negotiations start for the purchase of the Recreation Ground. Public meeting held on December 9th. 1927.

First piece of land offered was too expensive. Other land to be sought.

1928.

Precept now set at £20. Parish divided into 2 wards.

Public meeting held 4th June, 1928 regarding recreation ground. Despite amendments not to buy Public agree to buy land in Fiveheads Road. Permission received for loan to be paid back over 30 years. Purchase price set at £600.

1929.

Gate and fence put up around recreation ground.

Precept now stands at £40.

Mr. Heath, who was tenant of recreation ground when it was bought was paid £24 in settlement and allowed feeding rights until 29th September, 1930. for the sum of £2 in advance.

Grants obtained from Playing fields Association and the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.

1930.

Waterlooville fire Brigade to be paid £5 conditionally that they agree to attend fires in Catherington Parish.

Motor Vehicle Licences to be available from Horndean and Waterlooville Post Offices.

Football club rent recreation ground for £6.

New wards to have 4 Parish Councillors and 4 District Councillors.

1931.

Precept now set at £50.

2 wards called Catherington and Cowplain.

Clerk to be paid £5 per annum.

Meetings now every 2 months

1932.

Precept now set at £70.

cost of local elections = 7/-.

A request to Petersfield Rural District Council to collect Refuse once per week was turned down.

On 16th February, 1932 Waterlooville was asked to take the Cowplain seat and on 14th. March, 1932 Horndean Parish Council was formed with 9 members being elected at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meetings set for every other month.

Notification of registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Pavillion erected in recreation ground for £64.

1933.

Fire insurance for Recreation Ground set at £170 with a premium of 2/5d.

Precept set at 1 1/2d rate.

Cricket club charged £1 for use of ground.

Clerks salary increased to £10.

Council agree to meet on a monthly basis on 2nd Thursday at 6.30 p.m. i.e. 1 week before each P.R.D.Council meeting.

Fire protection for Parish by Havant to cost £17.6.0d.

1933.

Gateway from St. Annes Road to recreation ground approved.

Street lighting to be installed - 2 at Love-dean Road, 1 at Victory Ave, 1 at Causeway & 1 at Portsmouth road.

Electric Street Lighting comes to Blendworth on 1st October, 1933.

1934.

British Empire Cancer Campaign collection raised £23.14.6d.

Letter received from Mr. Macey of Drill Hall road complaining of bad language in Recreation Ground.

Request for old gun to be removed from Recreation Ground.

Water laid on at Recreation Ground at cost of £3

Sub committee set up to deal with street lighting. Clerk instructed to ensure new lighting was all electric.

Recreation and ammenities committee hold their first meeting.

A roll top cabinet and case purchased for the use of the clerk at a cost of £4.2.6d.

1935.

Discussion held concerning the replacement of the Light Railway with the new motor buses. Will the new buses continue to run on Christmas Day.

Silver jubilee Year (KGV). Celebrations in Parish to consist of Sports and Teas for children. Bonfire on Windmill Hill. Cost not to come from rates.

Gas lighting in Fiveheads Road reported out on 4 successive nights.

1st weekly collection of refuse.

Product of 1d rate = £48.5.8d.

Clerks salary set at 1/4d rate.

Parish council to make its own press release together with list of those present. Press did not attend meetings in those days.

Council accepts offer from Portsmouth Gas Co to light main road lamps from dark until midnight for £3.17.6d. per lamp per year.

still in 1935 lectures already being held on the subject of air raid precaution.

P.R.D.Council asked Parish Council to identify open space to be preserved for all time. Council to investigate extension of recreation ground. Trees planted to celebrate KG V silver jubilee.

Request for signposts to be erected at footpaths as people were ignorant of their existence.

1937.

Volunteers called for to work out the A.R.P. scheme.

Horndean Football Club ask to be allowed to erect small dressing room.

1938.

First recorded problem with motorbikes using Southdown Road for trials.

1938.

Special meeting of A.R.P. Lady Howe lent Idworth House as Headquarters.

Havant fire protection of Horndean to cost £29.12.9d. per year.

More new street lights at The Curve, Bird in Hand, Glamorgan road, Snell Corner, South Road, Downhouse Road.

Request from Mr. Ward to move speed restriction from St. Catherines to a point beyond the church near Whitedirt Lane.

Letter received from Police asking Council to make known war time regulation regarding lights.

1939.

Fire protection goes up to £31.11.7d per year.

Government Evacuation Scheme discussed.

Clerks salary put up to £16.

Council become members of Hampshire Parish Councils Advisory Service.

Cowplain Senior School now complete.

Emergency Committee set up to deal with matters of an urgent nature.

1940.

Evacuation completed.

9 huts and 3 caravans reported on a plot in Frogmore Lane, more were coming.

After complaint from residents about length of grass along Portsmouth Road County Surveyor informed Council grass would not be cut until after the war.

Recreation Ground to be used by Troops.

Salvage Iron collected in Parish.

1941.

At the annual meeting it was agreed that councillors should be elected en bloc and remain in office until the end of the war.

NO PRECEPT for next half year as bank balance is good.

Report of damage to triangle at top of Horndean Hill.

Only 2 Air Raid Wardens as others had resigned because of lack of equipment.

Horndean raised £14,000 in war weapons week. Target was £3,000.

Public shelters completed in July.

Precept set at £70.

1942.

Horndean raise £11,200 for Warship Week.

No public turned up to Annual Parish Meeting.

Concern over traffic at junction of Havant road and Rowlands Castle Road, site meeting to be held.

Payment for recreation ground still being paid at £25.4.1d per year.

Council becomes affiliated to National Council for Social Services, fee - 1 guinea.

Most meetings during the War years were held on a Sunday.

1942

Considerable damage done by children in Recreation Ground - notices to be placed saying - RATEPAYERS OF HORNDEAN - THIS IS YOUR PROPERTY PLEASE HELP TO PROTECT IT.

Letter sent to Mrs. Bowyer asking if she would agree to Parish Council taking over War Memorial and its surround.

1943.

Water supply disconnected at Rec for duration of war.

No precept asked, enough money in bank.

Clerks report included complaints that white bands had warn off telegraph poles and the situation was dangerous.

No one turned up to Annual Parish Meeting.

Control of Fire Service now out of local hands, fire engine to remain.

Complaints received over demand that Horndean people should go to Petersfield for Ration Books. Result - office set up in Horndean.

Precept set at £180.

Horndean Boys Club started by Mr. Newman.

1944.

Post war development discussed at great length.

Telephone installed in schools to give them better notice of hostile aircraft.

Mr. Moon agreed to continue to look after Rec and Triangle if wages increased to 5/- per week.

Emergency meeting held 24th August, 1944 to discuss Hobhouse Report re post war housing. Rural District Council estimate 10 houses in first 2 years, Parish Council consider total inadequate but impossible to quote the number required. Build figures before the war used to calculate and this number used as minimum.

Research by Parish Council shows 203 new houses needed for Horndean out of 414 for the District. Bramshott - 80, Clanfield - 44 and Liss - 43.

Victory Avenue residents ask for their pavement to be properly surfaced as Blendworth Lane path has been surface just to access one house! Justified as Victory Ave has been a public road since 1919!

Letter written to Portsmouth Electric Co and Gas Co asking to make ready street lighting ready to switch on after the war.

1945.

Discovered that Victory Ave was still listed at County as a private road in 1934 despite being made public in 1919. Reason for refusal of proper footpath!

7 members of the public attend A.P.M.

Ex services fund started and committee formed chaired by Admiral Murray. Ex services Fund agree a memorial take the form of a Community Centre - Public meeting fixed for 29th August, 1945.

Second delivery of post recommenced and a suggestion made that motor vehicles might speed up deliveries.

1945.

Concern about workshop in Frogmore Lane, explained that it had a three year licence.

Letter sent to District Council asking for houses to be built in Horndean.

New street lighting erected.

1946.

150 members of public at A.P.M. Nine vacancies on Council to be elected at meeting.

Boys House in bad state of repair and not worth turning into flats.

Agreed to hold Victory Celebration for children under 14 years. Suggestion - ask Mr. Hill for use of his field at Merchistoun and ask District for Precept of £100 to cover events.

Agreed to hold monthly meetings again.

Boys House to be sold by public auction.

Football Club restart adult team. Rent for Rec agreed at £1 per year for the next two years.

Still no movement on housing.

Many footpaths found to be blocked or stopped up with barbed wire - council to take action.

Application to direct footpath from Causeway Lane to Tagdale Lane refused by council.

Victory Celebration a great success - Tea supplied at 1/2d per head - Total cost of celebration £62.15.10d.

Complaint about toilets at Parish Hall after dances - letter to parochial church council on matter.

Council ask for street names to be replaced.

100 houses to be built in Horndean.

Drill Hall garage suggested as suitable new site for refuse vehicle - Transferred.

School signs to be placed either side of Horndean & Blendworth Schools.

Request for bus shelter at bottom of Horndean Hill.

Council agree to send letter to County Council stating that election of councillors by show of hands should be abolished in favour of secret ballot at A.P.M or Poll.

Public meeting held at Drill Hall to get feeling of public over new boundary proposals - 200 attend. Generally opposed to Portsmouths plan to expand boundary.

Referendum figures 1746 against, 97 in favour.

Council agree to join Association of Parish Councils.

Reported that street lighting in Horndean Square is inadequate and that the 3 mantle burner should be replaced with a 6 mantle.

Request for street light at Pyle Cross on Rowlands Castle Road - bus stop there used by Blendworth people.

Special meeting held to agree new line of A3 from Horndean Square to Good Intent causing alteration to the Triangle.

1947.

Request received from Portsmouth Water Company to lay mains water to Bulls Copse.

Special meeting to discuss content of new housing estate.

Suggestions included:

Fire Station.

Public Toilets.

Rating Office.

Parish yard for road materials.

Surveyor Store with resident storeman.

They were talking about the Merchistoun Estate.

Mr. Brook has bought Lovedean Down and wants to erect amusements for children and run a miniature railway. Council decide not to support the idea.

Lengthy discussions take place over mains water at Bulls Copse. Water board say residents must pay - residents say NO.

The area had been divide in 1919 into 44 small plots, 5 of which were vacant. Some residents had been paying rates for 27 years and got nothing. In 1940 resident had been warned about the danger of using water from the spring and told mains water would be supplied. Capital cost to be £218.

Council pay the costs!

Precept for half year set at £65.

Kerbs to be painted white at road junctions.

Councillors to attend conference of Parish Council at Petersfield.

Motions: The lack of cohesion between Parish & District Councils & The lack of power of Parish Council reps on Rating Committees.

People of Lovedean have decided to buy a piece of land from District Council and hope to erect a hut probably through the national council of Social Services - Council agree to give support.

Lovedean Village Hall is born.

PLans available for new housing estate, council to be kept informed.

10 farm cottages wanted at Lovedean.

Council try to get Branch Food Office in village.

Company in Croydon offer to do Village Guide free of charge - money to come from adverts.

Rate of interest on loan for Rec purchase decreased to 4 1/4% payment now £24.10.6d. per year.

Clerk salary increased to £18. per year.

6 agricultural cottages allowed for Horndean.

1948.

Parish Council take over War Memorial.

Estimated total population of Horndean + Clanfield + Rowlands Castle = 6,300.