

8th February, 1922.

A meeting of the Conservators was held at the Vestry Hall, Mitcham, on the above date, when there were present:— Messrs. G. J. Allen, A. H. Allen, H. F. Bidder, G. Farewell Jones, A. Mizen. W. Rason, W. B. Robarts, M. Taylor, W. T. Willcocks and the Clerk, Mr. C. J. Marten.

1. CHAIRMAN.—It was proposed by Mr. W. B. Robarts, seconded by Mr. Martin Taylor and resolved that Mr. W. T. Willcocks take the Chair at this meeting.

2. MINUTES.—The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December, 1921, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES. — The Clerk reported that Lt.-Col. Bidder had given notice postponing his resolutions for appointment of a committee to deal with questions arising between the dates of the meetings of the Board and had given fresh notice of motion for the Board meeting on the 12th April next.

4. FINANCE.—Messrs. A. Mizen and M. Taylor reported that they had considered the work in connection with the notice boards and had agreed Mr. Stanley Dale's account therefor at the sum of £108 10 1. The report was adopted.

The Clerk reported a balance at the Bank of £334 18 9 and a debit balance due to himself on petty cash account of £18 6 5½. He also reported the following receipts since the last meeting:—

	£	s.	d.
Golf registration fees	...	...	...
Fines received from Croydon County Justices	...	175	0 0
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On motion of Mr. G. J. Allen seconded by Mr. Martin Taylor the following accounts were passed for payment:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Dale	...	108	10 1
Edridge, Son & Marten, costs of prosecutions of R. Woitowitsch & W. Woitowitsch, and W. G. Barnett	...	2	2 0
Mr. C. J. Marten, ½ year's salary to 25th Dec. 1921	...	25	0 0
Clerical assistance, same period	...	5	0 0
Do. special grant re golf permits	...	10	0 0
Petty cash	...	35	0 0

5. The following reports of the Improvements Committee were adopted:— (*See annexed*)

6. A letter dated the 10th January was read from the Officer Commanding R.A.S.C., H.C.D.T., Mitcham Barracks, applying for permission for the members of his Company to practice tent-pegging on the Ride on Saturday afternoons. It was resolved that the application be granted for the portion of the Ride between the Jolly Gardeners and Watneys Road or between Windmill Road and the Ravensbury Arms, subject to the surface disturbed by the pegs being levelled at the end of the practice.

A meeting of the Improvements Committee was held at the Town Hall, Croydon, on Wednesday, 11th January, 1922, when there were present Mr. H. Mallaby Deeley, M.P. (in the Chair), Messrs. G. J. Allen, H. F. Bidder, D.S.O., G. Farewell Jones, W. B. Robarts, M. Taylor and W. T. Willcocks.

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(a) FOOTBALL.—The Common Keeper reported having stopped play on Sundays on all parts of the Common and the Clerk reported that warnings had been issued in all cases where names had been obtained.

The Clerk reported that the Fursdown Villa Club to whom one pitch on Figgs Marsh had been allotted had amalgamated with the Tooting Rovers who had part use of pitch No. 2, so that the Tooting Rovers were now using more than one pitch. Having regard to the lateness of the season no action was taken.

The Clerk reported that the Singlegate Club which had been allotted part use of the Cedars Road pitch had been disbanded and that application had been made for the use of the pitch by the Caven Athletic Club and the Lothian Football Club. It was proposed by Mr. W. B. Robarts, seconded by Mr. M. Taylor and resolved that a permit be granted to the Caven Athletic Club.

(b) CRICKET.—The Chairman reported that having received information from the Common Keeper that repairs were about to be made to the cricket pitch allotted to the Mitcham Cricket Club, he had stopped the matter, pointing out to the club secretary that the club had no authority over the pitch after the expiry of their permit on 30th September. The club had then asked him for and he had granted permission to repair the turf. It was resolved that the Chairman's action be approved.

(c) BREACHES OF BYE-LAWS.—The Common Keeper reported that he had removed four sets of persons camping upon the common.

The Clerk reported that on four occasions horses and pigs had been grazing and it was believed that these had broken out through defective fences from the premises near the Red House of Mr. Botton, whom he had warned upon the matter. The Common Keeper reported 6 persons for driving horses and vans across the common and the Clerk stated that he had issued warnings to the drivers and in the case of W. G. Barnett, on a second occasion, he had prosecuted in respect of a second offence, when Mr. Barnett was fined 5s.

The Common Keeper reported that in connection with a new gravel pit opened off Willow Lane, near the double Railway Bridges, the carts of Hall & Co., Lancaster & Co. and Clarkson & Sons had been driving across the common instead of following the Lane, doing considerable damage; but he had communicated with the firms concerned who had stopped the practice.

The Clerk reported that he had prosecuted R. Woitowitsch and Charles Woitowitsch for cycling on the common on December 10th and they had been fined 5s. each.

The Clerk was instructed to issue a warning to Mr. Mitchell for driving a horse and van across the common on 2nd January.

(d) BEDDINGTON CORNER.—The Common Keeper reported that an old post at the end of Tramway Terrace had been broken off and it was resolved to ask Mr. Hitchings to replace same.

The Common Keeper further reported that the bridge over the stream running through Goat Green required repairs, rails having been broken and removed. Discussion ensued as to the liability to repair this bridge and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Croydon Borough Engineer on the matter.

(e) FIGGS MARSH.—A letter dated the 21st ult. was read from the Surveyor to the Surrey County Council that instructions had been given to cease carting over the

common and that the question of any damage would receive consideration by his committee.

(f) COMMON KEEPER'S REPORTS. — The Common Keeper reported that a willow tree standing opposite Marchants Cottages, Commonside East, had been blown down. Also that one of the posts and a portion of the rail forming the fence round the portion of the Lower Green opposite Dr. Lores had been broken off.

The Clerk was instructed to get an estimate for the repairs of this post.

(g) GOLF.—Applications for golf permits without personal attendance on the Clerk were received from G. A. E. Griffiths, J. A. Webb and J. T. Campbell, who were unable to attend through illness. It was resolved that the same be not granted.

71. Nalla Gijdsley: