

MITCHAM COMMON CONSERVATORS.

Report to the Croydon Town Council of the Members appointed by the Council.

Constitution and Attendances.—Your representatives have attended meetings of the Mitcham Common Conservators during the year ending 25th October, 1918, as follows :—

Name of Member.	General Meetings.		Committee Mgs.		Total.	
	Poss.	Actual.	Poss.	Actual.	Poss.	Actual.
Alderman G. J. Allen ...	4	2	1	0	5	2
Alderman Martin Taylor	4	4	1	0	5	4
Councillor W. B. Robarts	4	4	1	1	5	5
Councillor C. T. Chapman	4	2	1	1	5	3

The Board of Conservators consists, in addition to the Croydon representatives, of four representatives from Mitcham, two from Beddington, two from Wallington, a representative of the Lords of the Manor appointed under an agreement by the Princes Golf Club Company, Limited, and a representative of the City of London Corporation may be appointed under the City of London (Various Powers) Act, 1911.

Finance.—The revenue of the Conservators consists of :—

(1) A contribution from the Croydon Corporation equal to one-third of the previous year's expenditure and not exceeding £100.

(2) The sum of £30, contribution from the Parish Council of Wallington, which is charged with the maintenance of the Beddington Corner Recreation Ground.

(3) The sum of £150, payable by the Princes Golf Club Co., Ltd., for the use of the Princes Golf Course. This contribution, however, is now four years in arrear.

(4) Miscellaneous revenue, including contribution from the Showmen's Guild, telephone rents, &c., which for the year 1917 amounted to £59 16s. 6d.

(5) The contribution of £100 a year formerly received from the Mitcham Parish Council has continued in arrear.

The expenditure of the Conservators for the past year has, as in recent years, consisted principally of the salaries and remuneration of its officers and expenditure in upkeep of the Commons. The permanent charges for salaries and wages amounted last year to £130 3s. 0d.

Games on the Common.—There has been practically no change in the number (277) of persons registered as desiring to play golf on Mitcham Common. Two permits for cricket were granted through the Clerk to the Conservators last Summer, and fourteen permits for football have been granted for the current season, 31st October, 1918.

5. LAND AT MITCHAM JUNCTION. A letter dated the 17th April last, was read from Mr. W. I. Selwyn of the Southern Railway enclosing a tracing showing a piece of land on the east side of the Carshalton Road, lying between that road and the ditch immediately north of the entrance to Mitcham Junction Station. Mr. Selwyn asked if the Conservators would object to the Company erecting a line of posts 4ft. 6ins. apart to prevent the storage of vehicles upon the said piece of ground. The Clerk reported that though the Railway Company claimed that this piece of land had been conveyed to their predecessors in title in 1873, the land was delineated in the plan referred to in the Scheme scheduled to the Metropolitan Commons (Mitcham) Supplemental Act, 1891, and was therefore under the management of the Conservators and the decision in *Cook v. Mitcham Common Conservators* applied, that after the passing of the Act confirming the Scheme it was too late for any person to set up a claim of ownership in fee.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to Mr. Selwyn pointing out these facts and informing him that the Conservators considered the posts desirable and would themselves erect them.

It was further proposed by Mr. Roden, seconded by Mr. Richards and resolved that the Clerk obtain estimates for the erection of the posts.

6. ELECTRIC MAINS. A letter dated the 26th ultimo, was read from the Chief Mains Engineer of the County of London Electric Supply Co., Ltd., enclosing a plan showing the route of electric mains which they proposed to put in hand about the 27th instant, extending from Manor Road alongside Commonside East and Windmill Road to Beddington Lane Station.

It was resolved that the Committee offer no objection to the proposal.

7. FOOTBALL. It was resolved that the drainage of Football pitches Nos. 5 and 6 be now proceeded with in accordance with Mr. H. R. Filbee's estimate of £63 accepted at the Board Meeting on the 15th October last.

8. COMMONSIDE EAST. The Chairman reported that he had inspected at the Wallington Timber Company, samples of the posts proposed to be erected by Mr. Filbee near Tamworth Villas and if they were picked and sappy ones thrown out they would be satisfactory.

A further estimate was received from Mr. Filbee for the provision of concrete posts in place of the oak posts for the sum of £57 10s.