12th May, 1922.

A meeting of the Improvements Committee was held at the Town Hall, Croydon, on the above date, when there were present: H. Mallaby Deeley Esq., M.P., J.P. (in the Chair) Messrs. G. J Allen, A. H. Bailey, G. Farewell Jones, W. F. Laing, R. F. Langley, W. Rason, W B. Robarts, F. A. W. Taylor W. T. Willcocks and the Clerk Mr. C. J. Marten.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATORS—A letter dated the 22nd ulto was read from the Clerk to the Beddington and Wallington Urban District Council that Messrs. F. A. W. Taylor and W. Rason had been elected representatives of that Council on

the Board of Conservators until 1924.

A letter dated the 26th ulto was read from the Clerk to the Mitcham Urban District Council that Messrs. A. H. Bailey and R. F. Langley had been appointed Conservators by that Council

in the place of Lt. Col. Bidder and Mr. A. Mizen.

2. Band Concerts—The Chairman reported that the Conservators had visited the site suggested by the Mitcham Urban District Council for Band concerts and had also inspected other sites suggested as alternatives. He proposed that Band concerts should be given during the coming season, under the control of the Conservators and that they should employ the Mitcham and Wimbledon Military Band to give such concerts on the site opposite the Police Station and should pay them a price to be agreed for such concerts in order that it may not be necessary for the Band to make collections and he offered to provide the sum of £50, to be spent on the provision of the concerts. He also suggested that a temporary Band stand should be erected and enclosed during the concerts with a removeable fence.

It was proposed by Mr. Willcocks seconded by Mr. Langley and unanimously resolved that the site opposite the Police Station on the Lower Green be allocated for band concerts during the coming summer. It was also proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the Chairman's generous offer be gratefully accepted and that he be authorised to make arrangements for the

concerts accordingly.

3. Hall & Co's Application—The Clerk reported that Messrs. Hall & Co., Ltd. had informed him with reference to the difficulty of getting their carts and motors to their gravel pits beyond the double bridges in Willow Lane that they desired to use the accommodation road from the Carshalton Road across the Common north of Tramway Terrace and that they proposed to lay timbers along this accommodation road were it crossed the Common, and they assumed that the Conservators would have no objection. It was proposed by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. G. J. Allen and resolved that a Committee consisting of the Chairman and Mr. G. Farewell Jones be appointed to inspect the road and to report on the matter.

4. Exchange of Land,—A letter was received from the Clerk to the Mitcham Urban District Council that his Council desired to acquire a small area of the Common land at the rear of the Vestry Hall, on the Lower Green, and to grant to the

Conservators in exchange an area of ground situated near Mitcham Junction, the areas of both pieces of land being shown on a plan submitted by the Council. It was resolved that the matter be referred to a Committee consisting of the Chairman and

Messrs. G. Farewell Jones and W. T. Willcocks.

5. Lower Green.—A letter dated 1st inst., was read from the Secretary of the Mitcham Cricket Club asking permission to erect a fence from opposite the Bank to the path leading from the Vestry Hall to Cold Blows in order to stop passengers alighting from buses from walking across the Green and making footpaths through the centre of their wicket. It was resolved that a sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman and Mr. G. Farewell Jones be appointed to consider the matter and if agreed to carry out the erection of a fence as suggested.

6. FOOTBALL.—A letter dated the 3rd inst. was read from the Secretary to St. Barnabas F.C. stating that it was currently rumoured that Figgs Marsh would not be available for football next season due, it was said to the need to restore the ground and asking what the Club's position would be in that event and if it would be possible for them to have a pitch on the Common. The Clerk was instructed to reply that it was unlikely that the Marsh would be available for football next season, but that the application for a pitch would be considered in due course.

7. Breaches of the Bye-Laws-The Clerk reported that he had summoned Frederick Walkey of 85, Edridge Road, Croydon for cycling across the Common from Croydon Road to Mitcham Junction on March 2nd, and Walkey had been fined 10/-. He had also obtained summonses against A. & F. Smith for wheeling a barrow across the Common, on February 24th, but the Police had

been unable to serve the summonses.

8. Common Keeper's Reports.—The Common Keeper reported that in order to finish League fixtures, the Mitcham Gas Works Football Club, had, with the consent of the Chairman, played matches on the Common on April 1st and 11th, and the Mitcham Wanderers F.C. with the like consent on April 8th. He also reported 4 cases of fire on the Common one of which had been started by boy scouts and a letter of apology and regret was read from the Scoutmaster and considered satisfactory.

9. TREES. The Chairman reported that in accordance with the resolution of the Board he had caused the trees opposite the Vestry Hall of which complaints had been made by the London

General Omnibus Co, to be trimmed.

10. CRICKET—It was reported that the Beddington Corner and Hackbridge Social Club had disbanded and returned their permit to play cricket on No. 1. pitch opposite Tramway Terrace and that Messrs. Beach & Co. had applied to be transferred from No. 2 pitch to No. 1 pitch. This application was granted. It was proposed by Mr. G. Farewell Jones seconded by Mr. Bailey and resolved that No. 2 pitch vacated by Messrs. Beach & Co. be allotted to St. Mark's Club.

An application by the Lower Mitcham Junior C.C. to be transferred from the pitch on Cedars Road to Cranmers Green

No. 2 pitch was granted.