

12th July, 1922.

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

1. **Minutes.**—The minutes of the Board meeting held on the 12th April, 1922, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. It was proposed by Mr. G. J. Allen, seconded by Mr. W. F. Laing, that the hearty congratulations of the Board be tendered to the Chairman, Sir H. M. Mallaby Deeley on the honour conferred on him by the King, in creating him a Baronet. The motion having been supported by Messrs. W. T. Willcocks, W. B. Robarts and A. H. Bailey, was carried unanimously whereupon the Chairman suitably returned thanks.

3. **Election of Chairman.**—It was proposed by Mr. G. J. Allen, seconded by Mr. W. F. Laing and resolved nem con that Sir H. M. Mallaby Deeley be re-elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

4. **Election of Treasurer.**—It was proposed by Mr. Martin Taylor, seconded by Mr. W. T. Willcocks and unanimously resolved that Mr. G. J. Allen be re-elected Treasurer of the Board for the ensuing year.

5. **Finance.**—The Clerk reported a balance at the Bank of £188 5 5, and a debit balance due to himself on petty cash account of £2 5 2. He also reported the following receipts since the last meeting :—

	£	s.	d.
Bank Holiday registration fees	12	5	0
Mitcham Urban District Council, for repairs, Figgs Marsh...	68	0	0
Fines ...	0	6	0

The following cheques were passed for payment :—

Mr. G. H. Hitchings, for repairs to Beddington Corner	1	10	6
Edridge, Son & Marten, costs of prosecutions of F. Walkey and W. Fincham	2	2	0
THE CLERK:			
Quarter's salary due 24th June,	12	10	0
Half year's clerical assistance to ditto	5	0	0
Petty Cash	30	0	0
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	47	10	0

6. The Improvements sub-Committee presented the following report of their meeting held on the 12th May, 1922.

It was proposed by Mr. G. J. Allen, seconded by Mr. W. T. Willcocks and resolved that the report be adopted.

7. **Hall & Co's. application.**—The sub-Committee appointed to consider the application of Messrs. Hall & Co., Ltd., with reference to the accommodation road across the Common north of Tramway Terrace recommended that the application be not granted. The report was adopted.

8. **Exchange of Land.**—Reference was made to the proposal of the Mitcham Urban District Council as to the exchange of land. The sub-Committee to whom the matter was referred reported that they had met and considered the offer and thought that the proposal required further consideration. It was left to Mr. G. Farewell Jones to go further into the matter with the Mitcham Urban District Council and to report to the sub-Committee.

9. **Football.**—The Croydon Borough Road Surveyor wrote, reporting that the number of football permits issued by his Department for the portion of the Common under the control of the Corporation for the season ending 31st March last was 639—separate permits being issued for each match. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the number of pitches on the Croydon side of the Common and to report fully as to the arrangements by which permits for these pitches were issued by the Croydon Road Surveyor, and as to the method and procedure by which they were so issued.

A letter dated the 18th May, was read from the St. Boniface Football Club that they were anxious for a renewal of their permit for the pitch on Three Kings Green and asking, if they saw that the pitch was kept in good order and condition during the summer and planted with seed where necessary, whether they could be granted a permit similar to last year. It was proposed by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Bailey and resolved that the application be granted.

It was resolved that the Chairman and Messrs. Langley and Willcocks be appointed, a Committee to allocate the football permits for the ensuing season.

10. **Applications.**—A letter dated the 29th May, was read from Mr. W. M. Critchfield asking for permission to use the quoit ground opposite the Old Queen's Head, Beddington Corner, of which he was the tenant. It was proposed by Mr. Willcocks, seconded by Mr. W. Rason and resolved that the application be granted.

Netball.—An application dated the 27th May was received from the 1st Wandleside Girl Guides, applying for a permit to play netball on Mitcham Common. It was resolved that the application be granted and the allocation of a site be referred to Mr. W. T. Willcocks.

Hockey.—An application by the Arcas Hockey Club for a permit to play hockey upon the Common next season was refused.

11. **Golf.**—A letter dated the 27th June was read from the Secretary to the Princes Ladies Golf Club, asking for exemption for their Club from the rule as to compulsory caddies. It was resolved that the Board regret that the application cannot be granted.

On the Motion of Mr. Willcocks, a grant of £5 was voted to F. Harris, caddie master, for assistance rendered to the Common Keeper in connection with the golf permits.

12. **Breeding of Mosquitoes.**—A letter dated the 16 June was read from the Clerk to the Mitcham Urban District Council, asking the Board to allow the Sanitary Inspector, with a view to preventing breeding of mosquitoes, to make use of a spray on the margins of the ponds and low lying places upon the Common. The application was granted.

13. **Cricket.**—The Chairman reported that he had received an application from the Mitcham Cricket Club to cut a few turf for the purpose of patching the wickets after matches and that he had granted this application. It was resolved that the Chairman's action be approved.

The Chairman further reported that he had received an application from the Mitcham Cricket Club dated 29th June, stating that the Club had a permit from the Commissioner of Police to make a collection at their matches in aid of the upkeep of the Green, and that they had always understood that such permit authorised them to collect on the green itself, but they now understood that authority to make collections on the Commons could only be given by the Conservators and asking for permission to make collections accordingly. It was proposed by Mr. Langley, seconded by Mr. Allen and resolved that the application be granted on the understanding that the money would be spent upon the upkeep of the green and not for the general purposes of the Club.

H. N. Langley & Co. Secy.