

4th JULY, 1923.

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. J.P. in the chair. Messrs. G. J. Allen, A. H. Allen, A. H. Bailey, G. Farewell Jones, W. F. Laing, R. F. Langley, W. Rason, W. B. Robarts, W. A. Stapleton, and W. T. Willcocks and the Clerk, Mr. C. J. Marten.

1. MINUTES.—The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 11th and 30th April, 1923, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATORS. A letter dated the 21st April last, was read from the Clerk to the Beddington and Wallington Urban District Council reporting that Councillors A. H. Allen and W. T. Willcocks had been elected Representatives of his Council on the Board of Conservators until 1925.

A letter dated the 25th April last was read from the Clerk to the Urban District Council of Mitcham that Messrs. G. Farewell Jones and W. F. Laing had been re-elected by his Council as Conservators of Mitcham Common.

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

It was proposed by Mr. W. T. Willcocks seconded by Mr. W. A. Stapleton and unanimously resolved that Mr. G. J. Allen be re-elected Treasurer of the Board for the ensuing year.

4. FINANCE. The Clerk produced the Accounts and balance sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1922 duly audited by Mr. L. E. Halsey. It was proposed by Mr. Willcocks seconded by Mr. Langley and resolved that the accounts and balance sheet be received and adopted.

It was proposed by Mr. Stapleton seconded by Mr. Robarts and resolved that the sum of £150 appearing in the balance sheet as due from the Princes Golf Club be written off the accounts.

The Clerk reported a balance at the Bank of £335 7 2 and a balance in hand on petty cash account of £4 2 7

The following cheques were passed for payment :-

	£	s.	d.
Edridge Son & Marten, costs of prosecution of T. R. West and Henry Rosier	2	2	0
C. J. Marten, Clerk—Salary due 24th ulto.	12	10	0
Half year's clerical assistance „	5	0	0
Petty Cash	30	0	0
	£47	10	0

5. CRICKET APPLICATION. A letter dated the 12th April last was read from Mr. W. Ford, headmaster of the Hackbridge Boys School applying for the use of three more cricket pitches opposite Tramway Terrace on Friday afternoons from 3 to 4.30 p.m. to accommodate 90 boys. It was resolved that the application be granted.

6. FOOTBALL. The report dated the 11th April last was read from the Croydon Borough Road Surveyor that the number of football permits issued through his department for the playing of football matches on Mitcham Common during the season ended 31st March last was 717, a separate permit being issued for each match.

Correspondence was read between the Clerk to the Mitcham Urban District Council and the Clerk to the Conservators as to the allocation of football pitches for the ensuing season, the Mitcham Council suggesting that the allocations should be made by the Conservators and accepted by the Council, and that with regard to Figgs Marsh, the Council were proposing to enclose the whole of the Marsh next season and to sow it with grass seed and protect the seed during the winter and spring, and for the purpose the Council would take over the grass seed purchased by the Conservators. There could therefore be no football on the Marsh during the coming season.

It was proposed by Mr. Robarts seconded by Mr. A. H. Allen and resolved that the Chairman and Messrs. R. F. Langley and W. T. Willcocks be appointed a Committee to allocate the football permits for the ensuing season.

It was resolved that Messrs. Lillico & Sons' account for £33 1 6 for grass seed be paid.

7. **BEDDINGTON CORNER APPLICATION.** A letter dated the 1st May last was read from the Secretary of the Beddington Corner Football Club asking permission to place a few railway sleepers across the ditch lying along the common facing the Goat Inn so as to give access to their ground on the Croydon Corporation Farm. It was proposed by Mr. Willcocks seconded by Mr. Laing and resolved that the application be granted, the Conservators not accepting any liability in respect of the sleepers.

8. **GOLF.** A letter dated the 28th April last was read from Messrs. Miles, Jennings, White & Foster, Solicitors for the Princes Ladies Golf Club, asking whether the Conservators would be prepared to renew the Lease for the Club. The Clerk reported that he had replied pointing out that the Princes Ladies Golf Club did not hold from the Conservators.

9. **MITCHAM URBAN DISTRICT BILL.** The Clerk reported that the amendments agreed to between the Mitcham Urban District Council and the Conservators had been duly incorporated in the Bill. He produced a copy of the signed plan referred to in the Bill.

10. **CORPORATION OF CROYDON SPORTS GROUND.** Mr. Alderman G. J. Allen had given notice of Motion for the allocation of further portions of the Common for the purposes of football and cricket for the benefit of Croydon Clubs, and it was resolved that the Motion should be brought up at a special meeting of the Board to be held on Friday, the 13th July, at 6 o'clock at Croydon.

11. **LOWER GREEN AND FIGGS MARSH APPLICATION.** An application was received from the Press Agent of the Metropolitan District Railway and allied Companies, applying for permission to give a public Daylight Cinematograph Exhibition on the Lower Green behind the Vestry Hall, and on Figgs Marsh. It was proposed by Mr. G. Farewell Jones seconded by Mr. Willcocks and resolved that the matter be referred to the Mitcham Urban District Council.

12. **LOWER GREEN BANK PERFORMANCES. PROSECUTION OF BIDDER & OTHERS.** Messrs. Edridge Son & Marten's bill of costs in respect of this prosecution for breaches of the bye-law, was again discussed and it was resolved to offer the sum of £75 in settlement, and failing acceptance, the matter was left in the hands of the Chairman.

The Board then went into committee.

13. **ENCROACHMENT BY HALL & Co. Ltd.** The Clerk reported results of interviews he had had with Mr. Hall and the Company's Solicitors, Messrs. Davidson & Morris, and the evidence he had obtained from three persons in support of the Conservators' case. It was proposed by Mr. Willcocks, seconded by Mr. Langley, and resolved that it be referred to the Chairman to interview Messrs. Davidson & Morris as to the possibility of any agreement, and to report if possible at a special meeting of the Board to be held on the 13th instant.

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