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At a Meeting

At a Meeting
of the Conservators of the
Tunbridge Wells Commons
held at the Town Hall — —
Tunbridge Wells on Friday
the 24th day of October 1890

Present

The Mayor Chairman
Aldermen Pink & Robb
Councillors Cronk & Delves
Mess^{rs}. Berridge Bone, Edwards
Elers, Stone, Taylor & Walker.

Appointment of Conservators

The Clerk reported that he had received notices from Mess^{rs}. Burn & Berridge Mr. J. Argyle and the Town Clerk that the following persons had been nominated as conservators of the Tunbridge Wells Commons pursuant to the provisions of section 152 of the Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act 1890. —

By the Lady of the Manor

Thomas Henry Devereux Berridge 11 Old Broad St. E. L.
Frederick Madham Elers. The Manor Lodge Tunbridge Wells
John George Bone. The Manor House, Tunbridge Wells
Elias Edwards. 33 Parade Tunbridge Wells

By the Freeholders Committee.

Frank William Stone. 23 Church R^d Tunbridge Wells
Henry Hickman Cronk. 4 W. Ephraim R^d Tunbridge Wells
Ebenezer Walter. Lower Green
Thomas Taylor. Lower Green

By the Council of the Borough.

John Stone Wigg. Estcourt. Tunbridge Wells.
 Horri Pink Woodbury House. Tunbridge Wells.
 John Alexander Robb. 47 Stone St. Tunbridge Wells.
 William Henry Delves 23 Mount Lion Tunbridge Wells

Newspaper Reporters.

Resolved unanimously that Newspaper Reporters be not admitted to meetings of the Conservators.

Plan of Commons.

The Clerk reported that a copy of the plan referred to in section 151 of the Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act 1890 had been duly deposited with him by the Town Clerk.

Appointment of Treasurer

It was moved by Mr Stone seconded by Mr Alderman Robb and Resolved unanimously
 " That Mr. Alfred Haughton Hodgkin of the
 " Old Bank, Tunbridge Wells, be appointed
 " Treasurer to the Conservators "

5th November Bonfire

A letter was received from Mr J C Shoebridge Hon. Sec. of the Tunbridge Wells Bonfire Society applying for permission to build and burn a Bonfire on the Common on the 5th November.

Resolved That the application be granted subject to the sum of £4 being deposited with the Clerk to cover the expense of making good any damage caused thereby and that Mess^{rs} Elers and Edwards be requested to have any damage made good and the cost deducted from the Deposit.

Proposed drain at Rusthall.

A letter was received from Mr. J. Bowman of Rusthall Lodge applying for permission to lay a drain under a portion of the Rusthall Common near the Boundary of the Borough for the purpose of draining certain Cottages belonging to him into the drain leading to New Town - Rusthall.

Resolved That Mr. Bowman be informed that the Conservators would not withhold their consent if the ^{Lady of the Manor and the} Freehold Tenants gave their sanction to his proposal and subject to his entering into an agreement with reference thereto & paying an annual rent of 2/6.

Cutting of Turf etc.

A letter was received from Mr. Elias Edwards as to the method of dealing with future applications for permission to cut turf bracken etc. on the Common.

Resolved That no action be taken by the Conservators until the question of dealing with the matter by Bye laws has been considered.

Bye-laws

The provisions of the Dunbridge Wells Improvement Act 1890 with reference to the future management of the commons was ~~was~~ considered.

Resolved That the Clerk be instructed to prepare a series of Bye laws, to have the same printed and to forward a copy to each Conservator.

Appointment of Committee.

Resolved. That Messrs Delves Elers & Walter be appointed as a committee until the next meeting to deal with any question which may arise under section 167 & 168 of the Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act 1890.

Books and Stationery

Resolved. That the Clerk be instructed to get ^{such} Books and Stationery as may be necessary for the use of the Conservators.

J. Stone-Wy
Chairman

Conservators would provide the material.
 Resolved. That the further consideration
 of the matter be deferred.

Conservators Office

Resolved. That the Clerk's Office at
 No. 62 Mount Pleasant Road be appointed
 as the Office of the Conservators. but that
 the meetings be held at the Town Hall as
 at present.

Proposed Bye-laws.

The ~~Town~~ Clerk produced a series of Bye-
 laws which he had prepared in accordance
 with the instructions given him at the last
 meeting and the same were considered (copies
 having been sent to every Conservator).

Mr. Berridge on behalf of the Lady of the
 Manor took exception to several of the
 proposed Bye laws and denied that the
 Conservators had any right by their Bye
 laws to interfere with the rights hitherto
 by the Lady of the Manor and the Freehold
 Tenants.

Resolved That the ~~Town~~ Clerk be
 instructed to take the opinion of Mr. G. A. R.
 Fitzgerald on the question raised by Mr.
 Berridge and that the various parties
 interested be requested to lay their views
 on the matter before Mr. Fitzgerald.

Accounts.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be-

instructed to pay Mr. A K Baldwin a Bill
for Printing & Stationery amounting to
£5. 6. 6

F. Graham Ellis
Chairman. pro tem.

At a Meeting
of the Conservators of
the Tunbridge Wells
Commons held at the
Town Hall Tunbridge Wells
on Tuesday the 6th day of
May 1891.

Present

J. W. Elers Esquire. In the Chair.

Aldermen Pink and Robb

Councillors Cronk and Deves.

Mess^{rs} Berridge, Edwards, Stone, Taylor
and Walker. The Mayor.

The Mayor not being present at the commencement of the meeting
Resolved unanimously. That Mr. Elers do take the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read &
confirmed.

Byelaws.

The Clerk reported that he had submitted
to Mr. G. A. R. Fitzgerald the questions raised by
Mr. Berridge at the last meeting with reference to -
the power of the Conservators to interfere, by means
of their Byelaws, with the rights heretofore enjoyed
by the Lady and Freehold Tenants of the Manor.
and that written statements of the views of the
Conservators, the Lady of the Manor, and the Freehold
Tenants had also been submitted to Mr. Fitzgerald
and the following opinion was received from him.

Copy Opinion.

I have considered the provisions of the
above Act and the observations with which I
have been favoured representing the views of

the Lord and freehold tenants and of the Conservators respectively, and I am of opinion as follows -

As to Turf: The Conservators undoubtedly have power under S. 166 and S. 171 (6) of the Act to prevent turf cutting by any person other than the Lord or tenants. But they have no power to cut turf or to authorise anyone else to cut turf except perhaps as a work for the improvement of the Commons. See S. 166.

Whether the Lord or tenants retain their right of turf cutting depends on the saving clauses S.S. 180 & 186. The latter somewhat modifies the former, but how far, is not easy to say. On the whole I think that the Lord and tenants can exercise their existing rights, but subject to being stopped by the Conservators, if such exercise is injuring the Commons, or rendering them appreciably less fit for recreation and use by the public.

As to Fens &c. The same difficulties occur as to the construction of the above mentioned saving clauses, but having regard to the express enactments of S.S. 166 & 168 (particularly the latter) the result in my opinion is that (1) The Conservators can sanction the erection of fens booths &c, but cannot charge any fees. (2) The Lord & tenants cannot without the sanction of the Conservators erect fens booths &c nor authorise their erection by other persons.

In the circumstances, arrangements should be made for the Conservators giving sanctions to the Lord and tenants in a form that would admit of their being subtle, it being evidently the intention of the Act that the profitable or beneficial rights of the Lord and

tenants should only be interfered with so far as necessary for the proper management of the Commons by the Conservators, and their enjoyment by the public.

Deficiency of Unacknowledged person. It will be best to omit this deficiency and to recast the Byelaws as shown in the accompanying draft, which I have settled pursuant to instructions in conference.

(sd) G. J. Fitzgerald.

Westminster. 27th April 1891.

It was stated by Mr. Berridge that an arrangement such as that suggested by Mr. Fitzgerald would meet the views of the Lady of the Manor and he suggested that an agreement should be entered into between the Conservators and the Manorial Authorities.

It was moved by Mr. Deaves, seconded by Mr. Robb and Resolved unanimously, That Mr. Berridge be requested to prepare an agreement and submit the same to the Conservators.

The proposed Byelaws were gone through seriatim, various alterations and amendments were made therein, and the Clerk was instructed to redraft several Byelaws relating to the playing of games on the Commons and submit the same to Mr. Evers and Mr. Stone.

Proposed drain at Rushall.

The Clerk reported that Mr. A. J. Bowman was desirous of commuting the annual rent proposed to be charged to him for permission to lay a drain under the Common at Rushall and was willing to pay a sum equivalent to 30 years rent for the grant of a right to lay & maintain the proposed

train.

Resolved. That the rent be commuted - accordingly.

The Clerk produced and read a form of license prepared by Mr. Bowman's Solicitors.

Resolved. That the same be approved and the Clerk be authorized to sign the same.

Mount Ephraim Promenade.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Lymbridge Wells Tradesmen's Association enclosing copies of the following Resolutions passed by that Association with reference to Mount Ephraim - Promenade.

Copy Resolutions

"That in the opinion of this Association the Promenade on Mount Ephraim is at the present time in a neglected and deplorable condition."

"That it is urgently needed both in the interests of the Residents and Visitors that a new and permanent promenade should be constructed and it is emphatically desirable that the Town Council should be requested to urge upon the Board of Conservation the importance of immediate steps being taken to carry out such a scheme worthy of the Town and an attraction to the Visitors."

On the motion of Mr. Cronk seconded by Mr. Robb's was Resolved. That a sum not exceeding £150 be expended in laying down a coating of sevenoaks gravel upon the Promenade and that Messrs. Clegg, Cronk & Pink be appointed as a Committee to carry this Resolution into effect.

Resolved. That the Clerk be instructed to inform the association of the foregoing Resolution.

Preaching &c on the Commons.

Resolved. That the Clerk be instructed to issue notices calling attention to the provisions of section 170 of the Cambridge Wells Improvement Act 1890 and warning persons against committing breaches thereof and that the Watch Committee be requested to instruct the Borough Constables to assist the Conservators in the matter.

Pruning of Trees.

A letter was received from Mr^s Day requesting that the trees in front of N^o 59 London Road might be pruned.

Resolved. That the Clerk be instructed to inform Mr^s Day that her request could not be acceded to at present but that the matter should receive attention at the proper time of year.

Cricket Ground.

Mr^s Evers reported that arrangements had been made with the Cambridge Wells Cricket Club and the Blue Mauntles Cricket Club as to the use of the Upper Cricket Ground by them during the ensuing season.

Appointment of Committee

Resolved. That Mess^{rs} Evers, Cronk & Stone be appointed a Committee for the management of the Cricket Grounds and all matters in connection therewith and all for all general purposes in connection with the management of the Commons.

Ground in front of Wesleyan Chapel.

A letter was received from Mr. E. J. Miller Secretary to the Trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel in London Road calling attention to the fact that the ground immediately in front of the Chapel was worn into a hollow, and requesting that it might be made up and gravelled.

Resolved. That the Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Miller that the Conservators did not consider the matter of sufficient public importance to necessitate any action on their part.

F. Wadhams Esq

At a Meeting of
the Conservators of the
Tunbridge Wells Commons.
 held at the Town Hall. —
 Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday
 the 26th day of May 1891

Present

Mr. Elers in the Chair.

Councillors Cronk & Delves.

Mess^{rs}. Bone, Edwards, Stone, Taylor
 and Walter.

Resolved unanimously. That Mr. Elers do
 take the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
 and confirmed.

Mount Ephraim Promenade.

A letter was received from the Secretary of
 the Tunbridge Wells Tradesmen's Association
 forwarding a copy of the following resolution
 passed by that Association on the 20th instant

Copy Resolution

" That in the opinion of this meeting the
 " amount suggested by the Clerk to the
 " Conservators is totally inadequate to carry
 " out the promenade on Mount Ephraim in
 " accordance with the requirements of the
 " Town and trusts the Conservators will give
 " so important a matter their further
 " consideration and that a copy of this
 " Resolution be forwarded to the Conservators

"for their next meeting and also to the Town Council."

Resolved. That the Clerk be instructed to inform the Association that the Conservators have again given the matter their fullest consideration and are unanimously of opinion that what they propose to do affords the best means of removing the cause of complaint with the least possible delay and will also meet the requirements of both visitors and residents & that they therefore propose to adhere to their previous resolution.

Appointment of Commons Keeper.

Resolved unanimously, That it is desirable that a Commons Keeper should be appointed that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for applicants for the appointment at a salary of 3/- per week that the Committee be requested to define the duties of the Officer, that they be authorised to appoint the Officer and that Mr. Walker be added to the Committee for the purposes of this resolution.

Bye-laws.

The proposed Bye-laws were again considered and finally settled and the Clerk was instructed to advertise in the Kent and Sussex Courier of the intention of the Conservators to apply to the Home Secretary for confirmation thereof.

Quarterly meetings

Resolved That quarterly meetings of the

Conservators be held on the first Tuesday of
the months of March, June, September and
December and that special meetings be
held when necessary.

F. Madham Elers

At a Meeting of
the Conservators of the
Tunbridge Wells Commons
held at the Town Hall
Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday
the 23rd day of June 1891.

Present

Mr Elers in the Chair

Alderman Pink and Robb.

Councillors Cronk and Delves.

Mess^{rs} Berridge, Bone, Edwards, Stone
Taylor and Walker.

Resolved unanimously. That Mr Elers
do take the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

The draft agreement between the Trustees
of the Manor of Roothall and the Conservators
prepared by Mess^{rs} Burn & Berridge was
submitted for perusal.

Resolved That the Consideration of the
agreement be postponed until the 25th day
of July next.

Mount Ephraim Promenade.

The following Resolution passed by the
Town Council at a meeting held on the
3rd instant was read.

" That in view of the importance of the

" Mount Ephraim Promenade being
 " rendered as speedily as possible an
 " agreeable and attractive resort for
 " the visitors and Residents and of
 " the fact that the funds of the Conservators
 " are provided out of the rates of the town
 " the Conservators be courteously
 " requested to submit to the Town
 " Council at an early date their scheme
 " of proposed alterations & improvements
 " for consideration "

Resolved "That the Clerk be instructed
 to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution
 and to inform the Town Council that the
 Conservators have no scheme of proposed
 alterations and improvements for Mount
 Ephraim but they have resolved to repair
 the path along the common side of Mount
 Ephraim and after full consideration
 they adhere to that resolution.

Telegraph Poles.

A letter was received from the Secretary
 of the General Post Office stating that the
 Post Master General was about to
 erect a line of poles from the Tunbridge -
 Wells Post Office to the Spa and was
 desirous of obtaining the consent for
 permission to erect the necessary poles.
 Wires etc on the left hand side of the Major
 Yorks Road on the edge of the Common
 between London Road and the Spa Hotel
 the Poles to be painted green and fitted with

ornamental tops.

Resolved. That the application be refused

Appointment of Commons Keeper

The question of the appointment of a Commons Keeper was adjourned until the 21st July next.

J. Stone - Wyj

~~Commons~~ Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall
Lulbridge Wells on Tuesday
the 21st day of July 1891

Present

The Mayor. Chairman
Aldermen Pink & Robb
Councillors Cronk & Delves
Messrs. Derridge. Done. Edwards. Elers.
Stone, Taylor & Walker.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

The draft agreement between the Trustees of
the Manor of Rushall and the Conservators
prepared by Messrs. Burn & Derridge was again
considered.

Resolved. That the agreement be approved
as altered by the Clerk to the Conservators
with the following additions

1. A provision sanctioning the erection of
tents etc as heretofore such sanction to
be framed in such a way as to be a
sanction under section 168 of the
Improvement Act.

2. A provision sanctioning the subletting
by the Lady and Freehold Tenants of
the rights given them by the above provision

3. The provision to contain a saving
clause that the erection of tents &c. is
not to interfere with the rights given to

the public by the Improvement Act
 That the Clerk be authorised to sign the
 agreement on behalf of the Conservators.

Appointment of Commons Keeper.

The question of the appointment of a
 Commons Keeper was again considered.

Resolved. That Samuel Read be appointed
 Commons Keeper as well as Common Ranger
 at 2s/- per week subject to a fortnight's
 notice, that the Lady of the Manor and
 the Freeholders pay half his salary and
 the Conservators pay the other half.

That Messrs. Elers, Stone & Crontz be
 appointed a sub-committee to accurately
 define. (1). The duties of the Commons
 Keeper as the Conservators' Officer.
 (2). The duties of the Common Ranger
 as the Officer of the Lady of the Manor &
 the Freeholders.

That the sub-committee be empowered to
 instruct Samuel Read to employ a labourer
 if and when necessary, half the cost of such
 labor to be paid by the Conservators the
 total cost of such extra labour not to
 exceed £1 = 1^s = 0^d a week

Resolved That the next meeting of the
 Conservators be held in October.

F. Madham Elers
 Chairman

At a special Meeting of the
Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall
Stratford Wells on Monday
the 21st day of September 1891

Present

The Mayor. Chairman.
Aldermen Pink & Robb.
Councillors Cronk & Delves.
Messrs. Beveridge, Elex, Edwards, Stone
and Walker.

Seats, Bandstand &c on the Common.

A letter was received from Messrs. Burn & Beveridge enclosing a copy of a letter which they had received from Mr. R. Stevenson the Secretary of the Stratford Wells Improvement Association requesting permission to the following works which they proposed to carry out.

1. To place a number of seats (covered & otherwise) on the Common, one to be erected ^{for a walk}
2. To illuminate several portions of the Common.
3. To fix a site for a public Lawn Tennis Ground.
4. To erect a Bandstand on Mount Ephraim.

It was moved by Mr. Councillor Cronk and seconded by Mr. Stone.

" That as a general principle the Conservators
" do not think it necessary or desirable
" that covered seats should be erected
" on the Common but that if the Association

"will submit plans showing the site and the
 " design of the ^{seat} proposed now to be erected
 " the Conservators will give the matter further
 " consideration"

It was moved as an amendment by Mr. Walker
 and seconded by Mr. Edwards

" That the offer of a covered seat be
 " not accepted.

On a vote being taken there voted
 for the amendment.

Mr. Walker & Edwards.

against. Mr. Cronk Delves Elers Pirk & Stone

The amendment was accordingly lost.

The original resolution was then put to the vote
 when there voted.

for the resolution.

Mr. Cronk Delves Elers & Stone.

against

Mr. Robb, Edwards & Pirk

The Resolution was accordingly carried.

Resolved unanimously. That the proposal to erect
 a Bandstand on Mount Ephraim be refused.

Resolved unanimously. That the question of
 fixing the site for a public Lawn Tennis Ground
 be deferred until the next meeting and that the
 Clerk be instructed upon the agenda for that
 meeting the question of the desirability of

appointing a "Games" Committee.

F. Wadhams Elers
Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall
Tunbridge Wells on Monday
the 12th October 1891.

Present.

Mr. Elers in the Chair
Alderman Pink
Councillors Bronté and Delves
Messrs. Berridge, Edwards, Stone
Taylor and Walter.

Minutes The minutes of the last ordinary meeting and of a special meeting held on the 21st ultimo. were read and confirmed.

Games Committee

The question of the desirability of appointing a Games Committee was considered.

Resolved - That no action be taken in the matter at present

Proposed Lawn Tennis Ground.

The consideration of the question of fixing a site for a public lawn tennis ground was resumed.

It was moved by Mr. Berridge, seconded by Mr. Councillor Delves and resolved — — — unanimously :-

That the Clerk be instructed to inform the Tunbridge Wells Improvement Association that the Conservators are disposed to regard favourably the establishment of a

lawn tennis ground upon the Common provided that some responsible body is prepared to take the responsibility of the due care management and maintenance of such ground in the same way as is done with regard to the Cricket Ground -

Foot Ball Matches.

Resolved - unanimously - That Mr. Elers and Mr. Councillor Bronts be requested to make arrangements with persons applying for the exclusive use of the lower Cricket Ground for football matches similar to those made by them for cricket matches during the past summer.

Seats on the Common

It was moved by Mr. Councillor Delves seconded by Mr. Alderman Pink & resolved unanimously:-

That arrangements be made for the placing of 30 additional oak seats on the commons next Spring provided that the cost does not exceed £60 and that the clerk be instructed to advertise for tenders and accept the lowest if satisfactory in other respects.

Trees on the Common.

Resolved - That Messrs Bronts, Delves Edwards and Elers be appointed a committee with authority to purchase and plant 30 trees upon the commons

upon sites to be selected by them and also to cut down three dead trees opposite the entrance to "Oakhurst" and to prune lop and top other trees where necessary.

Appointment of Commons Keeper.

Messrs Clero, Stone and Cronk reported that in conjunction with Mr. Berridge they had carefully considered ^{the} arrangements to be made for the employment of a Commons Keeper and Commons Ranger, and that they recommended that two men should be appointed jointly by the Lady of the Manor and the freehold tenants, and the Conservators; that one half of the cost thereof should be paid by the Conservators and the other half by the Lady of the Manor and Freehold Tenants, that the arrangements should be determinable by either party by one months notice, that the wages of the Commons Keeper and Ranger should be £1-1-0 per week with a suit of clothes once a year, that the wages of the second man should be 15/- per week, that the Commons Keeper and Ranger should be sworn in as a special constable, that Samuel Reed should be appointed as Commons Keeper and Commons Ranger and that they had prepared a statement of the duties to be performed by him.

It was moved by Mr. Berridge seconded by Mr. Councillor Delves and Resolved —
unanimously

" that the recommendations of the
"Committee be adopted and acted upon

" and that Mess^{rs} Cronk. Elers, Stone
 " & Walter be authorised to appoint a
 " labourer."

Sunday Music on the Commons.

A letter was received from Mr. G. Abbott. stating that it is proposed to engage the Ceylon Band to play upon the Commons on Sunday afternoons during next season and requesting permission to place a band stand (either portable or a fixture) — on some suitable part of the Commons — where the Band could also on occasions play during the Week.

Resolved unanimously that Mr. Abbott be informed that in the opinion of the Conservators it is not desirable to afford facilities for the erection of platforms on the Commons for the use of any of the bodies resorting thereto on Sundays and that they could not therefore accede to the application.

Water pipe under Rusthall Common

A letter was received from Mr. H. Adams requesting permission to lay a water pipe under a portion of Rusthall Common from the Road to one of his houses near the White Hart Inn.

Resolved unanimously that the application be granted subject to Mr. Adams entering into an agreement with reference thereto and paying an amount of £76 per annum.

Telegraph Poles.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the General Post Office forwarding a sketch shewing a new route for a line of poles from the Tunbridge Wells Post Office to the Spa and requesting permission to erect the necessary poles across a portion of Ruothall Common.

It was moved by Mr Alderman Peck seconded by Mr Walter and Resolved unanimously

That the application be refused and that the Post Office Authorities be informed that the Conservators will not sanction overhead wires being placed across the Common.

Newspaper Reports.

Resolved unanimously. That the Local Press be permitted to inspect the minute Book from time to time and that the Clerk be instructed to convey this resolution to them.

Clerk's salary.

Resolved unanimously. That the Clerk be paid a salary of £25 per annum to commence from the date when the Improvement Act came into operation and that he be also paid an additional sum of £35 for ^{extra} work performed by him during the past year.

Accounts.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Bills

Miss Cripps. Work in connection with the relaying of the Promenade on Mt. Ephraim £225. 2. 0
Mr Snowden Ditto Ditto £2. 9. 6.

Agreement with the Manor
Authorities

The Clerk reported to the Conservators that the proposed agreement between the Conservators and the Manorial Authorities as approved at the meeting held on the 21st July last would give an irrevocable consent to the Conservators under section 168 of the Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act 1890 and the Clerk having fully explained the matter it was resolved unanimously

" That the Clerk be authorised to sign the agreement as approved on the 21st July of the following form

(Copy of Agreement)

Deed of Agreement made the day of _____ One thousand eight hundred and ninety one Between George Gosset Baird of Trojes Angaugues in the Republic of Mexico. Frank Osborne Baird of Murray Lodge Portobello N. B. the present trustees under the will of Thomas Montagu Martin Weller deceased and Mary Ann Weller of Kingsgate House Rolvenden in the County of Kent Widow the tenant for life under the said Will (and which said George Gosset Baird, Frank Osborne Baird and Mary Ann Weller are hereinafter referred to as and under the collective term "The Lady of the Manor" which term shall also include the Lord or Lady of the

Manor of Rusthall for the time being - unless the context shews the contrary. of the first part - Frederick Wadham Esqrs of Tunbridge Wells in the County of Kent Esquire and Thomas Fitness of Tunbridge Wells aforesaid. Gentleman Stewards of the freehold tenants of the Manor of Rusthall (which said freehold tenants are hereinafter referred to as "the freehold tenants" and which term shall include the freehold tenants for the time being of the said Manor) of the second part and The Conservators appointed under the provision of The Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act 1890 hereinafter called "the conservators" of the third part Whereas the Lady of the Manor and the freehold tenants are entitled to certain rights privileges and advantages in and over the commons of the Manor of Rusthall as the Lady and freehold tenants of the said Manor respectively which rights privileges and advantages have heretofore been regulated by the Rusthall Manor Act 1739 and the Rusthall Manor Act 1863 and certain Byelaws made under and in pursuance of the said last mentioned Act a print of which Byelaws is annexed hereto and intended to form part of this agreement (which Byelaws are hereinafter referred to as "the Byelaws of 1864") And whereas by the said Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act 1890 hereinafter referred to as "The Improvement Act" it was enacted (inter alia) that

notwithstanding anything contained in the Rushall Manor Act 1863 the management of the commons as in the said Act defined (and which said commons as so defined form part of the said Manor of Rushall and are hereinafter referred to as "the commons") should be vested in a body to be called the Conservators to be appointed as in the Improvement Act mentioned with certain powers as by the Improvement Act defined including the power to make Byelaws for the management and regulation of the commons And whereas in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the Improvement Act the Conservators have made certain Byelaws (but which said Byelaws are not yet confirmed) as provided by the Improvement Act and a print of the said Byelaws is also annexed hereto and is intended to form part of this agreement And whereas questions have arisen between the Lady of the Manor and the freehold tenants on the one hand and the Conservators on the other as to the power of the Conservators to make Byelaws which will in any way interfere with or curtail the right privileges and advantages of the Lady of the Manor and the freehold tenants in regard to the commons as such rights privileges and —

advantages have heretofore been exercised and as to the effect of the Improvement Act upon such rights privileges and advantages And whereas with a view to avoid any question between the parties it has been agreed that these presents shall be entered into Now therefore it is hereby agreed as follows:—

1. The Lady of the manor and the freehold tenants shall not oppose the confirmation of the Bye laws made by the said Conservators as aforesaid
2. Nothing contained in the said Byelaws made by the Conservators shall be deemed as in any way curtailing or affecting the right privileges and advantages of the Lady of the Manor or the freehold tenants respectively in regard to the commons as such right privileges and advantages have been heretofore exercised except so far as is necessary for purposes of the Improvement Act within the meaning of section 186 thereof
3. Nothing contained in the said Byelaws made by the Conservators shall (except so far as is necessary for purposes of the Improvement Act within the meaning of section 186 thereof) be deemed or construed to prevent the Lady of the Manor and the freehold tenants without any further sanction or authority from the Conservators from doing any such acts or things or granting orders to any such acts or things as by the Byelaws of 1864 or any amendment of the same which the Lady of the Manor

and the freehold tenants may make as provided by the Rushall Manor Act 1863 may be done by them or by their order or to prevent the Lady of the Manor and the freehold tenants from charging and receiving for their own use and benefit all such rates fees and anoluments as are provided by the Byelaws of 1864 or any such amendment thereof as aforesaid to be payable in respect of any matters therein specified without any further sanction or authority of the Conservators

4. It is hereby expressly agreed and understood between the parties hereto that in the event of the Corporation agreeing to purchase the rights of the Lady of the Manor and the freehold tenants in the Commons as provided by the Improvement Act nothing contained in the said Byelaws made by the Conservators shall be deemed in any way to restrict or affect the profitable or beneficial rights or interest of the Lady of the Manor or the freehold tenants in the Commons And whereas by section 168 of the Improvement Act it is provided that it shall not be lawful for any persons other than the Conservators without the consent of the Conservators in writing under the hand of their clerk to make any temporary or other enclosure on any part of the Commons or to put any

tents removable lodges fences posts rails or other matters or things thereon And whereas questions have arisen between the Lady of the Manor and the freehold tenants on the one hand and the Conservators on the other hand as to how far (if at all) the provisions of the said Section interfere with the rights of the Lady of the Manor and the freehold tenants to erect and place and to authorise other persons to erect and place booths tents stalls and other erections upon the said Commons as such rights have been heretofore exercised by the Lady of the Manor and freehold tenants And whereas for the purpose of avoiding any difficulty or controversy in regard to the matters aforesaid the Conservators have agreed to give their consent as provided by the said Section in manner hereinafter appearing

Now it is hereby further agreed as follows:-

- 5 Pursuant to the provisions of Section 168 of the Improvement Act the Conservators do hereby give and grant to the Lady of the Manor and the freehold tenants their consent sanction and authority to erect and place and to authorise other persons to erect and place any booth tent stall or other erection upon the Commons in the manner in which such booths, tents, stalls and other erections have heretofore been erected and placed and as contemplated by part 8 of the Byelaws of 1864 And it is hereby expressly agreed that the consent sanction and authority hereby given shall extend and be applicable to any person or persons duly authorised by the Lady of the Manor

and the freehold tenants or their successors in title Provided nevertheless that the said consent sanction and authority hereby given shall not be deemed or construed to authorize the doing of any act which may be inconsistent with the purposes contemplated by the Improvement Act and in particular with such purposes as are specially mentioned in section 186 of the said Act.

J. Paul
Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday December
8th 1891.

Present

- The Mayor Chairman
- Alderman Cronk
- Councillor Elers
- Mess^{rs} Berridge, Edwards, Stone,
Taylor & Walter.

Appointment of Conservators.

The Clerk reported that at a meeting of the
Town Council held on the 9th day of November
last the following gentlemen were nominated
and appointed to represent the Town Council
as Conservators of the Commons.

- John Stone Wigg - Estcourt, Tunbridge Wells.
- Horri Puit - Woodbury House, Amberst R^d
Tunbridge Wells.
- John Alexander Robb, 47 Stone Street, Tunbridge Wells.
- William Henry Delves, 23, Mt. Zion, Tunbridge Wells.

The Clerk also reported that Mr. Councillor
Delves having been appointed as Secretary
of the Freeholders had resigned his office as
a Conservator and that at the meeting of the
Council held on the second December the
following gentleman was appointed in his
stead.

Robert Willsher Weekes, Lion Lodge Mt. Zion
Tunbridge Wells.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Bye-laws.

A long letter was received from the Home Secretary, objecting to certain of the Bye laws recently made by the Conservators.

The objections were gone through serialim and the Bye laws were amended to meet the objections and Mr Berridge was requested to see the Home Secretary thereon

consents under section 168 of the

Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act.

A letter was received from Messrs Burn & Berridge questioning the power of the Conservators to make any charge for consents given by them under section 168 of the Improvement Act.

It was moved by Mr Stone and seconded by Mr Councillor Elers.

" That the consents required ~~of~~ ^{by} the Improvement Act to be obtained of the Conservators be given without any money payment "

After considerable discussion it was unanimously decided that the further consideration of the resolution be adjoined until the next meeting.

Pillar Letter Box, Rusthall Common

A letter was received from Mr W Nash, Postmaster, applying for permission to erect a letter box on the Northern side

of Langton Road at the Western Boundary of the Roothall Common.

Resolved. That sanction be given to erect an iron Pillar Box only.

Expenses of management of the Commons.

A letter was received from Mess^{rs} Burn & Berridge stating that since the passing of the Improvement Act certain monies had been expended by Mr Elias Edwards for work done upon the Commons and also for the wages of the Common Ranger etc. and Mr Berridge laid before the meeting a statement of the amounts which in the opinion of the representatives of the Lady of the Manor should be paid by the Conservators.

Resolved. That the Clerk be instructed to examine such statement and that he be authorised to draw a Cheque for the amount if he found the same to be correct.

Resolved. That the Secretary of the Freeholders be requested to pay from time to time the proportion of the Wages of the men employed upon the Commons payable by the Conservators. and that the Clerk be authorised to draw cheques quarterly in advance in favour of the Secretary of the Freeholders for the necessary amounts.

Bonfire on 5th November

The Clerk reported that he had received an application for permission to hold the usual Bonfire on the Common on the 5th November & that he had granted the application on the same conditions as last year.

Seats on the Common

The Clerk reported that he had received tenders for thirty seats and that he had accepted the tender of Mr W Goodwin at £29 : 10 : 0.

Resolved. That the Committee be authorised to have the seats on the Common repaired and painted where necessary.

Trees on the Common

Resolved. That the Committee, ^{appointed at the last meeting to plant trees} be authorised to purchase and plant (50) fifty additional trees on the Commons and that the general management of the trees on the Commons be placed under their control.

W Paul
Chairman

**At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday March 1st 1892**

Present

The Mayor Chairman
Alderman Stone-Higg
Councillor Weekes
Mess^{rs} Perridge, Bone Edwards,
Taylor and Walter

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Bye-laws.

Mr. Perridge reported the result of an
interview which he had had with the Home
Secretary's Representatives as to the proposed
new Bye-laws.

Four letters from the Home Secretary with
reference to the proposed Bye-laws were read,
the last of which was returning the Bye-laws
duly approved by the Home Secretary.

Resolved That the clerk be instructed to have
250 copies thereof printed

Resolved That the clerk be instructed to
have copies of the Bye laws printed and framed
and placed on the Commons upon sites to be
selected by the Committee.

Resolved That the clerk be instructed to
sell copies of the Bye laws at 6^d each

Seats at the Upper Cricket Ground.

The President of the Tradesmen's Association, Councillor Anscombe & Mess^{rs} Charlton, Hepworth & W. B. Hughes attended as a deputation from the Tradesmen's Association and Improvement Association and suggested that seats should be placed round the higher portion of the Upper Cricket Ground.

Resolved. That twenty seats be provided and that they be placed in alternate spaces between the posts of the existing fence.

Resolved That the Clerk be instructed to obtain a quotation for the seats from Mr. W. Goodwin and if he considers the same reasonable to give Mr. Goodwin an order to supply the seats.

Appointment of Auditor

Resolved. That Councillor Weekes and Mr. Walter be appointed to audit the accounts of the Conservators for the year ending the 25th instant.

Accounts.

Resolved That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts.

Mr. Councillor Delves.	11.	14	0
" E Edwards.	24	7	8
The Torbay Paint Co ^y .	1	5	8
Mr. S. E. Haward	2.	2.	1
W. G. Cripps. Esq.	2.	5	5
Ditto	12.	10	.
W. Goodwin	29.	10	0

Mr. G. Mercer.	3	16	6
" A. K. Baldwin.	7	16	0
Messrs. T. Cripps & Son.	2	0	3

J. Stone - Wyj
Chairman

Met a Special Meeting
of the Conservators of the
Tunbridge Wells Commons
held at the Town Hall,
Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday
the 26th day of April 1893.

Present

Alderman Stone Wigg in the Chair

Aldermen Cronk. & Robb.

Councillor Elers.

Mess^{rs} Perridge, Edwards, Stone

Taylor & Walter.

Lower Cricket Ground.

Mess^{rs} Downs and Skillen attended the meeting as a deputation from the Easter Monday Sports Committee & called attention to the state of the Lower Cricket Ground & requested the Conservators to level & Roll it and make good the turf in preparation for the sports on Whit-Monday.

Resolved. That the request be acceded to and that the Committee be requested to carry out the necessary works at a cost not exceeding £20.

Upper Cricket Ground.

Mr. Councillor Elers called attention to the desirability of diverting the track made by the public across the Upper Cricket Ground.

Resolved. That the track be diverted & that the Committee be requested to carry

out the necessary works, at a cost not exceeding
£20.

J. Stone - Wj
Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall
Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday
the 14th day of June 1892.

Present

Alderman Stone-Wigg in the Chair
Aldermen Bront and Robb.
Councillor Elers
Messrs Berridge Edwards Stone &
Taylor.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last quarterly meeting
and of a special meeting held on the
26th day of April last were read and
confirmed.

Firing Fuzze on Commons

The Clerk reported that at the suggestion
of several of the Conservators and in
consequence of repeated fires having taken
place on the commons he had issued a
notice offering a reward of five pounds
for information leading to a conviction
a letter was received from Inspector
Greenwood of the Borough Police Force stating
that he had apprehended Thomas Rendall
for setting fire to the fuzze who had been
convicted, and applying for the reward
Resolved. That the application be granted.

Telegraph Extension to the Spa.

a letter was received from the authorities

of the General Post Office applying for permission to lay a line of pipes and wires in connection with the Telegraph extension to the Spa under the Common along the side of Major York's Road from the junction of Major York's Road and Bishop's Down to the London Road.

Resolved. That the application be granted and that the Post Office Authorities be informed that the Conservators will be glad if they can see their way to place the telegraph wire across Rusthall Common underground.

Still Green

a letter was received from the Town clerk applying for permission to alter a small portion of the fence between the Common at Still Green and the Rusthall allotment ground in order that access may be obtained to the allotments with wheelbarrows.

Resolved. That the matter be referred to Mr Edwards to make arrangements with the allotment holders.

Swing Boats on the Common.

a letter was received from the Town clerk calling attention to the danger caused by swing boats being allowed to be placed near Church Road on Whit Monday last and requesting the Conservators to prohibit the ground in question for the purpose in future.

Resolved. That the Town clerk be informed that the matter shall receive due consideration in future.

Path by St Helena.

a letter was received from W. S. Hatchard requesting the conservators to repair the asphalted footpath leading from London Road past St Helena to Mount Ephraim

Resolved. That Mr Hatchard be informed that the footpath was made by a former owner of St Helena for his private convenience and that Mr Hatchard must therefore repair it at his own expense.

Bible carriage on the Common

a letter was received from Mr T. Elliott applying for permission to stand a Bible carriage on the Common for the purpose of selling bibles on Sunday the 19th or the 26th instant.

Resolved. That the application be refused.

Hawking on the Common.

Resolved. That David Waterman of St. John's Road and Maria Ford of Tunbridge be summoned for Hawking on the Common.

Steps near Vale Road.

Resolved. That the Committee be requested to repair the steps from London Road to the Common near Vale Road.

Authority to take proceedings.

Resolved unanimously. That the Clerk and the Chief Constable of the Borough be instructed authorised and empowered to institute and prosecute in the name and

on behalf of the conservators proceedings against any person or persons committing offences against part 14 of the Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act 1890 or the Bye laws made by the conservators.

Death of Alderman Weekes.

It was moved by the Chairman and resolved unanimously. That a vote of condolence and sympathy be passed with the widow and family of the late Mr Alderman Weekes and that the clerk be instructed to convey such vote to them.

Appointment of auditor.

Resolved. That Alderman Cronk be appointed to audit the accounts of the conservators for the year ended the 25th March last in the place of Mr Alderman Weekes.

Seats at Upper Cricket Ground.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Tradesmen's Association forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by that association thanking the conservators for placing seats around the Upper Cricket Ground.

Proposed Lawn Tennis Ground.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Improvement Association forwarding a plan shewing the proposed site for the public tennis grounds on the commons.

Mr Councillor Ancombe, and Messrs Charlton, Clements, Hepworth, W.B. Hughes, R. Stevenson, and H.D. Wilnot attended

a deputation from the Association and discussed very fully with the Conservator the proposal to establish public lawn tennis grounds on the Common and the arrangements to be made for the due ^{care} management and maintenance thereof and it was ultimately resolved that the further consideration of the matter be deferred in order to enable the Association to reconsider the matter and make more definite arrangements for the care and maintenance of the proposed ground.

Cricket Week.

Mr. Councillor Ancombe, and Messrs Charlton Clements, Depworth, W.B. Hughes and H.G. Willmott attended as a deputation from the Committee who are making arrangements for the holding of a cricket week in the month of July and applying for permission to illuminate the Queen's Grove to place a temporary rope barrier round the centre row of trees, to erect a temporary ~~structure~~ Band stand near the Grove, to erect a temporary structure near the Rocks for the purpose of giving a dramatic representation to enclose the rocks and a portion of the Common with a rope barrier to place seats on the Common and make a charge for the use thereof for one evening of the week and to make a temporary erection representing

a tower on the Lower Cricket Ground for the purpose of an exhibition by the Fire Brigade on another evening of the week.

The Deputation stated that the Committee were prepared to undertake to make good all damage caused to the Common by the proposed works.

Resolved. unanimously. That the applications be granted subject to a written undertaking being given by the Committee to make good all damage.

Accounts.

Resolved. unanimously. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts.

	£. s. d.
1. W. H. Delves. Extra Labor during past Quarter	5. 3. 6
{ 19 wks Rangers wages to 24 Sept ^r inclusive.	6. 16. 6
{ 13 week Laborers do do	<u>4. 17. 6.</u>
	16. 17. 6
2. W. C. Gripps. Half year's salary as Clerk.	12. 10. 0
3. J. Snowdon. work at Lower Cricket Ground.	2. 19. 0
4. G. A. R. Fitzgerald. Counsel's fees	20. - . 6
5. A. K. Baldwin. Printing & Stationery	6. 18. 0.
6. Inspector Greenwood. Reward for apprehension of person firing Commons	} ✓ 5. . .

A. R. P. R.
Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Conservators of the Sunbridge
Wells commons held at the
Town Hall, Sunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the 6th
day of September 1892.

Present

The Mayor
Alderman Robb
Councillor Collo.
Messrs Berridge Edwards Elers and
Walter.

Appointment of Conservators.

The Clerk reported that at a meeting of
the Town Council held on the 6th day of July
Mr Councillor Collo was nominated
and appointed to represent the Town Council
as a conservator of the commons in room
of Mr Alderman Weekes.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Death of Alderman Weekes

A letter was received from Mrs Weekes
acknowledging the receipt of the vote of
condolence passed by the Conservators with
her and her family on the death of her
husband.

Telegraph wires. Ruzthall Common.

A letter was received from the General

Post Office stating that the Department would place the telegraph wires crossing Rutchall & common. underground if the inhabitants would pay the cost thereof.

Cricket Week.

A letter was received from the Secretary to the Dunbridge Wells Cricket Week thanking the Conservators for the assistance given by them to the Committee who carried out the Cricket Week.

Lower Green Pond.

A letter was received from Mr. C. Teacock with reference to the condition of the pond at Lower Green

Resolved. That the further consideration of the matter be deferred.

Consents under Improvement Act.

A letter was received from Messrs Burn & Berridge with reference to the conditions under ^{which} the consent of the Conservators should be given in future to the laying of pipes etc under the commons.

Resolved. That the further consideration of the matter be deferred.

The clerk reported that he had & received applications from the following persons for permission to hawk on the common:

David Waterman	21	DunWells
W. Turner	35	Norman Road "
W. Stockwell	57	Springfield Road Southboro'

Amelia Godd. 16 Goodheart Row Tonbridge.

Resolved that the applications be refused.

Seats.

Resolved. That foot rails be provided at the seats upon the common & that the committee be requested to carry out this work.

Accounts

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts.

W. Goodwin. frames for Byelaw.		15. 6. 0
J. Gripps Son. attendance to Mount Ephraim Promenade }		2. 2. 4
J. Stevenson watering Mount Ephraim Promenade }	1. 9. 5.	
do Work at Lower Cricket ground.	<u>17. 7.</u>	3. 7. 0
S. E. Haward Ironmongery.		2. 11. 6
Gilbert & Co. Posting Return Bills.	2. 6.	
W. C. Gripps Postages	8. 6	
Baltic Saw Mills Co. Timber.	<u>12. 9.</u>	1. 4. 9
A. K. Baldern. Printing & Stationery.		3. 4. 8
W. H. Delves. Wages of Ranger & Labourer - 13 weeks }		11. 14. 0.

J. P. P. P.
Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Dunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the
6th day of December 1892.

Present

The Mayor Chairman
Alderman Cronk
Councillor Golls
Messrs Bone Edwards Taylor and
Walter.

Appointment of Conservators.

The Clerk reported that, ^{at} the meeting
of the Town Council held on the 9th
ultimo the following gentlemen were
elected conservators.

The Mayor (Mr Alderman Pink)
John Stone ^{the 9th} Woodbury House Amherst Road
~~Henry Hickman Cronk~~ 4 Mount Ephraim Road
John Alexander Robb 51 Stone Street.
Benjamin John Chillingworth Golls
96 Upper Grovenor Road.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed

Consents under Improvement Act.

A letter was received from Messrs Burn
& Berridge with reference to the conditions
under which the consent of the Conservators
should be given in future to the laying

of pipes &c under the commons.

Resolved. That the further consideration of the matter be deferred

Cricket Ground.

a letter was received from Mr. Lewis Stepuorth the secretary to the Dunbridge Wells Cricket Club, requesting the conservators to assist in putting the upper cricket ground in good order.

Resolved. That the conservators do contribute £20 towards the making up of the upper ground.

Games on Sundays.

Resolved. That the commons' keeper be instructed to stop the playing of games on the commons on Sundays as far as possible.

Auditors' Report.

Alderman Cronk and Mr. Walter reported that they had examined the accounts of the conservators for the years ending Lady Day 1891 and Ladyday 1892 and had certified to the correctness thereof.

London Road.

Resolved. That the clerk be instructed to request the Works Committee of the corporation to remove the stone recently placed by the Borough Surveyor, on the common at the side

of London Road, and also to clear up the rubbish caused by the deposit of snow upon the Common.

Sootpaths.

A letter was received from Mr. St. Willett suggesting that trenches should be dug on each side of the direct path from the Spa to the L. B. & S. C. Ry Station and also that the seats on the Common should be placed nearer to the path or that a path should be made to and around each seat.

Resolved. That he be informed that his suggestions shall receive consideration.

Common's Ranger.

Resolved. That a waterproof coat leggings and cap be purchased for the Common's Ranger and that the question of the purchase of tools required by him be referred to the Committee with power to act.

Contribution from Corporation.

Resolved. That the Corporation be requested to provide £100 out of the rate to be made in April next for the use of the Conservator.

Accounts.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following

accounts:-	£.	s.	d.
J. Cripperson Attendance to Mt Ephraim Promenade	6.	10.	0.
S. E. Haward Ironmongery	2.	12.	0.
J. Stevenson, watering Mt Ephraim Promenade	1.	18.	8.
Work at Lower Cricket Ground	1.	8.	
			2. 0. 4
Balke Saw mills Co. Timber for footrails for seats.	23.	3.	11.
W. C. Cripps $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs salary due 14 Feby.	12.	10.	0.
J. Charlton Trees	10.	0.	
J. Snowden Work at Lower Cricket Ground	8.	6.	
H. Adams Ditto.	15.	0.	
W. Oliver Smith's work	9.	3.	
			14. 12. 9
W. H. Delves 13 week wages of ranger labourer	11.	14.	0.
Sun Wells Cricket Club. contribution towards making up of Upper Cricket Ground			20. 0. 0
E. Edwards. Tools.	2.	0.	0.

T. P. Cook
Chairman

At a meeting of the
Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, Lumberidge
Wells on Tuesday the 7th day
of March 1893.

Present.

His Worship the Mayor. Chairman.
Aldermen Cronk & Robb.
Messrs Edwards, Stone, Taylor & Walker

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed.

Queen's Grove.

A Letter was received from the Tradesmen's
association calling attention to the desirability of
taking immediate steps to improve and promote the
growth of the trees in the Queen's Grove.

The Committee reported that as the matter required
immediate attention they had dealt with it and had
dug holes round the existing trees and filled them in
with good mould and had planted ten new trees.

Resolved. That the Committee's action be approved

Boyne House Estate

The Clerk reported that he had received an
application from Mr Gallard the owner of the Boyne
House Estate for permission to make a new roadway
across a strip of grass between the footpath & carriage
way on Mount Ephraim and had referred Mr Gallard
to the manorial authorities.

Accounts.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts.

		£.	s.	d.
J. Cripps Hon.	attendance to Mount			
	Ephraim Promenade.	3.	1.	3
do.	Trees for Queen's Grove	5.	5.	0
G. Coleman.	Mould	1.	12.	0
J. Ingwood.	carting	7.	13.	0
W.H. Delves.	Labor	2.	9.	8
do.	Extra general labor on Commons.	1.	1.	8
do.	13 weeks wages Ranger & Laborer	11.	14.	0
G. Mercer.	Clothing for Ranger.	3.	13.	6
G. Kingsbury	Leggins		16.	6
J. E. Howard	General Ironmongery	18.	10.	
Baltic Saw Mills Co.	Lumber for seats.	5.	0.	
The Clerk.	Postages.	10.	0.	

N. P. P.
Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall -
Lubbridge Wells on Tuesday
the 6th day of June 1893.

Present.

His Worship the Mayor. Chairman.
Aldermen Cronk. Robb & Stone-Wigg.
Councillor Colls.
M^{rs} Berridge, Edwards, Stone & Taylor.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was received from Mr. Councillor Strange requesting permission for the Minutes of the proceedings of the Conservators to be sent with the monthly agenda issued to each member of the Town Council.

Resolved. That Mr. Councillor Strange be informed that an application by the Town Council for a copy of the Conservators Minutes would be favorably considered.

Ponds.

The Clerk reported that the Works Committee of the Town Council desired that the Pond at Lower Green might be cleaned out or that they might be allowed to fill it up.

The attention of the Conservators was also called to the condition of the Ponds adjoining Laughton Road and between Hungerhall and Nevill Parks.

Resolved. That the three ponds be cleared out and that it be referred to the Committee, with Mr. Edwards, to carry out this Resolution and to take steps to prevent any pollution of the Lower Green Pond in future.

London Road.

The Clerk reported that a proposal had been made to the Works Committee ^{for} the continuation of the inner carriage road in London Road from York Road to Dudley Road.

Resolved. That no action be taken in the matter.

Lower Cricket Ground.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Whit Monday Sports Committee requesting that arrangements might be made for their annual sports.

The Committee reported that they had made the same arrangements as last year.

Resolved. That the Committee's action be approved.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Whit Monday Sports Committee & the Trubridge Wells Cycling Club suggesting that the Lower Cricket Ground should be improved and a cinder or wood cycling track made thereon.

Resolved. That a scheme for the general improvement of the Lower Cricket Ground be prepared including the raising of

the dip near Church Road but not the formation of a cinder or wooden track and that the Committee with the addition of Mr. Alderman Stone will be requested to report thereon at the next meeting.

Barbed Fence

Resolved. That the attention of Mr. S. Hatchard be called to the danger to the Public from the partially barbed fence surrounding "St. Helena" & that he be requested to entirely remove the barbs.

Consents under s. 168 of Improvement Act.

Mr. Beveridge called attention to the fact that the Conservators had charged Mr. Bowman £3. 15. 0 for their consent to lay a sewer under the Common at Rushall under section 168 of the Improvement Act.

It was moved by Mr. Beveridge & seconded by Mr. Alderman Bronk

"That the sum of £3. 15. 0 paid by Mr. Bowman to the Conservators for their consent under section 168 of the Improvement Act to the laying by him of a sewer under the Common at Rushall be refunded"

It was moved as an amendment by Mr. Councillor Colls & seconded by Mr. Alderman Robb

"That all words after "that" be omitted from the Resolution and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof "Council's opinion be taken as to the right and power of the Conservators to make conditions including a

"monetary payment to them on giving their
 "consent under section 168 of the Improvement
 "act"

On a vote being taken there voted
 for the amendment

alderman Robb, alderman Stone-Wigg
 and Councillor Colls (3)

against.

alderman Bronk & Mrs. Berridge,
 Edwards, Stone & Taylor (5)

The amendment was accordingly lost
 and the original resolution was put to the
 vote and carried, the voting being vice versa.

Hawking on the Common

Applications for permission to sell
 goods on the Common were received from
 Mr. George Waghorn, Mr. William Turner
 & Mr. Thomas Cooke Captain of the Salvation
 Army.

Resolved. That the applications be
 refused.

Resignation

Mr. Berridge reported that Mr. J. Bone
 had resigned his office of Conservator but
 that his successor had not been appointed.

Accounts

Resolved. That the Treasurer be
 instructed to pay the following accounts.

✓ W.C. Gipps.	Halfyears Salary	}	12. 10. 0
	due 14 th August		
✓ W.H. Delves.	Rangers & laborers wages	}	11. 14. 0
	Quarter ending Sept ^r .		

G. Mercer.	Clothing for Ranger.	✓	4.	4.	0.
T. Cupps Son.	Attendance to mount Ephraim Bromnade. }	✓	3.	16.	2
W. Goodwin.	Seats.	✓	24.	10.	0
A. Nash.	Work at Lower Cricket gr.	✓	2.	3.	0
"	Carting trees.	✓		9.	0
J. E. Howard.	Ironmongery Tools.	✓		11.	8
A. J. Bowman	See Resolution above	✓	3	15	0.

J. P. P.
 Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Common's Conservators held
at the Town Hall,
Sunbridge Wells on
Tuesday the 26th day of
September 1893.

Present

The Mayor Chairman
Aldermen Crook, Robb and Stone Wigg
Councillor Elers.
Messrs Berridge, Edwards, Stone
Taylor and Walter.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Publication of Minutes.

The resolution passed by the Town Council
on the 5th July last requesting to be
supplied with a copy of the Conservator's
Minutes was considered.

Resolved. That the Clerk be instructed
to comply with the request.

Barbed Wire

A letter was received from the Town
Clerk requesting the removal of the barbed
wire near the urinal on the Common.

Resolved. That the Committee be instructed
to remove the barbs from the wire.

Funds.

A letter was received from Mr. Councillor

Saunders calling attention to the alleged danger to children arising from the cleaning out of the Lower Green Pond.

Resolved. That the further consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting.

A letter was received from Mr. E. Edwards with certain suggestions for improving the ponds on the Common.

Resolved. That the consideration thereof be referred to the Committee and that Mr. Edwards be added to the Committee for this purpose.

Resolved. That notices be issued warning persons against throwing rubbish into or taking water from the ponds on the Common.

Resolved. That the Committee be instructed to clean out the Marl Pits Pond.

Old Quarry.

A deputation from the Tradesmen's Association consisting of Councillors Ancombe and Messrs Abbott, H. A. Burton and Charlton, attended the meeting and made certain suggestions for improving the old stone quarry.

Resolved. That whilst the Conservators will take care that the old quarry in question is kept in proper order and condition, they do not consider that the carrying out of the plan submitted to them by the deputation would result in such an improvement as would justify the expenditure of public money.

Lower Cricket Ground

A letter was received from the Secretary

of the Sunbridge Wells Excelsior Football Club, enquiring if it were a fact that the Lower Cricket Ground would be closed to football players during the ensuing season.

The committee reported that they were unable to recommend the Conservators to raise the whole of the lower portion of the Lower Cricket Ground.

Resolved. That the matter be referred back to the committee with power to close the ground during the ensuing winter, and to expend a sum not exceeding £50 in repairing the turf.

Upper Cricket Ground.

A letter was received from Mr L. Herworth forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Sunbridge Wells Cricket Club suggesting that it is desirable that a pavilion should be erected on the common adjoining the Cricket Ground.

Resolved. That the club be informed that if a plan were submitted with a scheme for the regulation and management of the proposed pavilion it should receive the careful consideration of the Conservators.

A letter was received from Mr Councillor Strange suggesting that a fence should be erected to protect persons from falling off the roof of the store near the Upper Cricket Ground.

Resolved. That the matter be referred to the committee with authority to comply with

the request.

Appointment of Conservator

W. Berridge reported that Mr R. Pelton had been appointed a conservator by the Lady of the Manor in the place of Mr Bone resigned

Accounts.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts:—

Mr J. Taylor	Cleaning Lower Green Pond		£ 5. 1. 6
Mr W. St. Delves.	13 weeks wages Ranger & laborer.	11. 14. 0	
"	Extra labor in cleaning ponds	9. 12. 6	✓ 21. 6. 6
J. Gripps Son.	Attendance to mount Ephraim Promenade		✓ 4. 4. 0
The Corporation	Watering mount Ephraim Promenade.	3. 17. 6	
"	do Lower Cricket Ground	1. 12. 9	✓ 5. 10. 3

F. Madham Ellis
Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the 2nd
day of January 1894.

Present

Alderman Pink
Councillor Elers
Messrs Berridge Pelton & Stone.

Resolved. That Mr Councillor Elers do
take the chair.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Appointment of Conservators.

A letter was received from Messrs
Burn & Berridge forwarding the
appointment by the Lady of the Manor
of the following gentlemen to act as
Conservators:-

Thomas Henry Devereux Berridge of 11. Old
Broad Street. London. E.C. Solicitor.

Frederick Wadham Elers of Manor Lodge
Tunbridge Wells. J. P.

Richard Pelton of 68. The Pantiles,
Tunbridge Wells J. P.

Chas Edwards of 86 Grovehill Road. Tunbridge
Wells. Bailiff of the Manor of Ruckhall.

a letter was received from the Secretary
to the Freehold Tenants stating that the

Freeholders had appointed the following gentlemen as Conservators.

W. H. H. Brook of 4 Mount Ephraim Road, Sunbridge Wells

W. J. W. Stone of 23 Church Road, Sunbridge Wells

W. J. Taylor, Lower Green.

W. E. Walter, Lower Green.

The clerk reported that at the meeting of the Town Council held on the 9th November last the following gentlemen were appointed Conservators.

Horri Fink, Woodbury House, Amherst Road

John Alexander Robb, 51 Stone Street.

John Stone-Wigg, Estcourt, Nevill Park.

Benjamin John Chillingworth Collo, 96 Upper Grovenor Road.

Lower Cricket Ground.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had commenced the repair of the turf in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting.

Upper Cricket Ground.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had covered the roof of the store near the Upper Cricket Ground with turf and had planted gorse thereon.

Accounts

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts:—

			£. o. d.
D. Cripps & Son.	Attendance to mount Ephraim Promenade.		✓ 4.0.6
Gilbert & Co.	Painting seats	13.0	
	Implements.	<u>17.6.</u>	✓ 1.10.6
W. H. Delves.	13 weeks wages Ranger & Laborer.	11.14.0	
	Extra labor. tree planting	<u>11.3.6</u>	✓ 22.17.6
The Corporation	Watering mount Ephraim Promenade		✓ 1.9.5
G. Hickmott.	mould for sewer bracket ground		✓ 1.2.0
W. C. Cripps.			
	Speris. Diary.	3.6	
	Baltic Saw mills. Co. timber for seats.	12.0	
	J. Bartlett - Rakes	3.6	
	S. E. Howard. Implements.	8.2	
	Postages.	<u>10.0</u>	1.17.2

J. Stone-Wyij
Accountant

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the 6th
day of March 1894.

Present.

Alderman Stone Wigg in the Chair.

The Mayor

Aldermen Punt and Robt.

Messrs Berridge, Edwardes, Pelton, Stone
and Walter.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Lower Cricket Ground.

An application was received from the
secretary of the Lower Cricket Club for
permission to play cricket on the Lower
Cricket Ground.

Resolved. That the application be referred to
the Committee with power to deal with it as
they may think fit

Mount Ephraim Promenade.

Resolved. That the Committee be
authorised to expend a sum of £25 upon
the Mount Ephraim Promenade.

Commons Keeper.

It was reported to the Conservators that the
Commons Keeper had undergone a severe

operation at the General Hospital.

Resolved. That his son be employed during his absence and that he be sworn in as a constable.

Breach of Byelaws.

a letter was received from Messrs Roper & Carter complaining of breaches of bye-laws with respect to driving vehicles on the Common.

Resolved. That the matter be referred to the clerk with authority to prosecute.

Accounts.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts:- £. s. d. £. s. d.

W. H. Delves.	13 weeks wages Ranger			
	+ Labourer	11. 14. 0.	✓	
	Extra labour	<u>1. 19. 6.</u>		13. 13. 6
G. Mercer.	Rangers uniform		✓	4. 4. 0
The Corporation	Watering Mount Ephraim		✓	1. 4. 2
	Promenade.		✓	12. 3
Oliver G.	Implements			
J. Charlton	Bill for alteration to Lower		✓	60. 0. 0
	Cricket ground.			
W. G. Gripps	$\frac{1}{2}$ years salary as Clerk		✓	12. 10. 0

Henry H. H. H.

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the 5th
day of June 1894.

Present.

The Mayor, Chairman.
Alderman Stone-Wigg
Councillors Colles and Elers.
Messrs Berridge Edwards Pelton and
Stone.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Old Quarry.

Councillor Howis and Mr Abbott attended
the meeting as a deputation from the Tradesmen's
Association and made certain suggestions for
improving the disused quarry on the Common,
and it appearing from Mr Abbott's statement
that a permanent enclosure, contrary to the
Improvement Act, is an essential part of the
scheme proposed by him.

Resolved. That they be informed that
the Conservators have no alternative, but to
refuse their sanction to the proposals submitted
to them.

Queen's Grove.

A letter was received from the Pantiles Band
Committee requesting that arrangements might be

made for storing the seats to be used in the Queen's Grove when the Band is playing there.

Resolved. That the matter be referred to Messrs Berridge and Pelton to make the necessary arrangements.

Footpath to St. Helena.

a letter was received from S. Statchard calling attention to the condition of the footpath by St. Helena.

Resolved. That the matter be referred to the Committee to make arrangements to prevent the slipping away of the footpath.

Urinal.

It was reported to the Conservators that a piece of ground near St. Helena was being used as a urinal.

Resolved. That the matter be referred to the Committee with instructions to arrange for the prevention of the use of the land in question for that purpose.

Commons Keeper.

Resolved. That Mr. Read Jun. be employed as Assistant Commons Keeper at a salary of £1 per week. That he be sworn as a Special Constable.

Lower Cricket Ground.

The Committee reported the arrangements which they had made for the Whit Monday Sports, and the erection of a grand stand in connection therewith, and that Mr. Charlton

had satisfactorily completed his contract for relaying
the turf on the Lower Cricket ground.

Firing Fuzes.

Resolved. That Richard Carpenter &
Frank Austen be summoned for setting fire
to fuzes on the Common.

Hurdles.

Resolved. That the Committee be instructed to
consider the desirability of purchasing a
quantity of hurdles to prevent destruction of
the turf.

Accounts.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to
pay the following Accounts:-

	£.	s.	d.
Mr. J. Charlton. Balance of A/c.	✓ 17.	12.	0
J. Gripps & Son. Attendance to Mt. Ephraim Promenade	✓ 8.	6.	9.
W. H. Delves. 13 weeks wages Ranger & Labourer.	13.	6.	6
Extra Labour.	6.	16.	6
2 week new arrangement.	5.	0	✓ 20. 8. 0
W. G. Gripps. Baltic Saw Mills	5.	3	
Hickmott	14.	0	✓ 19. 3

J. Stone-Wyff
Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Dunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the 4th day
of September 1894.

Present.

Alderman Stone Wigg in the Chair
Aldermen Robb and Pink.

Councillor Elers.

Messrs Berridge, Edwards, Pelton,
Stone and Walter.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Fires on Commons.

An application was received from Mr. B. Reed for the reward offered by the Conservators for information as to fires on the Commons.

Resolved. That the application be granted, and that the reward in future be reduced to forty shillings, and that the Clerk be instructed to have fresh notices printed.

Lower Cricket Ground.

The question of the desirability of allowing football on the Lower Cricket Ground during the ensuing winter was considered.

Resolved. That the playing of football on the ground be prohibited except for matches and that Mr. Councillor Elers be requested to undertake the duty of granting permits for matches.

Resolved. That it be referred to the Committee to expend a sum of £ 50 on the further improvement of the turf on the Lower Cricket Ground.

Bridge Road Pond.

Resolved. That it be referred to the Committee to have the Bridge Road pond cleared out at a cost not exceeding £30.

Commons Keeper.

A letter was received from Mr. Alderman Delves stating the freehold tenants had received an application from the Commons Keeper for an increase in his wages, and that they proposed that he should be paid an extra half crown per week to which the conservators contribution would be one shilling and three pence.

Resolved. That the arrangement proposed by the freehold tenants be approved.

Accounts for Payment.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts:-

W. Gripps. $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs Salary	12. 10. 0
A. K. Baldwin. Printing	✓ 3. 1. 0
Balke Saw Mills Timber	✓ 1. 13. 0
A. Nash. Lower Cricket Ground.	✓ 2. 14. 0
Mr. J. Harding-Wattles-	✓ 2. 14. 0
Mr. J. Stevenson. watering mount Ephraim Promenade }	✓ 1. 18. 3
J. Gripps Son. Attendance to mount Ephraim Promenade }	✓ 4. 0. 9
Mr. Hallett Read. Rewarding for information as to person firing fuzze. }	✓ 5. 0. 0

W. H. Delves. 13 week wages Ranger
labourer.

142.9 ✓

Extra labour.

3.9.146.6

Henry H. Smith. 5/12/94

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Dunbridge
Wells, on Wednesday the
5th day of Decr 1894.

Present.

Alderman Cronk, in the Chair.
Aldermen Pink and Stone Wigg.
Councillor Strange.
Messrs Berridge, Elers, Felton, Stone and
Walter.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Appointment of Conservators.

The Clerk reported that at a meeting of the Council held on the 9th November last, the following gentlemen were nominated and appointed to represent the Town Council as conservators of the Commons.

His Worship the Mayor, Sir D. L. Salomons Bart, Broomhill.
Mr Alderman John Stone Wigg, Etcourt, Kerill Park.
" " Honi Pink, Woodbury House, Amherst Rd, J. Wells.
Mr Councillor Edward Hilder Strange of Pantiles, J. Wells.

Footpaths on Common.

A letter was received from General Brandes suggesting that a footpath should be made across the Common, from the entrance to Molyneux Park Road to Church Road.

Resolved. That he be informed that the

Conservators do not think it desirable to accede to his request, there being a footpath sufficiently near to meet all reasonable requirements.

Lower Green Pond.

It was reported to the Conservators that the pathway adjoining the pond and leading to the spring at Lower Green was in a dangerous condition.

Resolved. That a wall be erected to retain the footpath, at a cost not to exceed £9.

Cricket Grounds.

Resolved. That the question of repairing the posts and fences surrounding the cricket grounds be referred to the Committee.

Mr. Elers reported that he had arranged for the necessary permits for football playing on the Lower Cricket Ground.

The Committee reported that they had not spent the amount that they were authorised to spend in improvement of the Lower Cricket Ground, as they are of opinion that no further expense is at present necessary.

Bridge Road Pond.

The Committee reported that they had caused the Bridge Road Pond to be cleared of weeds.

Resolved. That the Committee be authorised to expend the sum of £50 upon works of improvement and planting trees at the Bridge Road Pond.

Rewards.

Resolved. That a reward of five shillings be paid to any one giving information against persons damaging the trees on the Common, and that the Common Ranger be given authority to employ assistance in extinguishing fires

Accounts for Payment.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts:

J. Gripps son. Attendance to Mt. Ephraim Promenade.	✓ 4. 16. 6
Mr. J. Strenson Watering Mount Ephraim Promenade.	✓ 2. 7. 3.
W. H. Delves. 13 weeks wages Ranger and labourer.	✓ 14. 2. 9
Baltic Saw Mills Coy. Timber ↓ ?	9. 5. 9

J. Stone-Wyji
Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the 5th
day of March 1895.

Present.

Alderman Stone Wigg in the Chair.
Councillor Strange.
Messrs Berridge, Edwards, Elers, &
Middleton-Rogers, Pelton and Stone.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read &
and confirmed.

Appointment of Conservators.

Notice was received from the Secretary of the
Freehold Tenants that they had appointed Messrs.
Cronk, Middleton-Rogers, Stone, and Walter as
Conservators of the Commons.

Tobogganing.

Resolved. That the Clerk be instructed to
take proceedings against any person tobogganing
on the Common after the snow has disappeared.

Tree Planting

Resolved. That the Committee be instructed
to consider the question of further tree planting
on the Common, including the planting of an
avenue of trees on both sides of Major York's
Road, from the Spa to the Pantiles, and the
planting of trees along Castle Road.

Roads and Footpaths.

Resolved. That the Clerk be instructed to obtain a list of roads and footpaths on the Commons claimed by the Corporation to be highways, or repairable ~~by~~ by the inhabitants at large.

Lower Cricket Ground.

Resolved. That the Committee be authorized to expend a further sum of £5 on the improvement of the Lower Cricket Ground.

Audit of Accounts.

Resolved. That Mr. Alderman Crook and Mr. Middleton-Rogers be requested to audit the accounts of the Conservators.

Accounts for Payment.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts:-

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
J. Crapps Son. Attendance Mt Ephraim Town Hall.	✓	4.4.3
E. Walter Wall at Lower Green Pond.	✓	8.10.0
J. Stevenson Watering Mt. Ephraim Town Hall.	✓	4.0.2
M. A. H. Edwards Advertising.	✓	3.9.0
Gilbert & Co Ironmongery.	✓	5.1.10
W. C. Crapps Half years salary.	✓	12.10.0
W. H. Deves 13 weeks Wages Ranger	14.2.9.	✓ 15.9.9.
Labourer.		
Extra Labour	1.7.0	
G. Hickmott Cart Hire		✓ 18.0

J. Stone-Wij
Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Dunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the 11th day
of June 1895.

Present.

Alderman Stone Wigg in the Chair
Aldermen Brook and Pink
Councillor Strange.

Messrs Berridge, Edwards, Elers,
Middleton-Rogers, Pelton, Stone,
and Walker.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Tree Planting.

A deputation from the Tradesmen's
Association (consisting of Councillors Burton,
Lewis, and Jenkinson and Messrs Charlton
Gain, Meggy and Wixeman) attended the
meeting and offered to raise funds for the
planting of 150 to 200 trees on the Common
if the Conservators would undertake to dig the
holes to receive the same and to stake the
trees when planted.

Resolved. (Messrs Edwards and Walter
voting against) - That the offer of 150 trees to
be planted on these terms be accepted subject
to the sites and species of the trees being selected
by the Conservators, and the whole of the work being
done to their satisfaction.

Telephone Wires.

An application was received from the National Telephone Company for permission to lay telephone wires in the roadway on Mount Ephraim.

Resolved. That the applicants be referred to the Corporation.

Footpaths.

A memorial was received from certain residents in Molyneux Park, Church Road, and neighbourhood petitioning for a paved or asphalted footpath to be made on the common from Church Road to Molyneux Park Road.

Resolved. That the prayer of the memorial be refused and that it be referred to the Committee to endeavour to make arrangements for improving the common at this spot.

Appointment of Commons Keeper.

It was reported to the Conservators that Mr. Samuel Reed, the Commons Keeper, was deceased.

Resolved. That his son, John Reed, be appointed in his stead on the same terms.

Gorse.

Resolved. That an additional man be employed to clear the dead gorse from around the trees on the common.

Bridge Road Lake.

An application for permission to fish in the Bridge Road Lake was received from Mr. A. S. Wiseman.

Resolved. That the application be refused.

Resolved. That the Committee be requested to report as to the mudding or dredging of the Bridge Road Lake.

Seats.

Resolved. That 18 additional seats be placed around the upper cricket ground and in other places.

Account for payment.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts. :-

J. Charlton	On Ac of Work Bridge Rd. Lake.	✓	30-0-0
J. Early	" " " " Lower Cricket Grd.	✓	10-0-0
J. Charlton	Bal. of Ac for work Bridge Rd. Lake.	✓	10-0-0
J. Early	" " " " " " "	✓	5-0-0
Baltic Sawmills Coy.	Timber for seats.	✓	1.1.7
A. Nash	Rolling Lower Cricket Ground	✓	1.14.6
W. H. Delves.	Labor 13 weeks.		14.2.9
	Less amt. not spent.		<u>1.9.6</u> 12.13.3

J. Stone-Wij
 Treasurer

At a meeting of the
Commons Conservators held at the
Town Hall, Dunbridge Wells on
Tuesday the 17th day of September
1895.

Present

Alderman Stone Wigg, in the chair
Aldermen Brook and Pink.

Councillor Strange

Messrs Berridge, Edwards, Elers, Pelton
and Stone.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed.

Enclosures on Common

Applications were received from Her Majesty's
Office of Works and Mr J. Peters, applying for
permission to erect a temporary hoarding on the
common adjoining the site of the new Post Office.

A letter was received from Mr J. N. D.
Berridge with reference thereto.

Resolved. That under all the circumstances
the Conservators do give their consent. (Mr Berridge
giving expression to his view that no such consent
is necessary.)

The consideration of the following motion, of
which Mr Stone had given notice, was deferred:—

- " That a letter be written to the Whit Monday
Sports Committee informing them that the
consent of the Conservators should be obtained

"before the erection of their Grand Stand on the Common, and that the Conservators Quarterly meeting is held on the first Tuesday in March".

Fire on Common

The clerk reported that proceedings had been taken against Mabel Jane Longhurst for setting fire to the fudge on the common and that she had been convicted.

Applications were received from D. O. Barden and William Mason for the reward offered by the Conservators for information leading to the conviction.

Resolved. That the reward be paid and that the clerk be instructed to arrange as to the distribution thereof between the claimants.

Eridge Road Lake

Resolved. That the Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £30 in removing the rushes from the Eridge Road Lake.

Mount Ephraim Promenade

Resolved. That the Committee be requested to consider the best means of improving Mount Ephraim Promenade.

Accounts for payment

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts:-

Cripps Son	Attendance Mt. Ephraim Promenade	✓	2-13-0	92
A. K. Baldwin	Printing & Stationery	✓	2-4-9	
W. H. Delves	13 weeks wages (Ranger)	✓	14-2-9	
	Extra Labor	✓	2-18-4	17-1-1
J. Stevenson	Watering Mount Ephraim Promenade	✓	1-4-3	
J. Cripps Son	Repairs to Mount Ephraim	✓	1-18-9	
G. Mercer	Commons Keepers Uniform	✓	7-14-0	
Kingsbury Sons	Leasing for Commons Ranger	✓	16-6	
Baltic Sawmills Co.	Timber	✓	13-9	
W. C. Cripps Esq.	Half year's Salary	✓	12-10-0	
	Stamps		10-0	13-0-0
Do	Reward, Detection of Fire	✓	2-0-0	

Ed. Fletcher Auditor

At a meeting of the -
 commons conservators held at
 the Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells
 on Tuesday the 3rd day of December,
 1895.

Present.

The Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Cronk and Stone-Wigg

Councillor Strange

Messrs Berridge, Elers, Felton.

Stone and Walter.

Appointment of conservators

The clerk reported that the Town Council at a meeting held on the 9th November last appointed His Worship The Mayor (G. R. Fletcher Lutwidge, Esq.), Alderman Pink of Woodbury House, Amherst Road Tunbridge Wells, Alderman Stone-Wigg, of Estcourt-Nevell Park, Tunbridge Wells and Councillor Strange, of No. 16 Eridge Road, Tunbridge Wells, to represent the Town Council as conservators of the Common.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Tree Planting.

A letter was received from Mr. E. Charlton thanking the conservators on behalf of the Tradesmen's Assocⁿ for allowing them to plant 110 trees on the Common.

Roads across Common.

A letter was received from Miss Holland calling

attention to the condition of the roads leading to Mount Edgecumbe and the loss occasioned to her thereby.

Resolved. That she be informed that the roads in question being for the accommodation of residents of her house only the conservators could not admit any liability to repair them.

The clerk reported that he had received an application from Mr. W. H. Harris as to a roadway on the common at Roothall.

Resolved. That Mr. Harris be asked to make his application in writing.

Enclosures on Common.

It was moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Walter, and

Resolved (Mr. Berridge voting against.) "That a letter be written to the Whit Monday Sports Committee informing them that the consent of the conservators should be obtained before the erection of their grand stand on the common and that the conservators' quarterly meeting is held on the first Tuesday in March."

Accounts for Payment.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts:-

		£.	s.	d.
J. Read		✓ 7.	16.	9
W. H. Delves.	13 Weeks wages.	£14.	2.	9
	Extra Labour	1.	13.	0
		✓ 15.	15.	9
T. Stevenson	Watering Mount Ephraim Promenade.	✓ 1.	2.	9
Gilbert & Co.	Tools & Appliances.	✓ 2.	10.	4
J. Charlton.	Planting Trees	✓ 7.	10.	0
	Carried Forward	£34.	15.	7

		£. s. d.
	Brought Forward.	34.. 15.. 7
W. C. Cripps	J. Reed. Tree planting	15.. 9
	Hickmott. Eridge Rd. Lake.	9.. 0
		1.. 4.. 9
T. Cripps & Son	Attendance. Mount Ephraim	-
	Promenade.	2.. 7.. 5
	Total.	<u>£ 38.. 7.. 9</u>

L. P. Fletcher Secretary
Chairman.

At a meeting of the
Commons Conservators held at
the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the 3rd day
of March, 1896.

Present.

The Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Cronk & Stone-Wigg.

Councillor Strange.

Messrs Berridge, Elers, Pelton and Stone.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Enclosures on Common.

An application was received from the Secretary of the Whit-Monday Sports Committee applying for permission to erect a grand stand upon the common in connection with the Whit-Monday Sports.

Resolved. That permission be granted, so far as the Conservators have power to grant such permission.

Canon Hoare Memorial.

Messrs Browell, Cleave, Dawes and the Revd. A. J. Scott attended the meeting as a deputation from the subscribers to the Canon Hoare Memorial, and applied for permission to erect the memorial upon the Common, opposite the entrance to Molyneux Park Road.

Resolved. (Councillor Strange voting against) That the application be granted, so far as the Conservators lawfully can or may give such permission.

Repairs to Tracks.

Resolved. - That the question of the repair of the various tracks across the common be referred to the committee.

Accounts for Payment.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts:-

		£	s.	d.
J. Cripps & Son.	Attendance, Mount Ephraim Promenade	2	11	0
W. H. Delves	Wages	6	11	9
G. Hickmott	Cart hire		9	0
A. J. Nash	Cart hire	1	0	0
J. Marshall	Mould		7	0
T. Stevenson	Watering, Mount Ephraim Promenade		2	6
Baltic Saw Mills				1
W. C. Cripps.	Half year's Salary	12	10	0
	<u>Total.</u>	£ 23	12	9

Ed. Fletcher Sutwidg
Chairman.

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held at
the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the second
day of June, 1896

Present.

The Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Cronk & Pink.

Councillor Strange.

Messrs Berridge, Edwards, Elets,

Middleton-Rogers, Pelton,

Read, and Stone.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Roads on Common.

A letter was received from the Deputy Town Clerk stating that the resolution passed by the Conservators on the 5th day of March, 1895, with respect to roads and footpaths on the Common had been laid before the Works Committee of the Corporation and that he was directed to say that the Committee whilst regretting not to accede to the request of the Conservators do not see their way in the public interest to furnish the return asked for.

It was moved by Mr Berridge seconded by Mr Pelton and Resolved - "That the letter be referred to the sub-committee with instructions to obtain such information as they can on the subject and to report to the next meeting of the Conservators"

Appointment of Conservator.

A letter was received from Mr. W. H. Davies

Secretary to the freehold tenants of the Manor stating that Mr. John Read of Grove Villa South Grove had been appointed a Conservator by the freehold tenants in the place of the late Mr. E. Walter.

ErIDGE ROAD LAKE.

Resolved That the question of improving the ErIDGE ROAD LAKE be referred to the Committee.

ADDITIONAL SEATS.

Resolved. That the question of purchasing twelve additional seats be referred to the Committee.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts:-

		£.	s.	d.
W. H. Delves.	Proportion of Ranger's and labourers' wages.	13.	16.	6
Gilbert & Co.	Ironmongery	4.	15.	10
Mr. W. Wilson	Poles for Tree planting.	3.	3.	6
T. A. Kealey.	Rolling and mowing Lower Cricket Ground.	1.	10.	0

L. Fletcher Sutcliffe
Chairman.

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held at
the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the first day
of September, 1896.

Present.

The Mayor, Chairman.

Alderman Cronk

Councillor Strange.

Messrs Berridge, Edwards,

Middleton-Rogers & Pelton.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed

ErIDGE Road Lake.

Resolved. - That the Committee be
requested to ascertain the cost of cleaning out
and puddling the ErIDGE Road Lake, and
report thereon at the next meeting.

Seats.

The Committee reported that they had
erected additional seats upon the common.

Old Race course, etc.

Resolved. That the Committee be
authorised to expend a sum not exceeding
£20 in renewing the turf on the old race
course and other parts of the common

Roads and Footpaths

The Committee reported that they

had individually made enquiries as to the roads and footpaths on the Common which had been repaired by the Corporation, but were not at present prepared to make a collective report.

Resolved (Councillor Strange voting against) That an application be made to the Corporation for a list of roads and footpaths which have been repaired by them or their predecessors, it being impossible for the Conservators without such list to ascertain their responsibilities or liabilities in respect of roads on the Common.

Accounts for Payment.

Resolved- That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts:-

W. H. Delves.	Wages.	12.	0.	6
G. Mercer.	Common Rangers	4.	4	0
	Uniform			
J. Cripps & Son	Attendance, mount	1.	18.	6
	Ephraim Promenade			
W. & C. Goodwin	Seats	29.	9.	0
W. C. Cripps.	Half-year's Salary.	12.	10.	0
Do	Attendance, mount	19.	5	
	Ephraim Promenade			

F. Wadham Esq

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons
Conservators held at the Town
Hall, Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday
the first day of December, 1896.

Present.

Mr. F. W. Elers, in the chair.

The Mayor.

Aldermen Cronk and Pink.

Councillor Strange.

Messrs Middleton-Rogers, Pelton, Read and
Stone.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed.

Turfing.

A letter was received from Mr Hatchard calling
attention to the worn condition of the turfing near
St. Helena.

Resolved. That the common at the spot
referred to be re-turfed and temporarily enclosed for
the protection of the turf.

Carlton Hotel.

An application was received on behalf of
messrs Loney and Sons for permission to level a
portion of the common adjoining certain additions
proposed to be made to the Carlton Hotel.

Resolved. That permission be given so far as
the conservators have power to do so.

Pruning Trees.

Letters were received from Mr Foster and Mr

Day requesting that certain trees on the common might be cut.

Resolved. That the matter be left in the hands of the committee.

Erudge Road Lake.

Resolved. That the committee be instructed to have the Erudge Road Lake cleared of weeds as far as possible.

New Post Office.

Resolved. That the contractor for the New Post Office be called upon to re-turf the triangular piece of common in front of the New Post Office and to leave the same in the state it was in before he commenced the works.

Resolved. That the clerk be instructed to write the Postmaster-General on the subject.

Tracks across Common.

Resolved. That it be referred to Mr Read and Mr Strange to consider what can be done to the track or footpath across the common from Molyneux Park to Church Road and to report thereon at the next meeting.

Resolved. That cautions be issued to persons for riding bicycles, for riding a horse, and drawing horses and vans across the common.

Accounts for Payment.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts:-

W. H. Pelves.	Wages.	12.	0.	6			
	Extra labor.	1.	0	12.	1	6	

J. Griffis & Son.	Repairing mount Ephraim	✓			
	Promenade.		27.	5.	0
Do.	Attendance.	✓	5.	15.	3
Mr. J. Stevenson.	Watering, mount Ephraim	✓			
	Promenade.		1.	17.	14
Mr. B. Baker.	Hurdles.	✓	2.	15.	0
			49	14	1

L. P. Fletcher Tutwidge
Chairman.

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held at
the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells, on Tuesday the 2nd day
of March, 1897.

Present.

The Mayor, in the chair.

Aldermen Pink and Stone-Wigg.

Councillor Strange.

Messrs Berridge, Elers, Middleton-Rogers,
Read and Stone.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

New Post Office.

Resolved. That the clerk be instructed to
call upon those who have recently disturbed
the turf in front of the new Post Office to
immediately replace it.

Resolved. That the committee be requested
to make arrangements for the temporary enclosure
of the turf when laid.

Track from Molyneux Park.

Resolved. That the committee be requested
to temporarily protect the turf along the
track leading from Molyneux Park to Church
Road by means of hurdles, and to fill up the
holes.

Old Race Course

Resolved. That the Committee be requested to consider and report whether any and what improvements can be made to the Old Race Course.

Bridge Road.

Resolved. That it be referred to the Committee to level and re-turf the strip of common between Bridge Road and the Carlton Hotel.

Ranger.

Resolved. That a Summer Tunic be purchased for the common Ranger.

Accounts for Payment.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts

		£	s	d	£	s	d
W. H. Delves.	Wages.	12	0	6	✓		
	Extra labor.		3	0	✓	12	3 6
J. Cripps & Son.	Attendance, Mount Ephraim Promenade				✓	3	10 8
Gilbert & Co.	Tools & Implements.				✓	3	19 7
E. Charlton.	Lime Trees, turves &c.				✓	7	11 6
W. C. Cripps.	Half-year's Salary.				✓	12	10 0
Kingsbury & Son.	Hedging Gloves.				✓		3 0
J. Stevenson.	Watering, Mt. Ephraim Promenade				✓		2 6
					£	40	0 9

L. R. Fletcher & Co.
Chairman.

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators, held at
the Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells
on Tuesday the 15th day of
June, 1897.

Present.

Alderman Stone-Wigg, in the chair.
messrs Elers, Berridge, Middleton-Rogers
and Read.

minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Hawking on Common.

An application was received from Mr Read
of No 6 Nevill Street, for permission to sell
fruit on the common during cricket matches.

Resolved. That no action be taken in the
matter.

Seats.

Resolved. That the committee be authorised
to purchase additional seats for the common.

Accounts for Payment.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed
to pay the following Accounts:-

		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
W. H. Delves.	Wages.	12.	19	0	19.	14	6
"	Extra labor	6	15	6			
J. Charlton.	Attce. to Trees &c				1.	0.	0

		£	s.	d.
J. Cripps & Son	Attendance, Mt. Ephraim Promenade	3	1	6
B. Baker	Hurdles	✓ 5	5	0
G. Mercer	Ranger's Uniform	2	17	6
G. Hickmott	Cleaning Eridge Road Lake, Hire of carts &c.	1	7	0
J. A. Kealey	Rolling and mowing Lower's cricket Ground	1	10	0
Total		£ 34	15	6

F. Madham Esq

Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Dunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the
7th day of September 1897.

Present

Mr J. W. Elers. in the Chair
Alderman Cronk
Councillor Strange
Messrs Pelton Read and Stone.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Bridge Road Lake.

The question of improving the Bridge Road Lake was again considered.

Resolved. That the Lake be cleaned out and concreted, and that it be referred to the Committee to obtain estimates and carry out the work provided the cost does not exceed £100.

Trees.

The question of the planting of trees, and the placing of additional seats near "Gibraltar" was considered and referred to the Committee.

Accounts.

Resolved. That the accounts be printed

annually and a copy thereof sent to each Conservator.

Accounts for Payment

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts:—

J. Cripps & Son.	Attendance to Mount Ephraim Promenade				3	1	6
The Corporation	Watering Mount Ephraim Promenade				1	12	3
J. A. Kealey	Cart hire					10	.
J. Charlton.	Stap-poles, (Tree planting)					6	.
Baltic Sawmills Co.	Timber					2	9
W. H. Delves.	Wages. (13 weeks)	12	0	6			
	Extra labour.		16	.	12	16	6
	<u>Total</u>				18	9	.

C. H. Mather
Chairman.

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held at
the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the 7th
day of December 1897.

Present.

The Mayor.

Aldermen Brock Pink & Stone Wigg

Councillor Strange

Messrs Berridge, Elers, Read and
Middleton-Rogers

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Lower Green Pond.

A letter was received from the Secretary
of the Freehold Tenants forwarding a copy of
a Resolution passed by the Freeholders Committee
recommending the Conservators to have the
pond filled up, provided the space is properly
fenced and planted, so as to preserve it as part
of the common, without affecting the rights of
the Lady of the manor

Resolved. That the subject be referred
to the committee for consideration and report.

Bridge Road Lake.

A letter was received from the Tradesmen's
Association, forwarding a copy of a Resolution
passed by the Association, with respect to the
enlargement of the Bridge Road Lake.

Resolved. That the Association be informed that the conservators are not prepared at present to do more than clean out the lake

Resolved. That the question of cleaning out the Lake be referred to the committee.

Appointment of Conservators

A letter was received from the secretary to the Freehold Tenants stating that they had appointed the following gentlemen to act as conservators: - Alderman Cronk, Messrs J Read, H. Middleton-Rogers and J W Stone.

The clerk reported that at the meeting of the Council held on the 9th ultimo, the following gentlemen were appointed as conservators: - His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen Pink and Stone-Wigg, and Councillor Strange.

Additional Seats

Resolved. That the question of the provision of additional seats be referred to the committee.

Fires on the Common

An application was received from P. C. Woodhams for the reward offered by the conservators for information leading to the conviction of offenders for firing the fuzze on the common.

Resolved. That the application be granted.

Accounts.

Mr Alderman Cronk and Mr A Middleton Rogers presented to the Conservators the accounts for the years ending Lady Day, 1897.

Resolved. That the clerk be instructed to print a statement of the receipts and expenditure for each year that the Conservators have acted.

Accounts for Payment.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts.

		£	s	d
The Corporation	Watering mount			
	Ephraim Promenade	2	5	.
J. Loney & Son.	Levelling &c. part of common	3	5	.
P. G. Woodhams.	Reward	2		
J. Cripps & Son.	Attendance, mount Ephraim Promenade	2	17	3
A. K. Baldwin	Printing.	2	11	9
W. G. Cripps	Half year's Salary	12	10	.
J. Kingsbury.	Leggings &c		17	6
R. Clements.	Advertisement		9	6
Balic Saw mills.	Timber.		4	6
W. H. Delves.	Wages.	12	0	6
	Extra labor.		3	6
	Total.	£	39	4. 6

L. P. Fletcher
Secretary

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held at
the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the 8th day
of March, 1898.

Present.

His Worship the Mayor. Chairman.
Aldermen Bronk, Finch & Stone
Councillor Strange
messrs Elets, Pelton and Middleton. Roper

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Drying Linen

Resolved. That no linen be allowed to
be placed on the Common near Gibraltar and
St. Helena.

Lower Green Pond

Resolved. That the Pond at Lower
Green be filled up.

Accounts for Payment.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed
to pay the following Accounts.

		£	s.	d.
T. Grippo & Son.	Attendance, Mt. Ephraim Promenade	3.	15.	3
G. Mercer.	Uniforms.	7.	10.	0
Carried Forward		11.	5.	3

		£	s	d
Brought Forward.		11.	5.	3
W. & C. Goodwin.	Seats and Timber.	42.	13.	0
Gilbert & Co.	Ironmongery &c.	5.	4.	3
J. Kingsbury.			17.	6
J. Stevenson			5.	5
Baltic Sawmills Co.	Timber.	4.	5.	8
W. H. Delves.	Wages	12.	0.	6
"	Extra labor.	3.	3.	0
		£		
		79.	14.	7

L. P. Fletcher
Chairman 1883

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the 7th day
of June, 1898.

Present.

His Worship The Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen Cronk, Finch and Stone.
Councillor Strange.
Messrs Elex, Middleton-Rogers, Pelton and
Read.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Bandstand on the Common.

A letter was received from the Town Clerk
enquiring if the Conservators would give their consent
to the erection by the Corporation under the
provisions of Section 284 of the Tunbridge Wells
Improvement Act, 1890, of a Bandstand on the
Common.

A letter was also received from the
Tradesmen's Association making a similar
enquiry.

Resolved. That the consideration of the
matter be deferred until it has been ascertained
whether the necessary consents of the Lady
of the Manor and the Freeholders Committee
can be obtained.

Accounts for Payment.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be instructed

to pay the following Accounts:-

W. A. Delves. Wages.	12.	0.	6				
Extra labor	2.	9.	0.	14	9.	6.	✓
W. C. Cripps. Half year's Salary.	12.	10.	0				✓
W. Rogers.		10.	0				✓
Courier Co. Printing.	4.	15.	3				✓
Baltic Saw Mills Co. Timber.	1.	15.	3				✓
W. & B. Goodwin. Oak seats.	6.	15.	6				✓
J. Cripps & Son. Attendance, Mt. Ephraim Promenade.	3.	9.	0				✓

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Ch. Fletcher Tutwiler.
Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Common Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday the 6th
day of September, 1898.

Present:-

His Worship The Mayor, Chairman
Aldermen Cook, Fink and Stone
Councillor Strange
Messrs Berridge, Felton and Read

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed

Lower Green Road

A letter was received from Messrs Burrell
and Berridge stating that the Trustees of
the Lady of the Manor are willing to consent
to the Lower Green Road being filled up,
subject to certain conditions.

Resolved. That the matter be referred
to the Committee with authority to clean out
the Pond if they think it desirable.

A letter was received from the Secretary
of the Freehold Tenants of the Manor calling
attention to complaints as to a smell arising
from the Lower Green Pond.

Mount Ephraim Promenade

A letter was received from the Tradesmen's
Association calling attention to the condition
of the Mount Ephraim Promenade.

The Committee reported that they had repaired the promenade

Resolved That the Corporation be requested to undertake the watering, rolling and repairing of the promenade, and charge the expense thereof to the Conservators.

Resolved That the Pump at Bishop's Down be repaired for the purpose of obtaining water for use on the Common, and that the Committee be instructed to carry out the work.

Bridge Road Lake

Resolved That the question of cleaning out the bridge Road Lake be referred to the Committee with authority to have it cleaned out at a cost not exceeding £30.

Accounts for Payment

Resolved That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts:-

W. H. Delree Wages	12	0	6			
Extra labor	1	12	0	13	12	6
W. C. Cripps Half year's salary				12	10	0
T. Cripps & Son Attendance Mt Ephraim Promenade				4	5	0
W & C Goodwin Oak seats 10				17	4	9
				£ 47	12	3

Frank M. Stone
Chairman 6/27/90

At a Meeting of the Common
Conservators held at the Town
Hall, Tunbridge Wells on
Tuesday, the 6th day of
December 1898

Present:-

This Worship The Mayor, Chairman
Aldermen Cronk and Finch
Councillors Abbott and Strange
Messrs. Elers, Middleton-Rogers and Felton

Appointment of Conservators

The Clerk reported that at the meeting of the Council of the Borough, held on the 9th ultimo, the following gentlemen were appointed Conservators for the ensuing year:-

Aldermen Finch and Tink
Councillors Abbott and Strange

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Bridge Road Lake

The Committee reported that they had carried out several improvements to the Bridge Road Lake at a cost of £84:10:0

Resolved. - The Committee's action be approved, and that they be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £5 on gravelling the path round the Lake

Cricket Ground

Resolved. - That the Committee be authorised to paint the posts and rails round the Cricket Ground where necessary.

Bishops Down Pump and Lower Green Pond

A letter was received from Messrs Burn and Berridge, stating that they were instructed by the Trustees of Colonel Weller's estate to inform the Conservators that any attempt to interfere with the pump on the Common, or to reduce the depth of the pond at Lower Green will be regarded as an unwarrantable interference with their property, and will give rise to litigation.

Accounts for payment.

Resolved That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts. -

W. H. Delves	Wages	12	0	6			
	Extra labor	2	5	6	14	6	✓ 0
Baltic Saw Mills Co	Timber for beach					19	✓ 0
Borough Treasurer	Mt. Ephraim Promenade				6	18	✓ 8
Gilbert & Co	Implements				2	9	✓ 9
Bourier Co.	Printing					14	6 ✓
G. Charlton	Bridge Rd lake				84	10	0 ✓
P					109	17	11
Lo							

J. Wadham Esq

Chairman

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells on Tuesday, the 7th
day of March 1899.

Present:-

Mr J. W. Elers, in the Chair
Aldermen Finch and Pink
Councillor Strange
Messrs Pelton, Middleton Rogers
and Read

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed

Bridge Road Lake

(a) Resolved That the "Islands
in the Bridge Road Lake be planted
at a cost of £ 2 " 6 " 0.

The Committee reported that the
path around the Lake had been gravelled

(b) Resolved That the edge of
the stones be cemented to prevent their
falling into the lake.

Accounts for payment.

Resolved: That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts.

W. H. DeLoes Wages	12	0	6			
Extra Labour	2	12	0	14	12	6
W. C. Cripps Half year's salary				12	10	0
W. Dolphus Waters Graveling paths bridge Rd Lake }				5	-	-
Baltic Saw Mills Co. } timber for seats }					15	6
				32	18	-

Frank M. Stone

Chairman

June 6th 1899

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall,
Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday,
the 6th June 1899.

Present:-

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman
Councillors Abbott and Strange
Mess^{rs} Berridge, Elers, and
Middleton-Rogers and Read

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed.

Bridge Road Lake

Resolved - That the Committee be
instructed to carry out any necessary work
for clearing the reeds from the Bridge
Road Lake, to repair the path between
Mount Ephraim Road and Lime Hill
Road, and to place additional seats
on the Common.

Audit of Accounts

Resolved - That Mr Alderman
Cronk and Mr Middleton-Rogers be
requested to audit the Conservators'

Accounts for the year ended 31st March last.

Accounts for Payment

Chairman

~~5th Sept. 1899~~

Resolved - That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts -

W. H. Delves Wages	12	0	6			
Extra labor		9	0	12	9	6
Mercer G. Rangers uniform				3	0	0
Cripps & Son M ^{ce} Int Ep. Prom ^s				8	5	2
Charlton E. Bridge Road Lakes				2	11	0
The Courier Advertising					4	6
				£ 26	10	2

F. Madhan Eller

Chairman

5th Sept. 1899

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held
at the Town Hall, Tunbridge
Wells, on Tuesday the 5th
September, 1899

Present - Mr F. W. Elers, in the Chair
Aldermen Cronk, Finch and
Pink.

Councillors Abbott and Strange
Messrs Berridge, Pelton and
Read.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed.

Path on Common

A letter was received from Messrs
Burn & Berridge stating that their
client disputes the right of the
Conservators to gravel the track at
the edge of the Common between Mount
Ephraim Road and Lime Hill Road.

Mr Berridge explained to the
Conservators the contention of the advisors
of the Lady of the Manor.

Resolved - That the instruction of
the Committee do stand

Trees on the Common.

The subject of the condition of the ^{Elm} trees on the Common and the desirability of lopping the same was referred to the Committee, with power to do what they think necessary, and for this purpose the name of Mr Councillor Abbott was added to the Committee.

The Committee were ^{also} authorised to plant additional trees and gorse on the Common.

Accounts for Payment

Resolved - That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts -

W. H. Deboes Wages	12	0	6			
Extra labour	2	17	9	14	18	3
Courier Printing Co Bridge Rd Lake					10	0
Corporation ^{At the} Mt Ephraim Promenade				7	0	0
W. C. Cripps ^{1/2 yrs} salary				12	10	0
				£ 34	18	3

Frank M. Stone.

Chairman

5th Dec. 1899

At a meeting of the Commons
Conservators held at the Town
 Hall, Tunbridge Wells on
Tuesday the 5th day of December
1899

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman
 Aldermen Cronk, Finch and Pink
 Councillors Abbott, Nicholson
 and Strange
 Messrs Elers and Middleton-Rogers

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting
 were read and confirmed.

Appointment of Conservators

A letter was received from the
 Town Clerk stating that at the annual
 meeting of the Council of the Borough
 held on the 9th ultimo, the following
 members of the Council were appointed
 Conservators:—

Aldermen Finch and Pink

Councillors Abbott and Strange

A letter was received from Messrs
 A. F. and R. W. Tweedie forwarding
 the appointment by the Lady of
 the Manor of the following gentlemen
 as Conservators:—

Messrs F. W. Elers, A. Nicholson,
 R. Pelton and R. W. Tweedie

Lower Green Pond

The Committee reported that the Lower Green Pond had been drained and filled in.

Trees on the Common

Resolved - That certain of the Elm trees upon the Common be lopped under the Committee's orders.

Pumps

Resolved - That any necessary repairs to the pumps near Mount Edgumbe and Mount Ephraim House be executed.

Roadside Strips, London Road.

A letter was received from Mr Alderman Lutwidge suggesting that the hurdles on the piece of land lying between London Road and Vale Road, adjoining the new Post Office, should be removed, and some steps taken to improve the appearance of the piece of land in question, and forwarding a sketch shewing how such improvement could be made.

Resolved - That he be informed that the Conservators have long desired to improve the piece of land in question, and will endeavour to give effect to his suggestion provided -

(a) That the consent of the Lady of the Manor be obtained to the proposed widening by the Corporation of the road

opposite the Post Office, and such widening be carried out.

- (8) That the consent, if necessary, of the Lady of the Manor, the Freehold Tenants, and the Corporation, be obtained to the requisite fencing

Accounts for Payment

Resolved That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts -

W. H. Deves Wages	12	0	6		
Extra labour	1	1	6	13	2/0
Stephen King (Lr. Green Pond)				6	0/0
Thos. Allcorn (Carting do do)				27	5/0
G. Mercer (Ranger's Uniform)				7	10/0
J. Kingsbury & Sons (Ranger's Leggings)					14/6
Goodwin Bros. (Seats etc)				38	14/0
Gilbert & Co. (Tools & Implements)				2	1/2
Tunb. Wells Corporation (Mt. Ephraim Promenade)				13	12/6
				£ 108	19 2

F. Bradham Elms

Chairman

6th March 1900

At a meeting of the Commons
Conservators held at the Town
Hall, Tunbridge Wells on
Tuesday the 6th day of March
1900

Present

Mr F. W. Elers, in the Chair
Aldermen Cronk Finch & Pink
Councillors Abbott Nicholson
and Strange
Mr Middleton-Rogers

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed

Seats

A letter was received from the
Tunbridge Wells Tradesmen's Association
forwarding a copy of a resolution
passed by them requesting the
Conservators to receive a deputation
from that Association with respect to
the provision of covered seats on the
Common.

A deputation consisting of Councillors
Gain and Penn and Mr H. J. Willmot
attended the meeting and urged upon
the Conservators the need of the
provision of covered seats on the Common.

The matter was fully discussed
with the deputation

- (a) Resolved - That the Tunbridge Wells Tradesmen's Association be informed that the Conservators do not at present consider it desirable to provide covered seats on the Common
- (b) Resolved - That the Sub-Committee be requested to consider the desirability of placing seats on the Common along Major Yorke's Road and near the Toad Rock.

Roads

Resolved - That the Works Committee be requested to consider the condition of the road between "Romanoff Lodge" and London Road

Lopping Trees

The Sub Committee reported on the lopping of certain of the trees on the Common

Pumps

A letter was received from the Solicitors to the Lady of the Manor forwarding her formal consent to the pumps on the Common being repaired by the Conservators

Roadway in front of Post Office

A letter was received from the

Solicitors to the Lady of the Manor
with respect to the erection of a fence
adjoining the new roadway in front
of the Post Office

Resolved - That the Committee be
instructed to carry out the work of
erecting a fence on one side of the
roadway.

Accounts for payment

Resolved That the Treasurer be
instructed to pay the following
Accounts -

W. H. Delves - Wages	12. 0. 6			
Extra labour	15. 6	12	16	0
J. Carne Lopping Trees		15.	10	0
A. K. Baldwin Printing &c		4	4	0
W. C. Cripps ½ yrs Salary		12	10	0
Mr. Baker Shurdles		1	9	0
		£	46	9 0

J. N. Stone

Chairman

12th June 1900

At a meeting of the
Commons Conservators held at
the Town Hall on the 12th
day of June 1900.

Present

The Mayor Chairman
Alderman Cronk
Councillors Abbott Nicholson
and Strange
Messrs. Elers Pelton & Middleton-
Rogers.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed

Trees

A letter was received from Mr. R. M.
Stuart with reference to damage done to
his gate and fence by the fall of a large
tree on the Common

Seats

Resolved - That the Committee be
authorised to erect additional seats on
the Common

Bridge Road Lake

Resolved - That the Committee be
authorised to carry out certain repairs
required at the Bridge Road Lake

Rusthall Common

Resolved - That the erection of posts and drop chains for the protection of the public be approved

Audit of Accounts

Resolved - That Mr Alderman Cronk and Mr Middleton Rogers be requested to audit the Accounts of the Conservators for the past year.

Future Meetings

Resolved - That in future the meetings of the Conservators be held on the Thursday following the first Monday in the months of March June September and December

Accounts for payment

Resolved - That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts

W. H. Delves - Wages	12	0	6		
Extra labour	4	4	3	16	4 9
J. Charlton				1	10 6
Still Sales & Edwards				1	14 3
The Corporation					4 10
				<u>£ 19</u>	<u>14 4</u>

F. Madhav Elers

Chairman

6th September 1900.

At a meeting of the Commons
Conservators held at the Town
Hall on the 6th day of
September 1900.

Present :-

The Mayor

Quorum

There being no quorum present no
business was done

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on the 6th day of December 1900.

Present :-

Aldermen Cronk Finch Stone & Strange
Councillors Abbott and Nicholson
Messrs Elers, Middleton Rogers, Read
and Tweedie

Appointment of Conservators

A letter was received from the Town Clerk stating that at the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 9th ult., the following Members of the Council were appointed Commons Conservators :-

Aldermen Finch Pink and Strange
Councillor Abbott

A letter was received from the Secretary to the Freeholders Committee stating that at their meeting on the 3rd December the Freeholders appointed Mr Alderman Cronk, Mr H. Middleton-Rogers, Mr Alderman Stone and Mr John Read as Commons Conservators.

A letter was received from Messrs A. F. & R. W. Tweedie forwarding the appointment by the Lady of the Manor of the following gentlemen as Conservators :-

Mr F. W. Elers, Mr Councillor Nicholson

Mr. R. Pelton and Mr. R. W. Tweedie.

Appointment of Chairman
Resolved - That Mr. F. W. Elers be appointed Chairman for this meeting

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Covered Seats

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Tunbridge Wells Tradesmen's Association stating that he has been deputed by a Committee appointed by the three local Associations to ask the consideration by the Conservators of the question of the provision of sheltered seats on the Common, and forwarding a sketch shewing the description and position of the shelter which they desire should be erected

Resolved - That he be informed that the Conservators cannot see any reason to alter their decision arrived at, at a meeting held on the 6th March 1900

Damage to Fence

A letter was received from Mr. R. M. Stewart with reference to the damage done to his gate and fence caused by the fall of a large tree on the Common

Resolved - That Mr. Stewart be informed that the Conservators cannot accept any liability in the matter

Paths

Resolved:- (a) That the Sub Committee be instructed to carry out any necessary alterations or repairs to the path leading to "Gibraltar"

Resolved:- (b) That the pathway round Bridge Road Lake be repaired

Resolved:- (c) That trees be planted on the Common near Font Hill

Fencing

Resolved:- That the fencing be extended on the Common opposite the Post Office

The following Accounts were ordered to be paid

W. H. Delves Esq	14. 17. 6
Baltic Saw Mills Co	12. 7
Tumb. Wells Corporation	32. 15. 8
Gilbert Co	5. 1. 11
Goodwin Bros	19. 6. 5.

£ 72. 14. 1

F. Madham
Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons
Conservators held at the Town
Hall on the 7th day of
March 1901

Present :-

Mr. F. W. Elers. In the Chair
Aldermen Cronk and Strange
Councillors Abbott and Nicholson
Messrs Guilford, Middleton-Rogers
Pelton and Tweedie

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed

Appointment of Conservator

A letter was received from the Clerk
to the Freeholders, stating that at a
meeting held on the 4th instant they
had appointed Mr. Thomas Guilford as
a Conservator in the place of the late
Mr. John Read

Fir Tree Pond

Resolved - That the Committee be
requested to inspect Fir Tree Pond, carry
out such works as they think necessary,
and report thereon to the Committee
at their next meeting

Lower Cricket Ground

Resolved - That the Committee be
requested to repair the path round the

Lower Cricket Ground

Seats

The question of the desirability of placing seats on the south-eastern side of the crest opposite Mount Ephraim House was considered

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee

Accounts for payment

Resolved - That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following Accounts

W. H. Delves Esq.	Wages	12.0.6	
	Extra Labour	7.10.6	19.11.0
W. C. Cripps	½ yr's Salary		12.10.0
J. Stevenson	Watering and repairing Mt. Ephraim		3.0.6
		£	<u>35.1.6</u>

F. Radlaw Esq

Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on the 6th day of June 1901.

Present :-

Alderman Stone
Councillor Nicholson
Messrs Elers, Guilford, Rogers, and Tweedie.

Appointment of Chairman
Resolved - That Mr. F. W. Elers be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Fires

The Clerk reported that the Council had requested that notices offering rewards for incendiarism on the Common be published.

(u) Resolved - That bills offering rewards of £2 be published.

An application was received from Mr. E. A. Tickner applying for the reward offered by the Conservators for persons giving information leading to conviction of persons setting fire to the furze on the Common.

(u) Resolved - That he be paid a reward of £2

A letter was received from Mr. Councillor Abbott suggesting that hollies be planted near the Upper Cricket Ground and that the path which crosses the Lower Cricket Ground be repaired and also calling attention to the dangerous condition of the trees opposite "Bredbury"

(c) Resolved - That the letter be referred to the Committee

Common Rangers

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Freeholders stating that he had been instructed by the Freeholders Committee to request the Conservators to agree to an increase of 5/- per week being made in the wages of the Commons Ranger and an increase of 1/- per week to the wages of the Assistant Commons Ranger

Resolved - That the increase of 6/- per week in the wages be approved, and that it be left to the Freeholders to adjust such increase between the Ranger and his Assistant.

Report

The Committee reported that willows had been planted at the Fir Tree Pond, the path round the Cricket Ground had been repaired, and that two iron seats had been placed adjoining Mount Ephraim House.

Resolved - That the space under the two iron seats provided near Mount Ephraim House be asphalted, and that one additional iron seat be provided at the spot in question.

Accounts for payment

Baltic Saw Mills Co	2	0	✓ 1
Tumb: Wells Corporation	12	16	✓ 4
J. Charlton		15	✓ 0
Courier Printing Co		7	✓ 6
W. H. Delves Esq.			
Wages	14	8	6
Extra Labour	6	14	0
	21	2	✓ 6
	£	37	1 5

T. Madham Esq

Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on the 5th day of September 1901.

Present:-

Messrs Abbott, Elers, Guilford, Nicholson, Pelton, Strange, and Tweedie.

Appointment of Chairman
Resolved - That Mr F. W. Elers be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Committee

Resolved - That Mr Alderman ^{Clark} Stone, Mr Councillor Abbott, Messrs F. W. Elers and Middleton Rogers be appointed a Committee until the next appointment of a Committee in December

Resolved - That a Committee consisting of four members be appointed annually in December to consider and deal with all matters from time to time referred to them.

Fir Tree Pond

It was reported to the Committee that arrangements had been made with the Borough Fire Brigade to pump out Fir Tree Pond on Saturday next.

Resolved - That enquiries be made

of the Waterworks Committee of the Corporation as to the terms on which they would supply water for the refilling of the Fir Tree Pond.

Resolved - That the Committee be empowered to carry out the improvement to the Fir Tree Pond at their discretion.

Turf

Resolved - That the condition of the turf opposite the entrance to Molyneux Park be referred to the Committee.

Seats

Resolved - That six new seats be purchased and placed on the Common at the discretion of the Committee.

Resolved - That the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Manorial Authorities as to the Font Hill Urinal

Trees

Resolved - That questions relating to the trees opposite Bredbury be referred to Mr Councillor Abbott and Mr F. W. Elers.

Accounts

Resolved - That the Accounts be presented annually at a meeting held in June

The Resolution passed by the Council at a meeting held on the 3rd July,

requesting the Conservators to supply the Borough Accountant with a statement as to how the amount contributed by the Corporation has been expended was laid before the Committee

Resolved - That the request be acceded to

Baltic Saw Mills Co.

W. H. Delves Esq.

W. C. Cripps

Gilbert Co.

Tickner & A.

	£	s	d
Baltic Saw Mills Co.		5	✓ 3
W. H. Delves Esq.	15	19	✓ 6
W. C. Cripps	12	10	✓ .
Gilbert Co.	14	3	✓ 2.
Tickner & A.	2	"	✓ .
£	44	17	11

J. P. Stone.

Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons
Conservators held at the Town
Hall on the 5th December 1901

Present

Messrs G. Abbott, H. H. Cronk,
G. Finch, T. Guilford, R. Pelton, H. Pink,
H. M. Rogers, C. H. Strange, F. W. Stone
and R. W. Tweedie.

Appointment of Conservators

A letter was received from the
Town Clerk stating that at the Annual
Meeting of the Council of the Borough
of Tunbridge Wells held on the 9th
November, the following members of
the Council were appointed Commons
Conservators:-

Aldermen Finch Pink & Strange
Councillor Abbott

Appointment of Chairman

Resolved:- That Mr F. W. Stone be
appointed Chairman for this meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed

Committee

Resolved. That Messrs. Abbott &lers
Rogers and Stone be appointed a Committee
during the ensuing year

Steps near Belleville

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to have the steps leading from London Road to Mr. Ephraim near Belleville repaired and improved

Fir Tree Pond

The terms on which the Corporation were prepared to supply water for the Fir Tree Pond, were laid before the Conservators.

Resolved - That the Clerk be instructed to ask for water to be supplied on the same terms as water is supplied to public undertakings in the Borough.

Resolved - That Messrs Abbott & Coles be requested to proceed as soon as possible with the improvement of Fir Tree Pond

Trees

The Committee reported the steps they had taken with respect to the trees opposite Bredbury

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to remove the barbed wire erected by them

Resolved - That the Committee be instructed to remove the dead fir tree above Fir Tree Pond, and plant two young Scotch Firs in lieu thereof

Seats

Letters were received from Mr Buckell suggesting that seats should be placed

on the London Road, between the General Post Office and the Mount Ephraim Library

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee, with power to place seats if and where they think desirable on the route in question

Mr Ephraim Promenade

Resolved - That the Committee be instructed to regravell the Mr Ephraim Promenade from Church Road to Mr Ephraim House

Bridge Road Lake

Resolved - That the Committee be authorised to repair the pipes leading from the Spring into the Bridge Road Lake

Notice Boards

Resolved - That the Common Ranger be instructed to report to the Conservators at their next meeting on the number condition wording etc of the notice boards on the Commons

Cricket Grounds

Resolved - That the Committee be instructed to paint the posts and rails round the Cricket Grounds

Accounts for payment

S Mercer	10. 13. 0
Corporation	5. 9. 0
Kingsbury	14. 6
Baltic Saw Mills Co	2. 2. 8
W. H. Delves	24. 19. 6

L 43. 18. 8

F. Madham Esq

Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on the 6th March 1902

Present :-

Messrs F. W. Elers. T. Guilford. M. Rogers
E. H. Strange and R. W. Tweedie.

Appointment of Chairman

Resolved - That Mr F. W. Elers be appointed Chairman of this meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Fir Tree Pond

A letter was received from the Town Clerk stating that the Waterworks Committee are not prepared to supply water to the Fir Tree Pond at a lower rate than 1/6 per thousand gallons

Bulls' Hollow

A letter was received from Mr T. Guilford suggesting the cutting back of a holly bush at Bulls' Hollow, which at present obstructs the lighting of the footpath

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee to carry out.

Fencing - Mr. Ephraim

A letter was received from Mr. T. Guilford, referring to the fence on Mr. Ephraim, suggesting a rough stone wall be erected in lieu of the present fence.

The resolution passed by the Improvement Association at a meeting held on the 11th February, was also laid before the meeting

Resolved - That the consideration of the matter be deferred.

Seats

The Committee reported that they had arranged to place two seats adjoining the London Road between the General Post Office and Mr. Ephraim Library

Notice Boards

The Commons Ranger presented a report upon the Notice Boards at present on the Commons

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee

Accounts for payment

Mr. W. C. Cripps	½ yrs Salary to 14/2/1902	£. s. d.
		12. 10. 0
Strange & Sons	Stone	2. 16. 0
Mr. J. Stevenson		41. 8. 2
Mr. W. H. Delves		20. 7. 0

£ 77. 1. 2

J. Hadham Esq
Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on the 5th June 1902.

Present:-

The Mayor (Ald. C. R. F. Lutwidge)
Chairman
 Messrs F. W. Elers, T. Guilford, A. Nicholson, H. Pink, M. Rogers and R. W. Tweedie.

Conservators

The Clerk reported that Mr Edward Hilder Strange had died on the 10th March 1902, and that the Council at their meeting on the 7th May, 1902, had appointed the Mayor as a Conservator in his place

Resolved- That a vote of condolence be passed with Mrs Strange on the death of her husband

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Treasurer

The resignation of Mr A. T. Beeching as Treasurer to the Conservators was received

Resolved- That a vote of thanks be passed to him for his past services

Resolved- That Mr Harold Beeching be appointed Treasurer to the Conservators

Rocks opposite "Bredbury"

A letter was received from Mr. Councillor Abbott with respect to the barbed wire erected opposite "Bredbury"

It was reported by the Committee that the barbs on the wire had been removed

Lower Cricket Ground

A letter was received from the Vale Rangers as to the re-turfing of a portion of the Lower Cricket Ground

Resolved - That the portion of the Lower Cricket Ground which has been returfed be reserved for cricket matches, and that such part of the Lower Cricket Ground be defined by lines.

Fence, Mount Ephraim

Questions relating to the fence on Mount Ephraim were considered.

Resolved - That the present fence be restored where necessary to prevent any danger to the public, and that the resolution be referred to the Committee to carry out

Bulls' Hollow

The Committee reported that the cutting back of a holly bush at Bulls' Hollow had been done

Notice Board's

Questions relating to Notice boards on the Commons were further considered and referred to Messrs Elers, Tweedie and the Clerk for consideration and report

Accounts

It was reported that the Auditors Mr Middleton Rogers and Mr Pink had audited the Accounts up to March 1902

Resolved - That a vote of thanks be passed to the Auditors for their services

Accounts for payment

	£	s	d
Trunk: Wells Corporation		8	6
Mr A. K. Baldwin		2	12
Mr W. H. Delves		20	9
Messrs Gilbert & Co		3	4
		26	14
		26	14
		5	

F. Mackham Elers
Chairman

At a special meeting of the
Commons Conservators held at
the Town Hall on 31st July 1902

Present.

The Mayor (Ald. C. R. F. Lutwidge) Chairman
Messrs F. W. Elers, G. Finch, T. Guilford,
A. Nicholson, R. Pelton, H. Pinks and
R. W. Tweedie.

Mr. Ephraim Fencing

Questions relating to the fence on Mr.
Ephraim were considered.

The Conservators inspected the fence.

Resolved - That a portion of the fence
be repaired and a portion be removed.

Lower Cricket Ground

A letter was received from the Vale
Rangers Cricket Club as to the playing of
cricket on the Lower Cricket Ground

Resolved - That only matches be allowed
to be played on the Ground, not more than
one match a week, and no football be
allowed to be played on the ground
after the 31st January in each year

F. Wadham Elers

Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons
Conservators held at the Town
Hall on the 4th September 1902.

Present:-

Messrs Abbott, Elers, Guilford,
Nicholson Petters Rogers
and Tweedie.

Appointment of Chairman

Resolved:- That Mr Elers be
appointed Chairman of this meeting

Minutes

The Minutes of the last ordinary
meeting and of a special meeting
held on the 31st July were read
and confirmed

Treasurer

A letter was received from Mr
H. A. Beeching thanking the
Conservators for his appointment
as Treasurer.

Salvation Army

Letters were received from Mr
Hammond with respect to the
services of the Salvation Army
on the Common

The Clerk's reply thereto was
read and approved

Rocks - Denny Bottom

A letter was received from Mr H Holmwood asking if the Conservators will take steps to remove the natural obstruction near Loaf Rock, Denny Bottom.

Resolved - That Mr Holmwood be informed the Conservators have no power to remove the rocks in question.

Nuisances

A letter was received from Dr. Gilbert as to nuisances committed on the Common.

Resolved - That the matter be brought before the Health Committee of the Corporation

Lower Cricket Ground

A letter was received from the Vale Rangers Cricket Club stating that the club had decided to play football on the Lower Cricket Ground during the coming season

Resolved - That they be informed that the Conservators must adhere to the resolution passed by them at the meeting held on the 31st July

Toad Rock

Resolved - That the Committee be instructed to inspect and repair the wall round the Toad Rock

Steps to Belleville

It was reported that the steps leading from London Road to Mount Ephraim near Belleville are private steps for which an encroachment rent is paid

Notice Boards

Questions relating to Notice Boards on the Common were deferred

Accounts for payment

Mr W. C. Cripps	½ yr's salary	12	10	0
Mr W. H. Delves	Wages &c	19	11	6
G. W. Corporation	Edging		3	2
		<hr/>		
		£	32	14
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			8	

H. M. Rozes.

Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on the 11th December 1902

Present :-

Mess^{rs}. Abbott, Guilford, Pelton, Pink Rogers, Stone, and Tweedie.

Appointment of Conservators

It was reported to the Conservators that the Council of the Borough of Tunbridge Wells at a Meeting held on the 10th November, 1902, appointed the following Members of the Council as Commons Conservators :-

The Mayor (Mr Alderman Finch)
Aldermen Lutwidge & Pink
Councillor Abbott

Appointment of Chairman

Resolved - That Mr. Rogers be appointed Chairman for this meeting

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Fencing

The question of the fencing at the Northern end of Mount Ephraim was considered

Resolved - That the matter be referred to Mess^{rs} Elers and Rogers to erect a proper fence from the junction of

Mount Ephraim and London Road to a point near "Gibraltar" first obtaining an estimate of the cost of the work

Lower Cricket Ground

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to consider the question of drainage at the Lower Cricket Ground

Unemployed

It was reported to the Committee that the Revd. Stather Hunt had asked, in view of the number of unemployed in the Town, if any extra work can be provided on the Common

Resolved - That he be informed that the Conservators regret that they cannot provide any extra work.

Committee

Resolved - That Messrs Abbott, Clers, Rogers and Stone be appointed a Committee during the ensuing year

Turf

Resolved - That the Committee be requested, if possible, to improve the turf near Bredbury.

Notice Boards

Resolved - That questions relating to the notice boards on the Common be deferred.

Accounts for payment

	£	s	d
Mr W. H. Delves Wages &c	21	9	6
Baltic Saw Mills Co. Timber		18	0
Mr A. K. Baldwin Printing		10	6
	22	18	0

F. Madlam Clerk

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on the 5th March 1903

Present:- Messrs Abbott, Elers, Guilford, Nicholson, Pelton, Rogers and Tweedie.

Appointment of Chairman

Resolved. That Mr F. W. Elers be appointed Chairman of this meeting

Appointment of Conservators

The clerk reported that Mr C. R. Fletcher Lutwidge had resigned his position as a Conservator, and that the Town Council had appointed Mr Herbert Murkin Caley in his place.

Resolved. That the clerk be instructed to convey to Mr Lutwidge the Conservators regret at his resignation

Offences against Bye Laws

Resolved. That a traction engine owner be cautioned for taking water from a pond on the Common, and that a caution be issued to a person for riding a horse across the Common during the month of February.

Committee's Report.

The Committee reported that the new fence on Mr Ephraim (similar to the former fence) will be proceeded with as soon as possible, that the drainage of the Lower Cricket Ground is completed, men out of work having been employed on the work, and upon furze and bramble cutting.

The Committee recommended (a) that the size of the Fir Tree Pond be increased at a cost not exceeding £10, (b) that the pond near Bredbury be restored to its former state

Resolved. That these recommendations be not approved.

Turf.

Resolved. That the preservation and the improvement of the turf on the Common in various places where worn or injured be referred to the Committee.

Accounts for payment.

Gilbert & Co.	Tools &c	19.9
T. W. Corporation	Mr Ephraim Promenade	15.5.5
W. C. Cripps	½ year's salary	12.10.0
W. H. Delves	Wages & labour	4.12.6
		£ 33.7.8.

F. Madhous Esq.
Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on the 11th June 1903

Present. -

Messrs F. W. Elers, T. Guilford, A. Nicholson
R. Pelton, H. Middleton Rogers, F. W. Stone
and R. W. Tweedie.

Appointment of Chairman

Resolved - That Mr. F. W. Elers be appointed
Chairman of this Committee.

Minutes

The Minutes of meetings of the Conservators held on the 4th December, 1902, and the 5th March 1903 were read and confirmed.

Fencing

It was reported that a proper fence from the junction of Mount Ephraim and London Road to a point near "Gibraltar" had been erected.

Turf.

The Committee desired to postpone their report upon the question of the preservation and the improvement of the turf on the Common in various places where worn or injured.

Damage

It was reported that considerable damage had been done upon the Common by persons breaking off and pulling up large pieces of gorse, heather and bracken

The clerk was instructed to issue a notice under the Bye Laws.

Accounts

It was reported that the Auditors, Mr H. Middleton Rogers and Mr Pink had audited the Accounts for the year ended 25th March 1903

Resolved - That a vote of thanks be passed to the Auditors for their services.

Accounts for payment

W. H. Delves	18.	18. 0
G. W. Corporation		3. 8.
G. Mercer	3.	7. 6.
A. S. Baldwin		4. 6
H. J. Furley	1.	1. 0
Baltic Saw Mills Co.		9. 4
Goodwin Bros	49.	10. 2
- Frost	2.	10. 0

£46. 4. 2

Albert Finch
Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on the 10th September 1903

Present :-

The Mayor (Mr Alderman Finch)
Chairman

Messrs H. M. Caley, F. W. Elers,
T. J. Guilford, R. Pelton, & R. W. Tweedie

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Mr Ephraim Promenade

Resolved.- That in the opinion of the Conservators it is desirable that the Promenade on Mount Ephraim be turfed

Football

Resolved.- That notices be published on the Commons prohibiting the kicking of footballs across the footpaths on the Commons.

Trees

A letter was received from Mr H. M. Caley with reference to the method of planting trees on the Commons

It was reported to the Conservators that two of the trees near the entrance to the "Spa" Hotel, and a clump of trees near Major York's Road were dead.

Resolved. - That the whole matter of trees be referred to the Committee with authority to cut down the dead trees, and to plant such additional trees as in their opinion is desirable

Seats

Resolved. - That the Committee be requested to have certain seats on the Common repaired

Accounts for payment

	£.	s.	d.
Mr W. H. Delves	19	15	6
Mr W. C. Gripps	12	10	0
T. W. Corporation	8	1	3
Willing & Co		10	0
Rickwood & Co		12	6

£ 41 . 9 . 3

Alfred Robb

Chairman

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At a meeting of the Common
Conservators held at the Town
Hall on the 10th December, 1903,

Present:- His Worship the Mayor
 (Mr E. Eloy Robb) Chairman
 Messrs G. Abbott, Lawford Andrews,
 F. W. Elers, G. Finch, T. J. Guilford,
 A. Nicholson, H. M. Rogers, F. W. Stone
 & Mr Tweedie's representative (Mr Pound)

Appointment of Conservators

It was reported to the Conservators that the Council of the Borough of Tunbridge Wells at a meeting held on the 9th November 1903 appointed the following members of the Council as Commons Conservators:-

His Worship the Mayor (Mr Ald. E. E. Robb)
 Mr Alderman G. Finch
 Mr Alderman H. Pink
 Mr Councillor G. Abbott

A letter was received from the Secretary to the Freeholders Committee stating that the following gentlemen had been appointed as Commons Conservators.

Mr F. W. Stone
 Mr T. J. Guilford
 Mr H. M. Rogers
 Mr Lawford Andrews.

A letter was received from Messrs A. F. & R. W. Tweedie forwarding the appointment.

by the Lady of the Manor of the following Gentlemen as Commons Conservators.

Mr F. W. Elers

Mr A. Nicholson

Mr R. Pelton

Mr R. W. Tweedie

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Signatures to Cheques

Resolved:- That Lloyds Bank Limited at Tunbridge Wells, being the Bankers of the Tunbridge Wells Commons Conservators be, and are hereby authorised to honour all cheques drawn on the account, whether the account be in credit or overdrawn signed by any two Conservators for the time being and countersigned by the clerk for the time being, and to accept the endorsement of the Treasurer or the Clerk upon all cheques paid to the credit of the account.

Traction Engines

It was reported to the Conservators that a driver of a traction engine belonging to Messrs Brotherwood & Sons recently took water for his engine from the Bridge Road Lake

A letter was received from Messrs Brotherwood & Sons, regretting the occurrence stating that they had instructed their

drivers never to take water from any pond or lake.

Resolved. - That no further action be taken in the matter.

Appointment of Committee

Resolved. - That Messrs Abbott, Elers, Rogers and Stone be appointed a Committee during the ensuing year.

Footpaths

Resolved. - That a post be erected in the footpath in front of Lillian House London Road.

Resolved. - That the Committee be requested to consider and report to the Conservators on the question of the desirability of making a new footpath across the Common from Molyneux Park to Church Road.

The condition of the following footpaths were considered and referred to the Committee.

Footpath opposite Holmrook, London Road
Footpath from lower side of Upper
Cricket Ground to Romanoff Lodge

Toad Rock

Resolved. - That the Committee be requested to have the wall supporting the railing around the Toad Rock repaired.

Trees.

Resolved. - That some beech trees be planted on the Commons

The Committee reported that the two dead trees near the entrance to the Spa Hotel, had been removed.

Seats

The Committee reported that the repairs to certain seats on the Commons had been carried out.

Ponds

A letter was received from the Ratepayers' Association, suggesting the re-opening of Mount Edgcumbe pond, and an enlargement and improvement of the Fir Tree pond.

Accounts for payment

	£	s	d
Tumb: Wells Corporation	13	4	10
A. K. Baldwin	3	1	6
Baltic Saw Mills Co	1	15	0
W. H. Delves	19	14	6
	£ 37	15	10

F. Radhauer Esq

Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on the 10th day of March, 1904.

Present.-

Messrs G. Abbott, L. Andrews, F. W. Elers, F. Guilford, A. Nicholson, R. Pelton, H. Pink and R. W. Tweedie.

Chairman

Resolved.- That Mr. F. W. Elers be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Footpaths

The Committee reported that a post had been erected in the footpath in front of Lillian House, London Road, as authorised by the Conservators at their last meeting.

The Committee reported they had inspected the site of the proposed new footpath across the Common from Molyneux Park to Church Road, and that the consent of the Lady of the Manor having been obtained the work of making the footpath had been commenced.

Resolved.- (Councillor Abbott voting against) - That the action of the Committee be approved.

10th March, 1904.

The Committee reported that the footpath opposite "Holmrook" London Road had been repaired and certain further improvements would be made in the footpath.

The Committee reported that the footpath from the lower side of the Upper Cricket Ground to Romanoff Lodge had been repaired.

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to give their attention to the path at the Quarry near Mount Ephraim House.

Trees

It was reported that the birch trees authorised at the last meeting of the Conservators had not yet been planted on the Common and the Committee were requested to give their attention to the matter.

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to make up the ground near the entrance to the Spa where two trees had recently been cut down.

Resolved - That the Committee be authorised to plant two or three spruce trees inside the railing round the sanitary convenience on the Common.

10th March, 1904.

Toad Rock

The Committee reported that the wall supporting the railing round the Toad Rock had been repaired

Seats

Resolved - That the question of placing additional seats on the Common be referred to the Committee

Race Course

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to have certain repairs done to the Race Course.

Mt Ephraim Promenade

It was reported to the Committee the steps that had been taken with respect to the repair of the Mount Ephraim Promenade

Resolved - That the Committee's action be approved.

Resolved - That it be referred to the Committee to take steps to temporarily protect the newly turfed margin between the roadway and Mt Ephraim Promenade by iron hoops or any other manner that they may think best

10th March, 1904.

Auditors

Resolved - That Mr H. M. Rogers and Mr H. Pink be requested to audit the Accounts of the Conservators for the year ending 25th March

Accounts for payment

W. H. Delves	19	15	.
W. C. Cripps	12	10	.
Kingsbury & Sons		14	6
G. Mercer	7	10	.
T. W. Corporation	16	14	5
Gilbert & Co.	2	5	8
Goodwin Bros	16	11	1
G. Frost	1	10	.
£	77	10	8

The Clerk reported that the credit balance at the Bank at this date is £39-9-2

F. Hedkew Eves
Chairman

At a meeting of the Common
Conservators held at the Town Hall
on the 9th day of June, 1904.

Present:-

Messrs L. Andrews, F. W. Elers, G. Finch
T. J. Gullford, R. Pelton, H. Pink,
H. Middleton Rogers, and R. W. Tweedie.

Chairman

Resolved:- That Mr F. W. Elers be appointed
Chairman for this meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Footpaths

The Committee reported that the
footpath at the Quarry near Mr Ephraim
House had been repaired.

Resolved - That the new footpath
from Molyneux Park to Church Road
be not asphalted at present

Trees

The Committee reported that they
had had spruce trees planted inside
the railings round the sanitary
convenience on the Common

Seats

The Committee reported that they
had placed six seats on the Common

9th June, 1904.

Resolved - That they be authorised to place a further six seats on the Commons

Racecourse

The Committee reported that certain repairs had been carried out on the Racecourse

Mr. Ephraim Promenade

A letter was received from Mr. G. Abbott calling attention to the dead gorse placed along Mr. Ephraim.

Resolved - That the dead gorse be removed and fresh gorse be placed to protect the turf.

Deposits of Paper &c.

Letters were received from Mr. Dene Piers, Miss A. Flight, and Dr. Wyld, complaining of the deposit of paper and broken bottles on various parts of the Commons

Resolved - That the Clerk be instructed to inform the Rangers that they must give more careful attention to the clearing up of paper, bottles, and rubbish on the Commons

Notice Boards

Mr. Councillor Guilford brought before the Conservators the question of the number of Notice Boards at the Langton Road

* 9th June, 1904.

entrance to the Common, and he was requested to inspect and report upon such Notice Boards.

Accounts

The Accounts of the Conservators for the year ended 25th March last audited by Mr Horri Pink and Mr H. Middleton Rogers were laid before the ~~Conservators~~ ^{Conservators} ~~Committee~~ and approved.

Resolved - That the thanks of the Conservators be given to the Auditors in the matter.

Resolved - That Mr H. Pink and Mr H. Middleton Rogers be appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

Accounts for payment

W. H. Delves	28	8	6
T. W. Corporation	23	4	..
Rickwood & Co	..	4	..
Goodwin Bros	8	13	6

£ 60 . 10 . 0

F. Madson, Secy.

Chairman

At a meeting of the Common
Conservators held at the Town Hall
on the 8th day of September, 1904.

Present :-

Messrs G. Abbott, L. Andrews, F. W. Elers
F. J. Guilford, A. Nicholson, R. Pelton,
H. M. Rogers, and R. W. Tweedie.

Appointment of Chairman
Resolved - That Mr F. W. Elers be
appointed Chairman for this meeting.

The late Mr Gilbert Finch.
Resolved - That a sincere vote of
sympathy and condolence be passed
with Mrs Finch and her family on the
death of Mr Gilbert Finch, and that an
expression of regret of the Conservators
at the loss of the services of so
and esteemed a colleague be recorded
on the minutes

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed

Footpaths

A letter was received from Colonel
A. W. C. Bell with respect to asphaltting
one of the gravel footpaths on the
Common

Resolved - That Colonel Bell be informed
that the repair of the footpath is under the

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control of the Corporation.

Deposits of Paper &c.

A letter was received from Mr L. Hibbert complaining of the deposits of paper and broken bottles on the Commons.

Resolved- That six galvanized wire baskets be purchased and placed in different positions on the Commons.

Ponds

Resolved- That the pond at the corner of Rusthall Common be mudded at a cost not exceeding £5.

Notice Boards

Mr T. J. Guilford presented the following Report on Notice Boards and the same was approved:-

That the Conservators' Byelaws Boards remain as fixed.

That various Freeholders' Boards be removed, with the exception of the one on the carpet beating ground, which might have the Stewards' names added, if thought desirable.

That all small Notice Boards, that is to say, for temporary notices,

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near the Ponds etc., be retained and renewed where needed, and where such Notices relate to matters comprised in the Conservators' Byelaws such Notice Boards be signed by the Clerk to the Conservators in place of the Bailiff of the Manor.

That further questions relating to the various small Notice Boards on the Commons be again referred to Mr. Councillor Guilford to inspect with the Commons Ranger.

Mr. Guilford also submitted a re-arrangement of the Notice Boards at the Langton Road entrance to the Borough, and the same was approved.

Resolved- That the Works Committee of the Corporation be requested to place an additional arm on the Notice Board near St. Ephraim House directing the public to the "Toad Rock" and to place a similar direction tablet on the lamp-post at the top of the footpath leading across Rusthall Common to the "Toad Rock."

Fires on Common

It was reported to the Committee that Albert Jeffery had been committed for trial, charged with firing the fuzes

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on the Tunbridge Wells Common.

Seats

The Committee reported that they had placed six seats on the Common

Trees.

Resolved- That additional trees be planted near the Happy Valley.

Mount Ephraim

Resolved- That road sweepings be placed on the part of the Common opposite Earl's Court.

Resolved- That the repair of the Mt. Ephraim Promenade be referred to Dr. Schott to consult the Borough Surveyor and to carry out experiments in repairing the promenade, not to exceed £5.

Accounts for payment

T. Wells Corporation	26. 16. 7
- W. H. Delves	18. 6. 6
- W. H. Goodwin	7. 19. 1
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	£ 53. 2. 2
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F. Hadham Elers
Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons
Conservators held at the Town Hall
on the 8th. day of December 1904.

Present -

Messrs. Andrews, Caley, Elers, Guilford
Pink, Rogers and Stone.

Appointment of Chairman.
Resolved - That Mr. F. W. Elers be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Appointment of Conservators

It was reported to the Conservators that the
Town Council had at a meeting held on the
9th. November, 1904, appointed the following
Members of the Town Council as Conservators
for the ensuing year:-

The Mayor (Alderman Thorpe J. P.)
Alderman Pink J. P.
Councillor Caley
and Councillor Harris, C. M. S.

A letter was received from Messrs. A. F. &
R. W. Tweedie forwarding an extract from
a letter they had received from Mr. F. O.
Baird, stating that three of the Conservators
representing him will be local men, and
that he had not yet decided upon the
appointment of the fourth

Deposits of Paper etc.

A letter was received from Councillor Col. Bowring,
C. S.

calling attention to the need of closer attention being given to the collection of paper and rubbish on the Commons.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee.

Appointment of Committee.

Resolved - That Messrs. Elers, Guilford, Rogers and Stone be appointed a Committee during the ensuing year.

Fires on Common.

It was reported to the Committee that Albert Jeffery was convicted and sentenced to 12 months' hard labour at the Kent Assizes for setting fire to furze on the Common.

(a) Resolved - That a reward of £2. be paid to Police Constable Seal, he being responsible for the arrest of the man, and his evidence securing the conviction.

(b) Resolved - That a public notice of the conviction be printed and placed on the Common.

Mt. Ephraim Promenade.

The three experiments which had been carried out in connection with the repair of Mount Ephraim Promenade were reported to the Committee.

Resolved - That the question of the further repair of Mount Ephraim Promenade be deferred until the next meeting.

Cricket Ground.

Mr. Guilford asked the Conservators if they are willing to agree to a piece of the Common near Rushall Schools being levelled. Resolved - That the Conservators see no objection, subject to Mr. Guilford obtaining all necessary consents, and that the Conservators do contribute the sum of £10 towards the cost of the work, in order to provide work for the Unemployed, upon the understanding that the balance of the cost will be borne by the Unemployed Fund.

Skating Rink, Lower Cricket Ground,
Ponds &c.

The following resolutions passed at a Conference of the Trades Council, the Co-operative Society and Social — Democratic Federation, were considered —

(Copy Resolutions)

"A skating rink might be made on the Lower Cricket Ground for the Winter by making a small embankment at the lower side and providing the means for flooding the ground. This would greatly add to the Winter attractions of the Town"

"The old ponds on the Common might be re-opened and improved, also the repair of posts round the cricket grounds might be undertaken."

(a) Resolved - That in the opinion of the

Conservators the formation of a skating rink on the Lower Cricket Ground is impracticable.

The following resolution passed by the Unemployed Committee of the Town Council was laid before the Committee :-

(Copy Resolution.)

"That the Conservators be requested to consider the desirability of enlarging to the full extent the Fir Tree Pond and planting the banks."

(b) Resolved - That the repair of the posts round the Cricket Ground be referred to the Committee.

(c) Resolved - That no steps be taken with respect to Mount Edgcumbe Pond and Fir Tree Pond, owing, in the first instance, to the cost of puddling, and in the latter, to the cost of providing the water.

Conservators' Account.

Resolved - That application be made to the Town Council for a further contribution from the rates for the current year of £75.

Accounts for Payment

W. C. Cripps	£12	-	10	-
A. Fowler	2	-	8	-
Tunbridge Wells Corporation	22	-	10	-
W. H. Delves	18	-	12	-
Cripps, Son & Daish	8	-	7	-
W. Seal.	2	-	0	-
	<u>£ 66</u>	-	<u>8</u>	-

H. MoxeyChairman.

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on the 9th day of
March 1905.

Present:-

The Mayor (Mr Alderman Thorpe J.P.) Chairman
Messrs L. Andrews, H. M. Caley, J. W. Eers,
J. J. Guilford, R. Pelton, H. Pink and J. W. Stone.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mount Ephraim Promenade

Questions relating to the upkeep of the Mount Ephraim Promenade were discussed, particulars of the experiments carried out were reported.

- (a) Resolved - That an experiment be carried out on a small portion of the Promenade with granite and asphalt and that further questions relating to the repair of the Promenade be deferred until September
- (b) Resolved - That the steps to be taken for the upkeep of the Promenade be left to Messrs Eers & Guilford
- (c) Resolved - That the Clerk be instructed to obtain information as to the upkeep of Promenades from other towns.

Seats

- (a) Resolved - That two or three new seats be placed on the Common near Rynthall Church
- (b) Resolved - That the Committee be requested to consider the placing of seats on the Common adjoining London Road.

Upper Cricket Ground

A letter was received from the Sunbridge Wells Tradesmen's Association suggesting that the Conservators might be able to vote a sum towards the upkeep of the Upper Cricket Ground.

Resolved - That the Committee be empowered to spend a sum of £10 in connection with the upkeep of the ground during the season.

Footpaths

Resolved - That the footpath on the western side of the Lower Cricket Ground be repaired.

Bull's Hollow

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to have Bull's Hollow cleared up and direction boards erected.

Stone Wall

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to have the stone wall at the side of the pathway leading to Russhall repaired.

Deposit of Paper

Resolved - That extra assistance be provided for the collection of paper etc on the Commons.

Accounts for Payment

	£	s.	d.
His Worship the Mayor (Unemployed Fund)	10	0	0
A Charlson & Son	1	7	0
H. Cripps	12	10	0
T. W. Corporation	21	14	2
A. N. Threadgold	1	19	6
The Baltic Saw Mills Coy	22	13	7
Gilbert & Coy	2	5	4
W. H. Delves	22	19	6
London Park Cricket Club	10	0	0
	100	0	1

F. Mackham Esq
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Common's Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on the 15th day of June 1905

Present- Mr F. W. Evers, in the Chair
Messrs Andrews, Caley, Guilford, Pelton, Pink and
Mr. Rogers

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Mount Ephraim
Promenade

The Committee reported the steps they had taken in repairing the Mount Ephraim Promenade, and their action was approved.

Organs

A letter was received from Mr E Charlton as to the use of Organs in connection with the roundabouts on the Common.

Seats

The Committee reported that, as instructed by the Conservators, at their last meeting, seats had been placed on the Common near Roothall Church, and on the Common adjoining London Road.

Resolved - That the Committee be instructed to repair the ground in front of some of the seats on the Common

Bull's Hollow

The Committee reported that Bull's Hollow had been cleared up, and direction boards and seats placed.

Accounts

The Accounts of the Conservators for the year ended 31st March last audited by Mr. H. Pink and Mr. H. Middleton Rogers, were laid before the ^{Conservators} Committee and approved.

(a) Resolved - That the thanks of the Conservators be given to the Auditors in the matter.

(b) Resolved - That Mr. Hori Pink and Mr. H. Middleton Rogers be appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

Footpaths.

Resolved - That the Committee be instructed to repair the footpath near the Lower Cricket Ground, and the footpath from Molyneux Park to Church Road.

Trees.

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to consider the desirability of lopping the holly trees at the Happy Valley.

Accounts for Payment.

Mr W. H. Davies.
 Tumberge Wells Corporation
 J. Mercer.

£	s	d
24	10	3
8	4	7
3	7	6
<u>£ 36</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>

H. Thorpe
 Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall on the ^{17th} day of September
1905.

Present:- The Mayor, Chairman
Messrs Andrews, Calaf, Diers, Guilford, Pelton and
Rogers.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Seats

The Committee reported that the ground in front of some of the seats on the Common had been repaired.

Footpaths

The Committee reported that the footpath from Mollisnewe Park to Church Road had been asphalted, and that the footpath near the Lower Cricket Ground had been repaired.

Trees

The Committee reported on the question of lopping the holly trees at the Happy Valley.

Resolved:- That no action be taken in the matter.

Gorse on Commons

Resolved:- That the Committee be authorised to employ additional labour for cutting and clearing the gorse on the Commons.

Accounts for Payment.

	£	s	d
Mr W Cripps.	12	10	.
Baltic Saw Mills Co.	2	8	4.
Mr W H Delves.	22	11	9.
Tunbridge Wells Corporation	103.	16	3.
	<u>£ 140</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>11.</u>

F. Madham Elers

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall on the 7th day of December 1905.

Present - Messrs Andrews, Caley, Edwards, Evers and Guilford.

Appointment of Conservators.

It was reported to the Conservators that the Town Council had, at a meeting held on the 9th November 1905, appointed the following Members of the Town Council as Conservators for the ensuing year:-

The Mayor

Councillors Caley, Edwards and Harris Esq.

Appointment of Chairman

Resolved - That Mr J. W. Evers be appointed Chairman for this meeting

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Tavistock Pond.

Mr T. Edwards suggested that a pond might be formed near Mount Edgcumbe in the same situation as the old pond which was sometime since filled up and turfed, and the work might be done by unemployed workmen

Resolved - That the consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the consideration of the matter by the Unemployed Workmen's Committee of the Town Council

Unemployed Workmen

Resolved - That the Unemployed Committee be informed that work in connection with cutting gorse can be provided on the Commons, and that the matter be referred to

Messrs Olers & Guilford.

Trees.

The Committee reported that they had received an application for permission to cut down a dangerous tree in front of "Deerpden" and that they had consented to the tree being cut down.

Resolved - That their action be approved.

The Committee reported that they had received an application from the post office Authorities for permission to cut back the elm trees opposite the Pump Room, and that they had consented to the necessary cutting back being carried out, and their action was approved.

Offences against Bye laws

The Clerk reported that cautions had been issued for two offences against the Bye Laws.

Paths

Resolved - That the question of the repair of the path adjoining the Lower Cricket Ground be referred to the Committee.

Rusthall Common

Resolved - That stones be placed on the edge of the Common opposite "Baxterley" to prevent carts being driven on to the Common.

Horse Riding

Resolved - That the Ranger be instructed to give his attention to persons committing offences against the Bye Law prohibiting horse riding on the Common from November to March inclusive.

Appointment of Committee

Resolved - That Messrs Olers, Guilford, Rogers and Stone be appointed a Committee during the ensuing year.

Accounts for Payment.

	£	s	d.
Mr W.H. Delves, wages.	31	2	6
Mr A.K. Baldwin, Printing	4	0	0
Tunbridge Wells Corporation Mt Ephraim Promenade	76	12	10
Messrs J. Kingsbury & Sons, Legging		14	6
	£62	9	10d.

The Clerk reported upon the Conservators' Account to date.
 Resolved - That the Corporation be requested to provide a further sum of £100 for the expenses of the Conservators to the 31st March next.

F. Madham Eless
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
 held at the Town Hall on the 22nd day of December 1905.

Present - The Mayor, Chairman
 Messrs Andrews, Caley, Edwards, Eless, Guilford, Pelton,
 Rogers, and Stone

Ponds

It was reported to the Conservators that the Unemployed Committee are prepared to grant a sum of £100 towards the cost of re-opening Tarnstock Pond near Mount Eggescombe.

Mr Edwards moved -

"That Tarnstock Pond be re-opened"

The motion was not seconded.

F. Madham Eless
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall Tunbridge Wells on the 8th day
of March 1906

Present - Messrs Caley, Edwards, Elers, Juilford, Pelton
and Rogers

Appointment of Chairman

Resolved - That Mr F. W. Elers be appointed Chairman for this
meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting and of a special
meeting held on the 22nd December 1905 were read and
confirmed.

Offences against Bye Laws

The Clerk reported that cautions had been issued for four offences
against the Bye Laws, and letters from two of the persons
who had been cautioned were read.

Paths

The Committee reported that the path adjoining the Lower
Cricket Ground had been repaired.

Russhall Common

Resolved - That the question of placing stones on the edge
of the Common opposite "Baxterley" to prevent carts being
driven on to the Common be referred to Mr Councillor
Juilford.

Posts of Common

It was reported that certain posts had been erected on the Common near the entrance to "Stoneleigh" ^{and near} ~~Lower Green Rd.~~

Resolved:- That the consideration of the matter be deferred to the next meeting

Turf

It was reported that the turf near Lower Green had been damaged

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee

Seats

(a) Resolved - That six new seats be placed on the Common near Mr Ephraim Stone and elsewhere.

(b) Resolved - That the Committee be requested to give their attention to the foot rests of various seats on the Commons.

Bank near St Helena

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to consider the question of planting willows on the bank on the Common near St Helena.

Bulls Hollow

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to consider the question of planting willows on the bank near the Cart Road to Bulls Hollow

Accounts for Payment

	£	s	d.
Mr W H Delve wages	20	9	2
Mr W Cripps 1/2 years Salary	12	10	.
Messrs Gilbert & Co Tools etc	7	11	10
Mr J Mercer Uniforms	7	11	0
Messrs Godwin Bros Seats & Fences	21	2	6
	£ 62	10	6

The Clerk reported upon the Conservators' Account
to date

Alfred Hicks
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall Tunbridge Wells on the 7th
day of June 1906.

Present:- The Mayor (Mr Cancellor Hicks)
Messrs A. M. Caley, J. Edwards, J. W. ^{Chairman} Ellis,
J. Guilford and R. Felton.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Offences against Bye Laws.

It was reported that a firm of Traction Engine Owners had taken water from a pond for the purposes of their Traction Engine.

Resolved: That they be cautioned.

Waste Paper

A letter was received from Mr F. J. Allistow, with reference to the collection of waste paper on the Commons.

Fires on Common

It was reported to the Conservators that William Waghorn was fined, by the Magistrates, 10/- including costs, for setting fire to the furzes on the Common.

(a) Resolved - That Mr Edward Copper be granted a reward of £2 for giving information which secured the conviction.

It was reported to the Conservators that Alfred Vernon Jones was ordered to pay the damage and costs amounting to £2 11s 0d in connection with setting fire to the furzes on the Common.

(b) Resolved - That a reward of £2 be granted to

J.C. Blackford for giving information which secured the
 Congression.

It was reported that Albert Jeffery was brought before
 the Magistrates on the 9th April and committed for
 trial at the next Sessions for firing fuzes on the
 Common.

(c) Resolved - That the Corbe be instructed to prosecute
 in this case, and that if Jeffery be convicted a reward
 of £2 be paid to J.C. Webster.

Auditor

Resolved - That Mr R. Felton be appointed Auditor in the
 place of the late Mr Horri Pink

Posts

It was reported to the Conservators that the Freeholders
 had recently placed posts upon the Common near Lower
 Green Road.

(a) Resolved - That the Conservators consent to the posts being
 erected by the Freeholders, subject to the reservation of
 the right to remove the posts at any time.

Questions relating to the posts erected on the Common near
 the entrance to Stoneleigh were considered.

(b) Resolved - That no action be taken in the matter.

Committees Report

The Committee reported that stones had been placed on the
 edge of the Common near "Daxterley"

That six new seats had been placed on the Common
 (two near Mt Ephraim House and four in the Happy
 Valley)

That the footrests of various seats had been repaired

That the Cartway at Bulls Hollow had been banked up

Rusthall Cricket Ground

Resolved - That the question of levelling and enlarging the Rusthall Cricket Ground be referred to the Committee for report at the next meeting.

Lower Green Road.

Resolved - That the question of levelling a portion of the Common near Lower Green Road, be deferred.

Furzes.

Resolved - That the Committee be instructed to clear away quantities of furzes where fires had occurred.

Accounts for Payment.

	£	s	d.
Mr W H Davies, wages	27	6	6
T. W Corporation		9	6
Charlton & Son, Grass Seed	1	4	0
Strange Sons Ltd, Sandstone		7	6
	£ 29	7	6

Alfred Hicks
 Chairman

At a Meeting of the Common Conservators. held.
at the Town Hall.

Present: - The Mayor, Chairman
Messrs N. McAley, F. Hobbes,
T. Guilford, R. Pelton and
F. W. Stone.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Fires on Common - The Clerk reported the result of the prosecution of Albert Jeffery.

Resolved That J. C. Westover be paid the Reward of £2.

Bridge Road Lake - The question of repairing the stonework of the Bridge Road Lake was considered

(a) Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee, with the addition of Mr N. McAley, with instructions to obtain estimates for the repair of the stonework.

(b) Resolved - That the Committee be requested to have the Bridge Road Lake cleared of weeds.

Chalybeate Springs - A letter was received from the Town Clerk forwarding copy of a Resolution passed by the Town Council with reference to the Fingles Chalybeate Springs

Resolved - That the consideration of the letter be adjourned.

Rushall Cricket Ground - The Committee reported that all necessary work in connection with the Rushall Cricket Ground had been carried out.

Audit of Accounts - The Auditors' Report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March last, was received.

Resolved - That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors for their services in the matter.

Football - Resolved - That questions in connection with the playing of football on ground near the Upper Cricket Ground and the Queens Lane be referred to the Committee to take such steps as they may think desirable.

Seats - Resolved - That the Committee be requested to repair certain seats.

<u>Accounts for payment.</u>	£	s	d
The Baltic Saw Mills Co.	11	5	
T.W. Corporation	9	2	3
Messrs Godwin Bros	11	10	8
Messrs Cripps Son & Daish	2	16	8
Mr A.K. Baldwin	2	13	0
Mr W.H. Delves	34	14	6
Mr W.C. Cripps	12	10	0
Mr E. Copper	2	0	0
J.C. Blackford	2	0	0
J.C. Westover	2	0	0
	<u>£79</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>

F. Graham Elers

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on the
6th day of December, 1906.

Present - Messrs. Andrews, Edwards
Elers, Guilford, Felton,
H. Middleton Rogers, and
Thorpe

Appointment of Conservators. - It was
reported to the conservators that the
Town Council had, at a meeting on
the 9th November, 1906, appointed the
following Members of the Town
Council as conservators for the
ensuing year: -

The Mayor
Alderman Thorpe
Councillors Caley & Edwards

Appointment of Chairman. - Resolved -
That Mr. F. W. Elers do take the
chair at this meeting.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last
meeting were read and confirmed.

Bridge Road Lake. - The committee
reported with reference to the
repair of the stonework, etc., at the
Bridge Road Lake.

A letter was received from Mr. H.
M. Caley on the matter.

The Borough Surveyor attended the
meeting and reported that he

estimated the cost of the work at £110.

Resolved - That the Works Committee be asked to carry out the work, the Conservators paying the cost.

Pump near Mount Edgcumbe. - A letter was received from Mr Councillor Caley suggesting the repair of the pump on the common near Mount Edgcumbe. Resolved - That no action be taken in the matter.

Horse Riding on Commons. - Resolved - That the Ranger be instructed to give his special attention to horse riding on the commons in contravention of the bye-laws.

Roadway. - It was reported that Mrs Wylde had requested that a new road be made from the bottom of Major York's Road to Hungershall Park. Resolved - That no action be taken in the matter.

Trees - Resolved - That the Committee be requested to trim up the holly trees at the Happy Valley.

Footpaths. - Resolved - That the Committee be requested to consider the question of the continuation of a footpath near the back of the Pantiles.

Auditors. - Resolved - That Messrs R. Felton and H. Middleton Rogers be appointed Auditors for the current year

<u>Accounts for Payment</u>	£	s	d
Baltic Law Mills	19	..	1
Tun. Wells Corp. (Mt. Eph. Prom)	19	..	15 .. 2
W. H. Delves (Labour)	26	..	11 .. 0
	<u>£ 47</u>	..	<u>5 .. 3</u>

Resolved - That a copy of the Balance Sheet be sent to each commons conservator who is not a Member of the Town Council

F. Bradshaw Esq

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on the
7th March, 1907.

Present: - Messrs H. M. Caley,
F. W. Elers, T. J. Guilford,
R. Felton, H. Middleton Rogers,
and F. W. Stone.

Chairman - Resolved - That Mr F. W. Elers
do take the chair at this meeting.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last
meeting were read and confirmed.

Eridge Road Lake - It was reported
that the repair of the stone work,
&c., at the Eridge Road Lake
was completed.

Trees - Letters were received from Mr.
E. J. Carter, Mr. W. H. Maxwell
and Mr. T. Elsley calling attention
to the condition of certain trees
on the commons.

The Committee reported that the trees
in question had been attended
to.

Questions relating to trees near
Eridge Road were considered

Resolved - That the Committee be
instructed to "pollard" them near

Nevill Park - A letter was received
from the Agent to the Marquess
of Abergavenny stating that

for the convenience of the occupier it was desired to gravel the existing roadway leading from Nevill Park Road to the stables in the rear of No. 1 Nevill Park.

Resolved - That no objection be made to the proposal providing the width of the proposed roadway is limited to 10 feet and the roadway is constructed to the approval of the committee.

Footpaths - A letter was received from Mr. H. L. P. Boot with reference to the condition of the footpath leading from York Road to Mount Ephraim.

Resolved - That no action be taken in the matter.

The committee reported that the extension of the footpath near the back of the Tantiles had been completed.

Offences against Bye-Laws - The clerk reported that a caution had been issued against a person for driving a horse and van across the commons.

Gorse - Resolved - That the committee be authorised to employ an

extra man for the purpose of
cutting gorse on the commons.

Accounts for Payment

	£	s	d
W. H. Delves (Wages &c)	24	12	6
<u>Tun. Wells Corporation:-</u>			
Eridge Rd. Lake	114	9	4
Seats	6	1	6
Mt. Eph. Prom.	2	7	
	120	13	5
<u>Gilbert & Co.</u>			
Tools & Implements	1	8	4
<u>W. C. Gripps</u>			
Half year's salary	12	10	0
	£159	14	3

F. Bradham Esq
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on the 6th day
of June, 1907.

Present:- Messrs L. Andrews, H. M. Caley
J. Edwards, F. W. Elers, J. J. Guilford
R. Felton, H. Middleton Rogers, and
H. Thorpe.

Chairman - Resolved - That Mr F. W. Elers
do take the chair at this meeting.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed.

Football, Etc. - A letter was received from
the Tunbridge Wells Tradesmen's
Association forwarding copy of the
following Resolution passed by them
on the 21st May, 1907.

(copy resolution)

"That in the opinion of this Association it
is detrimental to the Town as a Health
Resort and to the common as one of
the chief attractions, that persons, often
disorderly, are allowed to congregate
and play rough games on any part
of such common, and this Association
strongly urges more supervision."

Resolved - That the clerk be instructed
to inform the Tradesmen's Association
that the Conservators are entirely in
sympathy with the resolution passed
by the Association, and that they
will do all that they possibly can in

the matter.

Seats - A letter was received from Mr. H. Elwig stating that he had been asked to enquire if the commons conservators would accept, as a gift, and permit to be placed on the common, an oak seat similar to those at present on the common, at a point near the junction of the footpath with Major Yorke's Road near York Cottage.

Resolved - That Mr. Elwig be informed that the conservators would be pleased to accept the offer of a seat and to be placed in the position named.

Shelters - A letter was received from Mr. R. A. Robinson stating that he had been asked by visitors if it was possible to have sheltered seats on Mount Ephraim.

Resolved - That one sheltered seat be placed on the common as an experiment, and that the position of the seat and the design be referred to the committee.

Accounts - The Auditors' Report on the Conservators' Accounts for the year ended 31st March last was received.

Resolved - That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors for their services in the matter, and that Mr. R. Pelton and Mr. H. M. Rogers be appointed

Auditors for the ensuing year

Mount Ephraim Promenade. - Questions relating to the upkeep of the Mount Ephraim Promenade were considered.

(a) Resolved - That an estimate be obtained of the cost of reviving the grass verge between the promenade and Mount Ephraim and the provision of a continuous low fence.

(b) Resolved - That the committee be instructed to carry out the necessary repairs to the promenade.

Accounts for Payment

	£	s	d
<u>Tunbridge Wells Corporation</u>			
Mt. Ephraim Promenade	1	13	3
<u>Messrs. Goodwin Bros.</u>			
Seats	7	2	6
<u>Mr. A. K. Baldwin</u>			
Printing & Stationery	1	14	6
<u>W. H. Delves</u>			
Wages &c.	37	10	0
	<u>44</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>

J. MacLennan Esq.

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall on the 3rd
day of October, 1907.

Present - Messrs L. Andrews

H. M. Caley, J. Edwards, F. W. Elers
T. J. Guilford, R. Pelton, H. Middleton,
Rogers and H. Thorpe

Appointment of Chairman - Resolved -
That Mr F. W. Elers do take the chair
at this meeting.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed.

Commons Ranger - Resolved - That it
be referred to a sub-committee,
consisting of Messrs. Thorpe and
Caley, to confer with the Committee
of the Freehold Tenants as to the
present arrangements under which
the Commons Ranger and his
assistants are appointed and
employed and the advisability of
any change in such arrangements
and to report to the next meeting
of the Conservators.

Notice Boards - Resolved - That the
notice board containing Bye-Laws
at the junction of Sandy Lane
and Roothall Common be
repaired

Sheltered Seat - Drawings and tenders for the provision of a Sheltered Seat were laid before the Conservators.

- (a) Resolved - That the tender of Messrs Watson & Moulden be accepted, and that one seat be purchased at a cost of £43.0s.0d.
- (b) Resolved - That Messrs Edwards and Elers be requested to select the exact site for the seat near the Fir Tree Pond.

Football etc. - A letter was received from the Tunbridge Wells Tradesmen's Association thanking the Conservators for the action they are taking in connection with the playing of rough games on the commons.

Resolved - That the Watch Committee and the Chief Constable be asked to assist the Conservators in preventing the playing of football to the annoyance of other persons within 20 yards of the Queen's Grove and within 20 yards of the footpaths leading from Mount Ephraim to the Queen's Grove.

Trees - A letter was received from Mr R. Pelton calling attention to the condition of the elm trees near the Tantiles.

It was reported to the Conservators

that warning notices had been placed on the common near the trees in question.

Workmen's Compensation. -- The question of the insurance of the Commons Ranger and his assistants under the Workmen's Compensation Act, was considered

A letter was received from Mr E. J. Carter stating that the Lord of the Manor is willing to pay one-third of the premium in respect of such insurance.

Resolved. -- That the Commons Ranger and the assistants be insured in the name of the Lord of the Manor, the Freehold Tenants and the Commons Conservators.

Unemployed -- The question of the provision of work for the unemployed was considered.

Accounts for Payment

	£	s	d
<u>W. H. Delves</u>			
Wages	13	19	6
Extra labour	13	18	6
	27	18	0
<u>Tunbridge Wells Corporation</u>			
Mt. Ephraim Promenade	6	16	10
Carried Forward	34	14	10

	£	s	d
Brought forward.	34	14	10
<u>Baltic Saw Mill boy.</u>			
Oak Slat		10	0
<u>W. C. Gripps</u>			
½ years salary.	12	10	0
<u>G. Mercer</u>			
Uniforms		3	7
			6
	<u>£51</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>

F. Wadhaw Elms
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons
conservators held at the Town Hall
on the 5th day of December, 1907.

Present - Messrs Caley, Edwards,
Elers, Guilford, Pelton and
Thorpe.

Appointment of Conservators. - It was
reported to the conservators that
the Town Council had, at a
meeting held on the 9th, November,
1907, appointed the following
Members of the Town Council as
conservators for the ensuing year.

The Mayor.
Alderman Thorpe
Councillors Caley and Edwards.

A letter was received from the
Secretary to the Freeholders
Committee stating that the
following gentlemen had been
appointed as commons conservators:-

Mr F. W. Stone
Mr T. J. Guilford
Mr H. M. Rogers
Mr Sawford Andrews.

Appointment of Chairman. - Resolved -
That Mr F. W. Elers do take the
chair at this meeting

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Commons Ranger - Messrs Cheale, Taylor, and the Secretary to the Freehold Tenants attended the meeting as a Deputation from the Freehold Tenants, and discussed with the Conservators questions relating to the appointment of the Commons Ranger and his Assistant.

(a) Resolved - That the Commons Ranger be required to report to the Clerk to the Conservators at the Town Hall, all matters arising in the exercise of his duties, including all matters reported by him to the Freehold Tenants and Lord of the Manor.

(b) Resolved - That the further consideration of the appointment of Commons Ranger and his Assistant be deferred for six months.

It was Moved by Mr J. Edwards - That the Commons Ranger be appointed as the sole servant of the Conservators, at a wage to be fixed by the Conservators. The Motion was not seconded.

Mount Ephraim Promenade -
 Questions relating to the repair
 of Mount Ephraim Promenade
 were considered.

Resolved - That the clerk be
 instructed to obtain Estimates
 from Mr S. Charlton and
 Mr W. C. Hollands for the
 work.

Footpaths - (a) Resolved - That the
 committee be requested to consider
 the repair of the footpath near
 the Font Hill Fire Station

The question of making a
 footpath near the western end
 of Church Road was considered.

(b) Resolved - That no action be
 taken in the matter.

Waste Paper Baskets - Resolved -
 That the Waste Paper Baskets
 on the common be fixed.

Seats - Resolved - That the seat
 under the oak tree opposite
 Richmond Terrace be
 re-placed.

Accounts for Payment.

	£	s.	d.
<u>Baltic Saw Mills Coy.</u>			
<u>Timber for seats &c.</u>	18	6	
<u>Messrs J. Kingsbury & Sons</u>			
<u>Leggings</u>	14	6	
<u>Tunbridge Wells Corporation</u>			
<u>Mt. Eph. From.</u>	14	6	1
<u>Messrs Watson & Moulden</u>			
<u>Sheltered Seat</u>	43	0	0
<u>Mr W. H. Delves</u>			
<u>Labour & Wages</u>	26	12	0
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	£ 75	11	1
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F. Wadhaw Esq

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall on the 5th day
of March, 1908.

Present - Messrs Lawford Andrews,
H. M. Caley, F. W. Elers, J. J. Guilford,
R. Felton, H. Middleton Rogers
and H. Thorpe.

Appointment of Chairman - Resolved -
That Mr F. W. Elers do take the Chair
at this meeting.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed.

Trees - A letter was received from Messrs Stone,
Simpson and Mason, forwarding copy
of a letter they had addressed to Mr
E. J. Carter asking if any objection would
be made to cutting off the branch of a
tree in the garden of No. 1, Lime Hill,
and also the small twigs on the trunk
of the tree.

Resolved - That Messrs Stone, Simpson &
Mason be informed that the conservators
have no objection to offer to the
proposal.

Waste Paper Baskets - The question of
fixing the waste paper baskets on
the Commons was considered.

Covered Seat - It was reported to the conservators that Col. Bowring, C.B., had called the attention of the Commons Ranger to children annoying people using the covered seat on the common and suggested that a notice should be placed on the seat.

Resolved - That no action be taken in the matter.

Commons Ranger's Report - The various reports of the Commons Ranger were laid before the conservators.

Footpath near Fonthill Fire Station -

Resolved - That the committee be requested to give their further attention to the repair of the footpath near Fonthill Fire Station.

Fences - It was reported to the conservators that the fence near the General Post Office had been repaired, and that it had again been damaged.

(a) Resolved - That the clerk be instructed to communicate with the Postmaster and call his attention to the damage to the fence.

(b) Resolved - That the question of placing stones in the roadway by the side of the fence be referred

to the committee.

Mount Ephraim Promenade. - Tenders were received from Messrs L. Charlton & Son and Mr. W. C. Hollands for repairing Mount Ephraim Promenade.

(a) Resolved - That the general question of the repair of the promenade be deferred, and that the committee be instructed to arrange with the corporation to carry out any repairs which may be necessary during the summer, as the Borough Surveyor may advise.

(b) Resolved - That protecting irons be placed on the verge of Mount Ephraim Promenade.

Games. - It was reported to the conservators that Mr. Alderman Tuitland had called attention to the playing of games on the commons on Sunday.

Resolved - That the commons Ranger be instructed to stop the playing of games on Sundays.

Deposit of Earth. - It was reported that the committee had arranged for the deposit and spreading of surplus earth (from certain works shortly to be carried out on Mount Ephraim)

on certain parts of the Common.

Seats. - Resolved. - That the foot seats of various seats on the Common be repaired, that new footrests be provided for certain other seats on the Common and that the matter be referred to Mr. Councillor Guilford.

Conservators' Account. - The Clerk laid before the Conservators a statement of their annual expenditure.

Accounts for Payment.

	£	s	d.
<u>Mr. G. Mercer</u>			
Uniforms	7	14	0
<u>Tun. Wells Corporation</u>			
Mr. Eph. From. £0 - 7 - 5			
Fencing by P.O. £2 - 14 - 4 2	11	9	
<u>Messrs. Gilbert & Co</u>			
Tools & Implements	14	11	
<u>Commercial Union Ass. Co. Ltd.</u>			
Insur. of Commons Ranger	18	14	
<u>Mr. W. H. Delves.</u>			
Wages & labour	24	7	6
<u>Mr. W. C. Cripps</u>			
1/2 year's Salary to 14/2/8. 12	10	0	
<u>Messrs. Goodwin Bros.</u>			
Seats &c.	7	12	1
	£56	8	7

Chairman F. Madham Esq

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall on the
14th day of June, 1908.

Present - Messrs Lawford Andrews
H. M. Baley, J. Edwards,
F. W. Elers, J. Gullford,
R. Pelton and H. Middleton
Rogers.

Appointment of Chairman - Resolved -
That Mr. F. W. Elers do take the
chair at this meeting.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed.

Fences - The question of placing stones in
the roadway adjoining the General
Post Office by the side of the
fence was again considered and
referred to Messrs. Baley, Edwards
and Gullford to interview the
Postmaster on the question.

Resolved - That the Borough Surveyor
be requested to repair or renew the
wooden fence adjoining Mount
Ephraim near Williams' Library.

Mount Ephraim Promenade - (a) Resolved
That the questions with regard to
the grass verge adjoining the
Mount Ephraim Promenade be
considered at the next meeting.

(b) Resolved - That protecting irons be not placed on the verge of Mount Ephraim Promenade.

Seats - It was reported that the seats near Mount Ephraim House require repairing.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the committee.

It was reported that 18 seats had been provided with new foot rests.

Lower Green Road - A letter was received from Lady Harper complaining of the condition of a portion of the common adjoining Lower Green Road.

Botany classes - An application was received from Mr H. W. Cook for sanction to a class of 10 students and a teacher botanising on the common on July 11th.

Resolved - That no objection be made to the application.

Commons Ranger - The Commons Ranger attended the meeting.

The reports of the commons

Ranger since the last meeting
were read.

Accounts for Payment

<u>Tunbridge Wells Corporation</u>	£	s	d
Painting fence - G.P.O.	4	3	11
<u>Mr. W. H. Debes</u>			
Wages &c.	24	12	6
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	£28	16	5
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F. Graham Evans
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall on the 1st
day of October, 1908.

Present - Messrs. Andrew, Caley, Edwards,
Elers, Guilford, Felton and Thorpe.

Appointment of Chairman - Resolved -
That Mr F. W. Elers do take the Chair
at this meeting.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed.

Fences - The question of the fence on the
common near the General Post Office
was considered, together with a
Report from Messrs. Caley, Edwards
and Guilford.

Resolved - That the matter be
referred back to Messrs. Caley, Edwards
and Guilford, with instructions to
have the fence repaired, and that
the clerk be instructed to endeavour
to recover the cost of the work from
the person causing the damage.

It was reported that the wooden
fence on Mount Ephraim near
Williams' Library had been repaired.

Seats - It was reported that the seats
near Mount Ephraim House had

been repaired.

A letter was received from the Tunbridge Wells Tradesmen's Association forwarding copy of the following Resolution passed by them:-

(Copy Resolution)
 "That in view of the marked appreciation by residents and visitors of the present covered seat on the Common, this Association is of opinion that more should be erected."

Resolved - That Messrs Edwards, Elers and Caley be requested to suggest sites for two sheltered seats, and to report to the Conservators thereon and as to the design and cost of the seats to be erected.

South View Terrace. - Letters were received from four occupiers of houses in South View Terrace with reference to the water from the Common flooding their houses.

It was reported that no liability attaches to the Conservators in the matter.

Fir Tree Road. - It was reported to the conservators that the Works Committee of the Town Council had passed a resolution calling the attention of the conservators to a high bank at the junction of Fir Tree Road and Major Yorke's Road.

That part of the circular letter from the Local Government Board of the 9th September, 1908, relating to the Motor Car Acts stating that it appears to the Board that where there are dangerous corners advantage should be taken of suitable opportunities of obtaining their removal, was read to the conservators.

Resolved - That the Works Committee be informed that the conservators will concur with them in the improvement of the junction in question and will do all in their power to facilitate such improvement.

Mount Ephraim Promenade. - Resolved. - That no steps be taken in connection with the grass verge on Mount Ephraim.

Trees - Resolved - That a stunted tree near Roothall Church be removed, and that a new tree be planted in its place.

Accounts - The Auditor's Report on the Accounts for the year ended the 31st March last was received.

(a) Resolved - That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors for their services in the matter.

The clerk reported that since the last meeting an amount of £26. 13s. 6d had been paid for wages.

Resolved - That the payment of this amount be approved.

Accounts for Payment.

<u>Tunbridge Wells Corporation</u>	£	s.	d.
Mt. Ephraim Promenade	38	14	2
<u>Baltic Saw Mills Co.</u>			
Timber &c.	7	6	5
<u>W. C. Cropp</u>			
1/2 yrs salary to 14 th Aug 08.	12	10	0
	£	58	0
			7

A. M. Carey.
Chairman

At a Special Meeting of the Common
conservators held at the Town Hall
on the 16th day of November 1908.

Present. - Messrs. Andrews, Edwards,
Elers, Guilford, Hyde, Felton and
Rogers.

Appointment of conservators. - It was
reported to the conservators that the
Town Council had, at a meeting held
on the 9th November, 1908, appointed
the following Members of the Town
Council as conservators for the
ensuing year :-

The Mayor.
Alderman Thorpe
Councillors Edwards and Hyde.

Appointment of chairman. - Resolved -
That Mr. F. W. Elers do take the
chair at this meeting.

Unemployed. - A letter from the
Tunbridge Wells Tradesmen's Association
forwarding copy of the following
resolution passed by them and
referred by the Unemployed
Workmen Committee to the
conservators was considered :-

(Copy Resolution.)

" That in view of the probable number of Unemployed being a large one during the coming Winter this Association suggests that the following work would not only be suitable but also a benefit and an attraction to Residents and Visitors alike. viz. :- That the Mount Edgcumbe Pond be restored enlarged and ornamented; the Fir Tree Pond be improved and enlarged if possible, and the pond by Nevill Park be dealt with."

It was Moved by Mr J Edwards -
That the Fir Tree Pond be cleaned out and enlarged.

The Motion was not seconded.

It was Moved by Mr J Edwards -
That the Mount Edgcumbe Pond be re-opened.

The Motion was not seconded.

(a) Resolved - That the question of the filling up of the Pond between Nevill Park and Hungershall Park, known as Sales Pond, be referred to the

Committee.

(b) Resolved - That the question of cleaning out 2 Ponds on Rusthall Common be referred to the committee.

(c) Resolved - That the Unemployed Workmen Committee be informed that work can be provided on the commons of cutting gorse and repairing seats; and that in connection with the repair of seats the Conservators will provide the material.

The question of the repair of paths on the common was considered.

(d) Resolved - That the path on the South-east side of the Upper Cricket Ground be repaired and also the path around the Lower Cricket Ground.

(e) Resolved - That the Unemployed Workmen Committee be informed, that, if they provide the necessary labour, the Conservators will find the material and repair the path leading from Langton Road to Rusthall Church.

The following items from the Memorial of the Right to Work Committee

presented to the Town Council
at their last meeting were
considered :- Repairing Footpaths
on Common near lower cricket
ground, Provision of more
sheltered seats on the common
and Extension of Brighton Lake
and construction of Drifping
Wells to same.

A. M. Caley
Chairman

At a Meeting of the commons conservators held at the Town Hall on the 10th day of December 1908.

Present - The Mayor (Mr Councillor Caley)
Chairman
Messrs. Edwards, Elex, Guilford, Hyde
Tilton, Rogers and Thorpe.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting and of a special meeting held on the 16th November 1908, were read and confirmed.

Fir Tree Road - A letter was received from Messrs. Carter & Banks stating that the Lord of the Manor desires them to say that, having considered the application of the Town Council with respect to the lowering of the bank of the common at the junction of Major Yorkie's Road and Fir Tree Road, he does not see his way to give his consent for the work to be carried out, and that he considers that if the idea of the alteration is on account of the motors the object would seem to be attained by placing a warning board warning motorists and others to drive slowly by the cross roads.

Resolved - That the clerk be instructed to inform Messrs. Carter & Banks that the proposed improvement was.

unanimously approved by the Town Council, Commons Conservators and the Committee of the Freehold Tenants, to point out that Motor Notices have already been placed at the junction of the roads, and to ask the Lord of the Manor to give the matter his further consideration.

Fences - A tender received from Messrs. Bartlett & Fraser for repairing and re-painting the fence opposite the General Post Office, amounting to £2. 6s. 0d. was accepted.

Games - A letter was received from Mr. W. H. Walker calling attention to the nuisance caused by the playing of football on the common opposite York Road.

Commons Ranger - The reports of the Commons Ranger since the last meeting were read.

Appointment of Committee - Resolved - That Messrs. Elers, Guilford, Hyde and Rogers be appointed a committee during the ensuing year.

Estimates - Resolved - That the sum of £250 be included in the Estimates for the ensuing year.

Common View Road - The question of making up Common View Road was considered.

Resolved - That no action be taken in the matter.

Trees - (a) Resolved - That Mr Joyce, the Superintendent of the Corporation Cemetery, be asked (subject to the consent of the Burial Board committee, to report to the conservators on the trees on the common, especially those in the Queen's Grove.

(b) Resolved - That six thuja lobbii be planted near the urinal on the common.

Seats - (a) Resolved - That two additional sheltered seats, similar to the existing sheltered seat, be placed on the common, one near the Upper cricket ground lodge, and one near the Queen's Grove.

(b) Resolved - That the roof of the present sheltered seat be re-thatched.

Footpaths - It was reported to the committee that the following footpaths had been repaired. -

Footpath leading from Langton Road to Roothall Church.

Footpath at the south east side of
the Upper cricket ground.
Footpath at the Lower cricket
ground.

(a) Resolved - That the committee be instructed to have the track leading from the south east side of Victoria Grove to the ~~Donkey~~^{Battle} Road repaired, the track on the west side of the Queen's Grove repaired, and the track from the Upper cricket ground to the Spa Hotel repaired.

(b) Resolved - That the paths recently made up be rolled.

Ponds - It was reported to the committee that a small pond on Rusthall Common had been cleaned out.

Accounts for Payment

	£	s	d
<u>Tunbridge Wells Corporation</u>			
Mt. Ephraim Promenade	12.	15.	2
<u>Mr. C. Baldwin</u>			
Printing &c.	2.	7.	6
<u>Mr. W. H. Deves</u>			
Wages &c.	25.	11.	6
	£ 40	14.	2

Herbert M. Caley
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall on the 14th day
of March, 1909.

Present: The Mayor (McDonnellor baley)
Chairman.
Messrs. Edwards, Hyde, Rogers
and Thorpe.

Minutes: - The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed.

Fir Tree Road - The clerk reported that
in accordance with the instructions
of the conservators at their last
meeting he had written to Messrs.
Carter & Banks (Baileiffs to the Lord
of the Manor) with reference to the
proposed improvement at the junction
of Major Gorkie's Road and Fir Tree
Road, requesting that the Lord of
the Manor will give the matter his
further consideration, and that the
only acknowledgment he had received
was a post card, dated 11th December,
1908, from Messrs. Carter & Banks
stating that they were communicating
the contents of the letter to the Lord
of the Manor.

Roads. - A letter was received from Mr. F.
C. Heath with reference to a crossing
at the junction of Church Road
and Castle Road

Resolved - That the letter be referred to the Watch committee of the Town Council.

Motor Car Act, 1903. - A letter was received from Miss Kerly and Mr. F. b. Heath requesting that "School" Motor signs might be placed in London Road, opposite Vale Royal, and also at a point to the North of its junction with Church Road.

Resolved - That the letter be referred to the Watch committee of the Town Council.

Trees. - A letter was received from the Town clerk stating that the Burial Board committee consent to Mr. Joyce, The Superintendent of the cemetery, reporting to the conservators on the trees on the commons.

Resolved - That Mr. Joyce be invited to attend a meeting of the committee to inspect the trees on the commons, and that he be requested to prepare his report in time for the next meeting of the conservators.

Footpaths - A letter was received from Dr. G. Abbott with reference to the footpaths from the end of Ruethall Park to the Ruethall Post Office, and

from Roothall Park to Bull's Hollow.

Resolved - That the letter be referred to the Committee.

Questions relating to the use of turf clippings in connection with the repair of tracks were considered, and the Clerk was instructed to draw the attention of the Works Committee to the matter.

It was reported to the Conservators that the tracks leading from the South East side of the Victoria Grove to Castle Road, and on the West side of the Victoria Grove, had not yet been repaired, but that the track from the Upper Cricket Ground to the Spa Hotel had been repaired.

Sheltered Seats - A letter was received from Messrs. Watson & Moulden stating that they are prepared to supply two similar seats to the existing Sheltered Seat, including fixing site to be prepared by the Conservators, at £42 each, and also stating that they are prepared to re-thatch the roof of existing seat for £7. 10. 0d.

Resolved - That subject to Messrs. Watson & Moulden making good the thatching of the roof of the present seat at their own expense, their price

for two additional seats at £42 each be accepted.

Furze cutting. - A letter was received from Mr. T. J. Guilford on the subject of furze cutting on the commons.

(a) Resolved - That the letter be referred to the committee.

(b) Resolved - That the question of furze cutting on the commons be considered by the conservators at their October meeting.

Lower Cricket Ground. - The Mayor called attention to the desirability of making a larger area on the Lower Cricket Ground available for cricket, such proposed added area to be more especially for the benefit of small children.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the committee.

Gullies. - The Mayor also called attention to the depth of the surface water channels adjoining the footpaths.

Resolved - That the attention of the Works Committee be called to the matter.

Commons Ranger - The Commons Ranger attended the meeting.

Auditors - Resolved - That Mr. R. Pelton and Mr. H. Middleton Rogers be appointed Auditors for the current year.

Accounts for Payment.

	£	s.	d
Cambridge Wells Corporation	88	15	6
<u>J. Crofts & Son Ltd.</u>			
6. Thuya Lobbie		15	0
Norman & Howard		18	0
Mr. W. H. Delves	25	13	6
<u>Mr. W. G. Crofts</u>			
1/2 years Salary to 4/2/09	12	10	0
<u>Borough Accountant</u>			
Insurance of Rangers	1	1	1
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	£129	13	1
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Herbert M. Talley.
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall on the 10th
day of June, 1909.

Present:- The Mayor (Mr. Councillor
Caley)
Chairman

Messrs. Andrews, Edwards, Elers,
Hyde, Felton, Rogers & Stone.

The Late Mr. J. J. Guilford:- Resolved - That a
sincere vote of sympathy and condolence be
passed with Mrs Guilford and her family
on the death of Mr. Thomas J. Guilford, and
that an expression of the regret of the
Conservators at the loss of the services of
so valued and esteemed a colleague be
recorded on the Minutes.

Minutes:- The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Appointment of Conservator:- A letter
was received from the Secretary to the
Committee of Freehold Tenants stating
that Mr. S. A. Cheale had been appointed
as one of their representative Conservators
in the place of the late Mr. J. J. Guilford.

Upper Cricket Ground:- A letter was received
from the Linden Park Cricket Club
stating that they will comply with the
request of the Conservators not to deposit
the cut grass from the Upper Cricket

Ground on the Common.

It was reported to the Committee that the club is still depositing cut grass on the Common.

Resolved - That the clerk be instructed to again write to the club on the matter.

Offence Against Bye-Laws. - The Report of the Police on an offence against the Bye-Laws was read, and the clerk's action in the matter approved.

Resolved - That the clerk be authorized to take proceedings in future cases of offences against the Bye-Laws.

Sheltered Seats. - The clerk reported that Messrs. Watson and Moulden had re-thatched the roof of the first sheltered seat, erected by them at their own expense.

Commons Ranger - The reports of the Commons Ranger since the last meeting were read.
The Commons Ranger attended the meeting.

(a) Resolved. - That the clerk be instructed to communicate with the Lord of the Manor and the Freehold Tenants with respect to the joint services of the Commons Ranger.

(b) Resolved. - That the Commons Ranger be provided with a serge suit.

Paths. - The committee reported that the path leading from Rusthall Park to Rusthall Post Office had been repaired.

It was reported to the Committee that Dr. G. Abbott had requested that the track from Rusthall Park to Bull's Hollow may be repaired.

(a) Resolved. - That Dr. Abbott be informed that the conservators are not prepared to carry out any repairs to this track at the present time.

(b) Resolved. - That the clerk be instructed to communicate with the owners of cows grazing on the commons as to the nuisance caused by the cows.

(c) Resolved. - That the committee be requested to inspect the path opposite the Spa Hotel, damage to which is being occasioned by storm water.

Appointment of committee. - Resolved -

That the Mayor, for the time being, be appointed a Member of the committee in the place of the late Mr. J. Guilford.

Sheds. - It was reported to the committee that a request had been made by the Linden Park cricket club that the commons conservators would repair the shed used by

them for the storage of cricket apparatus, etc.

Resolved. - That the Linden Park Cricket Club be informed that the shed is not under the control of the Conservators.

Lower Cricket Ground. - Questions relating to the desirability of making a larger area on the Lower Cricket Ground available for cricket were considered.

Golf. - Questions relating to youths playing with golf balls on Rusthall Common were considered, and the clerk was directed to instruct the Commons Ranger and Police in the matter.

Carpet Beating. - Questions relating to carpet beating on the commons were considered, and the clerk was directed to instruct the Commons Ranger and Police in the matter.

Ponds. - It was reported to the Conservators that traction engine drivers had taken water from a pond on Rusthall Common.

Resolved. - That the clerk be instructed to communicate with traction engine owners on the matter.

Trees. - (a) Resolved. - That the Spa Hotel be asked to cut down a dead fir tree in the enclosure ~~outside~~ the Hotel premises.

The following report was received from Mr. Joyce of his inspection of the trees on the Common:-

The cemetery,

Frant Forest.

Tunbridge Wells.

9th June, 1909.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report that, in accordance with the request of the Commons Conservators and by the consent of the Burial Board Committee of the Town Council, I have inspected the trees on the Tunbridge Wells Common.

1(a) I have, as directed, given special attention to the trees in the Victoria Grove, and beg to recommend:-

(1) That the centre row of trees be thoroughly pruned, which would give the trees a loftier and superior appearance, and give more air underneath them.
Adopted.

(2) That in order to improve the condition of the two outer rows of trees a trench be made about 1 ft. away on the outer sides of the trees, about 3 ft. wide and 5 ft. deep for cultivating purposes.
Not Adopted.

- (3) That with regard to some of the trees which are not doing well, some be cut down and removed, and some re-planted in a proper manner.

Consideration
adjourned.

- (b) There can be no doubt that the poor appearance and indifferent growth of some of the trees is due to the existence of rock just below the surface of the ground, this being conclusively proved by the roots of the trees running along on the surface of the ground and exposed to damage by pedestrian traffic and other causes. These exposed roots should be covered over.

Adopted.

- (c) I am of opinion that the Victoria Grove is a wrong position for elm trees, because they require moisture and deep rich soil, and I would suggest that the existing elm trees be replaced by either lime, birch, chestnut or Norway maple trees.

Consideration adjourned.

- (d) Of course, any operations which may be decided upon as to cutting down or pruning trees should be carried out during the winter.

2. I also inspected the "jubilee" oak tree on the Lower Cricket Ground, which requires cultivating and pruning.

Adopted.

3. I recommend that on the site enclosed by seats to the left of the path across the common leading from the Upper Cricket Ground to the Spa Hotel, that, in addition to the Scotch fir at present planted there a lime tree should be planted, the space at present existing leaving ample room for this to be done.

Not Adopted.

4. With respect to the many trees on the common the surroundings of such trees should be kept free from gorse and bramble.

Adopted.

5. On a general survey of the common, I make the following recommendations:—

(1) That limbs of certain trees which have been damaged by fire and other causes should be cut away.

(2) That certain trees should be pruned.

(3) That certain trees should be removed.

(4) That all old gorse should be removed during the course of a year or two, and young gorse cultivated in round clumps, not in irregular or long rows, the former giving a more park-like appearance.

Adopted.

6. I think the encouragement of the growth of

broom would greatly add to the beauty of the Common.

Adopted.

7(a) In connection with all my recommendations, I consider that it is of the utmost importance to have a competent man to personally supervise the work of the pruning and cultivation of the trees and gorse on the Commons, and to have a man permanently employed who thoroughly understands the growth and treatment of trees and gorse

Adopted.

(b) Should the Rural Board Committee consent to the application, which I understand the Committee propose to make to them, for me to personally supervise the work of the pruning and cultivation of the trees in Victoria Grove, I shall be ^{very} happy to place my services at their disposal.

Adopted.

8. In conclusion, I am of opinion that in the past the trees have been planted too closely together, and I would suggest that in all future planting of trees, more space should be given them.

Adopted.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J Joyce.

(b) Resolved - That paragraphs No 1 (a1), (b) and (c), No. 2, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No 7 (a) and No. 8

be adopted.

- (c) Resolved. — That the words "birch, chestnut" be omitted from paragraph No. 1 (c).
- (d) Resolved. — That paragraphs No. 1 (a3), and (c), be referred to the Committee.
- (e) Resolved — That Mr. Joyce be asked to submit an alternative scheme to that contained in paragraph No. 1 (a2)
- (f) Resolved. — That paragraph No. 3 be not adopted.
- (g) Resolved — That the Committee do meet a week prior to the next meeting of the Conservators for the consideration of paragraphs No. 1(a3) and (c).

Accounts for Payment.

	£.	s.	d.
<u>Mr. W. H. Delves</u>			
Tracing of plan of "St Helena" property	£0.	10	6
Wages & extra labour	25.	10	6
	26	..	1 . 0
<u>Junbridge Wells Corporation</u>			
Repairing paths etc.	43.	14	.. 7
<u>Mr. A. J. Tilton</u>			
Ordinance Maps		6	.. 0
<u>Messrs. Watson & Moulden</u>			
2 Sheltered Seats @ £42 each 84..	0	..	0
<u>Messrs. Hepworth & Co</u>			
Printing.		15	.. 0
	£	154.	18 . 1

W. H. Delves
Chairman

At a Meeting of the commons conservators held
at the Town Hall on the 4th of October, 1909.

Present - Messrs Lawford, Andrews, Cheale,
Edwards, Hyde, Rogers, and Stone

Appointment of Chairman: - Resolved - That Mr. F.
W. Stone do take the chair for this meeting.

Minutes. - The Minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed.

The late Mr. J. J. Guilford. - A letter was received from
Mrs Guilford thanking the conservators for the vote of
sympathy passed by them on the death of her
husband.

Commons Ranger. - The Reports of the commons
Ranger since the last meeting were read.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the
Freehold Tenants forwarding a copy of the following
resolution passed by them at a meeting held on the
6th September, 1909: -

Copy Resolution.
"That the Secretary reply and state that the Freeholders'
Committee will join with the Conservators in
dispensing with the services of John Read as
Commons Ranger and leave them to appoint a
successor, provided the Conservators will define
the duties of the Commons Ranger, and include
therein the duties hitherto carried out by Read,
especially as to encroachments and lettings, so as
to safeguard the rights of the Freehold Tenants."

Resolved - That a sub-committee consisting of Messrs Edwards, Hyde, and Pellon be appointed to make arrangements with the Stewards and Secretary of the Freehold Tenants with respect to the Labour employed upon the commons, the Conservators being of opinion it would be preferable that the Conservators should in future employ and pay their own men.

Trees - The committee presented to the Conservators the following recommendations with respect to certain trees in the Queen's Grove and on the Common:-

- (1) That the following trees of the two outer rows of trees of Victoria Grove (North and South Sides), be cut down and removed. [Note: The numbering of such trees commences from the footpath adjoining the Higher Cricket Ground].:-

Queen Victoria Grove.

<u>Number of Tree to be cut down and removed.</u>	<u>Name of Tree to be planted in place of Tree removed.</u>
<u>North Side</u> -	
No. 6 (Sycamore)	Lime
No. 4 "	-
No. 14 "	Lime
<u>South Side</u> -	
No. 2 (Elm)	-
No. 6 "	-
No. 13 (Chestnut)	-
No. 15 (Elm)	Lime
No. 16 "	Norway Maple.
Nos. 20 & 21 (Elms)	1 Lime.

Nos. 24 & 25 (Elms) 1 Lime
 No. 28 (Elm) Lime.

- (2) That the Lime tree (the tree numbered 15 from the footpath adjoining the Higher Cricket Ground on the North side of Victoria Grove) be pruned and prepared for removal at a later date.
- (3) That excavation work in circular patches around certain trees in Victoria Grove, and necessary root pruning be carried out.
- (4) That every alternate tree of the two outer rows of trees in Victoria Grove be pruned.
- (5) That two birch trees near Onslow House be cut down and removed.
- (a) Resolved - That the recommendations be adopted.
- (b) Resolved - That the question be referred to the committee of planting a cedar tree in the place of the lime tree as suggested by Mr. Joyce in his Report of the 9th June last on the site enclosed by seats to the left of the path across the common leading from the Upper Cricket Ground to the Spa Hotel.
- (c) Resolved - That the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Spa Hotel with reference to the removal of two dead trees.

Furze cutting. - Questions relating to furze cutting were considered.

Paths. - The Committee reported that they had inspected the path on the common opposite the Spa Hotel and suggested that no action be taken in the matter.

(a) Resolved - That the consideration of the committee's suggestion be deferred.

(b) Resolved. - That the following paths on the commons be repaired:-

1. Path leading from Castle Road to the Queen's Grove.
2. Path leading from Church Road along the North west side of the Lower Cricket Ground to Mount Ephraim (opposite Wellington Hotel).
3. Path leading from Bridge Road (near the London Brighton & South Coast Railway Station) to Hungershall Park.
4. Portion of the path leading from York Road to North west side of Lower Cricket Ground.
5. Portion of the path on the Common opposite 18 and 19, London Road.
6. The path across the portion of the common used for football near the Queen's Grove.

(c) Resolved - That the paths which were gravelled last year be rolled.

Nuisances. - A letter was received from Mr. Hagger as to the noisy and rowdy manner in which children play on the common.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Chief Constable.

Sand Pit. - Questions relating to the excavation and carting away of sand near Taylor's Hill, Denny Bottom, were considered.

Accounts. - The Auditor's Report on the Accounts for the year ended the 31st March last was received.

(a) Resolved. - That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors for their services in the matter.

(b) Resolved. - That Mr. R. Pelton & Mr. H. Middleton Rogers be re-appointed Auditors for the current year.

Accounts for Payment -

	£	s	d.
<u>Mr. W. H. Delves</u>			
Wages & Extra labour	25	13	6
<u>Mr. W. C. Cripps</u>			
Half years Salary to 14 th Aug. 09 12		10	0
<u>Tunbridge Wells Corporation</u>			
Tools & Implements etc.		3	2
<u>Messrs Hepworth & Co.</u>			
Printing		18	0
<u>Messrs Gilbert & Co</u>			
Tools and Implements	1	7	3
	£ 40	11	11

F. Warkham Esq
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Common Conservators
held at the Town Hall on the 9th day of
December, 1909

Present - His Worship the Mayor, (Mr. F. Wadham
Ellis), Chairman.

Messrs Sawford Andrews, S. A. Chade,
M. Hyde, R. Pelton, H. Middleton Rogers,
and H. Thorpe.

Appointment of Conservators. - It was reported to the
Conservators that the Town Council had, at a
meeting held on the 9th November, 1909, appointed
the following members of the Town Council as
Conservators for the ensuing year:

Mr. Alderman Thorpe.
Mr. Councillor Gale
Mr. Councillor Edwards
Mr. Councillor Hyde.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Upper Cricket Ground. - A letter was received from
the London Park Cricket Club with reference to
the repair of the shed used by them for the storage
of cricket apparatus, etc.

(a) Resolved - That a sum of £5 be voted for labour
in improving the condition of the Upper Cricket
Ground.

(b) Resolved - That the path and wire fencing

enclosing the shed used by the Linden Park Cricket Club for the storage of cricket apparatus, etc. to be repaired.

Commons Ranger - The Report of the Commons Ranger since the last meeting was read.

The sub-committee reported with respect to the labour employed upon the commons.

Resolved - That the present arrangements with respect to the appointment of Commons Ranger be terminated as from January 1st 1911, and that arrangements be made with the Corporation for the Borough Surveyors Department to take over, under the instructions of the Conservators, the general care and management of the commons.

Ponds - A letter was received from Mr. John Sale with reference to the condition of the pond on the commons near Nevill Park.

Resolved - That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to drain the pond.

Trees - Resolved - That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see Mr. Jeyar, the Superintendent of the cemetery, with reference to his Report on the trees on the commons with a view of carrying out the recommendations adopted by the conservators.

The Clerk reported that the question of the removal of two dead trees in the Spa Hill Grounds is being brought to the notice of the Directors.

Appointment of Committee - Resolved - That His Worship the Mayor, Messrs Edwards, Hyde and

Rogers, be appointed a committee during the ensuing year.

Accounts for Payment

	£	s.	d.
<u>Mr. W. H. Debes</u>			
Extra labour to Dec. 31 st 1909	11	14	0

Resolved - That the Clerk be authorized to pay, subject to the approval of the Chairman, the proportion of one half the wages of the present Commons' Rangers and Assistant Commons' Rangers up to the 1st January 1910, the date of the termination of the present arrangement with the Commons' Rangers.

Estimates - The estimates for the year commencing March 31st next were considered.

Herbert M. Lacey,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on the 3rd March 1910.

Present - Messrs. Caley, Cheale, Edwards, Hyde, Pelton, Rogers and Thorpe.

Appointment of Chairman - Resolved - That Mr. H. M. Caley (the Deputy Mayor) do take the Chair for this meeting.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Surveyor - The Clerk reported that the Town Council at their meeting on the 5th January, 1910, approved the following resolution passed by the Conservators:-

"That the present arrangements with respect to the appointment of Commons Ranger be terminated as from January 1st 1910, and that arrangements be made with the Corporation for the Borough Surveyor's Department to take over, under the instructions of the Conservators, the general care and management of the Commons."

Resolved - That in accordance with the resolution of the Town Council passed on March 2nd 1910, the salary of the Borough Surveyor in connection with the general care and management of the Commons be the sum of £25 per annum.

Seats and Notice Boards - (a) Resolved - That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair certain seats and notice boards.

(b) Resolved - That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to re-erect the notice board at the Langton Road entrance to the Borough.

Trees - Resolved - That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have one birch tree on the Common, near Stungershall Park, cut down.

Fences - Resolved - That the iron fence round the Jubilee Oak Tree on the Lower Cricket Ground be repaired and painted.

Roadways - Questions relating to the repair of the roadway leading from the General Post Office to the County Club were considered.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee, with authority to execute such repairs as may be necessary.

Tracks - (a) Resolved - That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the foot-track on the Common opposite the London Brighton and South Coast Railway Station, and to carry out repairs to various other foot-tracks.

(b) Resolved - That Messrs Beale's Sons be called upon to make good the damage to a track caused by them in connection with certain building operations at premises abutting on Lower Green Road.

Offences - (a) Resolved - That a person be cautioned against damaging the Commons by driving a horse and van across a strip of the Commons near Lower Green Road.

(d) Resolved - That instructions be given to the Police and to the Borough Surveyors employees to report cases of any person driving across the commons.

Storm Water Apsey Street - Resolved - That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out certain works to prevent storm water flooding premises abutting upon Apsey Street.

Steps near Castle Street - A letter was received from Mrs. J. Swan calling attention to the condition of the steps on the common opposite Castle Street.
The Borough Surveyor reported on the condition of the steps.

Bridge Road Lake - Resolved - That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out certain works at the Bridge Road lake.

Bandstand on common - Questions relating to the erection of a Bandstand on the common were discussed.

Accounts -


	£	s	d.
<u>Mr W. C. Gripps</u>			
Half Years Salary to 14 th Feb 1910	12	10	0
<u>The Hon. Treasurer, Linden Park & Co</u>			
Labour - Improving condition of Upper Cricket Ground.	5	0	0
<u>The Borough Accountant</u>			
Premium on Employers' Indemnity Policy expiring 2 nd Jan 1911	1	6	11
<u>Messrs Goodwin Bros.</u>			
Posts and Rails etc.	3	11	0

	£	s	d
Brought forward	22	8	5
<u>Misses Sepworth & Co.</u>			
Printing		5	0
<u>Mr J J Swan</u>			
Club hire		3	0
<u>Cambridge Wells Corporation</u>	10	10	3
<u>Mr Ephraim Promenade etc</u>			
	<u>£ 33</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

The clerk reported that since the last meeting the sum of £5.15.0 had been paid to Mr. W. H. Delves for proportion of wages of the Common Rangers to the 1st January 1910.

(a) Resolved That this payment be approved.

(b) Resolved - That an expression of the hearty thanks of the Conservators be given to Mr. W. H. Delves for the services rendered by him to the Conservators since 1890 in connection with the payment of wages.


Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons
 Conservators held at the Town Hall on
 Thursday the 9th day of June, 1910

Present - Messrs L. Andrews, H. M. Baley,
 S. A. Cheale, J. Edwards, R. Felton,
 H. Middleton Rogers, H. Thorpe and
 F. W. Stone.

Appointment of Chairman - Resolved - That
 Mr. H. M. Baley (the Deputy Mayor) do take
 the chair for this meeting.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting
 were read and confirmed.

Seats - A letter was received from Lieut.-Col.
 A. Gilmore complaining of the nuisance
 caused by children climbing and playing
 on a seat near his fence.

(a) Resolved - That Lieut.-Col. Gilmore be
 informed that the Commons Conservators
 have given instructions for the removal of
 the seat.

(b) Resolved - That the Surveyor be
 instructed to place a new seat between the
 two trees opposite Mount Ephraim House,
 and inspect other seats near Mount
 Ephraim House.

Trees - A letter was received from Miss Golls
 with respect to the trees on the Common

opposite Heath View, Eridge Road.

A letter was received from Messrs. F. Loney & Sons Ltd. with reference to a tree at the corner of the Carlton Hotel.

It was reported to the conservators that Mr. Bishop had made a complaint with reference to the trees on the common opposite 64 London Road.

(a) Resolved - That the letters and complaint be referred to the committee, and that the Deputy Mayor be added to the committee for the consideration of these matters.

(b) Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to see the Manager of the Spa Hotel with reference to the removal of dead trees in the Spa Hotel grounds, and to the repair of the chain railing in front of the Spa Hotel.

Tracks - The correspondence with Messrs. Beale & Sons with reference to making good the damage to a track caused by them in connection with certain building operations at premises abutting on Lower Green Road was read.

Resolved - That the matter be again referred to the Surveyor.

Roadways - The surveyor reported as to the repair of the roadway leading from the General Post Office to the County Club.

Manor of Rusthall - The clerk reported that a letter had been addressed by Messrs. Elvy Robb & Berry (on behalf of the Lord of the Manor) to the Corporation, and that two matters referred to therein are within the cognisance of ^{the} commons conservators, viz:-

1. The cutting of branches of trees on the Pantiles.
2. The erection of a sign post on a portion of Rusthall Common at the junction of the Langton Road with Lower Green Road.

Resolved - That the clerk be instructed to reply thereto.

Golf - A letter was received from Dr. Abbott complaining of youths playing with golf clubs and balls on the road between the rocks at the entrance to Rusthall Park.

Resolved - That Dr. Abbott be informed that the police have been instructed to use every possible means to prevent any danger to persons walking on the

common from golf balls.

Furze Fines. - The committee reported the action they had taken with reference to the damage caused by recent fires of gorse on the common between Hungershall Park and Bridge Road.

Steps. - Questions relating to the steps on the common opposite "May's House" and "Fernhill", Mount Ephraim, were considered.

Resolved - That the matter be brought to the notice of the Works Committee of the Town Council.

Direction Notices. - Resolved - That the question of placing an additional arm with the words "To the Happy Valley" thereon on the post at the junction of Langton Road with Lower Green Road; & of the erection of an additional board directing people to the Happy Valley, be referred to the committee to report to the next meeting.

Mount Edgcumbe Pond. - The question of draining the common on the site of Mount Edgcumbe Pond was considered.

Sand Pit - Questions relating to the excavation and carting away of

sand from Taylor's Hill, Denny Bottom, were considered.

Accounts for payment -

	£	s.	d.
<u>Tunbridge Wells Corporation</u>			
Repairing paths etc.	1145.	19.	5.
<u>Tunbridge Wells Corporation</u>			
Salary of Surveyor & Wages of Attendant.	13.	5.	14
<u>Messrs Hepworth & Co Ltd.</u>			
Printing		12.	6.
Total.	159.	17.	3.

F. Graham Cross

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall on Thursday the
6th day of October, 1910.

Present - His Worship the Mayor (F. Madham
Elers, Esq.) Chairman.

Messrs L. Andrews, H. M. Caley, S. A. Cheate,
T. Edwards, R. Felton, H. Middleton Rogers,
and F. W. Stone.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Manor of Ruskhall. - A letter from Messrs Ely
Robt & Perry, dated 29th June last was read.

Appointment of Conservator - A letter was
received from Messrs Ely Robt & Perry enclosing
letter which they had received from Mr. Frank
O. Baird, the Lord of the Manor, appointing Mr.
Charles Perry as a Conservator.

Gullies - A letter was received from Mr. J. Butler
calling attention to an accident he had sustained
when crossing the common owing to a gully
being overgrown with grass.
The Surveyor reported the action he had taken
in the matter which was approved.

Seats. - The Surveyor reported that he had, in
accordance with the instructions of the
conservators, placed a new seat between the two
trees opposite Mount Ephraim House.

A letter was received from Lieut. Col. A. Gilmore thanking

The Conservators for their kind consideration of his request with regard to the removal of the seat outside his house.

Sewings, etc. - A letter was received from Mr. R. Bruce Pitken with reference to the noise occasioned in connection with the use of the sewings, roundabouts, etc. on the Common.

Resolved. - That the clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Pitken that the entertainments in question are held under license from the Lord of the Manor of Rosthall.

Gibraltar Cottage - The clerk reported that Miss Kent, the occupier of Gibraltar Cottage, had complained of the removal of sand by children from the Common, and of the nature near her house of the condition of the Common and of the nature of the material used for the purpose of forming a path near Gibraltar Cottage.

Resolved. That the complaint be referred to the Surveyor for consideration and report to the next meeting of the Conservators.

Turf. - It was reported to the Conservators that four boys damaged the turf on the Commons on the 3rd July last, and that the parents of the boys in question had been cautioned in the matter.

Trees. A letter was received from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, S.E. District requesting permission to trim the trees sufficiently to clear the

telegraph wires on the Turnbridge Wells Common, from near the L.B. & S.C. R. Station to Mount Ephraim.

- (a) Resolved. That the application be acceded to and that the clerk be instructed to request that directions be given for care to be exercised in cutting the trees.

The letters from Miss Galls Messrs J. Loney & Sons Ltd, and the complaint received from Mr. Bishop with respect to trees (laid before the Conservators at their last meeting) were further considered.

- (b) Resolved - That the trees on the common opposite Heath View Bridge Road and 64 London Road, be trimmed.

- (c) Resolved. That the question relating to the tree at the corner of the Carlton Hotel be referred to the Works Committee of the Town Council, such tree being on the public footpath.

The Surveyor reported that he had had an interview with the Managers of the Spa Hotel with respect to the removal of a dead tree in the Spa Hotel grounds and to the repair of the chain railing in front of the Spa Hotel, and he was further instructed in the matter.

- (d) Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to take the necessary steps to prevent damage by football players near Mount Edgumbe Rocks.

Steps - Questions relating to the steps on the common opposite Marys House and Fernhill, Mount Ephraim were considered.

Roadways. The Surveyor reported a communication he had received from the Secretary General Post Office with respect to the repair of the roadway at the side of the Head Post Office, Tunbridge Wells.

Resolved. That the Surveyor be instructed to have an interview with the Postmaster of Tunbridge Wells on the matter.

Direction Notices - A Report was received from the Committee with reference to the question of placing an additional arm with the words "To the Happy Valley" thereon on the post at the junction of Langton Road with Lower Green Road, and of the erection of an additional board directing people to the Happy Valley.

(a) Resolved. That the Surveyor be instructed to place the additional arm referred to on the post at the junction of Langton Road with Lower Green Road.

(b) Resolved. That no additional board directing people to the Happy Valley be erected.

(c) Resolved. That the Surveyor be instructed to repair the guide post opposite the Spa Hotel.

Vehicles on Common. - It was reported to the Conservators that vehicles had been driven on the common near Rasthall Church.

Resolved. That the driving or riding of any vehicle, bicycle, tricycle, or velocipede, or other like machine on that part of the common which is

bounded on the North by the Langton Road, on the West by Tea Garden Lane, and on the East by the road leading from Langton Road to St. Paul's Church. be prohibited under the provisions of Bye-law No. 32. and that the Surveyor be instructed to erect a notice board giving notice of such prohibition.

Mount Ephraim Promenade: Questions relating to the condition of the Mount Ephraim Promenade were considered.

Gorse. Questions relating to the gorse cutting on the commons were considered.

Resolved - That His Worship the Mayor and Mr. Edwards be appointed a committee to undertake the supervision of the cutting of the gorse on the commons.

Bridge Road Lake - Questions relating to the Bridge Road Lake were considered.


Accounts - The Auditors' Report on the Accounts for the Year ended the 25th March last was received and considered.

(a) Resolved - That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors for their services in the matter.

(b) Resolved - That Mr. R. Pelton & Mr. H. Middleton Rogers be re-appointed Auditors for the current year.

Accounts for payment:

	£	s	d.
<u>Cambridge Wells Corporation</u>	98	6	7
<u>Mr. C. Baldwin</u>			
Printing etc.		7	6
<u>Mr. W. C. Scripps</u>			
1/2 years salary to 14 Aug. 1910.	12	10	-
Total	£ 111	14	1

E. Lyman, J. W. Glaser


Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday the 15th day of December 1910.

Present His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Col. Sydney Sladen) Chairman.
Messrs L. Andrews, G. Perry, H. M. Caley
S. S. Cheate, T. Edwards, W. Maynard,
R. Pelton, H. M. Rogers and W. Scott.

Appointment of Conservators - It was reported to the Conservators that the Town Council had, at a meeting held on the 9th November 1910, appointed the following Members of the Town Council as Conservators for the ensuing year:-

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Col. Sydney Sladen),
Mr. Alderman Caley, Mr. Councillor Edwards, Mr.
Councillor Scott.

A letter was received from Messrs Eby Robt & Perry, enclosing letter which they had received from Mr. Frank V. Baird, the Lord of the Manor, appointing Mr. William Maynard as a Conservator also intimating that Mr. E. Eby Robt had been appointed Steward of the Manor of Ruxthall.

Minutes. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Trees. A letter was received from Miss R. A. Cunningham suggesting that one of the May trees on the common near "The Cottage" might be cut down to the level of the fence.

(a) Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee.

A letter was received from Miss Bishop asking that a few branches may be cut away from a tree opposite "Jordan House," London Road.

(b) Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee.

It was reported to the Committee that Dr. George Abbott had suggested that a tree at the junction of May's York's Road and Nevill Park requires cresoting.

(c) Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee.

A letter was received from the Spa Property Company, Limited, stating that they had no objection to the dead tree near the Spa Hotel being cut down, provided the company have no liability in connection with the matter.

The Surveyor reported that the tree had been cut down.

Appointment of Committee - Resolved - That Messrs H. M. Calby, F. W. E. Lers, J. Edwards and H. Middleton Rogers be appointed a Committee during the ensuing year.

Gorse - Resolved - That ^{Mr.} H. Middleton Rogers be added to the Committee appointed to undertake the supervision of the cutting of the gorse on the Commons.

Roadways - A letter was received from the Postmaster of Thimbridge Wells stating that the Postmaster General is prepared to contribute the sum of £15 towards the cost of mending the roadway adjoining the General Post Office.

(a) Resolved - That this offer be accepted, and that the

Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the roadway

(b) Resolved - That the committee be requested to inspect the roadway opposite "The White Hart" Lower Green Road.

Gibraltar Cottage - The condition of the slope on the common near Gibraltar Cottage was considered.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to Mr. William Maynard and the Surveyor.

Employee - Resolved - That the wages of G. Chapman be increased to 25s. per week.

Drainage - A letter was received from Mr. Peter D. Stanham calling attention to the flooding which takes place in wet weather at South View Roothall.

Resolved - That no action be taken in the matter.

Notice of Meetings - Resolved - That ten days notice of meetings be given to each Conservator.

Accounts for payment.

	£	s.	d.
<u>S. Waters & Sons</u>	1	10	0
Notice Board			
<u>G. Mercer</u>		10	6
Uniforms			
Total	£2	0	6

Estimates - The Estimates for the year commencing on the 26th March next were considered.

E. Sydney W. Shaden
Chairman.

At a Meeting of the commons Conservators held at the Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday the 9th day of March 1911.

Present: - His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Col. Sydney Sladen) Chairman
Messrs C. Kerry, H. M. Caley, J. A. Cheale, J. Edwards, F. W. Elers, M. Maynard, R. Pelton, H. M. Rogers, and W. Scott.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Trees. - A report was received from the committee on the thorn trees near "The Cottage" and the tree opposite Jordan House, London Road.

Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to reduce the height of one thorn tree near "The Cottage" and to trim the tree opposite Jordan House, London Road.

The committee reported that the tree at the junction of Major Forbes Road and Nevill Park had been cresoted.

A letter was received from the sectional engineer of the Post Office Telegraphs, S.E. District stating that the work of trimming the trees sufficiently to clear the telegraph wires on the Tunbridge Wells Common will be done during the week commencing 6th February 1911.

Gorse Resolved - That the Gorse sub-committee be authorized to spend a further sum of £10 in connection with the work of gorse cutting.

Roadways. - Resolved - That no action be taken with respect to the roadway opposite "The White Hart," Lower Green Road.

Questions relating to the condition of the roadway leading to Mount Edgcumbe House were considered.

Gibraltar Cottage. Questions relating to the condition of the slope on the common near Gibraltar Cottage were again referred to Mr. Maynard and the Surveyor.

Band Performances. - A letter was received from the Secretary of the Band Committee asking whether the Conservators would be willing to receive a Deputation from the Band Committee.

The Deputation (consisting of Mr. H. J. Willmot and Mr. H. G. Groves) attended the meeting and asked for the assistance of the Conservators in connection with the proposed Band performances on the Tunbridge Wells commons during the ensuing season.

Resolved (1) That the Conservators raise no objection to the placing by the Band Committee of a moveable bandstand and chairs upon the commons for the season of 1911, such bandstand and chairs to be used for musical performances. (2) That the Bandstand and chairs referred to in the above resolution may be placed on any part of the commons approved by the Committee of the Conservators (except upon the area immediately below Mount Edgcumbe Rocks).

Accounts for payment:

	£	s.	d.
<u>Messrs Gilbert & Co</u>			
Tools etc.		18.	9.
<u>Cambridge Wells Corporation</u>			
Salary of Surveyor etc.	71.	1.	2.
<u>Mr. W. C. Cripps</u>			
12 yrs salary to 14 th Feb. 1911.	12.	10.	0.
Total	£ 84	9	11

E. Sydney, J. B. Stacey

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday the 8th day of June 1911.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor.
(Councillor. Col. Sydney Sladen)
Chairman.

Messrs L. Andrews, W. M. Caley,
J. Edwards, J. W. Clevs, W. Maynard,
W. M. Rogers and J. W. Stone.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Trees. A letter was received from the Misses Cumming thanking the Conservators for reducing the height of a horn tree near "The Cottage".

Resolved. - That two trees be planted near Mount Edgumbe House in the place of two dead trees.

Gorse. A Report was received from the Gorse Sub-Committee as to the cutting of gorse on the Commons.

Gibraltar Cottage. Mr Maynard and the Surveyor reported to the Committee on the condition of the slope on the Common near Gibraltar Cottage and the matter was again referred to Mr Maynard and the Surveyor.

Band Performances. The Committee reported that they had approved of a site on the lower side of the Victoria Grove for the moveable Bandstand and Chairs for Band Performances during the Season 1911.

- (a) Resolved. - That the action of the Committee be approved.

A letter was received from the Corporation Band Committee stating that it is desired to serve light refreshments at each of the Band Performances on the Common during the forthcoming Season.

- (b) Resolved. - That the necessary authority of the Conservators be given to the proposal.

Services on Common. A letter was received from the Rev. W. Potter with reference to a religious service proposed to be held on the Common on the 30th April and asking for the necessary permission.

The Clerk reported that the Rev. W. Potter had been informed of the portions of the Common on which religious meetings are prohibited.

Seats. A letter was received from Mr W. K. M. Glasier asking that a seat may be placed on the Common near the Cabmen's Shelter opposite the Pavilions.

- (a) Resolved. - That Mr Glasier's application be acceded to and ^{that} the question of the site for the seat be referred to the Surveyor.

A letter was received from Mr Henry Taylor suggesting that seats should be placed on the Common in the vicinity of the Rushall Cricket Ground.

- (b) Resolved. - That seats be placed near the Rushall Cricket Ground, and that the question of sites for such seats be referred to the Committee

(c) Resolved. - That the question of providing seats on the Common between Church Road and Dale Royal be referred to the Committee.

Covered Seats. - (a) Resolved. - That notices be placed in the Covered Seats on the Common warning persons against damaging the seats.

(b) Resolved. - That one Covered Seat be painted.

Coronation Celebrations. - (a) Resolved. - That all consents necessary in connection with the Coronation Celebration on the Common be given by the Conservators to the Coronation Committee.

(b) Resolved. - That the Commons Rangers be paid overtime for additional services to be rendered by them on Coronation Day.

Roadways. The Clerk reported that he had received from the Postmaster-General the sum of £15 towards the cost of repairing the roadway adjoining the General Post Office.

Accounts for payment.

Leambridge Wells Corporation
Repairing roadway £55. 10. 3.

J. Sydney H. Huddles
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Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Common Conservators
held at the Town Hall on Thursday
the 5th day of October 1911.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor
(Councillor. Col. Sydney Staden)
Chairman.

Messrs L. Andrews, H. M. Caley
J. Edwards, J. W. Elers, R. Pelton,
H. M. Rogers and W. Scott.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Trees. - The Clerk reported to the Conservators a fatal
accident which had taken place on the Common
to a lady visitor caused by a bough falling from
a tree under which she was seated, and that at
the inquest he had undertaken, on behalf of the
Conservators, to have the seat removed.

(a) Resolved - That the Clerk's action be approved.
Mr J. W. Elers reported to the Conservators that
Mrs W. Rogers, of Clare Lodge, had offered to
present to the Conservators some trees to be planted
on the Common in the vicinity of Rushall Church

(b) Resolved - That the offer be accepted and that
the Clerk be directed to convey to Mrs Rogers the
thanks of the Conservators for her kind gift.

(c) Resolved - That the question of lopping trees which
obstruct the view of the Waffry Valley be referred
to the Committee.

A letter was received from Mr J. Elsley, of Kungershall
Lodge calling attention to the condition of two trees
on the boundary between the Common and his

house.

(d) Resolved - That, subject to all necessary consents being obtained, the Conservators see no objection to the removal of the trees.

Gorse. A letter was received from Mr. W. H. Nelves, the Secretary to the Freeholders calling the attention of the Conservators to the cutting of the gorse where it has grown very high and especially to the necessity of cutting it where it is near trees as in several cases trees were killed or injured by fires during the past summer.

Resolved - That questions with reference to dealing with the gorse on the Commons be referred to the Gorse Sub-Committee.

A letter was received from Mrs Stebbing requesting that the gorse in front of her house, Ephraim Lodge, may be cut down and also the herbage close to her palings, in view of the gorse fires on the Common.

It was reported to the Conservators that her request had been acceded to.

Roundabouts on Common. A letter was received from Mr J. W. Stone with reference to the booths and roundabouts on the Common, during the Coronation celebrations, between Mount Edgumbe and Romanoff houses and on the upper part near the East end of the Victoria Grove.

Resolved - That the consideration of the letter be deferred till the next meeting of the Conservators.

Libralbar Cottage. The Surveyor reported the steps which he had taken with reference to

the slope on the Common near Gibraltar Cottage
Seats. The Committee reported that additional seats
 had been placed near the Rushall Cricket
 ground, and on the Common between Church Road
 and Dale Royal.

Employees. The Surveyor reported that G. Chapman,
 had been absent from duty owing to illness and
 that he was receiving half-pay.

Resolved - That his half-pay be continued

Accounts. The Auditors' report on the accounts for
 the year ended 25th March last was received and
 considered.

(a) Resolved - That a vote of thanks be given to the
 Auditors for their services.

(b) Resolved - That Mr R. Pelton and Mr. C. Middleto-
 Rogers be re-appointed Auditors for the current
 year.

~~Accounts amounting to £ 73. 10 4 (as per list signed
 by the Chairman) were passed.~~

Accounts for payment.

	£.	s.	d.
<u>Lunbridge Wells Corporation.</u>			
Salaries + Wages, Seats to	61.	0.	4
<u>Mr. W. C. Cripps</u>			
½ yrs Salary to 14 th August 1911.	12.	10.	0
Total	£ 73.	10.	4.

E. Sydney St. Gladu
Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
 Held at the Town Hall on
 Thursday the 7th day of December
 1911.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor
 (Councillor Col. Sydney Shaden)
 Chairman.

Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry
 C. H. Caley, J. Edwards, J. W. Elers,
 W. Maynard, R. Pelton, C. M. Rogers
 and W. Scott.

Appointment of Conservators. - A letter was
 received from the Town Clerk stating that
 the Town Council at their meeting on the
 9th November last appointed the following
 Members as Commons Conservators until the
 9th November 1912:-

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Col.
 Sydney Shaden.)

Mr. Alderman Caley, Mr. Councillor Edwards
 and Mr. Councillor Scott.

Minutes. - The Minutes of the last Meeting were
 read and confirmed.

Seats. - (a) Resolved - That the question of
 placing additional seats on Rushall Common
 be considered at the next meeting

(b) Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed
 to repair four seats near Mount Ephraim House.

Direction Posts. - (a) Resolved - That the

Surveyor be instructed to repair direction posts where necessary.

An application was received from the Watch Committee of the Corporation for permission to place a "Notice to Motorists" sign on the direction post near the Spa Hotel.

(b) resolved - That the application be granted.

Roundabouts on Common. - The letter laid before the Conservators at their last meeting with reference to the booths and roundabouts which, during the Coronation Celebrations were placed on the Common, between Mount Edgumbe and Romanoff houses and on the ground near the East end of the Victoria Grove, was again read.

Resolved - That the Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs Carter & Banks asking if they will kindly suggest for the consideration of the Lord of the Manor that he might instruct them to refuse applications for permission to place roundabouts, swings, booths, etc, on those portions of the Common which are above referred to, and other areas adjacent to the Lower Cricket Ground on the occasion of any public celebration so as to prevent interruptions such as were experienced in connection with the Coronation festivities.

Footpaths. - A letter was received from Dr. J. Abbott calling attention to the condition of the path at the side of Penny Bottom Post Office.

The Surveyor reported to the Conservators upon the pathway.

Resolved - That Dr. J. Abbott be informed that

the Conservators do not feel called upon to take any action in the matter

Trees. - (a) Resolved - That it be referred to the Committee to instruct the Surveyor to plant new trees in place of trees which have died.
(b) Resolved - That the question of lopping trees in the Wafky Valley be again referred to the Committee.

Appointment of Committee. - Resolved - That Messrs W. M. Caley, J. W. Elers, J. Edwards and W. M. Rogers be appointed a Committee during the ensuing year.

Steps on Pathway. - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to repair the steps on the pathway between Nos. 11 and 12, London Road.

Posts. - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to call the attention of the Spa Hotel Company to the condition of the posts in front of the Hotel.

Gorse. - Questions relating to the cutting of gorse were referred to the Gorse Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs J. W. Elers, J. Edwards and W. M. Rogers.

<u>Accounts for payment.</u>	£.	s.	d.
<u>Mr. C. Baldwin.</u>			
Printing & Stationary	3.	9.	0
Carried Forward	3.	9.	0

Brought Forward	3.	9.	0
<u>Cambridge Wells Corporation</u>			
New Seats to	84.	14.	10.
Salary of Surveyor + Wages.	<u>28.</u>	<u>8.</u>	<u>4.</u>
		113.	6. 2
Total.	<u>£116.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>2.</u>

Estimates. - Resolved - That the Finance Committee of the Corporation be requested to include the sum of £450 in the estimates for the next financial year for the purposes of the Conservators.

H. M. Selby
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Common Conservators
held at the Town Hall on
Thursday the 4th day of March 1912

Present: - Messrs L. Andrews, W. M.
Caley, J. A. Cheale, J. Edwards,
W. Maynard, R. Pelton, W. M.
Rogers and W. Scott.

Chairman. - Resolved - That Mr. W. M. Caley
do take the chair for this meeting.

Minutes. - The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed.

Seats. - The Surveyor reported that he had
repaired four seats on the Common.

Roundabouts on Common. - A letter was
received from Messrs C. J. Carter + Banks
acknowledging the receipt of the Clerk's letter
with reference to the placing of Roundabouts, Swings
Booths &c on the Common between Mount
Edgumbe and Romanoff houses on the ground
near the east end of Victoria Grove and other
areas adjacent to the Lower Cricket Ground on
the occasion of any public celebrations and stating
that they are writing to the Lord of the Manor on
the subject.

Footpaths. - (a) Resolved - That the Surveyor be
instructed to repair a pathway near Penny
Bottom Post Office at a cost not exceeding £2.

It was reported to the Committee that a footpath had been formed on the Common adjoining "Lusthall Place" (formerly known as "Stoneleigh")
(b) resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee.

Trees. - The Surveyor reported that he had planted eight lime trees in the Queen's Grove.

The Surveyor also reported that he had cut down a poplar tree in the rear of "Gibraltar Cottage" which was in a dangerous condition.

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to inspect and report on the question of lopping trees in the Happy Valley.

Bowling Green. - The Clerk reported that he had received an application from the Lusthall Bowling Club for permission to make a Bowling Green in the Marl Pit on Lusthall Common.

Resolved - That the Lusthall Bowling Club be informed that the Conservators have no objection to offer to their application subject to all the necessary consents being obtained.

Band Performances. - Mr. J. Edwards reported that His Worship the Mayor and he had been asked by the Corporation Band Committee to request the Commons Conservators to pass similar resolutions to those of last year with reference to Band Performances on the Common during the ensuing season.

Resolved - (1) That the Conservators raise no objection to the placing by the Band Committee of a moveable bandstand and chairs upon the Commons for the Season of 1912, such bandstand and chairs to be used for musical performances.

(2) That the Bandstand and chairs referred to in the above resolution may be placed on any part of the Commons approved by the Committee of the Conservators (except upon the area immediately below Mount Edgumbe Rocks.)

Seats. - Resolved - That no additional seats be placed at the present time, on Rushall Common.

Employees. - The Surveyor reported that Edwin Taylor had been absent from duty owing to illness and that he was receiving half-pay.

Resolved - That his half-pay be continued.

<u>Accounts for payment.</u>	£.	s.	d.
<u>Cambridge Wells Corporation</u>			
Salary of Surveyor + Wages	34.	11.	3
Horse Cutting &c	<u>37.</u>	<u>8.</u>	<u>1</u>
	71.	19.	4.
<u>Mr. W. C. Cripps</u>			
½ years Salary to 14 th February 1912.	12.	10.	0.
Total	<u>83.</u>	<u>9.</u>	<u>4.</u>

F. Wadswell Clerk

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall on Thursday
the 6th day of June 1912.

Present:- Messrs L. Andrews, C. M. Caley,
A. R. Cheale, J. Edwards, J. W. Elers,
W. Hayward, R. Pelton, C. M. Rogers
and J. W. Stone.

Chairman. - Resolved - That Mr J. W. Elers do
take the Chair for this meeting.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Fairs on the Common. - A letter was received
from Col. J. W. Marsden Newton with reference
to the Fair held on the Common adjoining
Major York's road at Whitsumside and to the
obstruction of the road for vehicular traffic by
the crowd and suggesting that arrangements
should be made for two constables to keep the
road clear for ordinary traffic on these
occasions.

Resolved - That a copy of the letter be sent
to Messrs Carter & Banks, and to the Watch
Committee of the Town Council.

Trees. - The Surveyor reported that three Fir
Trees and one Lycamore Tree on the Common
are dead.

(a) Resolved - That the question of planting

Scotch Fir Trees on the brow of the Common near Mount Ephraim House be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to remove a dead limb of an oak tree at the Bridge Road end of the "Green Walk".

The Committee reported that they had cleared away certain trees and had opened up the view in the Kaffy Valley, and their action was approved.

Gorse. - The Clerk reported the amount which had been expended on gorse cutting on the Commons during 1911, and up to date this year.

Mount Ephraim Promenade. - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to tar paint the Mount Ephraim Promenade at an estimated cost of £20.

Footpaths. - The Committee reported that the question of the formation of a footpath on the Common adjoining "Kushall Place" (formerly known as "Stoneleigh") is not within the jurisdiction of the Conservators.

Steps Opposite "Bellevue". - It was reported to the Conservators that the steps opposite "Bellevue" are not in a good state of repair.

Resolved. - That the matter be referred to

Mr. W. Hayward for report.

Deposits on the Common. - It was reported to the Conservators that surplus earth and other materials were being deposited on the Common near Kusthall Church.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to Mr. W. Elers for report.

Employees. - The Surveyor reported that Edwin Taylor had resumed work.

<u>Accounts for Payment.</u>	£.	s.	d.
<u>Cambridge Wells Corporation.</u>			
Salary of Surveyor & Wages			
horse cutting &c	£	40.	14. 10.
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W. Stone.

Chairman. 10/1/12

At a Meeting of the Common Conservators
held at the Town Hall on Thursday the
10th day of October 1912.

Present:- Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry, W. M.
Caley, S. A. Cheale, J. Edwards, R. Pelton,
W. M. Rogers and J. W. Stone.

Chairman. - Resolved - That Mr. J. W. Stone do
take the chair for this meeting.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Matters on the Common. - A letter was received
from Messrs. Carter + Banks on the subject
of Col. J. W. Marsden Newton's complaint of the
obstruction of Major York's road for vehicular
traffic on the occasion of the Fair held on the
Common last Whitsuntide, stating that if the
Fair were moved further on to the Common the
traffic would not be lessened and that the
Common Ranger reports to them that an ice
cream barrow stood in the roadway the greater
part of the day and some cheap jewellery vendors
pitched by the side of the Swan Hotel Stables
and were the cause of people collecting in the
roadway, but they will be only too pleased to
render the Police every assistance in the matter.

Mr. C. Berry informed the Conservators that
he would lay before the Lord of the Manor the
views of the Conservators with regard to Roundabout
on the Common.

Trees. - (a) Resolved - That the question of planting three Scotch Fir Trees on the Common near Mount Ephraim House, and two near the Fir Tree Pond be referred to the Committee with authority to purchase and plant five trees.

The Surveyor reported on the condition of a chestnut tree opposite the entrance to Chancellor House.

(b) Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee.

The Surveyor reported that seven of the trees in the avenue leading to St. Paul's Church, Rushhall, are dead.

It was reported to the Committee that Mrs. Rogers, the donor of the trees in question, had expressed her willingness to replace the dead trees, and that Mr. F. W. Elers would make any necessary arrangements in the matter.

The Surveyor also reported that a tree near the Spa Hotel grounds is dead.

(c) Resolved - That notices be posted on the Commons warning persons against damaging the Holly Trees.

Gorse. - A letter was received from the Secretary of the Committee of Freehold Tenants calling the attention of the Commons Conservators to the necessity of cutting down the old furze,

especially where there is a continuous line in order to prevent fires extending over a large area.

(a) Resolved - That the letter be referred to the Gorse Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs T. Edwards, F. W. Elers and H. M. Rogers.

(b) Resolved - That the Gorse Sub-Committee be authorised to spend a sum of £50 in gorse cutting, in addition to the sum already spent during the current year.

Bridge Road Lake. - Resolved - That the question of cleaning out the Bridge Road Lake be referred to the Committee.

Drainage. - A letter was received from Messrs Stone, Simpson & Mason with reference to the diversion of the storm water from the front of South View Terrace.

Resolved - That Messrs Stone, Simpson & Mason be informed that the matter is not one within the jurisdiction of the Common Conservators but is a matter for the owners of the property in question.

Deposits on the Common. - A letter was received from Mr. H. J. Hanson, on behalf of the Churchwardens of St. Paul's Parish, with reference to the deposit of materials on the Common near Hirsthall Church.

Resolved- That the consideration of the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Conservators, and, in the meantime, the Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. H. J. Hanson that no authority has been given by the Conservators to the deposit on the Common of any refuse from the Churchyard.

Accounts. - Year ended 25th March, 1912. - The Auditor's report on the Accounts for the year ended 25th March last was received and considered.

(a) Resolved- That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors for their services.

(b) Resolved- That Messrs R. Pelton and W. Middleton Rogers be re-appointed Auditors for the current year.

Agendas of Meetings. - Questions relating to the Agendas of Meetings being sent out with the Notices of Meetings were discussed.

<u>Accounts for Payment</u> :-	£.	s.	d.
<u>Cambridge Wells Corporation</u>			
Salary of Surveyor &c.	75.	18.	6.
<u>Mr. W. C. Cripps</u>			
½ yrs Salary to 14 th August, 1912.	12.	10.	0.
Total £	<u>88.</u>	<u>8.</u>	<u>6.</u>

J. G. Selick
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Common Conservators
held at the Town Hall on Thursday the
5th day of December 1912.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor
Lilcock), Chairman.

Messrs H. M. Caley, J. A. Cheale,
J. Edwards, F. W. Elers, W. Maynard, R.
Pelton, H. M. Rogers and W. Scott.

Appointment of Conservators:- A letter
was received from the Town Clerk stating that
the Town Council at their meeting on the 9th
November last appointed the following Members
as Common Conservators until the 9th November
1913:-

His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor
Lilcock.)

Mr. Alderman Caley, Mr. Councillor Edwards
and Mr. Councillor Scott.

Minutes:- The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read and confirmed.

Trees:- A letter was received from the Engineer of
the Post Office Telephones requesting permission
to trim the trees from Nevill Terrace to Mount
Ephraim on the edge of the Common.

(a) Resolved- That the application be acceded
to, and that the Clerk be instructed to request
that directions be given for care to be exercised in
cutting the trees.

(b) Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed
 (1) to cut out dead limbs of a chestnut tree near
 the Mount Edgemunbe rocks; (2) to cut down a
 chestnut tree near Chancellor House; and (3) to
 cut down an elm tree near Hungerhall Park.

The Committee reported that they had purchased
 five Scotch fir trees, and that three had been
 planted near Hungerhall Park and two by
 the Fir Tree Pond.

Mr. F. W. Elers reported to the Conservators that
 the seven dead trees in the avenue leading to
 St. Paul's Church, Kusthall, had been replaced by
 Mrs. Rogers, the donor of the trees in question.

(c) Resolved - That five aucubas be planted on
 the Common near the Commons' urinal.

Deposits on the Common. - A further letter was
 received from Mr. H. J. Hanson, on behalf of the
 Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Paul's Church,
 Kusthall, with reference to the deposit of surplus
 soil on the Common near the Church.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the
 Committee and Surveyor to report to the next
 meeting of the Conservators.

Steps opposite "Bellevue". - Mr. W. Maynard
 reported to the Conservators with reference to
 the steps opposite "Bellevue".

Resolved - That the consideration of the matter

be deferred to the next meeting of the Conservators.

Gorse. - The Gorse Sub-Committee reported the action they are taking with respect to the gorse on the Common.

Bridge Road Lake. - The Committee reported that they have not yet commenced the work of clearing out the Bridge Road Lake.

Apsley Street. - Quarry. - Questions relating to the condition of the excavated bank opposite Apsley Street, Rushall, were considered.

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to inspect the site in question.

Racecourse. - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to remove the bars and chains attached to the posts on the Racecourse.

Paths. - Questions relating to the continuation of the pathway near the Pump on the Common, and to the removal of the seats on such pathway, were considered and referred to the Committee.

Appointment of Committee. - Resolved - That Messrs W. M. Caley, F. W. Clers, T. Edwards and W. M. Rogers be appointed a Committee during the ensuing year.

Accounts for Payment.-Cambridge Wells Corporation.

Salaries & Wages	£35. 9. 10.
Fencing to	<u>25. 5. 10.</u>

£60. 15. 8d.

Estimates.- Resolved- That the Finance Committee of the Corporation be requested to include the sum of £400 in the estimates for the next financial year for the purposes of the Conservators.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall on Thursday the
6th day of March 1913.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor
Silcock), Chairman.

Messrs Berry, Caley, Cheale, Edward
Maynard and Scott.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Rushall Bowling Club. - A letter was received
from the Secretary, Rushall Bowling Club,
forwarding copy of the following resolution passed
by them:

"That the Conservators be written to asking
"them to assist the Rushall Bowling Club
"by enclosing the portion of ground already
"laid down by the Club on that part of
"Rushall Common known as the Marl Pit,
"near Drinking Fountain, but is now over-run
"by cattle, thus spoiling the turf and making
"it impossible to play on, and, therefore, the
"Club appeals to the Conservators to kindly
"assist them by the powers vested in them
"under Section 167 in the Tisbury Wells
"Improvement Act."

Resolved - That the Rushall Bowling Club be
asked to supply a plan of the area and
particulars of the kind of fencing they desire,
and also if they are prepared to pay half
the cost of the fencing.

Trees. - A letter was received from Miss Cummins stating that her sister and herself will be glad to give young trees to replace the elm trees which have been cut down on the Common.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

Questions relating to the possibility of steps being taken to preserve the old Scotch fir tree near the Fir Tree Pond were considered.

Lower Cricket Ground:- It was reported that a notice board had been fixed to the fencing round the Lower Cricket Ground.

Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to remove the notice board in question.

Roadways. - A letter was received from Mr. Geo. Abbott asking the Conservators to mend the road extending from Rushall Park past the Pulpit Rock.

Resolved - That the letter be referred to the Committee and the Surveyor for report.

Gorse Cutting. - It was reported to the Conservators that the Gorse Sub-Committee are still proceeding with the work of cutting gorse on the Common.

Resolved - That the work of gorse cutting be discontinued at Easter.

Mount Ephraim Promenade. - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to treat the Mount Ephraim Promenade with tarvia.

Bridge Road Lake. - Resolved - That the work of cleaning out the Bridge Road Lake be proceeded with.

Seats. - Resolved - That two seats on the pathway leading to the Sanitary Convenience on the Common be removed.

Deposits on the Common. - Questions relating to the deposit of surplus soil on the Common near Rushall Church were considered and deferred.

Accounts for Payment.

Cambridge Wells Corporation

Salaries & Wages, &c. £59. 2. 2d.

Mr. W. C. Cripps.

$\frac{1}{2}$ years Salary to 14th February 1913. 12. 10. 0d.

Total. £71. 12s. 2d.

P. Edwards
Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday the 5th day of June 1913.

Present:- Mr. T. Edwards, in the Chair.

Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry, W. Maynard,
R. Peltow, H. Middleton Rogers
and W. Scott.

Minutes. - The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Rusthall Bowling Club. - A letter was received from the Rusthall Bowling Club forwarding copy of the following resolution passed by them at a meeting held on April 21st last, together with plan of the Bowling Green at the Old Marl Pit, Rusthall Common:-

(Copy Resolution)

"That the Rusthall Bowls Club Committee beg to thank the Commons Conservators of Cambridge Wells for the kind consideration they have given to their application of January 31st last, asking them to enclose the Rusthall Bowling Green. They now beg to enclose as requested a plan of the area they would like enclosed; respecting the design of fence and posts they think the same kind as used on the Cambridge Wells Common cricket grounds would meet the case, with a length made to open at one point on the West side; respecting paying half the cost of the fence, the Committee, if they had the funds, would only be too glad to do so, but as it is only a new Club and has had to spend its funds, and members have given voluntary labour on making the Green and providing Bowls, etc., and it will need a good deal more to spend on the ground. The Committee earnestly appeals to you in the interest of

"the Club and the electors of the West Ward that you will be able to pay the cost to enclose the ground; as it is so little that has been asked for at Rushall by the electors. The Committee trust you will be able to meet this case."

The Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of enclosing the piece of Rushall Common in question with posts and rails at £26.

Resolved - That the area shown on the plan laid before the Conservators be set apart for the purposes of a Bowling Green under Section 167 of the Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act, 1890, and enclosed with posts and rails similar to those surrounding the Lower Cricket Ground.

Trees - The letter from Miss Cumming, laid before the Conservators at their last meeting, offering on behalf of her sister and herself to give young trees to replace the elm trees which had been cut down on the Tunbridge Wells Common was further considered.

Resolved - That the Clerk be instructed to thank Miss Cumming for her offer and to inform her that the Conservators do not propose, at present, to plant any trees in the place of the elm trees which have been cut down, but if at any future time the Conservators consider it well to plant additional trees they will address a further communication to her.

Deposits on the Common - Questions relating to the deposit of surplus soil on the Common near Rushall Church were further considered.

Resolved- That the Surveyor be instructed to level the existing deposit which has been made on the Common and that the Clerk be instructed to inform the Vicar and Churchwardens of Ruskall Church that no further deposits may be made on the Common.

Drainage- The Surveyor reported that the land drainage of a portion of the Common adjoining Bridge Road had become blocked.

Resolved- That the Surveyor be instructed to re-drain the portion of the Common in question.

Meteorological Station- The Clerk laid before the Conservators a request from the Health Committee of the Town Council for permission to erect apparatus in connection with a Meteorological Station on the Common near Mount Ephraim House.

Resolved- That the Health Committee of the Town Council be informed that the Conservators have no objection to the apparatus for a Meteorological Station being placed on the Common near Mount Ephraim House provided the exact site of the Station is approved by the Committee of the Conservators and that the Station is surrounded by a fence to be approved by the Committee of the Conservators.

Roadways- The Committee reported on the letter from Dr. Geo. Abbott, laid before the Conservators at their last meeting requesting that the road extending from Ruskall Park past the Pulpit Rock might be prepared.

Resolved- That no action be taken in the matter.

Seats. - It was reported that two seats on the pathway leading to the Sanitary convenience on the Common had been removed.

Footpaths. - A letter was received from Mr. M. Hyde stating that some furze bushes have been planted at the entrance to a footpath near Rushall Beacon apparently with the object of preventing access to the path leading to the Happy Valley and asking if this has been done by the authority of the Conservators.

Resolved - That the letter be referred to the Committee for consideration.

Employees. - The Clerk reported that on the 18th March last, Edwin Taylor, an employee of the Conservators, met with an accident to his eye whilst cutting furze on the Common, that the Insurance Company had paid him half pay during his absence from work and in view of the possibility of any future occurrence of the eye trouble he had arranged with the Insurance Company to a declaration of liability being filed in Taylor's behalf.

Fairs on Common. - A letter was received from Mr. R. Bruce Atken calling attention to the condition of the Common near the Pantiles caused by swings and roundabouts.

(a) Resolved - That the Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of the Bye-laws made by the Town Council relating to steam organs to Mr. Berry.

(b) Resolved - That the attention of the Watch

Committee be called to complaints of the use of organs and other musical instruments worked by steam or other mechanical means and placed on the Commons.

Games on Common. - A letter was received from Mr. J. Raiswell, of Mount Edgecumbe, complaining of the nuisance caused by cricket being played in the hollow near the Lower Cricket Ground.

Resolved - That no action be taken in the matter.

Accounts for Payment. -

Limbridge Wells Corporation.

Salaries + Wages - Bridge
Road Lake &c.

£113. 10s. 9d.

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Monday the 4th day of July 1913.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Lilcock) Chairman.
Messrs Lawford Andrews, Charles Berry, H. M. Caley, T. Edwards, W. Maynard, R. Pelton, H. M. Rogers and W. Scott.

Band Performances.- A letter was received from the Hon. Secretary of the Corporation Band Committee requesting the Commons Conservators to sanction the Band performing on the Common each afternoon during the present season.

It was moved by His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Lilcock), seconded by Mr. Alderman Caley, and Resolved (Mr. C. Berry and Mr. W. Maynard voting against, and Mr. R. Pelton not voting) - "That the Conservators (so far as they are empowered by law so to do) do hereby sanction the placing upon the Commons by the Band Committee of a movable bandstand and chairs for the Season of 1913, such bandstand to be used for musical performances and the chairs by persons attending such performances, subject to the following conditions:-

"(1) That the bandstand and chairs referred to in the above resolution may not be placed on

"(a) any road or footpath;

"(b) any portion of the Commons which is not coloured green upon the

deposited plan of the Commons referred to in the Turnbridge Wells Improvement Act, 1890;

"(c) the area immediately below Mount Edgemunde Rocks."

Notice of Meetings. - The following resolution passed by the Commons Conservators on the 15th December 1910, was considered:-

(Copy Resolution)

"Notice of Meetings. - Resolved - That ten days' notice of Meetings be given to each Conservator."

Resolved - That the resolution above referred to be amended so as to read as follows:-

"That ten days' notice of meetings be given to each Conservator except in cases of emergency."

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday the 9th day of October 1913.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Sulcock, J. P.), Chairman.
Messrs Lawford Andrews, Charles Berry, H. M. Caley, J. A. Cheale, Thomas Edwards, W. Maynard, R. Pelton, H. M. Rogers and W. Scott.

Appointment of Conservators.- A letter was received from the Secretary of the Committee of Freehold Tenants stating that at a meeting on the 1st September 1913, Messrs F. W. Stone, H. M. Rogers, J. A. Cheale and L. Andrews were appointed as their Representatives on the Commons Conservators.

Minutes.- The minutes of the last ordinary meeting and of a special meeting held on the 7th July, 1913, were read and confirmed.

Rushall Bowling Club.- A letter was received from the Rushall Bowling Club forwarding copy of the following resolution passed by them at a meeting held on the 29th September 1913:-

"That the Tunbridge Wells Commons Conservators' attention be drawn to the unlevel state of the Rushall Bowling Green, which they have so kindly enclosed on Rushall Common under the Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act. The Rushall Bowling Club earnestly appeals to the Commons Conservators and ask if they could kindly use their powers

"under that Act by levelling the same during
 "the coming winter so as to make it ready for
 "the next season to be used for Bowls.

"The Rushall Bowling Club earnestly make this
 "appeal on behalf of the electors and members
 "of the Club, and trust you will give it your
 "favourable consideration, and by so doing you
 "will be giving the West Ward a chance to have
 "a green like the other Wards have."

Resolved - That in view of the fact that the Conservators
 under the provisions of the Cambridge Wells Improvement
 Act, 1890, are only empowered to form Cricket and
 Football Grounds, the Rushall Bowling Club be
 informed that the Conservators regret they cannot accede
 to their application.

Roadways. - A letter was received from Dr. G. Abbott
 asking the Conservators to reconsider the decision
 passed at their meeting held on the 5th June last to
 take no action in connection with the repair of the road
 extending from Rushall Park past the Pulpit Rock,
 and stating that what he had done in connection with
 the repair of the road had been voluntary on his part.

(a) Resolved - That Dr. G. Abbott be informed that the
 Conservators adhere to the resolution passed by them on
 the 5th June 1913, to take no action in the matter.

A letter was received from Lieut.-Col. J. W. Marsdin
 Newton asking the Conservators to improve the condition
 of the road leading to his house.

(b) Resolved - That Lieut.-Col. Marsdin Newton be

informed that the road being a private road the Conservators can take no action in the matter.

Fire Brigade Display. - The Committee reported that an application had been received from the Cambridge Wells Tradesmen's Association for permission to hold a Fire Brigade Display on the Lower Cricket Ground on the evening of the 30th September 1913, and that the Association had been informed that the Committee had no objection to offer to the Display.

Resolved - That the action of the Committee be approved.

Footpaths. - (a) Resolved - That a small portion of the path on the Common opposite Warden House now gravelled, be made up and tar-painted.

(b) Resolved - That the footpath at the back of the Pantiles be made up and tar-painted.

(c) Resolved - That the question of tar-painting the whole of the gravelled paths on the Common be considered at the meeting of the Conservators in March next.

(d) Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to repair the gravelling in front of the Spa Post Office.

Fence. - G. P. O. - The Borough Surveyor reported that the fence around the triangular piece of ground

opposite the General Post Office had been damaged by a Post Office Motor Van.

Resolved - That an account of the cost of repairing the damage to the fence be sent to the Postmaster - General.

Deposits - The Surveyor reported that he had levelled the deposit of surplus soil on the Common near Ruskhall Church.

Drainage - The Surveyor reported that he had ^{redrained} a portion of the Common adjoining Eridge Road, authorized by the Conservators at their last meeting.

Trees - The question of planting trees at the top of Lower Green Road in the place of trees cut down was referred to the Committee.

Resolved - That the Committee be requested to consider the desirability of cutting down the fir tree at the junction of Kungershall Park Road and Major York's Road, with power to cut down the tree if they deem it necessary.

Questions relating to a beech tree at "Ruskhall Place" adjoining the Common were considered.

Fir Tree Pond - Resolved - That the Committee be requested to consider the desirability of cleaning out the Fir Tree Pond, with power to act.

Gorse - Resolved - That a sum of £20 be voted for the work of gorse cutting, and that a Gorse Sub-Committee

consisting of Messrs Edwards, Elers and Rogers be appointed.

Seats. - Resolved - That Mr. T. Edwards be requested to present a Report on the condition of the whole of the seats on the Commons.

Accounts - Year ended 25th March, 1913. -

The Auditors' Report on the Accounts for the year ended 25th March last was received and considered

(a) Resolved - That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors for their services.

(b) Resolved - That Messrs R. Pelton and W. M. Rogers be re-appointed Auditors for the current year.

Accounts for Payment. -

Mr. C. Goodley.

Fence, Ruskall Bowling Green. £18. 13. 0d.

Mr. W. Cripps.

½ year's salary to 14th August 1913. £12. 10. 0d.

Cambridge Wells Corporation

Tarring Mount Ephraim.

Repairs to Seats &c. £41. 19. 0d.

Total. £73. 2. 0d.

Charles Thomas

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Common Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday the 4th day of December 1913.

Present:- Mrs. Worshitt the Mayor / Mr. Councillor
Amson, J. P.), Chairman.
Messrs Lawford Andrews, C. Berry, W. M.
Caley, J. A. Cheale, T. Edwards, F. W. Elers
W. Maynard and W. Scott.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Riding Course. - A letter was received from the Tumbidge Wells Tradesmen's Association forwarding copy of the following resolution passed at a meeting of the Association held on the 21st October 1913:-

"That in the opinion of this meeting of the Tumbidge
"Wells Tradesmen's Association, it is desirable in
"the best interests of the town as a health resort
"that a portion of the Common, known as the
"Old Race Course, extending from the junction of
"Newill Park and Major York's Road, to a point
"near to Romanoff Lodge or other suitable Course
"be reserved as a Riding Course and that such
"Course be available to the public use all the year
"round.

"That the Common Conservators be approached
"with a view to the apportionment of the same,
"with a request that the ruts at present existing
"be filled up with some suitable material to
"prevent injury to horses being ridden over the
"Course."

Resolved - That the consideration of the matter be deferred.

Appointment of Committee. - A letter was received from Mr. Alderman Caley resigning as a Member of the Committee of the Conservators.

Resolved - That Messrs. Berry, T. Edwards, Glers. Rogers and Scott be appointed a Committee until the 9th day of November next.

Trees. - The Surveyor reported that one elm tree and one lime tree on the Common near the Spa Hotel were decayed and in his opinion constitute a public danger.

Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to cut down the elm tree and the lime tree and to plant one lime tree.

Fir Tree Pond. - It was reported to the Conservators that the work of clearing out the Fir Tree Pond had been commenced.

Grass. - It was reported to the Conservators that grass cutting had been commenced.

Seats. - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to repair four seats near Mount Ephraim.

Footpaths. - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to tar paint the whole of the gravel paths on the Commons.

Fencing. - The Surveyor reported that he had repaired the fencing recently damaged opposite the General Post Office and had sent the account of the cost of repairs to the Postmaster-General.

Covered Seats. - Resolved. - That the Surveyor be instructed to examine the covered seats and roofing and repair where necessary.

Accounts for Payment.
Trunbridge Wells Corporation.
 Salaries + Wages &c.

£85. 14. 3d.

Estimates. - Resolved. - That the Finance Committee of the Corporation be requested to include the sum of £550 in the Estimates for the next financial year for the purposes of the Conservators.

Wm. D. D. D.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday the 5th day of March, 1914.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councilor Emson) Chairman.

Messrs. Lawford Andrews, C. Berry, H. M. Caley, S. A. Cheale, T. Edwards, F. W. Elers, W. Maynard, R. Pelton, H. Middleton Rogers and W. Scott.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Band Performances. - A letter was received from the Secretary of the Corporation Band Committee applying to the Conservators for permission to allow Band performances on the Common each afternoon during the ensuing Band Season commencing on June 1st next.

Resolved - (Mr. C. Berry and Mr. W. Maynard voting against and Mr. R. Pelton not voting) - That the Conservators (so far as they are empowered by law so to do) do hereby sanction the placing upon the Common by the Band Committee of a movable bandstand and chairs for the Season 1914 such bandstand to be used for musical performances and the chairs by persons attending such performances, subject to the following conditions:-

1. That the bandstand and chairs referred to in the above resolution may not be placed on -
 - (a) Any road or footpath.
 - (b) Any portion of the Commons which is not coloured green upon the deposited plan of the

Commons referred to in the Tunbridge Wells
Improvement Act, 1890.

(c) The area immediately below Mount Edgemose Rock:

Riding Course. - The resolution passed by the Tunbridge
Wells Tradesmen's Association laid before the Conservators
at their last meeting was considered.

Resolved - That the Clerk be directed to send the following
letter to the Tunbridge Wells Tradesmen's Association:-

Tunbridge Wells Commons Conservators.

Town Hall,

Tunbridge Wells.

9th March, 1914.

Dear Sir,

Tunbridge Wells Commons.

Bye-law No. 31 of the Commons Conservators
provides that:-

"No person shall ride any horse or other animal
"on the Commons during the months of November
"to March, both inclusive, nor at any time on any
"parts of the Commons on which for the time being
"riding is prohibited by the Conservators."

The Conservators are of opinion that it is undesirable
to alter this Bye-law with respect to the period between
November and March as the result would be injurious to
the surface of the Common.

The Conservators have not prohibited riding between
March and November on any portions of the Commons
except upon those which are set apart for Cricket, Football
and other games.

In order to meet, as far as possible, the wishes of
the Association that additional riding facilities between

March and November should be afforded, the Conservators have directed the Surveyor to remove the gorse bushes on the "Course" which is approximately shown by the pink colour on the annexed plan and which has a length of about 335 yards. Any serious "rips" or other likely inequalities which would apparently be dangerous to equestrians will also be removed.

The Conservators are unanimously of opinion that the old Race Course would be unsuitable and dangerous for the purpose.

Yours faithfully,

W. C. Cripps.

Clerk.

Rusthall Bowling Green. - A letter was received from the Secretary of the Rusthall Bowling Club asking the Conservators to arrange to have a few seats fixed near the bowling green on Rusthall Common and also asking if they will give the Club permission to fix a board on the green stating that the ground is laid out as a Bowling Green.

Resolved - That the Rusthall Bowling Club be informed that they may fix a board, to be approved by the Conservators, as suggested, and that the question of the provision of seats has been referred to the Committee.

Trees. - A letter was received from Mr. E. Bishop asking that the trees in front of Clarence House, London Road, may be lopped and topped.

Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work.

A letter was received from Mr. Yates with reference to the removal of a tree which is partly upon his property "Lushall Place" and partly upon the Common.

Resolved- That Mr. Yates be informed that the Conservators are of opinion that there is no need for action at the present time.

A letter was received from the Solicitor to the Owners of the Spa Hotel Property claiming a sum of £20 for the value of two trees cut down by order of the Conservators on the Common adjoining the Spa Hotel property and for damages for trespass.

Resolved- That the Solicitor to the Owners of the Spa Hotel Property be informed that the Conservators are not prepared to make any payment in respect of the claims.

A letter was received from Mr. T. Elsley with reference to the oak tree adjoining the garden of "Lungershall Lodge"

Resolved- That the Surveyor be instructed to trim the lower branches of the tree and cut out the dead wood.

A petition was received from Residents of certain houses in Eridge Road asking that the trees in front of their houses may be trimmed.

Resolved- That the matter be referred to the Committee with power to act.

Covered Seats. - Resolved - That the roofs of the three covered seats on the Common be re-thatched at an estimated cost of £10 each.

Gorse. - It was reported to the Conservators that £20. 8s. 7d. had been expended on gorse cutting on the Commons.

Accounts for Payment.

<u>Limbridge Wells Corporation.</u>	£	s.	d.
Salaries & Wages to.	71.	14.	2.
<u>Mr. C. Baldwin.</u>			
Printing & Stationery.	4.	0.	11.
<u>Mr. W. C. Cripps.</u>			
½ year's salary to 14 th Feb. 1914.	12.	10.	0.
Total.	£	88.	5. 1d.

Charles W. Cripps

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday the 4th day of June, 1914.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Emsou), Chairman.

Messrs. Lawford Andrews, C. Berry, W. M. Caley, S. A. Cheale, P. Edwards, W. H. Rogers, W. Maynard and R. Pelton.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Steps near "Belleville". - A letter was received from Mr. C. A. Ravenscroft calling attention to the condition of the steps on the Common near "Belleville".

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee with instructions that if, in their opinion, the steps are dangerous they be empowered to have such steps repaired.

Riding Course. - A letter was received from the ^{Association} ~~Association~~ Cambridge Wells Tradersmen's, forwarding copy of the following resolution passed by them:-

"That this Meeting of the Cambridge Wells Tradersmen's Association acknowledges with gratitude the concession made by the Commons Conservators that a portion of the Common be cleared for the use of a riding Course, and urges the Conservators to amend Bye Law 31, by inserting after the words 'other animal on the Common' 'except upon such portion of the Commons as may be, for the time being, specially reserved for riding.'"

The Surveyor reported that he had cut down the gorse, grubbed

up stumps of old gorse and filled the holes on the portion of the Common suggested for the riding Course.

The resolution of the General Purposes Committee of the Town Council with reference to the alteration of the Bye Law was read.

Resolved - That the ^{Tradesmen's} Timbridge Wells Association be informed that with reference to the suggested amendment of the Bye Laws the Conservators consider it is not desirable to make such amendment at the present time, that they will be prepared to take the amendment into further consideration after the riding course has been open for some months and experience has been gained of its use and the effect upon the herbage, etc.

Seats - Resolved - That two covered seats on the Common be roofed with Norfolk reed thatch.

The Committee reported that they had purchased two specimen seats which had been placed on the Common near "Bredbury."

Resolved - That twelve new seats be purchased - style Centaur B - from Messrs. Hughes Bolckow & Co. at £2. 17s. 6d. each, and that the Committee be requested to select the positions for such seats.

It was reported that seats had been placed near the Rushall Bowling Green

Trees - Resolved - That the old fir tree between the Upper Cricket Ground and the Fir Tree Pond be cut down.

and that four Scotch Firs be planted.

Resolved- That the Surveyor be instructed to carry out a reasonable amount of trimming of the trees in Bridge Road.

Meeting:- The resolution of the Watch Committee asking the Conservators to fence in a portion of the Common near the General Post Office was considered.

Resolved- That the Surveyor be instructed to erect a fence on the London Road side of the triangular piece of the Common adjoining the General Post Office.

Accounts for Payment:-

Timbridge Wells Corporation wages &c	£ 56. 6. 10
Hughes Blackrow & Co. Seal.	£ 2 14 6
Bastle's Shipbreaking & Co. Seal.	£ 3 14 0
W. B. Gripps 2 yrs salary.	£ 12 10 0
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	£ 74 18 4

Charles D. Eason.

Chairman

All a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the
Town Hall on Thursday, the 8th day of October 1914

Present His Worship the Mayor (Mr Councillor
Emson) Chairman

Messrs Lawford Andrews, G. Berry, H. M.
Caley, S. A. Cheale, J. Edwards, J. H. Eless, W.
Maynard, A. Felton, H. M. Rogers and J. W. Stone

Minutes. - The Minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed

Steps near "Belleville" - Resolved - That the condition of the
steps on the common near "Belleville" be again referred
to the Committee, with instructions that if, in their opinion,
the steps are dangerous they be empowered to have the
steps repaired

Riding Course. - A letter was received from the Tunbridge
Wells Tradesmen's Association stating that in the opinion
of two riding masters the riding course, as at present
left, is dangerous and quite useless for riding purposes,
and that at a meeting held on the 16th June last a
resolution was unanimously passed thanking the Commons
Conservators for the steps that had been taken and urging
that further work may be put in hand as early as possible
to make the course rideable.

Resolved - That no further action be taken in the
matter at present.

Cricket Grounds. - A letter was received from the Hon. Secretary
of the Rushhall Cricket Club requesting that their cricket
ground may be fenced in in the same way as other
cricket grounds on the Common

Resolved (Mr G. Berry voting against) - That under

Section 164 of the Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act, 1890, the Roothall Cricket Ground be set apart for cricket and that it be enclosed with a post and rail fence at a cost not exceeding £50.

Military Camp. It was reported to the Conservators that a portion of the common was at the present time being used as a Military Camp.

Gorse cutting. Resolved that a sum of £25 be voted for the work of gorse cutting and that a gorse cutting sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Edwards, Elers and Rogers be appointed.

Fencing London Road. The Surveyor reported that the fencing on the London Road side of the triangular piece of land adjoining the General Post Office had been completed.

Trees. The Surveyor reported that the trimming of trees in Eridge Road had been completed.

Seats. Resolved - That six additional seats - style Centaur B - be purchased, and that the committee be requested to select the position of such seats by the side of the pathway leading from Mount Ephraim to Bishops Down.

Bull's Hollow. Resolved - That the question of the deposit of road sweepings at Bull's Hollow be referred to the Surveyor to deal with.

Accounts. Year ended 25th March, 1914. The Auditors' Report on the Accounts for the year ended 25th March last was received and considered.

(a) Resolved - That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors for their services.

(b) Resolved - That Messrs R. Lellon and H. M. Rogers be re-appointed Auditors for the current year

Accounts for Payment.

Cambridge Wells Corporation

wages, seats, &c.

£140. 14. 5.

Total £140. 14. 5.

Charles Brown

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday, the 3rd day of December, 1914

Present - His Worship the Mayor (Mr Councillor Emson)
Chairman.

Messrs L. Andrews, G. Perry, W. M. Caley,

S. A. Cheale, J. Edwards, R. Felton, W. M. Rogers,

W. Scott and F. W. Stone.

Appointment of Conservators - It was reported that the Town Council at their meeting on the 9th November last appointed the following members as Commons Conservators until the 9th November, 1915:-

His Worship the Mayor (Mr Councillor Emson)

Mr Alderman Caley

Mr Councillor J. Edwards.

Mr Councillor Scott.

Minutes - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Trees - A letter was received from Mr. T. Ebley requesting that the two large sycamore trees on the common adjoining the fence of "Hengershall Lodge" may be removed.

Resolved - That Mr Ebley be informed that the conservators are unable to accede to his request.

The clerk reported to the conservators the correspondence with Col. F. B. Huist, Miss R. E. Kent, and Messrs W. Brackett & sons with reference to the holly trees adjoining "Gibraltar Cottage".

Steps near "Belleville" - Resolved - That the question of the condition of the steps on the common near "Belleville" be again referred to the Committee to report to the conservators at their next meeting.

Appointment of Committee. - Resolved. That Messrs Berry, J. Edwards, Eels, Rogers & Scott be appointed a committee until the 9th day of November next.

Goose cutting. - The goose cutting sub-committee reported that they had spent to date about half the vote of £25 voted by the conservators on the 8th October last.

Cricket ground - Fencing. - The surveyor reported the tenders which he had received for fencing the Hursthall Cricket Ground and that the lowest tender received amounted to £52. 15s. 6d. being £2. 15s. 6d. in excess of the amount of £50 passed by the conservators at their last meeting.

Resolved. - That the consideration of the matter be deferred until after the War.

Apsley Street - Quarry. - Questions relating to the probable danger to the public occasioned by the quarrying operations at Apsley Street Quarry were considered, and Mr. Berry stated he would lay the matter before the Lord of the Manor.

Lower Cricket Ground. - The question of the condition of the surface of the Lower Cricket Ground was considered and deferred.

Estimates. - Resolved - That the Finance Committee of the Corporation be requested to include the sum of £350 in the estimates for the next financial year for the purposes of the Common Conservators.

Accounts for Payment:

Sunderland Mills Corporation

Wages, footfalls, etc.

£261 " 5 " 11.

Mr. L. Baldwin, printing

£1 " 8 " 0

£262 " 13 " 11

Charles W. ...

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday the 4th day of March, 1915.

Present: His Worship the Mayor (Mr Councillor Emson) Chairman

Messrs Lawford Andrews, G. Berry, W. M. baby, S. A. Skeels, J. Edwards, J. W. Ebers, W. Maynard, H. M. Rogers and J. W. Stone.

Minutes. - The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Employees. - The correspondence with the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd. with reference to an accident to an employee was reported.

Upper Cricket Ground. - The Clerk reported that he had called the attention of the Military Authorities to the damage occasioned to the surface of the Upper Cricket Ground by soldiers drilling and exercising their horses on the ground.

A letter was received from the Brigade Major, South Lancashire Brigade, stating that instructions had been issued that the ground is not to be used by troops under the command of the Brigadier-General commanding this Brigade.

Steps near "Belleville" - The Committee reported that in their opinion the steps on the common near "Belleville" are dangerous, that they are used by the public as well as by the owner of the house, and require repairing.

Resolved. That the Conservators do pay half the cost

of repairing the steps in question provided the Lord of the Manor will pay the other half, and that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of such repairs.

Opsey Street Quarry. - Mr. Perry reported that the Lord of the Manor considers that he has no responsibility in connection with the quarrying operations at the Opsey Street Quarry and the probable danger to the public occasioned thereby

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Works Committee of the Corporation.

Trees. - A letter was received from Mr. E. Bishop asking that the trees in front of Clarence House may be trimmed and topped

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Surveyor with power to act.

Lower Cricket Ground. - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to fill up and roll the surface of the Lower Cricket Ground.

Gorse Cutting. - Resolved - That a further sum of £1000 be granted for gorse cutting on the commons

Camping Ground near York Cottage. - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to do any work he may consider necessary to improve the surface of the camping ground near York Cottage.

Deposits - Resolved - That the question of the deposit of
refuse near the Lion Rack, Penny Bottom, be
referred to the Surveyor.

Accounts for Payment

Lunbridge Wells Corporation

Salaries, Wages, etc £96 " 9 " 0.

Mr. H. C. Crofts, 2 years

salary to 14th February £12 " 10 " 0.

1915

£108 " 19 " 0

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall on Thursday,
the 3rd June, 1915.

Present- Mr. J. H. Elers, in the chair.

Messrs Andrews, Berry, Caley,
Cheale, J. Edwards, Maynard, Telton
and Stone.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Lower Cricket Ground. - The surveyor
reported that he had filled up and
rolled the surface of the Lower Cricket
Ground.

Trees. - The surveyor reported that the
trees in front of Clarence House
had been trimmed.

Camping Ground near York Cottage. - The
Surveyor reported that he had filled
up the surface of the camping ground
near York Cottage.

Commons Ranger. - It was reported that
G. Chapman, the Commons Ranger,
died on the 5th May last.

Resolved - That J. Taylor be appointed
Commons Ranger during the pleasure of
the Conservators at 25s. (and a war bonus
of 25 4d) per week.

Steps near Belleville. - Questions relating to the steps near Belleville were considered

Mr Perry informed the Conservators that the Lord of the Manor had written him that the steps were included in the lease of Belleville to Mr Ravenscroft and that it is the tenant's duty to repair the steps.

Mr Perry promised to send a copy of the Lord of the Manor's letter to the Clerk, subject to the instructions of the Lord of the Manor.

Resolved. That the consideration of the question of the repair of the steps be adjourned.

Accounts for Payment.

Sunbridge Wells Corporation	
Salaries, Wages, etc.	£47 " 6 " 4
Mr. H. B. Briggs, 2 years	
Salary to 14 th August, 1915	£12 " 10 " 0
	<u>£59 " 16 " 4</u>

Charles Pearson
Chairman

At a meeting of the commons conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday, the 7th October 1915.

Present. - His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Emson) Chairman
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry, S. A. Beale,
H. M. Baley, J. Edwards, F. W. Elers,
W. Maynard, H. Middleton Rogers,
and F. W. Stone.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Trees. - A letter was received from Mr. R. Pelton with reference to the provision of three or four Scotch Fir Trees on the common, in the place of the present young trees which have failed.

(a) Resolved. - That the consideration of the matter be deferred until October, 1916.

The correspondence between the Surveyor and Mr F. B. Yates with reference to a beech tree within Mr. Yates' fence adjoining the common was read.

(b) Resolved. - That the Surveyor be instructed to interview Mr Yates on the matter.

A letter was received from Mr. Stanley Philpot with reference to the removal of three trees adjoining Messrs Rawson's premises.

(c) Resolved. - That the matter be referred to the

Committee to consider and report thereon.

Gorse. - A letter was received from the Secretary of the Committee of the Freehold Tenants asking that furzes may be cut where they surround trees on the commons.

Resolved. - That the Clerk be instructed to inform the Committee of Freehold Tenants asking that furzes when the next gorse cutting is undertaken, the Committee will consider the matter.

Steps near Bellville. - Resolved - That the consideration of questions relating to the steps near Bellville be deferred sine die.

Accounts - Year ending 25th March 1915. - The Auditor's Report on the accounts for the year ended 25th March last was received and considered.

- (a) Resolved. - That a vote of thanks be given to the auditors for their services.
- (b.) Resolved. - That Messrs R. Pelton and H. M. Rogers be re-appointed Auditors for the current year.

Accounts for payment. - Accounts amounting to £65.4.9 (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.

Mark Stinson

Chairman

At a meeting of the Common
Conservators held at the Town Hall on
the 2nd December 1915.

Present:- His worship the Mayor. (Mr Councillor
Emson) Chairman
Messrs H. M. Baley, J. Abbeale, J.
Edwards, F. W. Elers, and W. Maynard.

Appointment of Conservators:- It was reported
that the Town Council at their meeting on
the 9th November last appointed the
following Members as Common Conservators
until the 9th November 1916

His worship the Mayor (Mr Councillor Emson)
Mr Alderman Bally
Mr Councillor J. Edwards.
Mr Councillor Scott.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed

The late Mr H. Middleton Rogers:- Resolved-
That a sincere vote of sympathy and
condolence be passed with Mr Rogers and
his family on the death of Mr H. Middleton
Rogers, and that an expression of the
regret of the Conservators at the loss of the
services of so valued and esteemed a
colleague be recorded on the minutes

Trees:- The Committee reported that they
had inspected the three trees adjoining
Messrs Rawson's premises, which Mr

Philpot, on behalf of Messrs Rawson, had asked to be removed, and recommended that no action be taken in the matter

(a) Resolved. That the Committee's recommendation be adopted

A letter was received from Messrs Eloy Robb & Berry, stating that their client has no objection to the proposal that the timber of the trees cut down near the Spa Hotel should be taken away by the Belgian Refugees and used by them for firewood, their client understanding that the Spa Hotel Company have no objection to this being done

(b) Resolved. That the Clerk be instructed to express the thanks of the Conservators to Messrs Eloy Robb & Berry for their letter

Appointment of Committee - Resolved -

That Messrs C. Berry, H. M. Bailey, J. Edwards, F. W. Elers & W. Scott be appointed a Committee until the 9th day of November next

Appointment of Auditor - Resolved That

Mr. S. Abheale be appointed Auditor for the current year in the place of the late Mr. H. Middleton Rogers.

Estimates - Resolved. That the Finance Committee of the Corporation be requested to include the sum of £175 (one half of the contribution for the current year)

in the Estimates for the next financial
year for the purposes of the Commons
Conservators

Accounts for payment: Accounts
amounting to £42.19.2 were passed.

Charles Thomas

Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday, the 8th June, 1916.

Present :- The Mayor, Chairman.
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry,
H. W. Saley, S. A. Cheate,
F. W. Elers, E. W. Kelsey,
W. Maynard and R. Pelton.

Minutes - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Appointment of Conservator - A letter was received from Mr. W. H. Delves, the Secretary of the Freeholders' Committee, notifying the nomination by the Committee of Mr. E. W. Kelsey as a Commons Conservator in the place of the late Mr. H. Middleton Rogers.

Trees - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to cut down two dead birch trees near Budge Road and one dead birch tree near Onslow House, and inform the representative of the Lord of the Manor when such trees have been cut down. A letter was received from Mrs. R. Pelton with reference to the planting of three or four Scotch fir trees on the Common in the place of trees which have failed near the Upper bucket ground, was further considered.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to

the committee (Mr. Pelton being added thereto for the purpose of considering this question) and that the Surveyor be instructed to carry out the decision of the committee in the matter.

Commons Ranger - Resolved - That J. Lay, Commons Ranger, be granted an addition of 2s. 11d. a week in his wages as a war bonus.

gorse. Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to remove the burnt gorse from the Commons.

Charles Thomas

Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday October the 5th. 1916

Present: The Mayor - Chairman.

Messrs. L. Andrews, H. M. Calby, S. A. O'Keefe,
J. Edwards, J. W. Elers, W. Maynard,
R. Pelton, W. Scott, and J. W. Stone

Minutes: The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Yees: A letter was received from Mr. J. E. Yates with reference to the removal of a Beech tree standing in the boundary fence of Rusthall Place.

(a) Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Surveyor.

A letter was received from the Hon. Secretary of the Homoeopathic Hospital, asking if the Conservators will have the trees standing in front of the hospital cut back, so as to let in more air and open up the view of the Common.

(b) Resolved:- That the matter be referred to the Committee and the Surveyor.

The minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on the 13th June were laid before the Conservators.

(c) Resolved:- That the following

recommendations of the committee be adopted:-

- (1) That no further trees be planted near the Fir Tree Pond.
 - (2) That an oak tree in the gravel pit near Mt. Ephraim House be cut down.
 - (3) That the fir tree on the common nearest to Mt. Ephraim House be cut down.
- (d) Resolved - That the committee be authorised to cut down, if they think fit, the birch tree in the gravel pit near Mt. Ephraim House.

Seats Resolved:- That questions relating to seats on the common be considered by the conservators at their next meeting.

Rocks - A letter was received from Dr. G. Abbott, asking whether any steps can be taken to prevent the cutting of wood in the rocks on the commons.

Resolved - That the clerk be authorised to take proceedings against any persons cutting any wood or character in the rocks on the commons.

Accounts for Payment:- Accounts amounting to £20. 0s. 2d. were passed.

Charles Thomas

Chairman.

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 4th November 1916.

Present: The Mayor - Chairman.
Messrs. F. W. Elers, J. A. Cheale,
A. Pelton, H. M. Caley, L. Andrews,
C. Berry, D. Edwards, W. Maynard
and E. M. Kelsey.
Capt. E. Austin was in attendance.

Minutes: - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Minature Rifle Range on the Common. -

The following letter was read: -

Headquarters,

Home Counties Reserve Brigade,

4, Mt. Ephraim,

5th, November, 1916.

Sir,

It is urgently necessary to provide further minature range accommodation in Dunbridge wells for the use of the troops.

For outdoor work it is proposed to make a range on the Common a little S.W. of this office on a site which has been pointed out to your Surveyor. This would involve a slightly raised firing point twenty five yards from the rocks - probably with a light overhead over thereto - the rocks would be

protected and a look-out man posted on the rocks while the firing was in progress.

For indoor work a corrugated iron shed 100ft x 24ft. is being provided by the War Office. If it is found impracticable to find sufficient space elsewhere with an end wall 16ft high, against which to erect this, it may be necessary to erect it and an end wall on the railed enclosure on the Common, which was formerly used by the troops.

Will you please submit this letter to the Conservators and acquaint me with any observations they wish to make on the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
(sd) Edwin Austin Capt.

Brigade Musketry Officer.

The Clerk called attention to the following extracts from The Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations 1914.

2. It shall be lawful for the competent naval or military authority and any person duly authorised by him, where for the purpose of securing the public safety or the Defence of the Realm it is necessary so to do.

- (a) To take possession of any land and to construct military works, including roads, thereon, and to remove any trees, hedges, and fences therefrom;
- (b) To do any other act involving interference with private rights of property which is necessary for the purpose aforesaid.

Capt. Austin explained that the Military Authorities would be content with a covered range at the foot of Edgumbe Rocks and that this would obviate the necessity of an outdoor one.

It was moved by the Mayor:-

"That subject to the Military Authorities taking all needful precautions for the public safety and to the competent military authority undertaking to reimburse the Commons and to make good to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor any damage or injury which may be caused, the Conservators raise no objection to the construction of an indoor miniature rifle range on Dumbidge Wells Common below the Mount Edgumbe Rocks."

It was moved as an amendment

by Mr. C. Berry and seconded by Mr. W. Maynard,-

That the resolution be prefaced by the following words:-

"That the Commons Conservators have
"no authority to deal with the matter,
"but".

On a vote being taken by a show of hands,
there voted:-

For the Amendment, 2.

Against, 8.

The amendment was therefore lost, and
the resolution moved by the Mayor
was thereupon carried.

Charles W. H. ...

Chairman

At a meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on the 7th day of December 1916.

Present:- The Mayor - Chairman.
Messrs. L. Andrews, H. M. Calley,
J. Edwards + W. Maynard.

Appointment of Conservators:- It was reported that the Town Council at their meeting on the 9th November last appointed the following members as Commons Conservators until the 9th November 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
(Mr. Councillor Emson)
Mr. Alderman Calley.
Mr. Councillor J. Edwards.
Mr. Councillor Scott.

Trees:-

The Surveyor reported that the Beech trees standing in the boundary fence of Rusthall Place had been cut down and sold for 25s. half of which will be paid to the lord of the Manor and half to the Conservators.

Rocks:-

A letter was received from Dr. G. Abbott suggesting that a notice should be placed upon the rocks requesting the public

to abstain from cutting their names
or otherwise defacing them.

Resolved:- That the Surveyor be
instructed to place a notice near
the rocks as suggested.

Appointment of Committee. - Resolved - That
Messrs L. Berry, H. M. Caley, J. Edwards,
J. W. Ekers & W. Scott be appointed a
Committee until the 9th day of November
next.

Accounts for payment. - Accounts amounting
to £ 83. 16s. 8d. were passed.

Charles T. ...

Chairman.

At a meeting of the Commons
Conservators held at the Town Hall
on the 8th day of March 1914.

Present:- The Mayor, Chairman.
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry
H. U. Caley, J. A. Cheale,
J. Edwards, W. Maynard and
R. Pelton.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Footpaths:- A letter was received from Mr. H.
Adams with reference to the footpaths
at the top of Lower Green Road,
stating that, as the Common at
this spot is situated rather low,
water causes the paths to get into
a bad state of repair, and asking
if the Conservators can see their
way to make up the paths with
Asphalt.

Resolved - That Mr. Adams be
informed that the Conservators
are not prepared to take any
action in the matter.

A letter was received from Dr.
G. Abbott with reference to the
condition of the footpath leading
from the Good Rock cottages to the
Denny Bottom Post Office.

The Surveyor reported that he had repaired the footpath in question.
Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to repair footpaths on the Common when necessary.

Mt. Ephraim Promenade - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to repair the Mt. Ephraim Promenade.

Wonthill, The Common - Questions relating to the formation of a cart track near "Wonthill" were referred to the Surveyor.

Accounts - Year ended 25th March, 1916 - The Auditor's report on the Accounts for the year ended 25th March, 1916, was received and considered.

Resolved - That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors for their services.

Resolved - That Messrs J. A. Cheale and R. Pelton be re-appointed Auditors.

Accounts for payments - Accounts amounting to £6. 4s. 2d. (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.

Charles Lewson

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday, the 4th June, 1914.

Present:- The Mayor, Chairman.

Messrs. L. Andrews, C. Berry,

H. W. Caley, S. A. Cheate,

W. Maynard, W. Pelton and

J. W. Stone.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Mr. F. Wadhams Elers:- Resolved - That a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence be passed with the relatives of the late Mr. F. Wadhams Elers, whose death occurred on the 20th March, 1914, and that an expression of the regret of the Conservators at the loss of the services of so valued and esteemed a colleague be recorded on the minutes.

Shed near Kentish Stables:- A letter was received from Mr. Alderman Delves, on behalf of the Freehold Tenants, calling the attention of the Conservators to the small shed adjoining the Kentish Stables which is now unoccupied and is advertised to be let. Resolved - That the letter be referred to the Committee of the Conservators for consideration and report.

Footpaths:- A letter was received from Dr. C. Lees

with reference to a footpath leading from Church Road over the Common, opposite Mt. Ephraim.

The Surveyor reported that the matter in question had been attended to.

Trees. - A letter was received from Miss W. Durrant asking if the Conservators will cut the trees in the Eridge Road, from the Pump Room to the L. B. & S. C. R. Station, as they shut out light and air from the cottages and also completely obstruct the view of the Common in summer.

Resolved - That Miss Durrant be informed that the Conservators are unable to accede to her request.

Employees. - Resolved - That each employee of the Conservators be granted a War Bonus of 5/- per week.

Gorse Fires. - It was reported to the Conservators that several gorse fires had occurred recently.

Mt. Ephraim Promenade. - Questions relating to the starring of a portion of Common between Mt. Ephraim and Mt. Ephraim Promenade were referred to the Committee.

Committee. - Mr. Berry intimated that as he will shortly be joining H. M. Forces he must relinquish his position as a member.

of the committee.

- (a) Resolved - That Mr. W. Maynard be appointed a member of the committee during the time Mr. Berry is absent from the Borough on military service
- (b) Resolved - That Mr. S. A. Leheale be appointed a member of the committee in the place of the late Mr. F. Wadhams Esq.

Charles Brown

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Conservators
 Conservators held at the Town Hall on
 Thursday, the 4th October, 1914.

Present. - The Mayor, Chairman.
 Messrs. L. Andrews, H. W. Caley,
 S. A. Cheale, J. Edwards, W. Maynard,
 H. Pelton, W. Scott and J. W. Stone.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were read
 and confirmed.

Tar Painting. - A letter was received from Messrs. Colby
 Robb and Berry with reference to the tar
 painting of a portion of the Common between
 Mount Ephraim and Mount Ephraim Promenade,
 stating that they are instructed to write that it
 is assumed that there will be no further obliteration
 of any portion of the waste of the Manor.

Mount Ephraim Promenade. - The following resolution of
 the Committee was laid before the Conservators. -

"That an experimental length of bricks on edge
 kerbing with turf be laid on Mount Ephraim
 between Promenade and roadway. Also an
 experimental length of pitched margin to
 form channel and edge of Promenade."

A letter was received from Mr. C. Berry asking
 that any matter affecting the interests of the Lord
 of the Manor may be postponed until he has an
 opportunity of being present at the Meeting.

Resolved - That the considerations of the above
 resolution be deferred.

Shed. - The following resolution of the Committee was laid before the Conservators:-

"That the attention of the Health Committee be drawn to the suitability of the small shed formerly used by Salvage Corps, adjoining Messrs Cundell's Yard, opposite Grand Hotel, for the purpose of a Public Urinal in lieu of the iron structure near Messrs Rawsons."

Resolved - That the consideration of the resolution be deferred until Mr Berrey's return.

Seats. - The Mayor reported to the Conservators that Sister Carter, of 10, Culverden Grange, had, since the last meeting of the Conservators, presented a seat to be placed near the commencement of the pathway leading to Westhall Church, to be used by wounded Soldiers only.

The Mayor reported that he had accepted the seat and that it had been placed on the Common.

Resolved - That the thanks of the Conservators be given to Sister Carter for her gift.

Accounts for Payment. - Accounts amounting to £169. 1s. 7d. (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.

Chairman. - Resolved - That a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Chairman for his able and courteous conduct in the Chair during the past year.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commoners Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday, the 6th December 1914.

Present. - Mr. S. A. Cheale, in the Chair.
Messrs. L. Andrews, H. W. Baley,
J. Edwards, W. W. Jaynard, S. V. Thorpe
and W. Scott.

Appointment of Conservators. - It was reported that the Town Council at their meeting on the 9th November last appointed the following members as Commoners Conservators until the 9th November, 1918:-
His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Gwynn)
Mr. Alderman Baley.
Mr. Councillor J. Edwards.
Mr. Councillor Scott.

A letter was received from Messrs. Elvy Robb and Berry stating that in consequence of the death of Mr. J. W. Elers, their client, Mr. Baird, has nominated Mr. Sidney Victor Thorpe, of 83, Compton Road, Brighton, to be one of his Representatives on the Board of Conservators.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Accounts. - Year ended 25th March, 1914. - The Auditor's report on the accounts for the year ended 25th March, 1914, was received and considered.
Resolved - That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors for their services.

Resolved - That Messrs S. A. Cheale and
N. Pelton be re-appointed Auditors.

Appointment of Committee. - Resolved - That Messrs
H. W. Caley, S. A. Cheale, J. Edwards, W. Maynard,
and W. Scott be appointed a Committee until
the 9th day of November next.

Estimates. - Resolved - That the Finance Committee of the
Corporation be requested to include the sum of
£250 in the estimates of the next financial year
for the purposes of the Common Conservators.

Accounts for Payment. - Accounts amounting to
£105. 14s. 11d. (as per list signed by the Chairman)
were passed.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday, the 4th March, 1918.

Present. - The Mayor, Chairman.
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry,
H. J. Caley, S. A. Cheale, J. Edwards,
W. Maynard, R. Pelton, J. W. Stone
and S. V. Thorpe.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Miniature Rifle Range in Bull's Hollow. - The following letter was received :-

Brigade Headquarters,
Tunbridge Wells.
4th March, 1918

W. C. Cripps, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Tunbridge Wells.

Sir,

It is proposed to establish a 30-yds. range in the disused quarry at Bull's Hollow, Rusthat Common, and the G. O. C. would be glad if you would kindly obtain the consent of the Conservators.

It is understood you have a meeting this week, and the Conservators have been good enough to help the Brigade hitherto in every way within their powers.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
(Sd.) C. Ridings. M.
Brigade Major,
Home Counties Reserve Brigade

Resolved - That, subject to the Military Authorities taking all needful precautions for the public safety and to the competent Military Authority undertaking to re-instate the Commons and to make good to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor any damage or injury which may be caused, the Conservators raise no objection to the construction of a 30-yds. Miniature Rifle Range in the disused quarry at Bull's Hollow, Rushall Commons.

Tobogganing. - A letter was received from Mr. Councillor Weldon, calling attention to the injuries sustained by a lady whilst walking across the Commons, such injuries being caused by a toboggan, and suggesting that this sport should be confined to certain parts of the Commons.

The Town Clerk's reply thereto, ^{stating} that he had forwarded Mr. Councillor Weldon's letter to the Chief Constable and regretting the unfortunate accident to the lady in question, was read and approved.

Trees. - (a) Resolved - That questions relating to two Sycamore trees near Hungerhall Lodge be referred to the Committee and Surveyors.

It was reported that three trees opposite the Grand Hotel had been lopped.

(b) Resolved - That the matter be referred to Messrs. H. W. Caley and J. Edwards and the Surveyors.

The attention of the Conservators was called to the conditions of the ground near the entrance to the Tunbridge Wells and Courtyes' Club.

- (c) Resolved - That the matter be referred to Messrs. H. W. Calver and J. Edwards and the Surveyor.

Employees - A letter was received from the National Union of General Workers asking that a special War wage may be granted to Lacey and Taylor employed by the Conservators (similar to that granted to the employees of the Tunbridge Wells Town Council).
Resolved - That a special wage of 10s. per week above the pre-war rate of wages be paid to Lacey and Taylor.

Accounts for Payment - Accounts amounting to £49. 5s. 1d. (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall on Thursday, the 6th June, 1918.

Present- Mr. S. A. Cheale, in the chair.
Mess^{rs}. L. Andrews, H. W. Bailey,
J. Edwards, W. Maynard,
R. Pelton, S. W. Thorpe and
W. Scott.

Minutes. - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Miniature Rifle Range in Bull's Hollow. - A letter was received from Captain W. G. Payton forwarding Undertaking, duly completed, in respect of the establishment of a Miniature Rifle Range in Bull's Hollow.

Seats. - Questions relating to seats on Rushall Common, near Bull's Hollow and the Good Rock, were considered and referred to the Committee.

Questions relating to seats near the Liv Tree Pond were considered and referred to Mr. J. Edwards and the Surveyor.

Trees. - A letter was received from Mr. J. Elsley with reference to trees adjoining Hungerhall Lodge.

(a) Resolved - That Mr. J. Elsley be informed that the Committee, having inspected the trees in question, regret they are unable to comply with the request contained in his letter.

Questions relating to three trees near the Grand Hotel Stables were considered.

(b) Resolved - That the consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Conservators.

Questions relating to Holly trees in the Happy Valley were considered and referred to the Committee.

Baseball. - An application was received from the Canadian Forestry Corps for permission to play Baseball on the Lower Cricket Ground.

Resolved - That the Conservators raise no objections to the application provided all possible precautions are taken for the protection of the public from injury.

Posts. - Resolved - That the post near Torrington Villa, London Road, be whitened.

Footpaths. - The Surveyor reported that he had carried out the gravelling recommended by the Committee near the Turnbridge Wells and Counties Club.

Accounts for Payment. - Accounts amounting to £125. 4s. 3d (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the
Commons Conservators held at the
Town Hall on Thursday, the 3rd.
October, 1918.

Present. - Mr. H. W. Stone, in the Chair.
Messrs. H. H. Calver, G. H. Cheale,
J. Edwards, W. Hayward,
R. Pelton, Wm. Scott and
S. W. Thorpe.

Minutes. - The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Trees. - A letter was received from Mr. J. Calver with reference to two trees adjoining his house, Bungershall Lodge.
The following Report of the Committee was considered.

1. The Committee recommend that certain clumps of gorse, holly trees and other trees at the Happy Valley be lopped and where necessary cut down.
2. That the surplus wood be allowed to be taken away by those in need thereby helping the Coal crisis.
3. That one Beech tree near Rushall Park be cut down.
4. That one old sycamore tree be cut down in Bulls Hollow.

5. That on the brow overlooking the Her Tree Pond clumps of gorse be removed and several trees be lopped and two cut down.
6. That at the corner in the hollow near Mr. Ephraim one Dycamore, one Birch, and some gorse be cut down and one Birch lopped.
7. That it is estimated that to carry out this work would need two men for 8 weeks.
8. That the proposal would provide a good quantity of wood for fuel purposes and a much delayed improvement would be carried out.

Mr. S. W. Thorpe raised the question of the power of the Conservators to cut down trees on the Commons.

It was moved by the Chairman.- That the recommendations of the Committee be carried out.

It was moved as an Amendment by Mr. S. W. Thorpe and seconded by Mr. W. Maynard.- That the following words be added to the resolutions - "subject to the consent of the Lord of the Manor

On a vote being taken by a show of hands,

There voted -

For the Amendment ... 2.

Against 4.

The Amendment was therefore lost and on a vote being taken by a show of hands on the motions moved by the Chairman, there voted -

For the motions ... 4.

Against 1.

The motions was therefore carried.

Resolved - That Mr. Thorpe be requested to ask the Lord of the Manor to give the branches of the trees to be cut down to the poor for fuel purposes.

Seats. - It was reported to the Conservators that various seats on the Commons had been repaired.

Accounts for Payment. - Accounts amounting to £114. 18. 9 (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.

Conservators Account. - Resolved - That the Finance Committee be asked to provide for the year ending March 1919 a further sum of £150 for the Conservators Account.

W. Stone
Chairman

4/3/19

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 6th March, 1919.

Present.- Mr. F. W. Stone, in the Chair.
Messrs. L. Andrews, H. W. Caley,
S. H. Cheale, J. Edwards,
W. Maynard, W. Pelton and
H. U. Thorpe.

Appointment of Conservators.- It was reported that the Town Council at their meeting on the 9th November last appointed the following Members as Commons Conservators until 9th November, 1919:-

His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Alderman
Gower, O. B. C.)
Mr. Alderman Caley
Mr. Councillor J. Edwards
Mr. Councillor Scott.

Minutes.- The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Appointment of Committee.- Resolved - That Messrs. C. Berry, H. W. Caley, S. H. Cheale, J. Edwards, and W. Scott be appointed a Committee until the 9th day of November next.

Lord of the Manor.- Resolved - That an expression of the sympathy of the Commons Conservators be conveyed to Mr. J. O. Baird in his illness, and the hope that he will soon recover good health. (Mr. H. U. Thorpe)

kindly offered to convey this expression of sympathy to Mr. Baird.)

Roadways. - The correspondence with St. W. Office of Works, with reference to the repair of the roadway on the South-west side of the Post Office and to the formation of a proper carriage way in the pavement at the entrance to the brick shelter in Heath's Villa Garden, was read.

Resolved - That St. W. Office of Works be informed that the Conservators are not prepared to contribute towards the cost of repairing the roadway in question.

A letter was received from Mr. St. E. U. Boulton with reference to the repair of the carriage tracks on the Common leading to his house, Gibraltar Cottage, and asking to be supplied with details of the rights and liabilities of a resident on the Common.

Resolved - That Mr. St. E. U. Boulton be informed that the Conservators suggest that his Solicitor will be able to supply him with the information he requires.

Footpaths. - A letter was received from Dr. Geo. Abbot, calling attention to the condition of the path leading behind Denny Bottom Post Office.

Resolved - That no action be taken in the matter.

Commons Rangers. - An application was received from the National Union of General Workers on behalf of Commons Rangers, J. Jacey and E. Taylor, requesting that these two men should receive the 1d. per hour recently granted by the Corporation to their workmen as from the 30th October last.

Resolved. - That J. Jacey and E. Taylor be granted a further War Bonus of 5s. per week as from the 30th October last.

Trees. - Resolved. - That no action be taken with reference to cutting down and lopping trees, Bridge Road.

Fences. - Resolved. - That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the banks and the support to the fence on Mount Ephraim, near St. Helena, opposite Mount Ephraim Hotel.

Drainage. - Resolved. - That the question of placing pipes in open water channels on the commons, adjoining the road from Mount Ephraim to the Spa Hotel, be referred to the Committee and Surveyor.

Accounts for Payment. - Accounts amounting to £95. 6s. 2d. (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.

G. H. Stone

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Common Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on Thursday,
the 5th June, 1919.

Present - Mr J. W. Stone, in the Chair.
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry, H. M. Caley,
S. A. Cheale, T. Edwards, W. Maynard,
R. Peltan and S. V. Thorpe.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Site for Tank - A letter was received from the Town Clerk stating that the Army Council have generously placed at the disposal of the National War Savings Committee a limited number of Tanks and that this Committee have, to commemorate the notable achievement of the Citizens of this Borough in financing the War and to bear testimony to the important part played by the Tunbridge Wells War Savings Committee in this Country's War effort, presented to Tunbridge Wells a Tank, and forwarding copy of the following recommendation, which will be considered by the Town Council at their next meeting:-

- " Subject to the consent of the Lord of the
- " Manor, the Freehold Tenants, and the
- " Common Conservators being obtained, the
- " Tank be placed on a triangular piece
- " of Common abutting on Dale Road
- " adjoining the General Post Office, and
- " that the Borough Surveyor be instructed
- " to prepare the necessary concrete
- " foundation."

Resolved - That the Conservators raise no objection to the placing of the Tank and the construction of the necessary foundation on the site referred to in the recommendation.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Freehold Tenants stating that the Freehold Tenants do not object to the placing of the Tank and the construction of the necessary foundation on the site in question.

Paths - A Report was received from the Surveyor on repairing and tar-painting paths on the Commons (which work was postponed last year owing to the War), at an alternative estimated cost of £140 and £215.

(a) Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to carry out repairs and to tar-paint the paths, where this work is most urgently required, at a cost not exceeding £140.

(b) Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to report to the Conservators on the question of the better construction and repair of the paths on the Commons.

Gorse - It was reported to the Conservators that the Watch Committee of the Town Council request that the Conservators will consider the question of thoroughly cutting and pruning the Gorse on the Commons so as to facilitate Police supervision.

- (a) Resolved - That the Committee be authorised to expend the sum of \$25 for labour in connection with goose cutting.
- (b) Resolved - That the Peace Committee be informed that, if for the purposes of a Reserve they should require it, they can have old goose, free of charge, if cut at their expense under the supervision of Messrs C. Perry and T. Edwards, and the Surveyor.

Employees - Questions relating to the hours of employment and wages of the two employees of the Conservator were considered, and the Surveyor instructed in the matter.

Pine Range, Bulls' Hollow - A notice was received from the U. S. Land Agent, Worcester District, forwarding an official notice from the Secretary of State to the effect that the occupation of the Pine Range, Bulls' Hollow, would cease as from the 19th April, 1911.

Repairs - It was reported that the repairs to the Pond and the support to the fence on Mount Pleasant near St. Helena opposite Mount Ephraim Hotel, had been completed.

Accounts - Years ended 25th March, 1918 and 25th March 1917 - The Auditor's Report on the Accounts for the years ended 25th March, 1918, and 25th March, 1917, was received and considered.

- (4) Resolved - That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors for their services.
- (5) Resolved - That Messrs S. U. Chakravarti & H. P. Bhatia be re-appointed auditors.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure - Year ending 25th March 1920 :- The Chairman before the Committee an Estimate of the Income and Expenditure for the current year.

Accounts - payment - An account amounting to Rs 68-14-10 was passed.

Sanjay Alex Theak
Chairman
 2 Oct 1919

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the
2nd October 1919-

Present - The Mayor (Sir Robert Gower, O.B.E.)
Chairman.

Messrs L. Andrews, H. M. Caley,
S. A. Cheale T. Edwards W.
Maynard, W. Scott & P. Pelter.

Minutes - The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Warning Notices to Cyclists - A letter was received from Col.
A. Gilman requesting that warning notices may
be placed at various positions on Rushall Common
warning cyclists against riding on the footpaths
on Rushall Common.

Resolved - That the Town Clerk be instructed
to call the attention of the Chief Constable to the
matter.

Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to erect
a notice board warning cyclists against riding over
footpaths on the Commons at the junction of the
road leading across the Rushall Common from
Langton Road to Lower Green Road.

Footpaths - A letter from Dr. George Abbott calling attention
to the condition of the path leading behind Penny
Bottom Post Office was read.

The Surveyor reported to the Conservators on the

question of the better construction and repair of the paths on the Common.

Resolved - That, in view of the heavy expenditure which would be incurred by the repair of paths on a more permanent basis, no action be taken in the matter.

Seats - A letter was received from Mr S. J. Grover, enquiring if the Conservator would consider the erection of a seat on the Common in the vicinity of "Richard House."

Resolved - That the letter be referred to the Committee to report thereon at the next meeting of the Conservator.

A letter was received from Mr Oliver Essex calling attention to the damaged condition of certain seats on the Tunbridge Wells Common.

The Surveyor reported that he had repaired the seats in question.

Sheds adjoining Upper Cricket Ground - A letter was received from Mr W. E. Dave, Hon. Secretary of the Lewisham Park Cricket Club, requesting that certain repairs might be carried out to the Shed on the lower side of the Upper Cricket Ground, in which Cricket apparatus is stored.

The Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of the repairs at £35.

Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the various Clubs using the Shed in question for storage purposes, and enquire what amount they are prepared to contribute towards the cost of such repairs.

Braeken - Questions relating to the dead braeken on the Commons were considered.

Resolved - That the matter be brought to the notice of the Freehold Tenants.

Accounts for payment - Accounts amounting to £168.6.2d. (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.

H. A. Ratnes.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the
4th December, 1919.

Present - The Mayor (Mr Councillor Latimer, M.D.)
Chairman.

Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry, H. M.
Caley, S. A. Cheale, W. Maynard,
R. Pellon, and W. Scott.

Appointment of Conservators - It was reported that the Town
Council at their meeting on the 10th November
last appointed the following members as Commons
Conservators until the 9th November, 1920 -

His Worship the Mayor (Mr Councillor H. A.
Latimer, M.D. J. P.)

Mr Alderman Caley, J. P.

Mr Councillor T. Edwards.

Mr Councillor W. Scott.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed.

Appointment of Committee - Resolved - That Messrs C. Berry,
H. M. Caley, S. A. Cheale, T. Edwards and W. Scott
be appointed a Committee until the 9th day of
November next.

Trees - A letter was received from Col. Sydney Gladen requesting
that a number of saplings and trees near Ruckhall
Beacon, which obstruct the view, may be either cut
down or thinned out.

Resolved - That the letter be referred to the Committee.

with power to act.

Questions relating to the cutting down of three trees opposite the Grand Hotel were considered.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee.

A Memorial was received from 12 residents in Bridge Road, requesting that the trees on the sidewalk of Bridge Road, may be cut back, as they have grown to such a size as to be both inconvenient and unhealthy.

Resolved - That the Surveyor be authorized to lop and trim the trees in question.

Lower Cricket Ground - A letter was received from the Mount Pleasant Football Club requesting the Conservators to fill up the holes in and to roll the surface of the Lower Cricket Ground, as its present condition renders the playing of football thereon dangerous.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee, with power to act.

Shed - Upper Cricket Ground - Questions relating to the repair of the shed on the lower side of the Upper Cricket Ground were again considered, and deferred.

Rifle Range - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the clearance of the ashes from the site of the rifle range opposite "Bredbury".

Games on Common - A letter was received from Miss Annison with reference to an accident on the Common to Miss A. Foster, caused by her being struck by a cricket ball.

Resolved - That Miss Annison be informed that the Conservators regret to hear of the accident to Miss A. Foster, but they cannot accept any liability in the matter, and have no funds at their disposal wh. which to assist Miss Foster.

Seats - It was reported to the Conservators that Messrs R. Fry & Co. Ltd., had paid a claim, amounting to £6. 18. 5d. in respect of the cost of making good the damage to a seat in Tea Garden Lane, Langton Road, caused by a runaway horse belonging to them.

Post Office Telegraphs - A letter was received from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Engineering Department, stating that the Postmaster General, acting under the powers conferred upon him by the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1916, is about to lay underground telegraphic lines in Tunbridge Wells, and finds it necessary to obtain the consent of the Conservators of the Common to the following items: -

Underground Telegraphic Lines -

- (1) from London and Bridge Roads, via the asphalt footpath across the Common to the lane near of Hungershall Park, Tunbridge Wells,
- (2) from junction Hurstwood Lane and Bishops Down Road to existing hole near of "Western House," Bishops Down, Tunbridge Wells.

It was moved by Mr S. A. Cheak and seconded by Mr W. Scott, "That consent be given," but be preface with the words, "In so far as the Conservators have power to give such consent."

It was moved as an Amendment by Mr C. Berry and seconded by Mr W. Maynard, "That the resolution as proposed be further preface with the words, 'The Conservators are not in a position to give the consent asked for, but,'" "

On a vote being taken by a show of hands there voted -
 For the Amendment ... 2
 Against ... 4

On a vote being taken by a show of hands on the original resolution there voted :-
 For the resolution ... 4
 Against ... 2.

The original resolution was thereupon carried.

Financial Statement - The Clerk laid before the Committee a Statement of the Accounts of the Conservators for the year ending 25th March, 1920.

Estimates - Resolved - That the Finance Committee of the Corporation be requested to include the sum of £550 in the Estimates of the next financial year for the purposes of the Commons Conservators.

Accounts for payment - Accounts amounting to £210-7-10^d (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.

H. J. Atkinson

March 4, 1920.

Chairman
 4th March, 1920.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the
4th ~~March~~ ^{March}, 1920.

Present:- The Mayor (Mr Councillor Lathmer), Chairman.
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry, H. M. Caley,
S. A. Chalk, T. Edwards, W. Maynard,
R. Pelton, Hallett Reed, H. W. Stone,
and S. V. Thorpe.

Minutes:- The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Appointment of Conservators:- A letter was received from Mr. Arthur L. Rush, the Secretary to the Freeholders, stating that Mr Hallett Reed, of Ruxhall, has been appointed a representative of the Freehold tenants to sit on the Board of Conservators in the place of the late Mr E. M. Kelsey.

Trees- A Report was received from the Committee on the letter from Col. Sydney Blaken regarding that a number of saplings and trees near Ruxhall, Essex, which obstruct the view, may be cut down, or pruned up and the matter was referred to the Committee and the Surveyor, with power to act.

A letter was received from Miss May [unclear] requesting that the trees bordering the path in [unclear] road, from the [unclear] house to the [unclear] in the London, Kingston, & South Coast Railway Station, may be topped.

Resolved- That the letter be referred to the Committee

and the Surveyor, with power to act.

Questions relating to the cutting down of some trees opposite to Town Hall were considered and deferred.

Tom's Cricket Ground - The Committee reported that they had carried out the necessary work to the surface of the lower cricket ground, to render it fit for the playing of cricket games.

Shed - The Committee reported the action they had taken with regard to the provision of a shed on the Common in the vicinity of Richmond House.

Shed - Upper Cricket Ground - Resolved - That no further action be taken with regard to the repair of the shed on the lower side of the Upper Cricket Ground.

Horse Cutting - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to clear the waste wood on the site of the site on Russell Common at a cost not exceeding £25.

James Hill - Questions relating to the planting of a clump of trees to screen off the clothes poles on Russell Common, near the approach to Rutherford's Lane Street, were considered and referred to the Committee to report thereon to the next meeting of the Conservators.

Turnbridge Wells War Memorials - The Mayor (Mr. Councilor Palmer) reported to the Conservators that at a recent public meeting on the subject of the Turnbridge Wells War Memorials, a resolution of the War Memorials Committee was adopted:-

"That the Committee recommend the erection of a
 "Memorial of a permanent character, with a
 "record of the names of those who have fallen, to
 "be erected on some suitable site in the Borough"

that it was referred to the Committee to select a suitable
 site in the Township of the Common for the erection
 of a Memorial, subject to the necessary formalities
 obtaining, and that the War Memorial Committee had
 resolved that the most suitable site in the Township
 Wells Common would be adjacent to the entrance to
 Mount Street Park, and on behalf of the inhabitants
 of the Borough and of the residents of those who
 have fallen, he asked for the permission of the
 Common Conservators to the erection of the
 Memorial on the site selected.

It was Moved by Mr F. W. Stone, and seconded by
 Mr S. A. Osale - "That the consent of the Con-
 servators be given to the erection on the proposed
 site in the Common of a War Memorial of a
 permanent character with a record of the names
 of those who have fallen."

On a vote being taken on a show of hands there
 voted -

For the resolution ... 7
 Against ... 3

The resolution was accordingly carried.

Accounts for payment - Accounts amounting to £93. 2. 4d.
 (as per list signed by the Chairman) are passed.

W. J. ...

Chairman - 1912/13

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the
3rd June, 1920.

Present: - The Mayor (Mr Councillor Latimer) Chairman
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry, H. M. Caley,
T. Edwards, W. Maynard, R. Pelton,
Hallett Reed, S. V. Thorpe.

Minutes - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Committee's Report - The Sub-Committee reported that they held a meeting on the 11th May, 1920, at which meeting the following were present: Messrs C. Berry, H. M. Caley, and T. Edwards. The Committee report as follows:-

Bishops Down Road - Water Channels - The Water channels on south side of Bishops Down Road were inspected in reference to the question of inserting pipes instead of the open channels, but the Committee recommend that no action be taken thereon.

Gorse - The Committee recommend that a portion of the old gorse adjoining Bishops Down Road be cut.

Common View - Clothes posts - The Committee having inspected the site recommend no action be taken.

Rushall Beacon - Trees adjoining fence (Col. Sladen's letter, 2nd December, 1919). The Committee after inspection recommend that -
if one holy tree be topped about half way down.

- b) one tree adjoining the road, be removed.
- c) branches of large tree close by be lopped.
- d) one tree to the East of Holly tree be topped.
- e) small tree or bush adjoining iron fence be removed.

but that the work above mentioned be deferred till the Autumn.

Happy Valley. - The question of topping two trees adjoining Nevill Court fence, was considered by the Committee, who recommend that this be deferred till the Autumn.

Trees adjoining No. 1. Hungerhall Park. - (Mr Biley) - The Committee inspected these two trees and decided to recommend the Conservators to take no action in reference thereto.

Trees on Common opposite Grand or Kentish Hall, adjoining Rawson's Stables. - The above trees were inspected by the Committee, who recommend the Conservators to remove one of the three trees which is dead and to postpone the consideration of the question of the removal of the remaining two trees until the Autumn.

Mr Berry stated that the Lord of the Manor raised no objection to the removal of the dead tree.

Trees - Bridge Road. - (Miss Durrant's Complaint). - The Committee inspected these trees and decided to take no action therein.

Resolved - that the ^{report} ~~consideration~~ of the Committee

be approved.

Employees. - A letter was received from the National Union of General Workers with reference to the wages of J. Lacey and E. Taylor, requesting that the increased wages recently granted to the employees of the Tunbridge Wells Corporation may be granted to these two men, to be paid from the same date as the Corporation employees received such increased wages.

Resolved - That the consideration of the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Conservators.

erection of a Structure on the Common - This application was received from Mr Norman Wallace for permission to erect and maintain on the south side of Queen's Grave, for a period of 15 weeks from May 22nd, a portable covered-in stage measuring not more than 20 feet by 18 feet, and to place 600 deck chairs thereon and to hold musical and vocal concerts there.

The following are copies of the application and of the agreement therein referred to:-

Carlton Hotel, Tunbridge Wells,
22nd May, 1920.

Dear Sir -

re Concerts on Common :

As the Lord of the Manor has granted me permission to hold Concerts on the Common, will you be so good as to ascertain if the same will be approved of the Commons Conservators.

I trust they will agree that good wireless concerts will be in the best interests of Tunbridge Wells. Copy of agreement enclosed herewith.

Thanking you for early reply,

Yours faithfully,

Ed Norman Talbot.

To the Clerk,

Commons Conservators,

Tunbridge Wells.

Copy of Agreement letter to the Lord of the Manors ()

Carlton Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, May 25th 1920

Messrs E. J. Carter, Banks & Bennett.

7, London Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Dear Sirs,

In consideration of your wanting to use the right to hold musical and vocal concerts on the Tunbridge Wells Commons on the site formerly occupied by the Ambrosian Band, on the south side of Queen's Grove, for a period of 10 weeks from the 22nd May next I agree to pay you a rent of £30 for that period, of which £5 is to be paid on the signing hereof and the balance of £25 to be paid on or before the 22nd day of May next, it being understood that I am to have the right of erecting a portable covered-in stage measuring not more than 20 feet by 18 feet on the said site, and to place 600 deck chairs thereon.

I agree not to assign or sub-let my interest in the tenancy hereby created, but to personally conduct the concerts, and I agree that they shall be to your satisfaction and of a high class a matter only.

It is also understood that in the event of my complying with the terms and conditions herein

set forth, to give me the option of hiring the site for a similar period in the summer of 1921, and on similar terms.

I further agree to conform to the laws and regulations of the Common and failing in complying with any of the terms or conditions contained in this letter I agree that my tenancy shall forthwith cease.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd) Norman Wallace.

It was Moved by the Chairman that the permission be refused.

On a vote being taken, there voted for the resolution five (the Chairman, Messrs. Andrews, Caley, Edwards, and Patten) and against three (Messrs. Bony, Maynard and Thorpe). The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Notices -- It was reported to the Conservators that Col. Boden had erected on the Common near Ruckhall Beacon, a Board with the word "Private" printed thereon.

Resolved -- that Col. Boden be requested to remove the board in question, it being contrary to the Act and the Bye-Laws.

It was also reported to the Conservators that a notice had been erected on the Common near "Romanoff," -- "Please keep off the grass," -- that the attention of the person erecting the notice had been called to the matter and that the notice

has been removed.

Tree - An application was received from the Corporation Engineer for permission to cut down a tree 3 ft. in diameter and 4 ft. in height. Further enquiry was made and it was found that the tree was in the way of the new road and the Corporation have granted permission for its removal.

Resolved - That the Corporation (so far as they are empowered) do so to any extent necessary to the erection of the road in question.

Paths - Questions relating to the condition of the asphalted path across the Common from opposite Malvern Park to Church Road were considered.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Surveyor.

Accounts - Year ended 25th March, 1920. - The auditors' report on the accounts for the year ending 25th March, 1920, was received and considered.

Resolved - That a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors for their services.

Resolved - That Messrs J. A. Treble and H. P. Hillon be re-appointed Auditors for the current year.

Accounts for payment - Account amounting to £ 8.0.3 (with signature of the Chairman) were paid.

Done 25th March 1920
 J. A. Treble
 H. P. Hillon

~~St. James~~
At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
 held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the
 8th June, 1920.

Present:— The Mayor (Mr Councillor Latimer)
 Chairman.

Messrs L. Andrew, C. Bury, H. M.
 Caley, S. A. Cheak, T. Edwards,
 W. Hayward, R. Pelton, Hallett
 Reed, W. Scott & S. V. Thorpe.

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

Conservators.— Mr R. Pelton (one of the representatives of the Lord
 of the Manor) reported that he had received a letter
 from Mr Frank O. Baird, the Lord of the Manor,
 of which the following is a copy:—

(Copy)
 49, Mount Pleasant Rd. Tunbridge Wells,
 June 8th, 1920

R. Pelton Esq,
 5 Madeira Park, Tunbridge Wells.

Dear Sir,

In view of the fact that you have not used
 your determination to vote against my interest
 on the subject to be dealt with at to-day's meeting
 of the Conservators, before even leaving the discussion
 which will take place, there is no alternative
 but for me to dissent with your reserves and
 to remove you from your position as one of the
 Conservators appointed by me.

Frank O. Baird. T.

Mr Bury stated that the Lord of the Manor

had not as yet received any successor is Mr
Pellon.

The Clerk also is in possession of minutes
and 153 of the Turnbridge Town Improvement
Act, 1890 with reference to the appointment of
Conservators and their successors.

The Chairman says that Mr. [Name] is
entitled to hold office as a Conservator and
successor is appointed in his stead.

Erection of a Structure on the Common - The Clerk reports
that in accordance with the instructions given
at the last meeting of the Conservators he had
written the preliminary notes to Mr. [Name]
Wallace.

Turnbridge Town Common Conservators.
Town Hall, Turnbridge Wells
3rd June, 1920

Dear Sir,

re Concert on the Common.

Your letter of the 24th inst. has been con-
sidered by the Conservators at their
meeting today and the following is a copy of
the Minutes passed by the Conservators:-

- "The objection was received from Mr. [Name]
- "Norman Waller for permission to erect
- "a stage on the common for the purpose of
- "holding a concert over a period of 16 days
- "from May 24th, a portable concert
- "stage measuring not more than 10 feet
- "in height and to place 100 seats there

"Hereon and to hold Musical and Vocal
"Concerts Here."

"Resolved - That the permission be refused
Yours faithfully,
(Sd) W. C. Cripps.

Norman Wallace Esq. - Clerk to Conservators.
Carlton Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.

The following report was received from the
Borough Surveyor with reference to the structure
which is being erected by Mr Norman Wallace
on the Tunbridge Wells Common near the
Queen's Grave. -

Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.
Borough Engineer & Surveyor's Office.
Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells.
5th June, 1920.

Dear Sir -

A wood skeleton structure is being
erected on the Tunbridge Wells Common
between the Queen's Grave and the thatched
shelter. I am informed the erection is being
carried out by Mr Norman Wallace, of the
Carlton Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, and is apparently
for entertainment purposes.

The size of the erection is about 4 yards
by 5 yards and the surface of the Common has
been disturbed by the digging of about 14 post
holes (approximately 15 ins. square by 18 ins. deep)
two of which were left open on the evening of
the 6th June at my visit. These holes may
prove dangerous to persons using the Common.

The erection is of timber framing and of an unsightly nature. No consent has been given on behalf of the Common Conservators.

Yours faithfully,
(sd) W. H. Maxwell.

Surveyor to the Common Conservators.

W. C. Cripps Esq. Clerk to the Conservators.

The Clerk read to the Committee the correspondence he had had with Mr Norman Wallace and Sir Robert Gower (Solicitor to Mr Norman Wallace) as follows:—

Tunbridge Wells Common Conservators.

Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells.

7th June, 1920.

Sir,

It has been reported to the Conservators of the Common that you have commenced the erection upon the Common of a timber framed building and have disturbed the surface of the Common by digging about 4th post holes.

The Conservators meet to-morrow (Tuesday) at 3 o'clock to consider what action, if any, shall be taken against you in the matter.

Have you any statement or explanation which you desire to lay before the Conservators.

Yours truly,
(sd) W. C. Cripps.

Clerk to the Conservators.

Mr Norman Wallace.

Carlton Hotel,

Tunbridge Wells.

Calverley Mount, Tunbridge Wells, 7th June, 1920

Dear Sir,

Mr Norman Wallace has handed to me your

letter to him of the 3rd instant.

Mr Wallace informs me that sometime ago he entered into a definite contract with the Lord of the Manor for the use by him (Mr Wallace) of a portion of the Common for the purpose of giving Concerts. Thereon he having been informed by the Agents to the Lord of the Manor that he (the Lord of the Manor) was in a position to grant the use of it, and also to give the necessary sanction which would enable Mr Wallace to erect a temporary stage and enclosure.

In consequence of this assurance which he received from the Agents to the Lord of the Manor, Mr Wallace made a payment on account of rent and has incurred a liability for chairs and the erection of the stage and with artistes who were to perform during the season amounting to some hundreds of pounds. Mr Wallace is now informed that the Conservators not only refuse to give him permission to do what he requires, but that they propose to take steps against him in the event of his proceeding with his proposals.

I have not gone into the matter as to whether any consent from the Conservators is necessary, or whether the Lord of the Manor has the power to grant Mr Wallace the rights which he has purported to grant them or not, but Mr Wallace is most anxious to work amicably with the Conservators and he has instructed me to write to you to

renew the application which he has made. Mr Wallace informs me that the Concert which he proposes to give will be of a high class character and he is perfectly willing to comply with any reasonable regulations or conditions which the Conservators might make as a condition to giving him the permission which he is seeking. If it transpires that the stage ~~cannot~~ be erected or the Concert given, without the consent of the Conservators, Mr Wallace, having regard to the obligations which he has entered into, will be in an extremely unfortunate position and he has asked me, on this ground, to appeal to the Conservators for favourable consideration of his application.

I may say that it was only a short time after these obligations had been incurred - that was suggested to Mr Wallace that he should apply to the Conservators for their sanction to his proposal.

As I have not considered the matter from a legal standpoint, I feel sure that the Conservators will appreciate the spirit in which this letter is written.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

W.C. Cripps, Esq.

(Ed) Robert Gaver.

Clerk to Tunbridge Wells Commoners Conservators.

Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells.

Calverley Mount, Tunbridge Wells. 8th June.

Dear Sir

Mr Norman Wallace,

I duly received your letter of yesterday with enclosure subsequent to writing to you.

I at once wrote to Mr Wallace to give me a call but I have to-day been informed that he is in London and will see me immediately on his return to-morrow.

Might I suggest that no proceedings be taken until I have had an opportunity of seeing him. His foreman informs me that the erection of the temporary stage was discontinued on Friday last.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

(Ed) Robert Gover.

W.C. Cripps Esq.

Clerk to the Tunbridge Wells Common Conservators
Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells.

The Clerk reported that he had received the following letter from the Secretary to the Freehold Tenants of the Manor of Ruckhall:—

94, High St. Tunbridge Wells, June 25th 1920

W.C. Cripps Esq.

Clerk to the Common Conservators.

Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells.

Dear Sir—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, with enclosure, being a copy of a report from your Surveyor, Mr Maxwell, which I duly placed before the Committee of the Freehold Tenants at their meeting yesterday afternoon. After discussion, the following resolution was passed:—

"That the Freehold Tenants do concur
"with and join in any action which
"the Conservators of the Commons may

"think fit to take in the matter referred to
 " in Mr Maxwell's report for the purpose of
 "protecting the rights of the public and of the
 "freehold Tenants."

The Common Ranger reports to me that the
 work was being carried out on Thursday and part
 of Friday, but not on Saturday, by two persons,
 Albert Marks, of 7, Hill View Road, Ruelhall
 (temporary address) and John Raffall, of 69,
 Southwood Road, Ruelhall both being in the
 employ of a Mr Wallace of the Carlton Hotel,
 Tunbridge Wells.

I am, Yours faithfully,
 (Sd) Arthur L. Rush.

Secretary to the Freehold Tenants - Manor of
 Ruelhall.

The Clerk also reported that at an interview
 with Mr Wallace, on May 20th, that gentleman
 had been informed of the provisions of the
 Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act, 1890.

Mr Berry stated, on behalf of the Lord of the
 Manor, that the Lord of the Manor contended
 that the Conservators had no power to prevent
 the erection of the structure, the Lord of the
 Manor having consented thereto.

Section 164 of the Tunbridge Wells Improve-
 ment Act, with reference to the appointment
 of a Committee of the Conservators, was considered.

It was moved by Mr T. Edwards and

seconded by Mr W. Scott - That a Committee of the Conservators be appointed for the purpose of considering and dealing with the Correspondence between Mr Wallace and his Solicitor - Sir Robert Gower - and the Conservators, and the power be delegated to them to take such action as they may think fit.

On a vote being taken there voted -

For the Resolution 7

(Messrs Andrews, Caly, Cheale, Edwards, Reed and Scott.)

Against 3

(Messrs Beny, Maynard & Thorpe)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

It was moved by Mr W. Scott and seconded by Mr S. A. Cheale - That the following Conservators be appointed a Committee in accordance with the foregoing resolution :-

Messrs L. Andrews, H. M. Caly, S. A. Cheale
T. Edwards and Hallett Reed.

It was moved as an Amendment by Mr S. V. Thorpe, and seconded by Mr W. Maynard - That the following words be added to the resolution - "and Mr C. Beny."

On a vote being taken by a show of hands there
For the Amendment 2

(Messrs Thorpe and Maynard)

Against 6

(Messrs Andrews, Caly, Cheale, Edwards, Reed & Scott)

The Chairman declared the Amendment lost.

On a vote being taken on the original resolution - 6 Members (Messrs Andrews, Caley, Chalk, Edwards, Reed and Scott) voted for the resolution, and none against.

The Chairman declared the original resolution carried.

Notices - A letter was received from Mrs Sladen with reference to the board with the word "private" printed Beacon, which has been erected on the Common near Ruelhall Beacon, and the Clerk was instructed to inform Mrs Sladen that the Conservators adhere to the resolution passed at a meeting held on the 3rd June, 1930.

Grazing Cattle on Commons - The Clerk reported that he had been requested by the Committee of Freehold Tenants to bring the question of the number of cattle grazing on the Commons to the notice of the Commons Conservators.

Resolved - Unanimously - That the matter be referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

Employees - The letter from the National Union of General Workers with reference to the wages of J. Lacey and E. Taylor was again considered.

Resolved - Unanimously - That J. Lacey & E. Taylor be each granted an increase in their wages of 4/- per week from the date of this meeting.

H. J. [Signature]

10/10/30

Special of the Special Committee
At a Meeting of the Commons
 Conservators held at the Town Hall,
 on Tuesday the 8th June, 1920.

Present:— Messrs L. Andrews, H. M. Caley, S. A.
 Chale, T. Edwards and Hallett Reed.

The appointment of the Committee at a meeting held
 this day was read.

Chairman.— Resolved— That Mr S. A. Chale be appointed Chairman
 of this Committee.

Creation of a Structure on Common.— The Correspondence
 between the Clerk and Mr Norman Wallace and
 Sir Robert Gaver (Mr Wallace's Solicitor), with
 reference to the structure which is being
 erected by Mr Norman Wallace on the Turbridge
 Wells Common near the Queen's Grove, was
 considered.

Resolved— That the Clerk be instructed to
 write the following letter to Sir Robert Gaver:—

Turbridge Wells Commons Conservators,
 Town Hall Turbridge Wells.
 8th June, 1920.

Dear Sir—

Conservators & Wallace—without prejudice
 I read your letters of the 7th and 8th June
 to the Conservators at their meeting to day.

The Conservators appointed a Committee
 to deal with the matter and to take such
 action as they might think fit.

The Committee after considering your letter direct me to inform you that the Conservators cannot depart from the terms of their Minute of June 3rd.

Having regard to your letter, I am instructed however to say that proceedings will be suspended for three days in order to enable you to consider whether you will on behalf of your Client accept the following terms:-

- (1) A letter to be written to the Conservators by you on behalf of your Client that under a misapprehension your Client has regretted the acts complained of and promising not to repeat them.
- (2) Removal of the structure and making good the surface to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.
- (3) Payment of the sum of £5 as damages.

Yours truly,
(sd) W.C. Cripps
Clerk.

Sir Robert Jones, G.B.S.
1, Calverley Mount,
Tunbridge Wells.

M. J. Atkins.

Chairman.

7th October, 1920.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the
7th October - 1920.

Present: - The Mayor (Mr Councillor Latimer), Chairman
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry, H. M. Caley,
T. Edwards, W. Maynard, Hallett Reed,
W. Scott, F. W. Stone and S. V. Thorpe.

Appointment of Conservator: - A letter was received from Messrs Eloy Robt. Berry stating that they are instructed by the Lord of the Manor to notify the Conservators that he has nominated and appointed Mr Alderman Henry Eling as a Conservator in the place of Mr R. Pelton.

Mr Richard Pelton - It was moved by Mr H. M. Caley, seconded by Mr Charles Berry, and Resolved unanimously: -

"The Tunbridge Wells Commons Conservators
"desire to place upon record their high
"appreciation of the services which have
"been rendered by Mr Richard Pelton, J.P.
"during the 26 years that he has been a
"member of their body, and their deep regret
"that they will no longer have the advantage of
"his valuable aid in their deliberations."

Minutes - The minutes of the last ordinary Meeting of the Commons Conservators held on the 3rd June, 1920, of a special meeting held on the 8th June, 1920, and of a Special Committee of the Commons Conservators held on the 5th June, 1920, (a copy of

which had been sent to each Conservator) were submitted by the Chairman for confirmation.

The Chairman moved - That the minutes in question be and they are hereby confirmed.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, there voted -
For the Resolution ... 7

(The Mayor, Messrs L. Andrews, H.M. Caley, T. Edwards, Hallett Reed, W. Scott and F.W. Stone.)

Against ... 2
(Messrs Berry & Thorpe).

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

It was moved by Mr C. Berry and seconded by Mr S.W. Thorpe - That the resolutions passed on June 3rd & June 8th, of which the marginal notes are "Erection of a Structure on the Common," be and the same are hereby rescinded as being ultra vires.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, there voted -
For the Resolution ... 3

(Messrs C. Berry, W. Maynard & S.W. Thorpe)

Against ... 7

(The Mayor, Messrs L. Andrews, H.M. Caley, T. Edwards, Hallett Reed, W. Scott and F.W. Stone.)

The Chairman declared the Resolution lost.

Employees - A letter was received from the National Union

of General Workers calling attention to the fact that one of the workmen employed by the Common Conservators (J. Lacey) was employed on Sunday morning, June 6th, and was paid $1/8^d$ which is at the rate of 10d. per hour, the usual rate paid to men employed on Sundays being double time, and asking that the matter may be placed before the proper Authority with a view to his being paid the extra money.

Resolved - That, in the opinion of the Conservators, the payment is sufficient for the work done and they decline to pay more.

Gorse - Letters were received from Mrs Middleton Rogers with reference to the gorse, etc, on the Common near her house, Rethall Elms.

Mrs Middleton Rogers attended the meeting with reference to the matter and was informed that when the trimming of her hedge had been completed by her gardener, the Conservators will, where necessary, clear the gorse near the hedge.

Gibraltar Cottage - Mr Alfred Patter, Mrs Patter and Miss Woodbury attended the meeting with reference to certain alleged nuisances existing in the vicinity of Gibraltar Cottage.

Resolved - That the Clerk be instructed to bring the matters complained of to the notice of the Chief Constable.

Grazing Cattle on Commons - A letter was received from Mr Arthur L. Puck with reference to the number of cattle grazing on the Commons.

The Clerk reported that he had sent a copy of the information supplied by Mr Puck to each member of the Committee.

Resolved - That, having regard to the luxuriant growth of the grass during the present season, no further action be taken in the matter.

Bridge Road Lake - A memorial was received from residents in Bridge Road complaining of the condition of the Brighton Lake, and a letter was received from Mr H. Cargens on the same subject.

The Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of clearing the lake at £250.

Resolved - That the consideration of the matter be deferred.

Meetings of Conservators - The Clerk reported that he had sent a copy of the correspondence between Messrs. Ely, Rolt & Berry and himself to each member of the Commons Conservators.

Mr O. Berry intimated that, at the next meeting of the Conservators he intended to propose that regulations be made by the Conservators, under Section 158 of the Trent & Mersey Navigation Improvement Act, 1890, with reference to the conserving

of meetings of the Conservators, and that he would, in the meantime, supply a draft of the proposed regulations for the consideration of the Conservators.

Notices - It was reported to the Conservators that the Board with the word "Private" printed thereon, erected on the Common near Ruckhall Beacon, has not been removed.

Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to remove the board.

Trees - It was reported to the Conservators that Col. Sladen had complained of the obstruction of the light to some of the rooms at Ruckhall Beacon by a tree or trees adjoining his house.

Resolved - That the Clerk be instructed to inform Col. Sladen that the obstruction is caused by a tree or trees on the property of an adjoining owner and that the Conservators have, therefore, no power to deal with the matter.

(b) Resolved - That the question of lopping trees opposite "Jordan House," be referred to the Committee.

Tea Garden Lane - Resolved - That the attention of the Works Committee of the Town Council be called to the necessity for a Notice being placed at the Ruckhall Common end of Tea Garden

Lane, warning motorists of the steepness of the declivity.

Footpaths - Resolved - That the Surveyor be instructed to repair the path leading from Edge Road to Hungershall Park, at an estimated cost of £15.

Notice Board - Resolved - That the Notice Board on the Carpet Beating Ground on the Common be removed.

Committee - Mr W. Scott expressed his wish to resign as a member of the Committee.

Resolved - That the resignation be accepted, and that Mr Hallett Reed be appointed a member of the Committee in his place.

St. Helena - Questions relating to the hedge and rocks adjoining St. Helena were considered, and referred to the Committee to report thereon to the next meeting.

Posts - Questions relating to the erection of posts on the Rulthall Common, near the Mission Room were considered, and referred to the Committee for report.

Accounts for payment - Accounts amounting to £86. 16. 11d. (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.

Chairman - Resolved - That a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Mayor (Mr Councillor Latimer, M.P.) for his able and courteous conduct in the Chair during the past year.

M. J. Latimer

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the
2nd December, 1920.

Present:— The Mayor (Mr Councillor Willmott), Chairman
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry, S. Q. Chale,
T. Edwards, H. Elrig, W. Maynard,
W. Scott, Brig-General W. H. Stuart, C. M. G.
and S. V. Thorpe.

Appointment of Conservators.— It was reported that the Town Council,
at their meeting on the 9th November last, appointed
the following members as Commons Conservators,
until the 9th day of November, 1921:—

The Mayor (Mr Councillor Willmott)
Councillors T. Edwards, W. Scott, Brig:
Gen. Stuart, C. M. G.

Minutes — The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Richard Pelton — A letter was received from Mr Richard
Pelton thanking the Conservators for the resolutions
passed by them at their last meeting.

Notices.— The Surveyor reported that, in accordance with the
instructions received by him at the last meeting of
the Conservators, he removed the Board with the
word "Private" thereon, erected on the Common near
"Rutthall Beacon", on the 29th October, that it was
replaced by the occupier of "Rutthall Beacon", and
again removed on the 11th November, replaced and
wired by the occupier of "Rutthall Beacon", and now
remains erected on the Common.

Resolved - That the matter be referred to the Committee with power to take such action as they may be advised.

Committee's Report: - The Committee held a meeting on the 29th November, 1920, at which meeting the following were present: Messrs. T. Edwards, and Hallett Reed, and report as follows: -

(1) Trees - The Committee inspected the poplar trees on the Common, below Jordan Hall, and recommend that these trees be topped, and that the branches of an adjoining oak tree be lopped.

Resolved - That this recommendation be adopted.

(2) "St. Helena" - The Committee inspected a hedge and an enclosure of rocks at "St. Helena," and recommend that several small holes on the London Road side of the rocks be removed.

Resolved - That the matter be again referred to the Committee.

(3) Posts - The Committee inspected the site on Ruckhall Common, near the Mission Room, in connection with the proposed erection of posts, and recommend (i) That posts be fixed across the track opposite the entrance to the Mission Hall - (ii) That an additional post be fixed at the Lower Green end of the track - and (iii) That two new posts be fixed opposite the High Street end of the track leading to Common View.

Resolved - That the consideration of the matter be

adjourned to the next meeting of the Conservators.

- (4) Seats - The Committee recommend the erection of one new seat at the Happy Valley.

Resolved - That the Committee's recommendation be approved.

Appointment of Committee - Resolved - That Mr C. Berry, Mr S. A. Cheale, Mr T. Edwards, Brig. Gen. Smart, C.M.G. and Mr Hallett Reed, be appointed a Committee until the 9th day of November next.

Meetings of Conservators - It was moved by Mr C. Berry and seconded by Mr S. V. Hooper - "That the following Regulations be made with respect to the summoning of meetings of the Tunbridge Wells Common Conservators, pursuant to Section 158 of the Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act, 1890: -

" 1. The Chairman of the Conservators may at any time call a meeting of the Conservators.

" 2. If the Chairman refuses to call a meeting after a requisition for that purpose, signed by four of the Conservators, has been presented to him, any four Conservators may forthwith on that refusal call a meeting. If the Chairman (without so refusing) does not within seven days after such presentation call a meeting any four Conservators may (on the expiration of those seven days) call a meeting. Any requisition for a meeting shall be sufficiently presented if it is sent by post in a registered letter addressed to

the Chairman of the Conservators at the Town Hall, Cambridge Wells, and shall be deemed to be presented at the time at which the registered letter would in the ordinary course be delivered."

It was moved as an Amendment by Mr. S. A. Cheale and seconded by Mr. L. Andrews. —
"Subject to the substitution of 'seven' Conservators in lieu of 'four' Conservators in Regulation 2."

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, there voted:

For the Amendment (Messrs Andrews, Cheale, Edwards and Scott)	4
Against (Messrs Berry, Eling, Waynard & Thorpe)	4

The Chairman gave his casting vote for the Amendment which was accordingly carried.

The original Resolution, as amended, on being put as the substantive motion, was carried *nem. con.*

It was moved by Mr. C. Berry, seconded by Mr. H. Eling, and Resolved *nem. con.* — "That the resolution of 15th December, 1910, be amended by the addition of the following words, 'such notice to specify the business proposed to be transacted at such meeting.'"

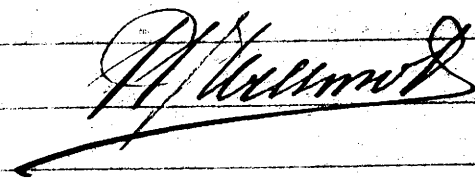
(Note — The resolution of 15th December, 1910, above referred to, is as follows:—

"That ten days' notice of meetings be given to each Conservator.")

Financial Statement. - The Clerk laid before the Committee a Statement of the Accounts of the Conservators for the year ending 25th March, 1921.

Estimates - Resolved - That the Finance Committee of the Corporation be requested to include the sum of £450. in the Estimates of the next Financial Year, for the purposes of the Common Conservators.

Accounts for Payment - Accounts amounting to £60. 17. 5d. (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.



Chairman
3rd March 1921.

At a Special Meeting of the Commons Conservators, held at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 19th January, 1921-

Present - The Mayor (Mr Councillor Wilburt) Chairman
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry, S. A. Cheale,
T. Edwards, H. King, W. Maynard, Hallett
Reed, S. V. Thorpe, and Brig. General
W. H. Stuart, C. M. G.

Unemployment - The Clerk read the notice concerning the meeting

The following resolution passed at a special meeting of the Town Council held on the 12th day of January, 1921, was considered: -

"To instruct the Town Clerk to communicate with the Commons Conservators requesting them to take into their immediate consideration the desirability of proceeding promptly with any necessary work of gorse-cutting and gravel path repairing, and to intimate to the Conservators that the Council will be prepared to include in their estimates for the coming year the maximum grant which the Council are empowered to make to the Conservators, viz. $\text{£} 150$ on the rateable value of the Borough."

It was moved by the Mayor and Resolved nem. con.
That the Surveyor do proceed with works of gorse-cutting and gravel path repairing upon the Commons that the sum of $\text{£} 150$ be expended thereon, and that the rate of wages to be paid be 10^d per hour.

A. Williams 3/2/21

At a Meeting of the Common Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on Thursday,
the 3rd March 1921.

Present - The Mayor - (Mr Councillor Willmott), Chairman
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry, S. A. Cheak,
T. Edwards, H. Elving, Hallett Reed,
Brig. Gen. Stuart, C. M. G. and S. V. Thorpe.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting and of a special meeting held on the 19th January 1921, were read and confirmed.

Trees - A letter was received from Mr Thomas Ebley calling attention to the two sycamore trees adjoining his fence and requesting that these trees may be removed.

A Report was received from the Committee recommending that no action be taken in this matter.

Resolved - That the Committee's recommendation be adopted.

A letter was received from Miss Durant renewing her request that the trees bordering the path in Edge Road from the Pump Room to the turning to the L. B. & S. C. Railway Station may be topped.

Resolved - That Miss Durant be informed that the Conservators adhere to their previous decision to take no action in the matter.

Goose Cutting - A letter was received from Mr George Minton

Neale requesting that the gorse adjoining the path leading from Major Yorkes Road to Hungershall Park shall be cut down, especially that on the left-hand side of the path going towards Hungershall Park.

A Report was received from the Committee with reference to the matter.

The Surveyor reported that in order to afford work for the unemployed under the resolution of the Conservators of the 19th January last, the necessary gorse cutting had been carried out.

The Surveyor also reported that the work of gorse cutting on the Commons will be completed by March 31st, he having employed an average of from ten to twelve men per week on this work.

Notices - The Clerk reported that the question of the removal of the notice board erected on the Common near Ruethall Reason had been settled, the occupier of Ruethall Reason having removed the notice board in question.

St. Helena - Questions relating to the hedge and an enclosure of rocks at St. Helena were again considered.

A letter was received from Mr S. V. Thorpe stating that the rocks in question are included in the lease.

Resolved - That the matter be again referred to the Committee, and that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan showing the hedge and rocks in question, and submit to Mr. Thorne for comparison with the plan on the lease.

Posts - Resolved - That the consideration of the erection of posts on Ruethall Common be again adjourned, and that the Surveyor be instructed to erect a notice warning persons against driving over the Common.

Offences against Bye-laws - Resolved - That the Clerk be instructed to caution two employers and two employees for damaging the Commons by driving across a strip of the Common near Lower Green Road.

A Report was received from the Police with reference to the damage to trees and furze on the Commons and stating that the offenders had been cautioned.

Resolved - That, in view of the age of the offenders, the Police be requested to also caution the parents of the offenders.

*Footpaths - A letter was received from Colonel A. Gilmore complaining of cyclists using the path across the angle of the Common near Brettland Road.

Resolved - That the Commons Ranger be instructed to prevent, so far as possible, cycling on the tracks on the Common.

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on Thursday,
the 2nd June, 1921.

Present. The Mayor - (Mr Councillor Willmet), Chairman.
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Berry, T. Edwards,
H. Elving, W. Maynard, Hallett Reed,
Brig-Gen. Sussat, C.M.G., and S. J. Thorpe.

Minutes. - The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Roadways. - A letter was received from Mr. Albert Banieter calling attention to the condition of the road at the entrance to Ruethall Park and Rustwick.

Resolved. - That Mr Albert Banieter be informed that the Conservators cannot deal with the roadway in question.

Ruethall Cricket Ground. - A letter was received from Mr R. T. Lade, the Hon Secretary of the Ruethall Cricket Club, requesting the Conservators to assist the Club by keeping the public from so frequently playing cricket and other games on Ruethall Cricket Ground, which the Club maintains for matches at considerable expense.

Resolved. - That Mr Lade be informed that the Commons Conservators cannot interfere in the matter, but that they hope the good feeling which exists amongst cricketers will solve any difficulty.

St. Helena. - This matter was further considered on the report of the Committee, and it was Resolved - That no action be taken in the matter.

It was reported that certain trees had been planted on the Common on the South-east side of St. Helena.

Resolved- That a letter be written to the Lord of the Manor and Freeholders calling their attention to the matter, and that the further consideration be adjourned.

Trees- A letter was received from Mrs J. W. Mann with reference to the trees in front of her house, No. 24, Bridge Road.

Resolved- That the letter be referred to the Committee.

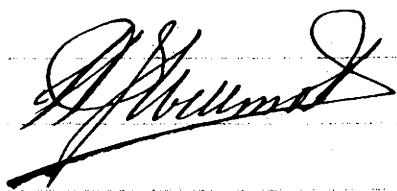
Seats- The application of Miss Power, with reference to the provision of a sheltered seat overlooking the Happy Valley, was considered.

Resolved- That the matter be referred to the Committee.

Offences against Bye-laws- A letter was received from Messrs Peacock Bros. & Harris, stating that they have cautioned their cartmen against driving over the Commons and they think the offence will not occur again.

Lower Cricket Ground- Questions relating to the repair of the surface of the Lower Cricket Ground were considered, and referred to the Surveyor to report to the next meeting as to what can be done after the present cricket season to improve the surface of the ground.

Accounts for payment - Accounts amounting to £226. 2. 3d. (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.



Chairman

6th October 1921

At a Meeting of the Commons Conservators
held at the Town Hall, on Friday, the
8th July, 1921.

Present - The Mayor (Mr. Councillor Willmet), Chairman
Messrs L. Andrews, C. Barry, T. Edwards,
H. Elving, W. Maynard, Hallett Reed
and Brig. Gen. Stuart, C.M.G.

Rutthall War Memorial - A letter was received from the Rev.
T. G. Gilking-Lax asking for the consent of the
Commons Conservators to the erection of a War
Memorial on Rutthall Common.

The plan and sketch of the design submitted
was considered.

Mr C. Barry raised the point that the Con-
servators had no authority to sanction the erection
of the proposed memorial.

It was moved by Brig. Gen. Stuart, C.M.G.
and seconded by Mr Hallett Reed: -

In so far as the Conservators have power to
give such consent, the Conservators consent
to the erection of the Rutthall War Memorial
as shown on the sketch produced on Rutthall
Common, at a point on the northern side
of the path leading from Langton Road
to Rutthall High Street, the work of erection
and re-instatement of the ground to be
carried out to the satisfaction of the
Surveyor (Mr Maxwell).

On a vote being taken by a show of hands
there voted:-

For the Resolution - 3

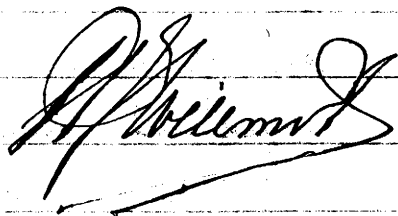
(Messrs L. Andrews, Hallett Reed, and Brig-Gen. Smart, C.M.G.)

Against - 4.

(Messrs. Berry, Edwards, Elving and Maynard).

The resolution was accordingly lost.

Fair on Common - An application by Mr. Forrest for his
moveable scenic railway to remain on the Common
on Sunday, the 10th July, was granted.



Chairman.

6th October, 1921.

At a Meeting of the Commons
Conservators held at the Town Hall,
on Thursday, the 6th October - 1921 -

Present - The Mayor (Mr Councillor, Willmot) Chairman
 Messrs. L. Andrews, C. Berry, J. Edwards,
 W. Waynard, Hallett Reed, Brig. Gen.
 Stuart, C. M. G. and S. N. Thorpe.

The late Mr. W. Stone - Resolved - That a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence be passed with Mrs Stone and her family on the death of Mr. Stone, and that an expression of the regret of the Conservators at the loss of the services of so valued and esteemed a colleague be recorded in the Minutes.

Minutes - The minutes of the last ordinary meeting and of a special meeting held on the 8th July, 1921, were read and confirmed.

Goose - A letter was received from Lt. Col. A. Gilmore with reference to goose fires on the Commons, and enquiring if it would be possible to have some men detailed to look after the Commons.

The following minute of the Watch Committee of the Town Council was reported:-

"Fire Brigade - The Chief Constable also reported that numerous fires had recently occurred on the Commons.

Resolved - That the attention of the Commons Conservators be called to the matter and

that this Committee do suggest that during the present extraordinary dry season extra supervision should be given to the Commons with a view to the prevention of fire."

Questions relating to gorse cutting were considered.

Resolved - That the sum of £100 be expended on gorse cutting and that the Surveyor be instructed to clear gorse within 20 feet of trees.

Committee - Resolved - That a meeting of the Committee be held to consider the following matters: -

Questions relating to trees in front of 24, Bridge Road.

Questions relating to the provision of a sheltered seat at the Happy Valley.

Notice Boards - Resolved - That the Watch Committee be asked to add the words "High Rocks" to the notice board at top of road leading to Tea Garden Lane, directing the Public to Broadwater Forest.

Lower Cricket Ground - It was reported to the Conservators that the Mount Pleasant Football Club have informed the Lord of the Manor that they will bear the cost of repairing the Lower Cricket Ground.

Scenic Railway, etc. on Common - Questions relating to a scenic railway etc, remaining on the Common on a recent Sunday, were considered and deferred.

Accounts for Payment - Accounts amounting to £127-2-9d (as per list signed by the Chairman) were passed.

S. Marsaceff
Chairman

8th December, 1921