

## 1933 - 1940

**A MEETING of the CONSERVATORS of ASHDOWN FOREST convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1933, at 4.0 p.m.**

### Present.

Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington, D.S.O. Vice-Chairman, in the Chair.

Admiral the Hon. Sir S. Colville, G.C.B.

Mr. G.D. Haslam.

Lt. Col. G.R. Miller.

Mr. Wm. Mitchell.

Mr. J.R. Owen.

Mr. John Rowe.

Mr. H.J. Waters.

Mr. C.H.N. Adams representing Earl de la Warr.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. It was proposed by Admiral Colville. Seconded by Mr. Haslam and unanimously Resolved that Mr. H.R. Hardy be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. It was proposed by Mr. Owen seconded by Col. Miller and unanimously Resolved that Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

3. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES. The following Committees were appointed. Maresfield Committee, consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, ex-officio, Rear Admiral Beamish, Lt. Col. Miller and Messrs. G.D. Haslam, G.M. Maryon-Wilson, J.P., and Wm. Osborne.

Forest Row Committee. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, ex-officio, Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley Colville and Messrs. Wm. Mitchell, J.R. Owen, John Rowe and H.R. Waters.

Fire Committee. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the District Committees.

4. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed and signed.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies were read from Mr. Hardy and Rear Admiral Beamish.

6. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES. (a) Little Gassons. License. It was reported by the Clerk that the License had been completed.

(b) Destruction by Deer, Horncastle. The Board had before them an article from the Sussex County Magazine as well as correspondence which had taken place between Mr. Hardy and Mr. Shelford. It was Resolved that the latter be informed that the Board do not propose to take any action in regard to the article in the magazine.

7. FOREST ROW COMMITTEE REPORT. The Committee consisting of Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington (Chairman), Admiral the Hon. Sir S. Colville and Messrs. Mitchell, Owen and Rowe, presented the report of their meeting held today.

Direction posts. An application was received from Miss Playfair for the erection of a direction post for "The Prelude", "White Plat" and "Hillside", and it was Resolved to Recommend that the same be approved upon the usual conditions and acknowledgments.

Rover Scouts. The question of making arrangements for the Scouts to assist with fire protection duties at weekends was considered.

It was Resolved that their services be accepted and that they should commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Bridge, Rist Wood Pond. An application was read from the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club for financial assistance in re-instating the subsidence near this Bridge. It was Resolved to Recommend that subject to permission

being obtained from Earl de la Warr for the stone quarried by unemployed men being used to build up the subsidence on this Bridge this Board offer to pay one half of the expense on condition that the Golf Club pay the remainder.

Fires. Mr. Owen drew attention of the Committee to the desirability of informing the public through the press of fires in the Forest in the endeavour that it would create a sense of indignation among the public against the offenders, it being felt that many of these fires were due to acts of incendiarism.

It was Resolved to recommend that this be agreed to.

It was proposed and seconded that the report of the Forest Row Committee as reported be received and that the recommendations are be adopted.

Mr. Adams on behalf of Lord De La Warr agreed that the stone could be quarried by the unemployed men as proposed by the Committee.

It was Resolved that in any outbreaks of fire exceeding five acres in extent the Rangers be instructed to inform the Clerk by telephone so that he may pass the information on to the Sussex Daily News who would circulate the information to the other local papers.

8. MARESFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT. The Committee consisting of Lt. Col. Miller, Messrs. Osborne and Haslam met on Wednesday, 16th February to consider the action of the Autocar Services Ltd. in creating a Timetable Notice Board without having obtained the consent of the Conservators at Fairwarp cross roads.

The Committee considered such a Notice Board very unsightly and felt sure that if permission was granted for the Board many similar applications would be made for Boards in other parts of the Forest by this and other companies. They therefore recommend that to a letter be written to the Autocar Services Ltd. requesting them to have the Board removed within seven days.

The Committee then considered a letter received from the Sanitary Inspector of the Uckfield Rural District Council whose attention had been drawn to the deposit of house refuse and other things in the disused gravel pit immediately adjoining the Vicarage at Fairwarp. The Sanitary Inspector points out that there is no excuse for the practice now as the Council has undertaken the collection of house refuse. He suggests that a small Board warning against the practice be erected and if this could be done he undertakes to cover the refuse now thrown thereon.

The Committee agree with the suggestion and have invited tenders for making and painting such a Board. The wording to be "No rubbish to be deposited here. Penalty £2".

The Committee next considered an application from the P.O. Engineering Department to erect two poles at Fairwarp.

They recommend that permission be granted, as the position of the poles will be no detriment to the Forest, subject to the usual acknowledgement.

The Committee then considered an application from the Managers of the Poundgate Church of England School to extend the playground by 30 feet by about 200 feet.

As this is a very controversial matter the Committee has invited Mr. Langridge, one of the Managers to attend the meeting to explain the position to the Board.

An application from the Uckfield Gas & Electricity company to erect two low tension overhead Mains at Dodds Bank, Nutley. These poles would each be 20 feet out of the ground. The first would come almost in line with the existing telegraph poles on the side of the main Maresfield - Nutley road, and the second pole would be about 50 yards to the east, close up to a high hedge, on the very edge of the forest. Neither of these poles would therefore be particularly noticeable, but as this is at the first time this Company has made such a request to the Board the Committee hesitate to make a recommendation either way, but prefer to leave it for the consideration of the Board.

It was Resolved that (a) their recommendation of the Committee as reported be approved and adopted.

(b) the Board disapprove the application of the Uckfield Gas & Electricity Co., and that the Undertakers be called upon to lay their main underground where it crosses the Forest.

The application for the erection of poles for this company on the Forest on the west side of the main Maresfield – Nutley road was considered. It was Resolved that the application be approved subject to the necessary wayleaves and consents.

9. AUDIT COMMITTEE. The Audit Committee presented the report of their Audit of the Accounts of the Conservancy.

We have carried out the Audit of the Accounts of the Conservancy. We have today examined (1) The General Account (2) the Second Ranger Account (3) The Account of the Protection and Improvement Fund and (4) The Fire Prevention Fund Account each for the year 1932. We have checked the balances brought forward from last year and the various receipts, and have compared the payments charged to each account with the Vouchers for same, and have checked the costing of the Accounts and find them all correct.

The balance of each account stood on 31st December last as follows:-

Account No. 1 in hand	£19.16.4
Do. No. 2 Do.	£46. 4. 4.
Protection and Improvement Fund	£45.12.0.
Fire Fund. In hand	£94. 12.7.

The sum of £159.4.2 ½ Consols and the sum of £150 3½% War loan (formerly 5%) represents the investments held on account of the Protection and Improvement Fund.

We found the accounts well kept and correct.

The General Account is holding its own but has a somewhat narrow balance in hand. During the year, however, over £335 has been collected, mainly by way of Rates. But the second Ranger Fund balance is rather less than last year and care must be exercised with forthcoming expenditure, owing to certain subscribers being unable to renew their generous subscriptions. The Protection & Improvement Fund is in a strong position the Balance in hand having increased from £114.19.2. to £145.12.0. There remains a good balance in hand on the Fire Prevention Fund.

G.R. Miller.

J.R. Owen.

It was Resolved that the same be received and that the thanks of the Board be conveyed to the members of the Committee for their labours

10. TELEPHONE POLES. A letter was read from the Sectional Engineer of the P.O. Telephone Department agreeing to co-operate with the Board as to pole positions in the future so far as public policy permitted and that they would be prepared to consider whether any remedial measures should be undertaken as to any existing poles where dangerous to traffic.

It was Resolved that the District Committees report as to any existing poles which required consideration.

11. RANGERS REPORTS. Ranger Kirby reported that: - He visited Fairwarp and Duddleswell with the Maresfield Committee, to view the site of the road widening proposals of the East Sussex County Council.

Half a ton of waste paper belonging to Messrs. Phillips Mills of London had been deposited on the Forest but was subsequently removed to his satisfaction.

A Time Table Board and post had been erected at Fairwarp by the Tunbridge Wells Autocar and Redcar Omnibus Company. He spent altogether four days cutting and clearing lanes near Crows Nest.

He removed two caravans and three gypsies tents off the Forest.

Four separate fires had occurred, burning an aggregate of some 3¾ acres of forest. He had received a complaint that there was a dangerous hole at Fairwarp and had it filled in.

Ranger Hatchett reported that:-

He interviewed Captain Scott and Miss Burns the secretaries of the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Clubs on the question of horses being ridden across the course. He then saw Mr. Cochran of Forest Row the owner of the horses and later requested a list of his clients. No complaint had been received by him subsequent to his explanation of the appropriate Forest Bye-law to Mr. Cochran.

He gave permission to the foreman of the road workmen to fell two birches overhanging the new construction at Cherry Orchard.

The Council have started levelling the bank on the east side of the road below Cherry Orchard and commenced drainage operations from below Ashdown Place towards Highgate.

The Bye-law Board at Chuck Hatch having been blown down, he re-erected it on the opposite side of the road. A notice board at Colemans Hatch had blown down which had also been re-erected.

He arranged for a certain amount of heather at Wych Cross and undergrowth at the Vetchery to be cut and litter cutters to cut as near to the Highway as possible as a means of fire protection.

He received an application from Mr. Wilson of East Grinstead to rent a piece of Forest land for the erection of a tea kiosk.

He removed 34 caravans, 18 vans and carts and 45 horses from the Forest.

He cautioned two motorists against parking cars on the private road to Water Farm.

He requested Mr. R. Walters of Fir Tree Cottage to remove stones he had deposited on the metalled part of the road. They were placed on the grass verge within three feet of his hedge.

Two fires occurred on the same day between Colemans Hatch Recreation Ground and Pippingford Park when about 2½ acres were burnt. Cause unknown.

He had spent much of his time during the past week in fire prevention measures on Wych Cross-Chelwood Gate road.

12. COMPLAINT FROM R.A.F. GOLF CLUB. A letter was received from Captain Scott, secretary to the R.A.F. Golf Club to the effect that persons were riding horses across the course and off the recognized tracks. Arrangements were made by the direction of the Vice Chairman where by the owner of the horses, Mr. Cochran of Forest Row, after submitting a list of his clients to the Clerk, undertook to distribute printed slips calling attention to the Bye-law dealing with this matter. Letters were also addressed to each rider. Subsequently no complaints have been received. A letter was read from Captain Scott expressing appreciation of the Ridley assistance given. Noted with approval.

13. REMOVAL OF TURF. Highway improvement. An application was received from the Uckfield R.D.C. to remove turf in connection with a highway improvement on the Poundgate- Nutley road. The Clerk of reported that after communicating with the Chairman of the Maresfield Committee he had required that grass seed should be planted where turves were removed and that this condition has since been accepted by the Rural Council.

14. LITTER BINS. Letters from the Uckfield R.D.C. and the East Grinstead R.D.C. were read. The Uckfield R.D.C. stated that they had arranged to collect at the following points, viz., Wych Cross. The Vetchery. 4 bins. Chelwood Gate 3 bins, 300 yards south of Pippingford. Maresfield. 1. and the East Grinstead R.D.C. have made arrangements to empty 2 bins at the R.A.F. Golf Club House and at the R.A.F. Golf Club near the 13th green. It was Resolved that the action of the local Authorities be accepted with thanks.

15. RATES. Mr J Howell Kenward, having pleaded inability to pay the Forest Rate and the sum of £3. 14. 0. remaining outstanding for the past two years, it was Resolved that the Clerk write informing him that unless he pays the amount due by the 8th March steps will be taken for recovery thereof.

16. TEA KIOSK. Application from Mr. Wilson. An application from Mr. Wilson of East Grinstead for permission to erect a tea kiosk on the Forest was received the Clerk of reported his reply that the application could not be entertained. Approved.

17. SUBSCRIPTION TO SCAPA SOCIETY. The Scapa Society applied for a subscription to their funds but as they Board already subscribed to two other very similar bodies it was Resolved that the application be not entertained.

18. FINANCES. The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which show the balances in hand as follows.

General Account	£57.13.4.
Second Ranger Fund	£105.11.4.
Protection and Improvement Fund	£194.2.5.
Fire Prevention Fund	£4.13.2.
And £80 on deposit.	

Resolve that cheques be drawn as follows:-

No. 1 Account

Kirby, Herbert Ranger. Eight weeks salary as Ranger to 20th inst.,	
@ £2.10.0. per week.	£20.0.0.
Do. 8 weeks rent @	
5/- per week	£2.0.0.
Do. Employers Insurances.	£0.12.8.
	£22.12.8.
Dunn & Duncan. Minute Book.	£1.11.0.

No. 2 Account

Hatchett, J W second Ranger 8 Weeks salary @ £2 to 20 <sup>th</sup> inst.	£16.0.0.
Do. Employers Insurances.	£0.12.8.
	£16.12.8.

Do. 8 weeks rent at 12/ per week to 20<sup>th</sup> inst. £4.16.0.

Martin, C E petrol &c	£1.8.5.
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Protection and Improvement Fund  
Also that the following accounts be drawn from this fund.

The Clerk.

Mrs Osborne. Refund acknowledgement paid in error.

	£0.7.6.
Excise License for Ranger Kirby's Motor Cycle.	
	£3.0.0.
Do. Ranger Hatchetts Do. P	£3.0.0.

P.O. Telephones ¼ years rent & calls Ranger Kirby  
To 31/12/32

£1.18.5.

Do. Do. Ranger Hatchett

£1.18.11.

Ridley, F T petrol &c for  
Ranger Kirby's Motor Cycle

£0.15.6.

£11.0.4.

In the absence of the Chairman the Clerk requested authority for the Vice Chairman to sign on the Protection and Improvement Account. It was Resolved that the Vice Chairman be authorised to sign on this account in the absence of the Chairman and that he be authorised accordingly.

19. REFUSE DUMP NEAR A. F. LADIES GOLF CLUB. A letter was read from Miss Burns, Secretary of the Ashdown Forest Ladies Golf Club, complaining at the Tate disused pond near the Club House was being used as a receptacle for litter of all kinds and enquiring if the Board could see their way to having it filled in. It was Resolved that Miss Burns be informed that the matter should be dealt with by the East Grinstead R.D.C. as the local Sanitary Authority.

20. MEETINGS. It was Resolved that the Meetings of the Board during the remainder of the year would be as follows:- Tuesday, 4th April, at 3pm. Wednesday, 12th July, at 3pm. Wednesday, 11th October, at 3pm and the annual meeting of the Commoners on Wednesday 13th December, at 10.30am.

21. RANGER KIRBY'S CYCLE. An application was received from Ranger Kirby for sundry repairs to his bicycle, at an estimated expense of 15/6, which was recommended for approval. It was Resolved that the application be granted.

22. TOWN PLANNING. Uckfield R.D.C. The Clerk reported that a Local Inquiry was been held in connection with the Town Planning Scheme of the Uckfield R.D.C. As a result of enquiries and inspection of the maps, no action was necessary as the Forest was not affected. Noted.

The meeting terminated at 4:45pm.

[signed] H.R. Hardy

Chairman

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**A MEETING of the FIRE COMMITTEE duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1933, at 3.15pm.**

**Present.**

Mr H.R. Hardy, Chairman.

Mr G.D. Haslam

(An apology for absence was received from Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington, D.S.O.)

The Committee considered the precautions to be taken for the present Fire Season and carefully reviewed sundry measures adopted in the past and after an exhaustive survey into the whole question of protection it was Resolved that:-

(a) Three helpers be placed on each side of the Forest to start duty as from 13th March for eight weeks at 5/- each per week to be paid out of the Fire Prevention Fund.

(b) Two woodcutters be employed for a fortnight each at £2 per week to be paid out of the Protection and Improvement Fund. Ranger Kirby proposed his brother Mr Ernest Kirby and Ranger Hatchett proposed W. Crowhurst, but had since to engage W. Scott instead, as experienced Woodmen, which the Committee approved.

(c) The Fire Committee proposed to go round with each Ranger in turn and settle the areas to be cut but that the woodcutters duties were to be limited to lopping the lower branches to a height of seven feet from the ground.

(d) The Clerk should write to the local Contractors as before about Spark Arresters and to the Chief Constable at Lewes thanking him for his help in the past and stressing the desirability of a co-operation again in the ensuing year. Also that a list of suspected persons be sent to the local police from time to time.

(e) The Clerk interview a detective and report as to his fees on the basis of his employed for a fortnight and that the matter be referred to the Chairman with power to act.

(f) A reward of £20 be offered for six months and published at the same places as were decided in 1930. This latter proposal to depend on the opinion of the detective posed in para.(d) above.

(g) The Clerk get in touch with Earl de la Warr's representative with a view to his Lordship bearing half the cost of the two tree cutters which the Committee considers is in his own interest as much in that of the Conservators.

[signed] H.R. Hardy

Chairman.

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**A MEETING of the CONSERVATORS of ASHDOWN FOREST duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, Tuesday 4th April, 1933, at 3.0 p.m.**

**Present**

Mr. H.R. Hardy Chairman

Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington, D.S.O.

Mr. G.D. Haslam

Col. G.R. Miller

Mr. Wm. Mitchell

Mr. Thos. Osborne

Mr. J.R. Owen

Mr. John Rowe

And Mr C.H.N. Adams representing Earl de la Warr

1. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Letters were read from Rear Admiral Beamish and Admiral Sir Stanley Colville. The latter, owing to his departure from the District, sent in his resignation from the Board. It was Resolved that it be accepted with great regret and he be thanked for his past services on the Board.

3. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES (a) Rates. Mr. J. Howell Kenward. (p9) It was Resolved that the Clerk distraint immediately for the sum of £3 .14.0. which still remains outstanding for Forest rates if personal application proves unsuccessful.

(b) Bridge. Rist Wood Pond. (p2) The Ranger reported that though the Lord had given the necessary stone free of royalty no steps had been taken towards the completion of this work.

(c) Autocar Company's Time Table Board (p.3) Ranger Kirby reported having taken down the Board and having seen it subsequently erected on private property.

(d) Deposit of Refuse. Uckfield R.D.C. (p.4) the notice Board approved by the Board at their last meeting had now been erected to the Rangers satisfaction. Noted.

(e) Direction post. Miss Playfair.(p.2) The Clerk reported that one of the three original applicants no longer required inclusion in the License. He would therefore proceed immediately with the drawing up of the other two licenses. Approved.

(f) Uckfield Gas and Electricity Co. (p 4) Mains. The Clerk read a letter from the Chairman of the Company requesting the Board's further consideration of their application. It was Resolved that the Clerk reply that the Board confirm the previous decision requiring the company to lay them underground.

4. RANGERS REPORTS. (p.6) Ranger Kirby reported that:- He started E. Kirby on 13th March on cutting round trees near Crows Nest and he himself spent four days cutting and clearing lanes there.

He removed the Autocar Company's Time Table Board from Fairwarp.

He called on Mr Burdett (Sanitary Inspector) concerning the filling in of a refuse hole at Fairwarp and spent two days there with the men assisting and supervising.

He removed five caravans off the Forest, most of these being in the neighbourhood of Fairwarp.

The two Telegraph Poles proposed to be erected by the Post Office had been placed in position and approved by him.

The following fires had occurred in his area.

2 at Lisburn burning 2¼ acres.

1 at St John's Church burning 4 acres.

1 at Millbrook burning 100 acres

1 at Dodds Bottom burning 2½ acres.

1 at Duddleswell burning 400 acres

1 at Old Lodge (on Estate) burning 30 acres

Ranger Hatchett reported that:-

The Assistant Surveyor had approached him concerning the laying of drain pipes between the A.A. Box at Wych Cross and the cross roads on the west of the Turnpike. He referred the matter to the Clerk.

Mr R.H. Keays had enclosed a portion of the Forest to the extent of approximately 500 square yds. Upon request to remove the fence, Mr. Keays was understood to say that his Solicitors were taking the matter up.

He started W. Scott on 13<sup>th</sup> March on trimming and cutting at Rushey Bottom.

He removed fourteen caravans off the Forest.

He spent four days cutting and preparing stakes and beaters for the third and fourth beater stands.

Mr. Weller brought to him a person whom he suspected of lighting a fire below Cherry Orchard. He is W. Bond of Brook Cottage, Forest Row.

The following fires in his section were:-

4 at Colemans Hatch burning 15 acres.

2 at Jumpers Town, Chuck Hatch, burning 28 acres.

1 at High Beeches burning 4 acres.

1 at Wych Cross and Rushey Bottom burning 12 acres.

3 at Kidds Hill burning 26 acres.

1 at White Platt burning 2 acres.

1 at Gills Lap burning 2 acres.

1 at Rushey Bottom burning 30 acres.



1 at High Toll and Lewes Park Farm burning 3 acres.

The Chairman read a statement setting out several reasons for the general belief that the cause of fires was incendiarism. The most usual was that there was not enough grazing for all the animals on the Forest but this was definitely disproved when the Rangers estimated that there were not more than 800 head of stock over the 6,500 acres. Unless more satisfactory results were forthcoming under the present precautions, stronger methods would be adopted.

5. ROAD IMPROVEMENT. WYCH CROSS. The Clerk reported that Earl de la Warr had given permission to the laying of drain pipes in connection with the road improvement which the Chairman had authorised on behalf of the Board. It was Resolved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

6. TELEPHONE POLES (p.6) Mr. Haslam informed the Board of the nearness to the road of several of the P.O. Telegraph Poles on the Duddleswell to Kingstanding road, many of which were from only 8 inches to 2 feet on the verge and one no more than five inches from the edge of road. It was proposed by Col. Miller seconded by Major Barrington and carried unanimously that the P.O. Engineering Department be requested to re-erect the poles 65-67 on the above road. The Forest Row Committee reports that they have no poles requiring attention.

7. LONE OAK ENCROACHMENT. The Vice-Chairman and the Clerk reported that they had inspected the encroachment made by Mr. Keeyes from which it was clear that Mr. Keeyes had enclosed a part of the Forest. Mr Keeyes having undertaken to remove this fence it was Resolved that the Ranger see that the same is removed.

8. APPLICATIONS TO MANOEUVRE. Applications for permission to use the Forest for manoeuvres having been received from Lancing College and Tonbridge School O.T.C. and the 5<sup>th</sup> (Cinque Ports) Battalion Royal Sussex Regt., It was Resolved that permission be granted on the usual conditions.

9. FINANCES. (p.6) the Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which show the balances in-hand as follows.

General Account	£33.9.8.
Second Ranger Fund	£102.16.3.
Protection and Improvement Fund	£195.18.10.
Fire Prevention Fund	£4.13.2.
and £80 on deposit	

Resolved that cheques be drawn as follows:-

No. 1 Account

Kirby Herbert, Ranger, 6 weeks salary As Ranger to third inst at £2 .10.0. per week	£15.0.0.
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Do. 6 weeks rent @ 5/- to Do.	£1.10.0.
Do. Employers Insurances.	£0.9.6.
	£16.9.6.

J. Miller and Sons. Erecting painting and writing Notice Board	£0.15.0.
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The Chairman.

Chas. Clarke Ltd. 40 posters	
Summary of Bye-Laws	£1.5.0.
Varnishing same. 2 coats.	£1.5.0.
	£2.10.0.

[signed] H.R. Hardy  
Chairman.

**A MEETING of the FIRE COMMITTEE duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Monday, 10th April, 1933, at 3.0 p.m.**

Present.

Mr. H. R. Hardy ( Chairman)  
Major The Hon. R. E. S. Barrington, D.S.O.  
Mr J.R. Owen.  
with Col. G.M. Ormerod and  
Supt. Edwards.

(An apology for absence was received from Mr. G.D. Haslam.)

The Committee generally reviewed the present position and during a discussion the following matters were dealt with.

1. Col. Ormerod who attended at the request of the Board of Conservators informed the Committee that 40 fires had been reported to him burning an area of approximately 1,200 acres.
2. Among the possible grounds for grievances of Commoners against the Board were mentioned the carrying of guns and the royalty payable to the Lord of the Manor on the amount of gravel dug from the Forest. Neither of these comes within the jurisdiction of the Board but Ranger Kirby reported that the royalty on gravel had just lately been doubled.
3. It was proposed to institute a closer watch on three suspects and in furtherance of this object, Col. Ormerod gave his undertaking to substitute two older and more experienced men in place of two of his present staff of six young men.
4. It was further suggested that one man arrayed in suitable disguise should frequent the Colemans Hatch Inn but this was left for detail and arrangement to the Superintendent who should use his discretion as to the course to be followed.
5. Mr Owen promised to furnish more precise information as to the hours and nature of employment of the suspects in his area and suggested that the watchers and beaters be pressed for similar information.

1. TOWN PLANNING. The Committee then considered a proposal to widen several roads across the Forest contained in the preliminary statement of the East Grinstead R.D.C. Town Planning Scheme. The Committee reconsidered the several decisions reached by their Town Planning Sub-Committee on the 6th November, 1930, which had been communicated to the Town Planning Surveyor of East Grinstead the same month.

Mr Owen thereupon proposed, seconded by Major Barrington that the Committee adhere to their former recommendations that the Clerk lodge a formal objection with the East Grinstead R.D.C., pointing out that there appeared no necessity to prescribe building lines over the Forest.

2. An application was read from Mrs. Bond to lay pipe drains under the road for which a License was granted last year. It was Resolved that the same be approved subject to the consent of the Lord.

[signed] H.R. Hardy  
Chairman.

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**A MEETING of the CONSERVATORS of ASHDOWN FOREST duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday 12th July, 1933, at 3.0 p.m.**

Present.

Mr. H.R. Hardy (Chairman)  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington, D.S.O.  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish C.B., R.N.

Mr. Geo. M. Maryon-Wilson.  
Col. G.R. Miller.  
Mr. Wm. Mitchell.  
Mr. J.R. Owen.  
Mr. H.J. Waters.  
Mr. C.H.N. Adams (representing Earl de la Warr)

1. MINUTES. The minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Letters were read from Messrs. G.D. Haslam and John Rowe, expressing regret at not being able to be present.
3. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES. (a) Rates. Mr. J. Howell Kenward. (p 13) The Clerk informed the Board that following correspondence with Mr. Kenward and his Solicitors the amount outstanding for Rates had been paid. Noted.  
  
(b) Direction Post. Miss Playfair. (p 14) Since the last meeting of the Board Miss Playfair had intimated her intention of not taking out a License for a direction board to her property and the matter had therefore been dropped. Noted.  
  
(c) Lone Oak Encroachment. (p 16) Further correspondence from Mr. Keays was read. It was Resolved that the Clerk write to Mr. Keays giving him fourteen days in which to remove the encroachments after which time the Ranger be informed to remove the offending fence. Further that Mr. Keays be informed that the Award Map is a legal document laying down the boundaries of the Forest conclusively.
4. CUTTING OF GORSE. A letter was read from Mr. Harry Waters suggesting that the Commoners have a grievance against the Conservators inasmuch as they are anxious to cut away the gorse from in front of their properties and are compelled to pay a sum to the Lord for this privilege, with the result that they often set it alight in other places to show their disapproval with far reaching results. It was Resolved on the motion of Col. Miller that the Lord be approached with a view to allowing the cutting of a fifty feet safety zone without fee round the holdings of those who desired to protect their own property only, and that Mr. Adams be requested to approach Earl de la Warr and arrange this matter accordingly.
5. FOREST ROW COMMITTEE REPORT (p 2) A meeting was held on the Ashdown Forest Golf Course on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1933 at 6.0 p.m. and there were present Messrs. J.R. Owen, W. Mitchell and Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington to consider:  
  
(a) Shalesbrook Cottage. They recommend that Mrs. Bond be asked to keep the steps leading up to the concrete which she had a License to lay on Forest land in good order and condition and that the right of way leading to the same must in no way be interfered with, and are of the opinion that the beech hedge just planted is not an encroachment but an improvement.  
  
(b) Bank Cottage. The Committee referred to the Board the Ranger's Report. From this it appeared that the gate is encroaching and should be put back to its correct position in line with the rear of the hedge. It was Resolved that the Committee's report be received and the recommendations therein be approved and adopted.
6. MARESFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT. (p 3) The Chairman reported to the Clerk that owing to there being no matters of importance to discuss no meeting of the Committee had been called.
7. BOY SCOUTS CAMP. An application from the Rev. H.M. Herbert of High Hurstwood, Uckfield, for permission to take about 20 Boy Scouts to camp on Withyham Common in the second or third week in August. The Clerk referred the application to the Chairman who gave his consent on the usual conditions being agreed to. It was Resolved that the Chairman's action be approved.
8. ADVERTISEMENT BOARDS. LONDON-EASTBOURNE ROAD. A letter was read from the Clerk of the East Sussex County Council concerning the erection of signs on the London-Eastbourne road where it crosses the Forest, who maintains that the signs complained of are on the highway verge and asks particularly for co-operation in securing the removal of the advertisements belonging to Mr. Burchett at Lewes Park Farm and Mr. Hales at

Alma Cottages. It was Resolved that the Clerk interview the Clerk of the County Council and Mr. Maryon-Wilson see the County Surveyor with a view to settling the matter amicably.

9. OLDLANDS HALL. CLEARANCE OF UNDERGROWTH. Communications were received from Sir Bernard Eckstein's Agents applying for permission to cut lanes along the N.W. side of Oldlands Hall Estate adjacent to the Forest. A new hedge and fence is being built on this property which would be in danger from fire should the profusion of gorse and undergrowth on the nearby Forest be burnt. The Chairman of the Maresfield Committee approved the scheme suggesting a limit of 50 ft. Should certain oak trees in the affected zone require felling Messrs. Wood & Walford undertake to obtain permission from the Lord. It was Resolved that the Chairman's action be approved.

10. SHED. APPLICATION FROM R.A.F. LADIES GOLF CLUB.

The Secretary of the Royal Ashdown Ladies Golf Club applied for permission to erect a shed on Forest land between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> greens. It was resolved that the Clerk inform the Secretary that in view of the Bye-Laws the Board had no alternative but to express regret at not being able to grant their request.

11. REFUSE DUMP NEAR R.A.F. LADIES GOLF CLUB (p 10)

The Clerk of the east Grinstead R.D.C. having written denying liability to fill in the pond near the R.A.F. Ladies Course, the Secretary was informed that if the Club filled in the pond the Conservators would erect a notice board. The Club decided that the pond was not on their course and that they did not consider that matter one for private enterprise. Mr. H. Waters offered to clear the rubbish from the vicinity if the Club would furnish the labour. It was Resolved that the Clerk put Mr. Waters' offer before the Club.

12. RANGERS REPORTS. (p.14) Ranger Kirby reported that:-

He had visited Maresfield Park making inquiries concerning the New Forest Rate List.

The Post Office Engineers had moved back for a distance of three feet, telegraph poles 65, 66 and 67 in compliance with a resolution of the Board passed at their previous meeting.

The P.O. had erected a temporary overhead telephone line from the Fairwarp-Duddleswell Road to the Fairwarp Hermitage whilst the underground cable was being repaired, after being damaged by lightning. Subsequently the overhead line was removed.

The Sussex Electricity Company has started to lay the underground cables from Courtland Estate to Dodds Grove following the Board's consent to their application at the last meeting.

He had removed three chars-a-banc, a motor tea shop, two gypsy caravans and three carts.

Since the last meeting he reported 9 fires burning some 512 acres 500 of which were burnt at one time.

Ranger Hatchett reported that 12 fires had burnt about 126 acres.

Mr. Howlett of the Vicarage, Forest Road, had lent him the services of six volunteers for the weekend commencing April 15th.

He also reported he has arranged with Mr. Arbuthnot at Plaw Hatch for a barn to house the Legion of Frontiersmen.

He had arranged to have the quarry at Cherry Orchard properly filled in while the road was still under repair.

The East Grinstead R.D.C. had started digging operations on the sides of the road at Jumpers Town and also at Kidds Hill.

Mr. Keeys had failed to dismantle the whole of his fence at Lone Oak Hall and to remove a quantity of wood lying just outside this property.

The repairs to the road by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tee of the R.A.F. Golf Club had been completed.

Mrs. Bond of Shalesbrook was laying a three yard concrete approach to her garage which former extends over Forest land.

He made several enquiries concerning particulars of certain properties for correction of the Rating list.

He continually warned motorists against leaving litter about. He removed 6 caravans and 20 horses and 5 boys' camps from the Forest.

### 13. FINANCES (p 16)

The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed the balances in-hand as follows.

General Account	£51.8.2
Second Ranger Fund	£101.8.2.
Protection and Improvement Fund	£215.0.8.
Fire Prevention Fund	£4.13.2.
And £80 on deposit	

Resolved that cheques be drawn as follows:-

#### No. 1 Account

Kirby Herbert, Ranger, 14 weeks salary

As Ranger to 10th inst. at £2.10.0.

per week £35.0.0.

Do. 14 weeks rent @ 5/- to Do. £3.10.0.

Do. Employers Insurances. £1.2.2.

£39.12.2.

R. W. Fovargue. Half years salary

As Clerk to 24<sup>th</sup> June £75.0.0.

#### No. 2 Account

Hatchett, J.W. Second Ranger.

14 weeks salary to 10<sup>th</sup> inst.

@ £2 per week £28.0.0.

Do. Employers Insurances. £1.2.2.

£29.2.2.

Do. 13 weeks rent @ 12/- to

26<sup>th</sup> June £7.16.0.

Martin C.E. Petrol &c. for

Ranger Hatchetts Motor Cycle £1.13.8.

#### Fire Prevention Fund.

#### The Clerk.

B. Ridley 8 weeks salary as

Fire helper at 5/- per week. £2 0.0.

H. Clerk. Do. £2.0.0.

H. Pursglove. Do. £2.0.0.

C. Buckman. Do. £2.0.0..

J. Sherbourn. Do. £2.0.0.

B. Budgen. Do. £2.0.0.

£12.0.0.

### Protection & Improvement Fund.

Also that the following sums be drawn from this Fund.

#### The Clerk.

Kirby, Ernest. Two weeks' wages as Tree cutter  
at £2 per week and Insurances 3/2. £4.3.2.  
Scott, B.W. 2 weeks' wages as Do. £4.0.0.

P O Telephones. ¼ years rents & calls  
to 30/3/33 Ranger Hatchett. £1.19.10.  
Do. Ranger Kirby. £1.19.0.

£3.18.10

Ridley and Sons, F T, petrol &c.  
for Ranger Kirby's Motor Cycle £0.12.11.

£12.14.11

It was proposed by Mr. Owen, Seconded and carried that the Clerk seek an interview with Sir Laurence Chubb in an endeavour to ascertain any fund which may have been instituted for such contingencies as the Board are now faced with.

It was also Resolved that for the purposes of assisting the Second Ranger Fund circulars be sent to the many new residents in the district and that copies of the existing list be circulated to every member for suggestions as to likely subscribers.

#### 14 NEW RATE.

The Clerk reported that the funds of the Conservancy were now exhausted and having produced an estimate of the expenditure for the ensuing year amounting to £332 it was proposed by Mr. Geo. M. Maryon-Wilson and unanimously Resolved that a rate be made for defraying the expenses of the Conservators in the execution of their duties under the award made under the provision of the Inclosure Acts 1845-78 and the Commons Regulations (Ashdown Forest) Provisional Order Confirmation Act 1885 to be levied upon

The respective owners of the rights of Common upon the Forest at the rate of Sixpence per acre in respect of the acreage of their respective lands to which such rights attach which owners and their respective acreages and the respective sums payable by them are set out in the Rate Book produced by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

#### 15. UCKFIELD R.D.C. EXCAVATION OF SOIL.

An application was received from the Surveyor to the above Council desiring permission to excavate soil from Forest land chiefly at dangerous corners for the purpose of making up the roadside margins at and near Duddleswell. The Chairman of the Maresfield Committee approved the scheme but strongly recommended a special clause to ensure the sowing of the seed where the turf is removed and to the Council giving an undertaking to comply with the requisite conditions. A letter was read from the Surveyors agreeing to comply with the conditions laid down by the Chairman. It was Resolved that the Clerk inform the Surveyor that in every case where possible the laying of turf shall be preferred to the sowing of seed, having due regard to the angle of the banks in question and the season of the year.

### IN COMMITTEE.

#### 16. FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT. (p.17)

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Fire Committee were read and as amended, confirmed and signed.

#### 17. TOWN PLANNING. EAST GRINSTEAD R.D.C. (p.19)

A letter was read from the Clerk of the above Council intimating that the Town Planning Committee of the Council had resolved to amend their scheme in accordance with the suggestions of the Fire Committee. Approved.

18. EAST GRINSTEAD R.D.C. JUMPERS TOWN.

The Clerk was informed by Ranger Hatchett that unauthorised digging was being carried out on the side of the road at Jumpers Town, the men being the employees of the East Grinstead R.D.C.. The Surveyor upon enquiry, asserted that no widening was under consideration but that two stone depots had been made with the consent in each case of the Ranger, which was denied.

Discussion took place on the excavation of soil for road making and the making of dumps on Forest land. It was Resolved that the County Surveyor and the Surveyor to the Rural Districts of East Grinstead and Uckfield be informed that in future, excavation of soil without the permission of the Board, for whatever purpose will be regarded as an infringement of the Bye-laws, and that the Clerk be instructed to act accordingly.

19. WEALD ELECTRICITY CO EXTENSION OF ELECTRICITY MAINS. The Weald Electricity Company had applied for consent to extend their existing lines from Shalesbrook to the R.A.F. Golf Club House. The Chairman's action in consenting was approved by the Board. It was also reported that the consent of Lord had been obtained. It was Resolved that the Clerk be authorised to enter into any necessary memorandum to the original License.

20. NEXT MEETING. (p.11)

It was Resolved that the Fire Committee meet in Committee at 2 p.m. followed by the Board Meeting at 3pm on 11th October next.

As a means of meeting any possible grounds for grievance on the part of Commoners it was Resolved on an experiment for this year that the Board Meeting fixed for 13th December be held at 5 p.m. and the General Meeting of Commoners at 6 p.m.

[signed] H.R. Hardy

Chairman.

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**A MEETING of the CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN FOREST duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday 11th October, 1933, at 2 p.m. for the consideration in Committee of the general subject of fires.**

**Present.**

H.R. Hardy, Esq., (Chairman)  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish C.B.  
Mr. G.D. Haslam.  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller.  
Mr. Wm. Mitchell.  
Mr. Thos. Osbourne.  
Mr. J.R. Owen.  
Mr. John Rowe.  
Mr. Henry Waters.  
Mr. C.H.N. Adams representing Earl de la Warr.

The Meeting opened by the Chairman calling for suggestions and a general discussion followed. Among the measures put forward were (a) Higher reward for apprehension leading to conviction (b) more lanes should be cut (c) Meetings should be held in local Parish Halls to which all Commoners should be invited.

After due consideration had been given to all the foregoing and other points, it was Resolved that arrangements be made to hold not less than two meetings in the Forest villages at which a member of members of the Board should hold an informal debate or alternatively give a lecture. A letter was read from Mr. K.H. Wagg to the Chairman in which he suggested that as a method of improving the relationship between Commoners and the Board efforts should be made to employ local labour in conjunction with the Rangers in their cutting and clearing for the coming season, for which purpose he generously offered the sum of £20 to start a fund to assist this work.



It was Resolved that Mr. Wagg's offer be gratefully accepted and a scheme be drawn up on the lines suggested by him to be put before the Committee at its next meeting.

The Chairmen of the District Committees undertaking to accompany the Rangers and view the most probable danger zones, Admiral Beamish then proposed and it was duly seconded that the sum of One hundred pounds in the Protection and Improvement Fund be allocated for the provision of labour and placed at the disposal of the Fire Committee.

It was further Resolved that after 31<sup>st</sup> December 1933, the Protection and Improvement and the Fire Protection Funds be combined to form one Account and called the Protection and Improvement Account.

[signed]

R.E.S. Barrington

Chairman

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**A MEETING of the CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN FOREST duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday 11th October, 1933, at 3 p.m.**

**Present.**

Mr. H.R. Hardy (Chairman).  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish C.B., R.N.  
G.D. Haslam, Esq.,  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller.  
Mr. Wm. Mitchell.  
Mr. Thos. Osbourne.  
Mr. J.R. Owen.  
Mr. John Rowe.  
Mr. Henry Waters.  
Mr. C.H.N. Adams representing Earl de la Warr.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington and Mr. Geo. M. Maryon-Wilson.
3. (a) Advertisement Boards. (p 22) The Clerk reported having interviewed the Clerk of the County Council and agreed that the action for removing the Boards which were erected on the Forest without License or authority should emanate from the Board. It was Resolved that notices be served requiring immediate removal of all boards on this road.
- (b) Refuse Dump near R.A.F. Ladies Golf Club (p 23) The Clerk reported that the Club had accepted Mr. Waters' offer and the dump had now been cleared. Noted.
- (c) [missing]
- (d) Excavation of soil on the Forest. A letter was read from Mr. Turton the Surveyor to the East Grinstead Rural District Council acknowledging the Board's recommendation that their previous consent for the taking of the soil from the Forest be obtained.
- (e) East Grinstead R.D.C. Jumpers Town. (p.28) A further letter from Mr. Turton was read containing the statement that no actual road widenings have been carried out, but that collections of road scrapings deposited at the side of the roads in question had been turned over and utilized as binding material. As it appeared that Mr. Turton had either been under a misunderstanding of the Board's complaint or had been misinformed on the

subject it was Resolved that the Clerk do supply Mr. Turton with the facts impressing him with the necessity for first obtaining the Board's consent.

(f) New Rate. (p 26)

The Clerk informed the Board that the Rate voted at their last meeting had received the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries and collection was proceeding.

(g) Town Planning. East Grinstead R.D.C. (p 27)

The Clerk reported having attended the Public Inquiry held on 14<sup>th</sup> September and was assured that the Council accepted the Board's recommendations and the efficacy of the Board's Confirmation Act 1885. Subsequently the Chairman received a letter from Mr. Whitley-Hughes pointing out that the Forest was defined in the Scheme as a Public Open Space. It was Resolved that with the cooperation of the Lord's Solicitors, the Ministry of Health be approached with a view to appropriate action being taken to preserve the legal position of the Board and the Lord.

4. RANGERS REPORTS. (p24)

Ranger Kirby reported that:-

He had issued licenses to cut brakes to Mr. F.S. Taylor of Crowborough and to Mr. Thos. Shannon, a license to cut peat to Miss Yolland of Fairwarp, and one to cut litter to Mr. E. Hurtle of Crowborough Warren.

He accompanied Ranger Hatchett and helped to throw down Mr. Keys' encroachment.

He had received a personal application from the County Divisional Surveyor to start drainage work near Fairwarp but referred him to the Clerk.

The Uckfield R.D.C. had finished taking off the banks on the Duddleswell-Nutley road.

He had received a complaint from Mr. David Green of St. John's through the Buckhurst Estate Office that Mr. E. Hurtle of Crowborough Warren had diverted a stream, but on inspection the cause of complaint proved not to be on Forest land.

Much of his time had been spent in collecting Forest Rates, warning picnickers against litter and clearing up litter.

He had removed some eleven gipsy caravans and a motor trailer off the Forest.

He had been away on holiday from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Ranger Hatchett reported that:-

The trench for the electric cable between the Golf Club and Shalesbrook had been filled in to his satisfaction.

The County Council had started to make up the road between their depot and Ashdown Place and he had given the foreman permission to burn tree trimmings on the Forest.

He interviewed Mr. Head of Bank Cottage concerning his encroachment who still maintains that there is no encroachment.

Messrs. H. & E. Waters started to dig a trench for laying a drain from the Golf Club House. He informed them that a license to do so was necessary.

He gave permission to Lady Kilbracken to clear out two ponds at Colemans Hatch.

Mr. Winkley Smith of Tompsetts Bank requested that the track at Forest Row recreation ground be leveled and repaired.

Mr. Straker the Surveyor had been restrained from taking more soil from the Forest than he had leave to so, and the foreman permitted to fell two birches overhanging a dangerous corner.

He had received permission from the Chairman of the District Committee to be absent from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October.

A fire burning half an acre had been got under control at Chuck Hatch but another in Pippingford Park continued burning for about six days and encroached on the Forest in several places between the Prelude and Windyridge.

He had removed some 40 caravans and 50 horse and 4 motor coaches and 13 separate boys camps off the Forest.

His motor cycle tyres needed replacing. It was Resolved that these be replaced.

#### 5. PROPOSED BUILDING LINES.

Following the Board's instructions that notice of special building lines only should be prescribed over the Forest the Clerk received formal notice of proposals affecting the Wych Cross-Lewes and Groombridge-Forest Row roads. The Clerk also read a letter from the County Council intimating that if the Board so desired in the case of the latter road the County Surveyor was prepared to recommend the withdrawal of the line on the Forest. It was Resolved that the Board do so desire and that the Clerk forward a formal notice of objection.

#### 6. MISS GUGGENHEIM. INCOME TAX.

A letter was read from Miss Guggenheim's Agents requesting the Board to reconsider the question of deduction of Income Tax on the ground that the Inspector holds Miss Guggenheim responsible for the tax on the sum payable to the Board. It was Resolved that the matter stand over and the Clerk report more fully on the matter.

#### 7. ELECTRIC LIGHT MAINS, FAIRWARP.

An application from Mr. Thos. Shannon requesting to be included in the lighting scheme at Fairwarp which would necessitate the line having to be carried across 100 yards of Forest land was read. It was Resolved that the applicant be informed that the matter cannot be considered until the responsible electricity company furnish the necessary plans and details.

#### 8. R.A.F. GOLF CLUB. PERMISSION TO LAY DRAIN.

An application to lay a short length of drain in connection with alterations was granted and a license prepared on the authority of the Chairman of the Forest Row Committee. The Clerk reported that the work had now been completed to the satisfaction of the Ranger. It was Resolved that the Chairman's action be approved.

#### 9. ARDENS, NUTLEY.

A letter from Mr. Marsh's Solicitor was read requesting the Board's permission to terminate the right of drawing water under the License. It was Resolved that the letter be accepted as formal notice, determining this particular right and that the acknowledgement reserved under the License be reduced accordingly.

#### 10. CUTTING AND SELLING OF FLOWERS ON THE FOREST.

A letter was read from Mr. W. Godwin drawing the Board's attention to the promiscuous cutting and selling of the Marsh Gentian and requesting their intervention in the matter. It was Resolved that the Clerk inform Mr. Godwin that the Rangers have been instructed to take the necessary steps to guard against similar acts of vandalism in the future.

#### 11. MRS. BOND. EXCESSIVE GROWTH OF TREES ROUND SHALESBROOK.

A letter was read from Mrs. Bond requesting that the seedling fir trees round this property should be cut down as they interfered with the view and the access of the sun. It was Resolved that Mrs. Bond be informed that the Conservators consider no immediate action is necessary but that they will keep the matter under observation.

#### 12. FIRE PREVENTION.

A letter was read from Lt. Col. Scott-Elliott dealing with aspects of this matter. The Board upon considering the recommendations, suggested to the press that they might assist the Conservators by advertising the Board's willingness to allow anyone to cut safety belts on the Forest after due application to and permission from the Lord. It was Resolved that Lt. Col. Scott-Elliott be informed that steps are already being taken with a view to protection by the clearance of undergrowth.

#### 13. ROAD WIDENING. DUDDLESWELL POST OFFICE AND FAIRWARP TURNING.

An application was read from the County Council Divisional Surveyor. It was Resolved that the matter be referred to the Maresfield Committee with power to act and that the Divisional Engineer be requested to stump out and mark his proposals so that the Committee might have full knowledge of his proposals.

#### 14. CAMPING.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Miss Brereton applying for permission to camp one night on the Forest. He had replied that consent could not be granted. Approved.

#### 15. FINANCES. (p 25).

The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed the balances in-hand as follows.

General Account	£150.12.5.
Second Ranger Fund	£73.19.10.
Protection and Improvement Fund	£209.10.8.
Fire Prevention Fund. Debit.	£7.6.10.
And £80 on deposit	

Resolved that cheques be drawn as follows:-

##### No. 1 Account

Kirby Herbert, Ranger, 13 weeks salary

As Ranger to 9th inst. at £2 .10.0.

per week

£32.10.0.

Do. 13 weeks rent @ 5/- to Do. £3.5.0.

Do. Employers Insurances. £1.0.7.

£36.15.7.

##### The Clerk

Sun Insurance Office Ltd. Workmans Compensation

Insurance for Ranger. £1.0.3.

##### No. 2 Account

Hatchett, J.W. Second Ranger.

13 weeks salary to 9<sup>th</sup> inst.

@ £2 per week

£26.0.0.

Do. Employers Insurances. £1.0.7.

£27.0.7.

Do. 13 weeks rent @ 12/- to

25<sup>th</sup> September

£7.16.0.

Sun Insurance Office Ltd. Workmans Compensation

Insurance for Ranger. £1.0.3.

##### Protection & Improvement Fund.

Also that the following sums be drawn from this Fund.

##### The Clerk

Ridley & Sons F.T. Petrol &c. for

Ranger Kirby's Motor Cycle.

£1.6.6.

P.O. Telephones. ¼ years rent & calls

To 30/6/33

Ranger Kirby

£1.18.8.

Ranger Hatchett

£2.0.11.

£3.19.7.

£5.6.1.

Fire Prevention Fund.

The Clerk

Sun Insurance Office Ltd. Workmans Compensation

Insurance for Fire Helpers.

£0.19.6.

Do. Do. Woodcutters

£0.8.0.

£1.7.6.

It was suggested that the Board might seek financial aid from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries or some Association having the preservation of the County as its object. Admiral Beamish was asked to write a letter to the Ministry putting forward the Board's objects and difficulties as grounds for the present appeal.

[signed] R.E.S. Barrington

Vice Chairman

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**A MEETING of the CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN FOREST duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday 13th December, 1933, at 5.0 p.m.**

Present.

Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington, D.S.O. Vice-Chairman, in the Chair.

Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N.,

Mr. G.D. Haslam.

Col. G.R. Miller.

Mr. Wm. Mitchell.

Mr. Thos. Osborne.

Mr. J.R. Owen.

Mr. John Rowe.

Mr. H.J. Waters.

Mr. C.H.N. Adams representing Earl de la Warr.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

2. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from the Chairman Mr. H.R. Hardy.

3. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(a) Advertisement Boards. (p 30-) The Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Board he had served notices on the various persons concerned to remove the notice boards and one Board had been removed. A letter was read from Messrs. Turner Rudge & Turner in regard to the Board erected in front of Mr. Crowley's property from which it now appears that there was an encroachment of 4 inches only and that in the case of the direction post to La Garde there was a definite encroachment on Forest. It was Resolved that the owner of La Garde be offered the opportunity of continuing the Board on Forest land on payment of the appropriate acknowledgement and that failing agreement the board should be removed. Further that the Board take no action in regard to Mr. Crowley's Board at the moment.

(b) Town Planning (p.31)

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the Board's instructions, a letter had been sent to the Ministry of Health suggesting the exclusion of the Forest from the East Grinstead Rural District Council's Town Planning Scheme to which no formal reply had been received. Subsequently, a meeting had been held at Mr. Adams's office with the Town Planning Surveyors of the East Grinstead and Uckfield Rural District Councils when it had been suggested

that it would strengthen the position of the Board as well as the Town Planning Authorities if the Forest were included within the respective Town Planning schemes but zoned as a special area over which in case of a difference of opinion between the Board and the Town Planning Committee, the decision of the Board would be paramount. After further consideration between Mr. Adams and the Clerk it had been decided to accept the view of the Town Planning Authorities on the basis of agreement embodying the terms and conditions now under consideration. Mr. Adams, on behalf of the Lord, confirmed and supported the foregoing statement. It was Resolved that the Board proceed on the lines indicated by the Clerk and that he be authorised to enter into the necessary agreements in a form acceptable to the Chairman and himself.

(c) Miss Guggenheim. Income tax. (p.34)

The Clerk reported on his further enquiries and the legal position and as to his attendance on Messrs. Wood & Walford. He desired a further opportunity of making more detailed inquiries and suggested that the matter be adjourned. It was Resolved that the Clerk's suggestion be adopted.

4. MARESFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT (p.22)

The following report was read:-

The Committee consisting of Admiral Beamish, Col. Miller and Mr. G D Haslam met on 17th November to consider the application from the County Council to widen the above road to a minimum width of 18 feet. The County Divisional Surveyor met the Committee on the spot.

The existing road averages 16 feet in width. The Council wants to lay drains at least 15 feet from the centre of the existing roadway, and also wishes to set back two corners.

The Committee recommends that the application be granted with the proviso that nothing is done to reduce the small space now existing between the gate leading from Fairwarp School to the road. The Committee received an undertaking from the Divisional Surveyor that where any turf was removed for the purposes of carrying out the work it would be replaced

The Committee pointed out that as a result of widening the road and setting back two corners many of the telegraph poles would come perilously near the edge of the road and he undertook to see the Post Office Engineering Department with the view to having those poles moved back at least three feet from the road, and suggested it would strengthen his case if the Clerk to the Board of Conservators wrote to the P.O. Engineering Department saying that sanction would probably be granted by the Board to the application providing the P.O. would undertake to move back those poles to at least three feet from the edge of the road where otherwise they would be a source of great danger to all vehicular traffic especially in the event of fog or through skidding. It was Resolved that the action of the Committee as reported be approved.

5. FOREST ROW COMMITTEE REPORT (p 21)

The Chairman of this Committee reported that since the last meeting of the Board (a) the Committee had agreed to certain minor alterations to the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Course by way of variation to two holes (b) consent had been given to the R.A.F. Golf Club laying gas and water pipes from the Club House to their cottages on Forest land upon the usual terms as to License and acknowledgement (c) he had approved an application from the Forest Row Parish Council for the consent to the erection of one lamp standard on payment of the appropriate acknowledgement.

It was Resolved that the action of the Committee and Chairman as reported be approved and confirmed and that the Clerk be authorised to enter into any necessary documents arising out of the foregoing consents and upon payment of his proper legal charges.

6. RANGERS REPORTS. (p.32)

Ranger Kirby reported that-

He had found a dead sheep near Crows Nest which had been run over and he found the owner and made him bury the carcass.

He had spent 14 days altogether cutting and burning under trees and cutting lanes.

He had re-staked the newly planted trees in Kingstanding Clump.

He had found a large quantity of old tins and other refuse had been deposited in the sand pit near St John's Church, but that at present he had been unable to find the culprit.

He had started two men on cutting lanes &c. and had spent considerable time in looking out fire lanes to be cut and trees which required cutting

He had moved six caravans off the Forest.

Ranger Hatchett made a similar report with the addition that he had removed a greater number of gipsy caravans.

#### 7. FIRE BELTS ROUND PRIVATE PROPERTIES.

The Chairman having asked for further information on this matter Mr. Adams reported the attitude of the Lord as follows:- (1) That smallholders and cottages should be permitted to cut fire cordons free from any payment upon application to the Steward through the Manor Reeves, H. Kirby and J. W. Hatchett. (2) That distinction should be made in the case of owners of larger properties and that they should pay the Stewards fee and an annual acknowledgement hitherto upon the grant of a License, the Stewards fee being One guinea and the annual acknowledgement being from 10/- to £2 according to the area of the cordon desired to be cut and the nature of the underwood or other growth involved, and as assessed by the Manor Reeves, as it appeared there was some misapprehension as to the Commoners rights for the cutting of litter when the License only related to the cutting of gorse. No further action appeared to be necessary.

#### 8. UCKFIELD GAS AND ELECTRICITY CO. (p 14)

##### (a) Underground Line. Chelwood Gate to Wych Cross.

An application was received from the Uckfield Gas & Electricity Company for consent to lay this underground cable in the direction shown on the plan accompanying the application. The Lord having no objections to offer it was Resolved that consent be given on the usual terms and upon the Clerk entering into a proper License, and upon payment of his charges therefor.

##### (b) Overhead Lines, Nutley Street.

The Clerk reported that application had been received for the erection of poles in Forest land to which consent could not be refused under the Uckfield Electricity Act 1925 but having submitted a form of memorandum of consent showing the acknowledgement for poles and stays on the usual basis the company denied liability for payment. The Clerk desired instructions in the matter. It was Resolved that the Company be informed that the Board are not prepared to waive their Acknowledgments in these cases.

#### 9. FINANCES.

The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which show the balances in hand as follows:-

General Account	£180.15.1.
Second Ranger Fund	£42.17.0.
Protection & Improvement Fund	£207.5.10
Fire Prevention Fund	£8.14.4
And £80 on deposit.	

Resolved that cheques be drawn as follows:-

##### No. 1 Account

Kirby, Herbert Ranger. 12 weeks salary  
as Ranger to 1 January, 1934,

@ £2.10.0. per week £34.0.0.

Do. 12 weeks rent

@ 5/- per week £3.0.0.

Do. Employers Insurances. £0.19.0.

Do. Postages and Petty disbursements  
for the year

£1.6.1. £39.5.1.

Banister, Ernest. Printing.

£3.15.6.

The Clerk.

Half years salary to 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 1933	£75.0.0.	
Hire of Room and other petty disbursements	£8.5.1.	
Postages and receipt stamps for year.	£8.8.1.	
Travelling expenses and telephones	<u>£13.7.3.</u>	£105.0.5.

#### No. 2 Account

Hatchett, J W Second Ranger 12 weeks salary @ £2 per week to 1 January, 1934		£24.0.0.
Do. Employers Insurances.	£0.19.0.	
Do. Postages and petty disbursements for the year	£1.1.2..	£26.0.2.
Do. 14 weeks rent to 1 <sup>st</sup> January		£8.8.0.
Banister, Ernest. Printing.		£0.16.0.

#### The Clerk

Martin, C.E. Petrol &c for Ranger Hatchetts Motor Cycle	£1.0.3.	
Do. Do. Do.	<u>£3.5.2.</u>	£4.5.5.

#### Protection & Improvement Fund

Also that the following accounts be drawn from the Protection & Improvement Fund

Donation to East Sussex Anti Litter League		
£0.10.6..		
Subscription to Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society.		
£1.1.0.		
Do. Council for Preservation of Rural England.	<u>£1.1.0.</u>	£2.12.6.

Ridley and Sons F. T. P O Telephones ¼ years rent and calls to 30. 9. 33. Ranger Kirby.	£1.18.9.	
Do. Ranger Hatchett.	<u>£1.19.9.</u>	£3.18.6.

Banister, H. Tools for cordon cutters.		£0.16.6.
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Corke, William. 5 weeks wages @ 35/- per week to 11th inst, as tree cutter		
	£8.15.0.	
Stevenson, W. Do. Do.	£8.15.0.	
Fire cutters Ranger Hatchetts area.		
On account of all wages.	£7.0.0.	
Hatchett, J.W. Erecting beater stands at Forest Row	<u>£0.2.0.</u>	£29.11.6.
Banister, Ernest, Printing.		£1.9.0.

£31.0.6.



#### 10. AUDIT COMMITTEE.

It was Resolved that Colonel G.R. Miller and Mr J.R. Owen be appointed to Audit the accounts and that they be thanked for their previous services on this Committee.

The Clerk reported that he had attended at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and was informed that no public funds were available for the assistance of the Conservancy.

#### 11. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE C.P.R.E. AND THE COMMONS AND FOOTPATHS &C. SOCIETY.

The Clerk reported that he had received requests for renewal of these contributions which were now due and it was Resolved that the same contributions be made as for the previous year.

#### 12. DONATION TO EAST SUSSEX ANTI LITTER LEAGUE.

It was Resolved that a donation of 10/6 be made as in the previous year.

#### 13. MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR.

It was Resolved that meetings be held on the following dates and times for the year 1934, viz.,

21st February, at 2.30 p.m.

18th April, Do.

18th July at 3.0 p.m.

17th October, Do.

12th December at a time to be fixed later

[signed] R E S Barrington

Chairman

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**The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the COMMONERS of Ashdown Forest duly convened by the Clerk by notices on the principal door of each of the Churches of the Parishes and Ecclesiastical Districts to which the Forest extends, by advertisement in two newspapers circulating in the neighbourhood to wit The Sussex Express and the Sussex Daily News and by notice sent to each commoner more than 14 days from this date and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 13th December, 1933, at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.**

#### Present.

Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington, D.S.O.

Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N.,

Mr G.D. Haslam.

Col. Loftus.

Col. G.R. Miller.

Mr. Wm. Mitchell

Col. Chas. Needham.

Mr. Thos. Osborne.

Mr. J.R. Owen.

Mr. F.T. Ridley.

Mr. Jesse Ridley.

Mr. John Rowe.

Mrs. R. Stevenson.

Mr. H. Waters

and Mr. C.H.N. Adams.

1. AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was read from Mr H.R. Hardy the Chairman of the Board.

2. CHAIRMAN.

It was Resolved that Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington be appointed Chairman of this meeting.

### 3. ELECTION OF CONSERVATORS.

It was proposed by Mr. Owen seconded by Mr. Haslam and Resolved that Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., be elected a Conservator for the ensuing three years to 31st December, 1936.

It was proposed by Admiral Beamish seconded by Mr. Rowe and Resolved that Mr. Hardy be elected a Conservator or for the ensuing three years.

It was proposed by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Ridley and Resolved that Mr. Osborne be elected a Conservator for the ensuing three years and Mr. Rowe proposed and Mr. Haslam seconded and it was Resolved that Col. Miller be elected a Conservator for the ensuing three years. It was proposed by Mr J.E. Ridley but not seconded that Miss Frances Rose Ridley be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Admiral Colville. It was proposed by Colonel Miller seconded by Major Barrington and Resolved that Mr. F.T. Ridley be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Admiral Colville and to hold office until 31st December, 1934.

Various matters were mentioned by Mr Jesse Ridley including the Old Landgate at Fairwarp which he said had been removed and the Redemption of Forest Rights. It was found that the Old Landgate was not on Forest land and the Board could take no action in the matter and the Clerk reported that it was impossible for a Commoner, under the Regulation Act, to redeem his rights.

### 4. VOTE OF THANKS.

It was proposed by Mr. Haslam seconded by Mr. Owen and unanimously Resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Chairman for his able conduct of the meeting.

[signed] H.R. Hardy

Chairman

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**A MEETING of the CONSERVATORS of ASHDOWN FOREST duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 1934 at 2.30 p.m.**

### Present

Major the Hon. R.E.S. Barrington. D.S.O. (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair)  
Mr. G.D. Haslam.  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller.  
Mr. Wm. Mitchell.  
Mr. J.R. Owen.  
Mr. F.T. Ridley.  
Mr. H. Waters.

#### 1. CHAIRMAN.

In the absence of the Chairman Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington was elected to the Chair for this meeting.

#### 2. DEATHS OF MESSRS. THOMAS OSBORNE AND D.W. FRESHFIELD.

Sympathetic reference was made to the severe loss which had been sustained in the administration of the Forest by the death of the above gentlemen, and to their long periods of service on the Board and the Clerk was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to their relatives.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR (p.1) it was proposed by Mr. G.D. Haslam, seconded by Mr. H. Waters and unanimously Resolved that Mr. H.R. Hardy be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN (p.1.) It was proposed by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mr. H. Waters and unanimously Resolved that Mr. J.R. Owen be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES. (p.1) The following Committees were appointed. Maresfield Committee, consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman (ex officio) Rear Admiral Beamish, Lt. Col. Miller and Messrs. G.D. Haslam, G.M. Maryon-Wilson J.P. and F.T. Ridley.

Forest Row Committee. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board (ex officio), Major The Hon R.E.S. Barrington, and Messrs. Wm. Mitchell, J.R. Owen, John Rowe and H.E. Waters.

Fire Committee. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board and the Chairmen of the District Committees.

6. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. (p.37) Apologies were received from the Chairman, Mr. H.R. Hardy and Mr. C.H.N. Adams.

8. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES (a) Advertisement Boards(p.37) The Clerk reported that the Notice Board to La Garde had not been removed and that the owner \*\*\*\* her desire to position on payment of the usual acknowledgement. It was Resolved that the Clerk write giving notice that the Board is to be removed within one week, failing which the Ranger be instructed to remove same.

(b) Town Planning.(p.35) The Clerk reported that the District Councils had written proposing this matter would stand over until the new Uckfield R.D.C. is constituted when the whole of the Forest will be comprised within the area of the authority. Approved.

(c) R.A.F. Golf Club (p.40) License for drains and alterations. The Clerk reported that the Licenses in this case had been prepared and signed by all parties. Noted.

(d) Uckfield Gas & Electricity Co. (p.41) Underground Line. Chelwood Gate-Wych Cross. The Clerk reported that he had prepared a draft Memorandum for the company but had heard nothing further from them in regard to payment of the acknowledgement nor was there any further information in regard to the overhead line at Nutley. It was Resolved that the Clerk write and ascertain the present position in each case.

9. AUDIT COMMITTEE. (p.5) The Audit Committee presented the report of their Audit of the Accounts of the Conservancy.

#### Auditor's Report.

We have carried out the Audit of the Accounts of the Conservancy. We have today examined (1) The General Account (2) the Second Ranger Account (3) The Account of the Protection and Improvement Fund and (4) The Fire Prevention Fund Account, each for the year 1933. We have checked the balances brought forward from last year and the various receipts, and have compared the payments charged to each account with the Vouchers for same, and have checked the costing of the Accounts and find them all correct.

The balance of each account stood on 31st December last as follows:-

Account No. 1 in hand	£37.12.1.
Ditto No. 2 ditto	16.17.5.
Protection and Improvement Fund ditto	196.1.2.
Fire Prevention Fund ditto	85.0.6.

The sum of £159.15.4. 2½ Consols and the sum of £150 3 ½ War Loan represents the investments held on account of the Protection and Improvement Fund.

We found the accounts well kept and correct.

The General Account is holding its own but has a somewhat narrow balance in hand. During the year, however, over £362 has been collected, mainly by way of Rates. The Second Ranger Fund balance is much less than last year and care must be exercised with forthcoming expenditure. Owing to various causes we have lost many subscribers. The Protection and Improvement Fund is in a strong position the Balance in hand having increased from £145.12.0, to £196.1.2. There remained a good balance in hand on the Fire Prevention Fund.

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G.R. MILLER, Lt. Col.

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It was Resolved that the same be received and the thanks of the Board be conveyed to the Audit Committee for their labours.

10. FOREST ROW COMMITTEE REPORT (p.\*\*\*) The Committee presented the following report.

The following roads have been \*\*\* prevention against fire.

Wych Cross. West Hoathly road from Wych Cross to Twyford Lane. All the North side and part of the south side in the most dangerous places.

Wych Cross- Chelwood Gate road from Wych Cross. About 400 yards on the east side and about 200 yards on the West side.

New Bridge- \*\*\*\* Hill \*\*\* 100 yards \*\*\* in front of Chuck Hatch House.  
The

The West Hoathly-Wych Cross road has proved effective stopping \*\*\* fire spreading.

Plaw Hatch Cross Roads. From the Reverend \*\*\* has been cleared at the four cross roads corner.

A complaint from the Reverend \*\*\*, Sycamore Cottage, Forest Row, \*\*\* opposite this xx has been satisfactorily \*\*\*. The Chairman and the Ranger \*\*\* to stop cars using the road.

A grip has also been dug by Shepherds Wood to stop carts and motors crossing the Common. It was Resolved that the acts of the Committee as reported be approved.

11. MARESFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT (p.\*\*\*) The Committee reported that they had spent the sum of £37.16.0. on wages for fire cutters and that the work had now ceased.

12. RANGERS REPORTS.(p.40) The Rangers reported that in addition to their usual reports there had been three fires in Ranger Hatchett's area and one in Ranger Kirby's.

13. MUDBROOKS FARM. Application from Mr. F. Ridley. A letter was read asking as to a right of way to the above property and whether permission could be granted for Mr. Ridley to put down stone and remake the road and use it for traffic to and from the farm. The Ranger reported that the right of way undoubtedly existed for a distance of 650 yards over Forest land. It was Resolved that the Clerk write to Mr. Ridley to this effect and that the Board agreed to stone being laid upon his entering into License on payment of one acknowledgement of £1.12.6. each to the Lord and the Board and upon payment to the Clerk of his proper charges for preparing and completing the License and that he be authorised to sign the License when approved.

It was also Resolved that in future the scale of acknowledgement for the repair of roads over the Forest over 400 yards be fixed at 2/6 for each a additional 100 yards, both to the Lord of the Manor and the Board of Conservators.

14. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. (p.27) Application to lay water pipes. The Clerk read an application from the above Council to lay temporary water pipes over the surface of a portion of the Forest in the neighbourhood of Fairwarp. As the matter was urgent the Chairman had given his consent upon payment of acknowledgement of 3/- each to the Lord and Conservators. It was Resolved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

15. BUILDING LINES. (p. \*\*) A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council asking whether the Board would reconsider their previous decision objecting to building lines are being imposed on the Forest. It was Resolved that the previous decision of the Board be \*\*\* the Clerk of the Board have explain the \*\*\* to him.

16. R.A.F. GOLF CLUB (p.40) A letter was read from the Secreatry of the Golf Club asking whether the Board will consent to the \*\*\* or on the Golf Course. It was resolved that the Secretary be asked for further information but that he be informed that the Board cannot \*\*\* building of any description to be built on the Forest.

17. MEN OF THE TREES. A letter was read from Men of the Trees asking for information on forest fires in 19\*\*. It was Resolved that permission cannot be given and the applicant be informed referred to the Forest reports.

18. LETTER FROM MR. GEO SIMPSON A letter was read from Mr. Geo. Simpson concerning a ditch in front of the links which was to be opened and the pipe therein taken away. The Clerk reported that it was satisfactorily settled by the Ranger and the Chairman of the Forest Row Committee.

19. APPLICATION FROM MISS STURDY TO LAY WATER PIPES. An application from Miss Sturdy to lay water pipes under the Forest for a distance of 75 yards was read. It was Resolved that consent be given on payment of an annual acknowledgement of one shilling and the Clerk's charges for the document and that there Clerk prepare and signed the necessary license.

20. FINANCES (p.42) The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed the balance in hand as follows:-

General Account	£50.14.1.
Second Ranger Fund	£91.4.5.
Protection and Improvement Fund	£228.4.7
Fire Prevention Fund	£36.0.8.

Resolved that cheques be drawn as follows:-

#### No. 1 Account

Kirby, Herbert Ranger. 7 weeks salary	
@ £2.10.0. per week to 19 <sup>th</sup> inst.	17.10.0.
Do. 7 weeks rent @ 5/- per week	1.15.0.
Do. Employers Insurances.	<u>0.11.1.</u> 19.16.1

#### No. 2 Account

Hatchett, J.W. Second Ranger 7	
Weeks salary @ £2 per week to 19 <sup>th</sup> inst.	14.0.0.
Do. Employers Insurances.	<u>0.11.1.</u> 14.11.1

#### Protection & Improvement Fund

Also that the following accounts be drawn from the Protection & Improvement Fund.

The Clerk.

Hatchett, J.W. Wages for fire cutters	12.13.8.
Kirby, Herbert. Do.	17.19.11
East Sussex County Council.	
Excise License for Ranger Kirby	3.0.0.
Ditto ditto Ranger Hatchett	3.0.0.
P O Telephones ¼ years rents and calls	
Ranger Kirby. on heating	1.18.2
Do. Ranger Hatchett. dean and	<u>1.17.3.</u> 3.15.5.

Ridley & Sons. F.T. Petrol &c. Ranger	
Kirby's Motor Cycle	<u>1.12.3.</u>

21. WICKHAM MOTOR CLUB. An application was read from the Wickham Motor Club for permission to ride over certain parts of the Forest on 18th March, in the course of a Motor Trial. It was Resolved that permission cannot be granted. It was further Resolved that the Clerk write to the Brighton and Hove Motorcycle Club with reference to a paragraph appearing in the Southern Eastern Centre Gazette informing the club that the Forest cannot be used for trials. It was further Resolved that a letter be ridden to the Chief Constable informing him of the trials and the decision of the Board in the matter.

22. ROAD WIDENING. (p.35) Wych Cross-Nutley-Maresfield Road. A letter was read from the County Surveyor enclosing plans of the proposed re-constructions and asking for the approval of the Board thereto. It was Resolved that the Surveyor be asked to meet the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Forest Row Committee on the spot and explain the details and that such Sub-Committee have power to act.

23. APPLICATION FROM MR T C PUTTICK. A letter was read asking for permission to erect a small sign post on the Forest showing the way to the Foresters Arms, at Fairwarp. It was Resolved that permission cannot be granted.

24. GIPSY CARAVANS ON THE FOREST. Mr H. Waters raised the question of the increase of gipsies on Forest. After discussion it was Resolved that the Rangers be instructed to issue a summonses against all gipsies camping on the Forest for the next month or two in an endeavour to find a way of ridding the Forest of the nuisances.

[signed] J.R. Rowe

Chairman.

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**The MEETING of the Sub-Committee duly convened and held at Wych Cross on Monday 19th March 1934 at 2.0 p.m.**

**Present:**

J.R. Owen Esq. (Vice Chairman)  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington, D.S.O.

WYCH CROSS- NUTLEY ROAD. The Sub-Committee with Mr. Stalker of the County Surveyor's office and Mr. Steer the Divisional Surveyor inspected in detail the plans prepared by the County Surveyor for this road from a point ¼ mile North of Wych Cross to its termination point at the bridge on the North of Nutley shown on the map marked "A". The Sub-Committee approved the proposals subject to the following qualifications:

(a) that where extensive excavation is contemplated north of the Wych Cross roads and at the bend opposite the Entrance gate of Pippingford said which will in each case involve the removal of numerous trees that the County Council should replant areas with suitable trees such as beech, birch and scotch fir the detailed arrangements for such replanting to be settled when the excavations are reaching final stages.

(b) The consent of the Lord of the Manor being obtained.

FIRE PREVENTION. The Sub-Committee also considered what special action should be taken at once in regard to this matter.

The Sub Committee instructed each Ranger (a) to engage three extra helpers as heretofore at a weekly wage of five shillings each for a period of eight weeks to start from a date selected by the Rangers having regard to weather conditions. (b) to inquire the price of making at least six iron beater stands and erecting the same in suitable positions over the Forest.

[signed] J.R. Owen

Chairman.

**A meeting of the CONSERVATORS of ASHDOWN FOREST duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 18th April 1934, at 3 p.m.**

J.R. Owen Esq. Vice Chairman (in the Chair)  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
Admiral T.P.H. Beamish.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller.  
Thomas Mitchell Esq.  
F.T. Ridley Esq., and  
John Rowe Esq.

1. DEATH OF COL. NEEDHAM. The Chairman stated the Board had heard with deep regret of the death of Colonel Charles Needham who had served from 1908 to 1930 as a Member. He paid a tribute to his many services and generous qualities.

2. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read approved and signed.

3. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE. Letters of apology were read from Messrs C. H. T.. Adams, Harry Waters and G.D. Haslam.

4. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(a) Advertisement Boards - La Garde - At letter was read from Mrs. S.V. Coote the owner of the property explaining that owing to absence abroad she had not previously received the Clerk's letter, but now agrees to remove the Board. The Ranger that it had been set back clear of Forest land. Noted.

(b) Uckfield Gas and Electricity Co. Ltd. The Clerk reported that no decision had yet been arrived at concerning the question as to whether the Company should pay an acknowledgement for erecting poles along the Maresfield - Nutley Road. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk again try to come to some agreement privately and failing that he be authorised to refer the question to the Ministry of Transport for a ruling in the Matter.

(c) License to Dr. Ridley - Mudbrooks Farm. A letter was read from Mrs. Needham, an adjoining owner expressing her fear that if a new road were permitted it would lead to the parking of Cars on hitherto unapproachable parts of the Forest, and to the general lessening of the amenities of that part of the Forest.

The Chairman reported he had informed Mrs. Needham that the road in question was an old highway and the Board felt themselves justified in permitting the License. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk point out to Mrs. Needham the facts of the case and that the action of the Chairman be confirmed.

(d) Building Lines . A letter was read from the County Surveyor to Mr. Hardy in regard to prescribing Building lines across the Forest and asking for the Board's co-operation. It was RESOLVED that the Board find they cannot agree to any such proposal and adhere to their previous decision.

(e) Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club (1) Applications to returf near Club House.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Club applying to returf the ground between the Club House and the Car Park and to enclose an area by the erection of posts. The site was inspected by Major Barrington and on his recommendation it was RESOLVED that the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(2) Application for permanent water supply.

A further letter was received from Captain Scott suggesting two alternatives - a sub surface tank or a dam across the Quabrook Stream which traverses the course. It was RESOLVED that the Golf Club be informed that the latter proposition cannot be entertained by the Board, but that as regards the former a sub-Committee be formed consisting of the Chairman and Vice Chairman (ex officio) with the Chairman of the District Committee and Mr. Thomas Mitchell to go into the matter with power to act.

(f) Road Widening - Wych Cross-Nutley.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor expressing thanks on behalf of the County Council to the Board for their helpful assistance in this connection. The consent of the Lord to be Sub-Committee's recommendation was reported. Noted.

5. REPORT OF SPECIAL SUB COMMITTEE . The report as set out separately (Page 53) was read approved and duly signed.

6. RANGERS REPORTS. (a) Ranger Kirby reported that in addition to routine patrols and litter clearing he received an application from the Reverend S.E. Pulford to fence the cricket pitch at Ford Green and referred him to the Clerk. The Lancing College O.T.C. had left the Forest clean after their days manoeuvres; and eleven fires had broken out burning about 65 acres.

(b) Ranger Hatchett reported that in addition to his usual routine patrols he had burnt under control a small cant of gorse at the request of Mr. Weeding of Jumpers Town; that he had moved various vans and horses and four Boys Camps; that Mr Wilson of 25 Frith Park, East Grinstead having purchased some ground near Lewes Park Farm, Maresfield has erected an advertisement board overhanging the Forest land and that he seeks permission to widen his present carriage way; that he had reported this to the Clerk and finally that 24 fires had broken out burning nearly 350 acres.

It was RESOLVED that the application of Mr. Wilson be not allowed and that the Clerk communicate with the Uckfield Rural District Council and the County Council expressing the Board's strong disapproval and their willingness to co-operate in any way that might assist the Local Authorities.

7. NUTLEY CRICKET GROUND - TEMPORARY FENCE ROUND FIELD. Ranger Kirby reported that the Reverend S.E. Pulford was desirous of erecting a small fence consisting of wooden posts and ropes to prevent the public from walking across the Club's pitch. The site was inspected by Colonel Miller upon whose recommendation it was RESOLVED to allow the application upon payment of a nominal acknowledgement of 6d, the fence to be taken down not later than 15th May.

8. SUPERINTENDENTS, RECREATION GROUNDS. Upon the proposal of Mr. Ridley it was RESOLVED that (a) Colonel G.R. Miller be appointed Superintendent at Nutley and (b) Mr. J.R. Owen at Colemans Hatch.

9. SPEED TRIALS. LETTER FROM BRIGHTON AND HOVE MOTOR CLUB.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Club in answer to the Clerk's enquiry as to proposed trials over the Forest in which he expressed regret that the Board should have cause to fear that they would use the Forest without previous permission, and stating that in any case it was not proposed to make use of any roads within the vicinity of the Forest. Noted.

10. POST OFFICE TELEPHONES -- EXTENSION AT COLEMANS HATCH. The Clerk reported that consent had been given to an underground cable in this locality with the concurrence of the Lord's agent.

11. MANOEUVRES on FOREST - APPLICATION FROM LANCING COLLEGE. The Chairman approved the application and the Manoeuvres were carried out and the Forest left tidy to the Ranger's satisfaction. RESOLVED that the Chairman's action be approved.

12. RIDGE COTTAGE - LICENSE TO MAKE TURNING PLACE FOR CAR. This application from Miss Leeson was received through Ranger Hatchett - Mr. Owen having inspected the ground and approved the application it was RESOLVED that consent be granted upon the usual conditions and payment of an annual acknowledgement of 7/6 each to the Lord and Board.

13. FINANCES. The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which shewed balances in hand as follows:

General Account	£ 39. 3. 6.
2nd Rangers Fund	82.18. 2..
Protection and Improvement	276.17. 5.



RESOLVED that cheques be drawn as follows: -

No. 1 Account

Kirby, H. Ranger 8 weeks salary to 16th April 1934 at £2.10.0. per week	£20.0.0.	
Ditto do rent @ 5/- do do	£ 2.0.0.	
Ditto Employers Insurances	<u>12.8.</u>	
		£22.12.8.
Waterlow & Sons Letter Book	1.5.6.	

No. 2. Account

Hatchett, T.W. Ranger 8 weeks salary to 16th inst. at £2 per -week	£16.0.0.	
Ditto 14. weeks rent do 12/-	8.8.0.	
Ditto Employers Insurances	<u>12.8.</u>	25.0.8.
Martin, C.E. for Petrol etc. to 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 1934	£1.18.3.	
Charles Clerk (Haywards Heath) Printing	£1.10.6.	
Protection & Improvement Fund.		
The Clerk.		
Ridley F.T. Petrol etc supplied to Ranger Kirby to 12th April 1934.	O. 7. 3.	
Sun Insurance Office - Motor Cycle premiums less bonuses on 2 Cycles	£18.4.6.	

The Clerk suggested that as the Protection and Improvement was in a stronger position than the 2nd Ranger Fund, the former should bear the cost of the premiums on both policies. It was RESOLVED accordingly.

14. RATE. The Clerk reported that the Rate made on the 12th July 1933 will be exhausted by the next Meeting and presented an estimate of the expenditure and it was RESOLVED that notice be given on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Board, to make a new Rate and that the Clerk prepare the necessary documents for the purpose.

15. REFRESHMENT STALL - COLEMANS HATCH. (a) The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. Terry of Colemans Hatch requesting permission to erect a refreshment stall on the Forest during the Summer. It was RESOLVED that the application be not granted.

16. TEMPORARY FENCE - FURNACE FARM. Application was received from Mr. Spencer A. Stevenson of Furnace Farm, Colemans Hatch seeking permission to erect a fence above a ditch into which straying cattle found their way thus preventing the free flow of water. It was RESOLVED that permission be granted for a temporary fence to be erected subject to a nominal acknowledgement of 6d and the application considered annually.

17. LICENSES – Lord Kilbracken. A letter was read from his Lordship's Solicitors intimating that their client had sold his property “The Ridge” and “South Hartfield House, Colemans Hatch to Mr C.T. Lehmann, and that they wished for permission to assign two licenses granted by the Board. RESOLVED and that permission be granted.

18. CAMPING SITE - Woodcraft Folk. An application for permission to put a camp of 25 tents on the Forest was read. RESOLVED that approval be not granted.

19. REPORT OF FIRE COMMITTEE (in Committee) Major Barrington reported that he had been in communication with Messrs H. & E. Waters with regard to an estimate to make iron beater stands and small permanent notices affixed thereto, and that 15/- each was the figure quoted. It was RESOLVED that 12 of these stands and eight similar number of enamelled a metal notices be purchased, the total cost not to exceed £10. It was also RESOLVED that the wording and size of the notices be left in the hands of Major Barrington.

A letter was read from Mr. G.E. Poster of Bayswater, London, suggesting that a really substantial reward might be successful in tracing some of the Fire raisers - after a general discussion it was RESOLVED that the offer of a reward would not be of much assistance, as had been proved in the past. Admiral Beamish proposed and was seconded by Major Barrington and carried unanimously that the Clerk should get in touch with such bodies as the C.P.R.E. with a view to inaugurating informal meetings in the district at which Commoners and the general public should be invited to attend and give their views and record their grievances.

20. AMENDMENT OF BYELAWS (in Committee). This matter was considered generally. It was RESOLVED that it be adjourned until the next Meeting.

[signed] H.R. Hardy

Chairman.

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**A Meeting of the Conservators of Ashdown Forest duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley on Wednesday, 18th July 1934, at 3 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

H.R. Hardy Esq., Chairman.  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington.  
Admiral T.P.H. Beamish.  
G.D. Haslam Esq.,  
G.M. Maryon-Wilson Esq.,  
Lieut. Col .G.R. Miller.,  
F.T. Ridley Esq.,  
John Rowe Esq.,  
H.J. Waters Esq., and  
C.H.N. Adams Esq.

1. MINUTES. The minutes as circulated were taken as read approved and signed.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. An apology was received from Mr. J.R. Owen.

3. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES. (a) Uckfield Gas and Electricity Co. The Clerk reported that as no satisfactory arrangement has been arrived at, he had written the Ministry of Transport as authorised by the Board for a ruling in the matter. Noted.

(b) Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club. Water Supply. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee appointed for the consideration of this matter reported that the Golf Club had not called upon him and the application had not so far been renewed. Noted.

(c) Amendment of Byelaws and

(d) Proposals for informal Public Meetings Were considered in Committee.

4. REPORT OF FOREST ROW COMMITTEE. The Chairman of the Committee reported that the beater stands which were authorised at the last Meeting had all been erected but two had been removed.

5. REPORT OF MARESFIELD COMMITTEE. The Chairman of the Maresfield Committee had nothing to report.

6. RANGERS REPORTS. Ranger Kirby reported in addition to daily routine patrols and the weekly warning of motorists against fire and litter and parking more than 15 yards from the road, he had visited the Superintendent of Police at Uckfield who informed him that 20 motorists had been cautioned by the Chief Constable at Lewes and 4 dismissed with costs and cautioned at East Grinstead and 12 similarly dismissed at Uckfield. He removed 3 caravans from the Forest and had 9 fires burning some 65 acres on his area since 18th April, the last fire occurring on June 15th.

Ranger Hatchett reported in addition to usual duties that he had requested Mr. Keyes of Loneoak Hall to remove 2 ears and 2 carts from Forest land, that the footbridge at Five Ways needs attention, that several fire beater stands and brooms had been removed, that he had informed the Clerk of two 18ft leaveways at Forest Halt. He had received a complaint from Col. Loftus concerning the Post Office Telephone Department pulling up the road to the Prelude and had attended at a meeting with Mr. Owen, Mr. Belchin and Col. Scott Elliott to inspect the site.

He had continually to warn motorists against parking too far on the Forest and to collect the litter left by picnickers.

He warned 7 boys' camps off the Forest and assisted at 8 fires burning 45 acres, the last fire being on June 18th.

7. AGREEMENTS UNDER 'TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT' 1932. The Clerk reported that since the last meeting of the Board, after correspondence with the Uckfield Rural District Council, arrangements had been made for a meeting at the conclusion of this meeting. The Clerk having explained the terms of the draft agreement as submitted and the position of the Lord of the Manor, it was resolved that he be authorised to continue negotiations on the basis of the existing draft.

8. O. T. C. MANOEUVRES. Application had been received from Westminster & Whitgift Middle Schools and Eastbourne College for permission to hold field days on the Forest. The Chairman had granted permission in each case as it arose subject to the usual conditions. Resolved that the Chairman's action be approved. It was also resolved that a further condition be added in future permissions namely, that precautions be taken to ensure that no blank cartridges are left on the Forest.

9. MR. A. STONE APPLICATION TO CAMP ON FOREST. This was an application to camp with 8 Boy Scouts. Following a discussion as to who were to be permitted and in what locations, it was resolved that permission be restricted to Boy Scouts and Rovers and Girl Guides and the sites be chosen from either Wych Cross or between Hospital Farm and Twyford Lane

10. MAKE AND APPROVE RATE. The Clerk reported that the funds of the Conservancy were now exhausted and it was proposed and unanimously resolved that a Rate be made for defraying the expenses of the Conservators in the execution of their duties under the Award made under the provisions of the Inclosure Acts 1845-78 and the Commons Regulations (Ashdown Forest) Provisional Order Confirmation Act 1885 to be levied upon the respective owners of the rights of Common upon the Forest at the rate of Sixpence per acre in respect of the acreage of their respective lands to which such rights attach, which owners and their respective acreages and the respective sums payable by then are set out in the Rate book produced by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

11. LEAVEWAYS AT FOREST HALT, NUTLEY ROAD. The Clerk reported that Ranger Hatchett had informed him of two 18ft leaveways across the Forest between Wych Cross and Nutley near Forest Halt. Building operations were in prospect and there would be a 4ft strip of forest land left after the highway had been widened, over which access was desired for these plots. It was resolved that in view of the shortness of the approach and the special circumstances of the case the leaveways be allowed subject to an annual acknowledgement to the Lord and the Conservators of 5/ each in place of the usual 7/6d.

12. ARK COTTAGE, COLEMANS HATCH. Application was received from Mr. Burchmore for consent to make up a road to this property but had since been withdrawn.

13. UCKFIELD, RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL WATER SUPPLY AT FAIRWARP. A letter from the Surveyor to the Council was read asking for permission in view of the drought, to leave the pipe line in its present position until 31st October. Resolved that Permission be granted.

14. THE CROFTS FAIRWARP. CONSENT TO ASSIGN LICENSE. An application was received from Dr Ormond's solicitors for consent to assign and was approved by the Vice Chairman. Resolved that his action be approved.

15. FINANCES. The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed balances in hand as follows:

General Account	£35.5.4.
Second Ranger Fund	£80.7.5.
Protection & Improvement Fund	£287.11.1.

No. 1 Account

Kirby, Herbert Ranger. 12 weeks salary  
as Ranger to 9th July 1934

@ £2.10.0. per week	£30. 0. 0.	
Do. rent @ 5/-	£3. 0. 0.	
Do. Employers Insurances	<u>19. 0.</u>	£33. 19. 0.

Strange the Printer Ltd. 18 copies Minutes	6. 0.	
Fovargue R.W. 1/2 Yrs Salary to 30th June 1934		<u>£75. 0. 0</u>
		£109.5.0.

No. 2. Account

Hatchett J.W. 2nd Ranger 12 weeks salary to 9th July 1934 @ £2. per week	£24. 0. 0.	
Do. rent @ 12/-	£7. 4. 0.	
Do. Employers Insurances	<u>19. 0.</u>	£32.3.0.

Martin C.E. Petrol etc.,	£1.0.4.	
		<u>£33.3.4.</u>

Protection & Improvement Fund.

Post Office Telephones for June Quarter		
Ranger Kirby	£1.19.9	
Ranger Hatchett	£1.19.0.	
Ridley F.J. Petrol etc.	£6.0.7.	
Buckman, C. Fire Helper	<u>£0.5.0.</u>	£10.4.4.

It was resolved that arrangements be made for the transfer of the telephone from Ranger Kirby's existing house to his new house at Nutley.

16. ALLEGED ENCROACHMENT AT HOSPITAL FARM Mr. Waters informed the Board that the Police had intimated an encroachment on the Forest by Derry Weller, the area amounting to about half an acre, and on which Weller had put up 2 tents and planted a vegetable garden with a fence round it. Ranger Hatchett believed the site to be situated just off the Forest on a piece of Manorial waste. Resolved that the matter be referred to the Chairman of the Forest Row Committee for inspection of the site and with power to act.

17. ROAD WIDENING BETWEEN WYCH CROSS & NUTLEY. Mr. Maryon Wilson reported that the County Council were considering the advisability of constructing a double road between Wych Cross and Nutley and they might in the near future attempt negotiations with the Board for the use of the necessary land, and that he had informed the County Surveyor the Board would be acting contrary to their power in giving consent. It was resolved that in the event of an application being received from the County Surveyor, a Sub-Committee be formed to consider the same, and to report to the Board. It was resolved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board and the Chairmen of the District Committees constitute the Sub Committee.

#### THE BOARD THEN WENT INTO COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT OF BYELAWS. The consideration of various amendments gave rise to a general discussion of the present position and upon the motion of Mr. Maryon Wilson it was resolved that a Sub Committee to consist of the Chairman, 5 Members and 1 Co-opted Member be elected to consider the matter and report their recommendations. It was proposed and seconded and carried that Messrs. Waters, Owen, Beamish, Ridley and Haslam be the five members of the Committee.

PROPOSALS FOR INFORMAL PUBLIC MEETINGS. The Clerk read a private letter from Sir Laurence Chubb in which he said he feared that actions on the part of any body other than the Conservators might prove more harmful than beneficial. Admiral Beamish in his notes upon the above letter, which were read in his absence, was of the opinion that if Meetings were held it should consist of, or at any rate represent, the various bodies interested in, dependent upon, or otherwise concerned in the preservation of the Forest. It was proposed that the Council for the Preservation of Rural England be approached with a view to their organising a Meeting quite independently of the Conservators, but that in any event the matter be adjourned for further consideration in the Autumn following consideration by the Special Sub Committee dealing with the amendments of Byelaws.

[signed] H.R. Hardy  
Oct 17 1934

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#### SPECIAL SUB COMMITTEE RE BYELAWS

**A Meeting of the Sub Committee duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms, Nutley on Wednesday 1st August 1934 at 3.0. p.m.**

##### Present

H.R. Hardy Esqre. Chairman  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish C.B., R.N.  
G.D. Haslam Esqre.,  
F.T. Ridley Esqre.,

An apology for absence was received from Mr. J. R. Owen.

1. The Sub Committee considered what revisions or additions should be made in the Existing Byelaws and make the following recommendations:

Byelaw 6. The Committee being strongly in favour of the principles set out by this Byelaw recommend that the Board should consider the fixing of the number of commonable animals which authorised persons are permitted to turn out and the method of notifying such persons of the extent of their rights.

Byelaw 8. The Committee recommend that the Rangers be instructed to keep strict observation to see due compliance with this Byelaw.

Byelaw 10. The Sub Committee recommend that the Board adopt a New Byelaw for the protection of fauna and flora on the lines of the Byelaw recently adopted by the East Sussex County Council.

Byelaw 11. The Sub Committee are strongly of the opinion that every step should be taken to encourage the cutting of litter. In these circumstances they recommended that deletions be made in. Byelaw 11(b) of the words "February" and "July" and in 11(c) of the words "April " and "September"

The Committee adjourned the further consideration of this matter until the 22nd August at 10.30 a.m.

### **SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE RE BYELAWS**

**The Adjourned Meeting of the Sub Committee duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley on the 22nd August, 1934 when there were present:**

H.R. Hardy Esqre., Chairman  
Rear Adml. T.P.H. Beamish C.B., R.N.  
G.D. Haslam Esqre.,  
F.T. Ridley Esqre.,

(An apology for absence was received from Mr. J.R. Owen.)

1. The Sub Committee resumed their consideration of the Byelaws and make the following further recommendations:-

Byelaw 11. The Committee are of the opinion that the recommendations set out in the previous minutes should be experimental and that the Board should be empowered to fix the months in Byelaws 11(b) and (c) annually in December after consultation with the Commoners.

Byelaw 15. The Sub Committee recommend that this Byelaw be strengthened by a revision on the lines of a Byelaw already adopted by the East Sussex County Council.

Byelaw 19. The Sub Committee recommend that this Byelaw be revised so as to accord with modern requirements. They are further strongly in favour of the principle of cars being regulated in parking places on payment of a charge and that the Byelaw should be amended so far as may be necessary to achieve these results.

General Recommendations. The Sub Committee recommend that (a) The Chairman of the Board be asked to write a letter to the local papers stating that the Byelaws are in process of revision and inviting members of the public to forward their suggestions for consideration (b) the Rangers be permitted to take a weekly holiday starting from 12 noon on one day each week to be settled by the respective Chairmen of the District Committees subject to proper arrangements being made between the Rangers for the proper supervision of their areas during absence. The Committee have instructed the Clerk to draft Byelaws showing the various recommendations of the Sub Committee.

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**A further Meeting of the Byelaws Sub Committee was duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel at Nutley on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 1934 at 2.15 p.m.**

H.R. Hardy Esq., Chairman  
J.R. Owen Esq., Vice Chairman.  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish.  
G.D. Haslam Esq.,  
F.T. Ridley Esq.,  
H.J. Waters Esq.

The Committee considered the draft Byelaws which had been prepared and circulated by the Clerk and make the following recommendations:

Byelaw 10. as drafted be deleted and that a new Byelaw 10b be prepared on the lines of the amended draft.

Byelaws 11 and 15. approved as drafted.

Byelaw 19 was considered but having regard to the different expressions of opinion on the subject of payment in parking places, it was resolved to recommend that this Committee make no recommendation, and the subject be considered by the whole Board.

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**A MEETING of the CONSERVATORS of ASHDOWN FOREST duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 17th October, 1934 at 3. p.m.**

H.R. Hardy Esq., Chairman.  
J.R. Owen Esq., Vice Chairman.  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish.  
G.D. Haslam Esq.,  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller,  
W. Mitchell, Esq.,  
F.T. Ridley Esq.,  
H.J. Waters Esq., and  
C.H.N. Adams Esq.

1. MINUTES The Minutes as circulated are taken as read, approved and signed.
  2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were received from Major R.E.S. Barrington and Mr. John Rowe.
  3. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES (a) Uckfield Gas and Electricity Co. The Clerk reported that he had had an informal interview with the Representatives of the Electricity Board and was informed that the contentions of the Company appeared sound and the Board were not entitled to payment of wayleaves in respect of the poles on the Nutley-Maresfield Road. A subsequent question had arisen as to the consent of the Lord de la Warr as freeholder and correspondence was now in progress and would be passed to Mr. Adams in due course.  
  
(b) Agreement under Town and Country Planning Act 1932. The Clerk reported that the draft Agreement had been further revised and was waiting the approval of the Uckfield Rural District Council and that it would then be submitted to the Chairman in due course.  
  
(c) Rate. The Ministry of Agriculture having issued their official sanction the collection of the rate was in hand.  
  
(d) Uckfield Rural Water Supply, Fairwarp. The following report of the Maresfield Committee was read:-
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**A special Meeting of the Maresfield Committee duly held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley on the 22nd August 1934.**

G.D. Haslam Esq., Chairman  
H.R. Hardy Esq.,  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish C.B., R.N.  
F.T. Ridley Esq.

Water Supply Nutley & Fairwarp A plan and correspondence with the Surveyor of the Uckfield Rural District Council were produced showing proposals for an extensive length of water mains under the Forest for the supply to the areas of Nutley, Fairwarp and Duddleswell and the erection of an underground reservoir on Forest land near the Duddleswell Cross Roads.

As the matter was urgent the Committee instructed the Clerk to reply to the Rural Council at once stating that the Board, subject to the concurrence of the Lord, (a) approve the application in principle but require further details as to the dimensions, capacity and fencing of the reservoir. (b) Will charge the usual acknowledgment to statutory undertakers for pipes but that a nominal acknowledgement for the reservoir be settled between the Lord's representative and the Clerk when the further information had been received.

(signed) G.D. Haslam

Chairman.

Resolved that the same be received and the actions and recommendations of the Committee as reported be approved and confirmed.

(e) Alleged encroachment -Hospital Farm. It was reported that following inspection by the Members delegated at the last Meeting it was found that Weller was not camped on land forming part of the Forest. Mr. Adams reported that the Lord of the Manor did not propose to take any steps in the matter. It was resolved that further action is unnecessary.

4. MARESFIELD COMMITTEE. The Committee presented the following reports of their Meetings held as follows:

Maresfield Committee Reports.

August 8<sup>th</sup> 1934

Duddleswell-Nutley Road

The following members of the Maresfield Committee inspected the above road to-day. Admiral Beamish, Mr. Ridley and myself. Kirby was in attendance. We find that the County Divisional Surveyor is raising the margins prior to reshaping the road and super-elevating the bends. There is no intention to widen the road. We see no objection to this work being proceeded with as long as the curves are all put straight as soon as it is possible to do so.

The Committee noticed several bare banks along this road which had been chamfered off. These bare places should be sown with grass seed next February or March.

(Signed) G.D. Haslam.

**October 9th 1934**

The Committee consisting of Col. Miller, Mr. Ridley and myself set to-day to consider a letter received from Mr. Steer - County Divisional Surveyor - in which he suggested straightening out a double bend on the Nutley to Duddleswell road.

The Committee does not consider this work at all necessary.

The Committee then considered a request from the owner of "Little Putlands" Fairwarp to:-

1. Metalling the carriage way up to the entrance of an existing shed which it is proposed to convert into a garage, with a space for turning.
2. The owner wishes to extend the shed beyond the hedge line.
3. If the hedge is the boundary - the owner wishes to make a concrete wash, with no obstructions to passage over it.

The distance to be metalled is approximately 110 yards - and the Committee approve of this being permitted - using Forest stone for the purpose only the owner to pay the appropriate acknowledgement.

The Committee cannot approve of the existing shed being extended beyond the boundary, and they are unable to agree to a concrete wash.

The Committee considered a request from Mrs. Cannon, "Little Gassons", Fairwarp, to plant 12 Scotch fir trees to protect her house from the N.E. winds. As the Lord has already given her permission to do so, the Committee also agreed - on the understanding that the trees are not fenced round.



(Signed) G.D. Haslam

Chairman.

October 15th 1934.

The Committee - consisting of Col. Miller, Mr. Ridley and myself met to-day to consider an application from Mr. Holmes-Siedle of "Year Tree Cottage", Forest Bank, Nutley to make a short metalled wheel track, suitable for getting a car down from an existing cart track to his cottage. He contemplates building on his property a garage with rooms above, but as the slope from the existing cart track is sharp and rough, he doubts whether it would be possible to get a car into his garage without a suitable surface.

The Committee recommend that he uses the existing cart track nearest to his property, and approves of him making two wheel tracks from the existing cart track to his garage, a distance of 13 yards - on payment of the appropriate acknowledgement.

The Committee examined a gate at Forest Bank leading on to the Forest, which is slightly damaged, and instructed Ranger Kirby to get in two estimates for its repair and report at the next Board meeting.

(Signed) G.D. Haslam

Chairman.

It was resolved that the same be received and the recommendations be approved and adopted subject to (a) a new Forest gate being provided at Forest Bank at a price to be approved by the Chairman of the Committee and the costs paid out of the Protection and Improvement Fund. (b) the various licenses being in a form to be approved by the Clerk upon the usual Acknowledgments and the Clerk's proper charge paid by the intending Licensees and (c) the Clerk writing the Divisional Surveyor as to the planting of grass seeds on roadside banks and getting his undertaking to do such planting.

5. RANGERS REPORTS. Ranger Hatchett reports that he (a) removed 15 gypsies, 13 horses, 12 caravans and 6 campers. (b) inspected Weller's Camp with members of the Board (c) investigated a complaint about condition of sheep on Ladies Golf Course (d) granted brake pass to Mr. Leppard for 10 loads. (e) was employed cutting dead gorse at Chelwood Gate.

Ranger Kirby reports that he (a) gave notice to Weller who refused to move from his camping ground (b) stopped Divisional Surveyor from stripping turf from Duddleswell-Nutley Road, (c) moved various Gypsies and campers (d) granted two litter Licenses, (e) was engaged cutting and clearing lanes, (f) called upon Miss Yolland to remove notice board which was complied with at once.

6. BYELAWS. A report by Ranger Hatchett against Mr. Chappell for having left litter on the forest was referred to the Clerk who had so far been unable to trace the person referred to.

It was resolved that the Clerk continue his enquiries.

7. WYCH CROSS PLACE. An application having been received from Messrs Turner Rudge & Turner to erect a temporary notice Board notifying a Farm sale at Wych Cross Place., the Vice Chairman approved the application. It was resolved that his action be confirmed.

8. WYCH CROSS-CHELWOOD GATE ROAD. An application having been received from the County Surveyor for the widening, kerbing and resurfacing of this road was reported upon by the Chairman who produced a letter from the County Surveyor setting out in detail the reasons actuating his application. After full consideration Admiral Beamish proposed and Mr. Ridley seconded that the Board accede to the request of the County Surveyor on the terms set out in his letter of application. An amendment was proposed by Mr. Owen and seconded by Mr. Haslam that the County Council be allowed to widen the road in the terms of the application on condition that the work be carried out in the same material and colour as the adjoining Section of the Main Road and sunken kerbs

only be permitted. On being put to the vote four voted for the amendment and two against and it was subsequently confirmed as a substantive motion.

9. UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE LINE Application was received for lines running to "Worplways" Highgate and "The Croft", Duddleswell and the consent of the Lord of the Manor had been granted. Noted.

10. UCKFIELD CONSERVATOR ASSOCIATION The Special Sub Committee reported that they had granted consent to the Association to hold a Scavenge over the Ashdown Forest on the 5th September which had been in every way satisfactorily carried out. Resolved that the thanks of the Board be conveyed to the Promoters.

11. SURFACE DRESSING OF HIGHWAYS. A letter was read from the Clerk of the Uckfield Rural District Council and considered in relation to the application from the County Council mentioned in paragraph 9 above. Resolved that the further consideration of this matter be deferred to the next Meeting.

12. CHAPEL COTTAGE, COLEMANS HATCH. An application was received from Mr. Leeson asking for permission to change the email turning space opposite his Garage and the necessary arrangements had been made by the Ranger. Resolved that the action be approved and Mr. Leeson be asked to sow grass seed on the bank at the proper season.

13. APPLICATION from Major Darwin. An application was received from Major Darwin for consent to put up a small notice Board close to Hospital Farm with the following words "To Cripps Corner House only" and "Footpath to Twyford Road". Major Barrington having approved the application it was resolved that his action be approved

and that Major Darwin be informed that the Board on further consideration cannot see their way to waive the usual acknowledgement having regard to the difficulties which might arise in other cases.

14. VOLUNTARY HELPERS A letter from Mr. Gatliff suggesting the appointment of Wardens to assist the Rangers was referred to the Board in Committee.

15. MISS GUGGENHEIM Income Tax The Clerk reported further on this matter and as to the terms of a letter received from Messrs Wood and Walford in regard to the outstanding question. The Clerk advised that the time had not arrived when the return of Acknowledgments should be made to the Inspector of Taxes and he was instructed to proceed with it, informing Messrs Wood and Walford accordingly and claiming acknowledgement.

16. FINANCES The Clerk produced the Bank Pass books which showed balances in hand as follows:

General Account	£109.11.0
Second Ranger Fund	£55.17.7.
Protection and Improvement Fund	£278.16.8.

Resolved that cheques be drawn as follows:-

#### No. 1 Account

Kirby, Herbert Ranger. 16 weeks salary as Ranger to 29th Oct. 1934 at £2.10.0. per week	£40.0.0.
Ditto rent @ 5/-	£4.0.0.
Ditto.Employers Insurances	£1.5.4.
	£45.5.4

The Clerk for Kirby, Herbert Ranger Premium for year 1934/5 less refund on year 1933/34	£0.19.3.
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Strange the printer. Duplicating Minutes	£0.10.0.
	£46.14.7.

## No. 2 Account

Hatchett, J.W. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ranger 16 weeks salary	
To 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 1934 @ £2 per week	£32.0.0.
Ditto rent @ 12/-	£9.12.0.
Ditto. Employers Insurances	£1.5.4. £42.17.4

The Clerk for Hatchett, J.W.	
Premium for year 1934/5 less refund	
on year 1933/34	£0.18.0.
	£43.15.4.

### Protection and Improvement Fund.

Stanford Ltd. repairing award map	£1.15.0.
Post Office Telephones for Sept Quarter	
Ranger Kirby	£1.16.5.
Ranger Hatchett, J.W.	£1.14.6.
Ridley F.J. Petrol etc.,	£0.17.3.
The Clerk for extra helpers cutting	
Undergrowth etc – Workmens Insurance	£1.19.0.
	£8.2.5.

17. APPLICATION FROM MR. HAYLEY MORRIS. Mr. H.J. Waters applied on behalf of Mr. Hayley Morris for permission to resurface an existing forest track for a distance of 130 yards in order to open up the Park, Coleman's Hatch for Building development. After very full discussion, it was resolved that Mr. Waters obtain further particulars of the proposed development and the same when received be referred to a Special Sub Committee consisting of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board and the Chairmen of the two District Committees

The question of the policy of the Board as to the granting of such means of access for the purpose of assisting private development was discussed but no conclusion was arrived at and the matter deferred for further consideration at the next meeting.

18. APPLICATION FROM MISS PLAYFAIR. A letter was read from Miss Playfair asking for permission to erect a notice board indicating the properties belonging to her, the Misses Leeson and Colonel Loftus. Resolved that the application be approved on the usual terms as to licenses and Acknowledgments.

### THE BOARD THEN WENT INTO COMMITTEE.

AMENDMENT OF BYELAWS. The reports of the Meeting of the Special Sub Committee together with the suggested revisions of the Byelaws were circulated to the Board previously to this Meeting. The consideration of the matter was further deferred to a Special Meeting to be convened on a date to be fixed by the Chairman. In the meantime, the Clerk was instructed to discuss the revisions informally with the Home Office.

[signed] H.R. Hardy

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**A SPECIAL MEETING of the CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN FOREST duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1934 at 2.30 p.m.**

### PRESENT

H.R. Hardy, Esq. (Chairman)  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington.  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish.  
G.M. Maryon-Wilson Esq.  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.

John Rowe Esq.  
H.J.Waters Esq.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Letters were received from Messrs. J.R. Owen, G.D. Haslam and C.H.N. Adams.

2. MINUTES. The Minutes of the Sub Committee meetings held on the 1st and 22nd August and 17th October last were read and the Committee's recommendations and the revised draft Byelaws as circulated were discussed and it was RESOLVED that Byelaw 10 be renumbered 10(a). Approved. Byelaw 10(b) approved as drafted. Byelaw 11(b) and (c) the form as amended so approved and that attention be drawn at the Annual Meeting to the two extra months' to be made available by the proposed amendment. Byelaw 15. It was proposed by Mr Maryon-Wilson duly seconded and carried that the word "bottles" be inserted in before the word "grass" ,and subject thereto the draft Byelaw with this addition be approved.

Byelaw 19. It was RESOLVED to insert the word "aircraft" before wheeled conveyance and subject thereto this Byelaw as amended be approved.

Generally. It was RESOLVED that no proceedings be commenced for offences under the Byelaws until after the previous consent of the Chairman has been confirmed.

It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk report further on the number of commonable animals which authorised persons might turn out on the Common.

[signed] H.R. Hardy  
Chairman

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**A Meeting of the Conservators of Ashdown Forest duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley on Tuesday, 11th December, 1934 at 4.30 p.m.**

H.R. Hardy, Esq. (Chairman)  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington.  
G.D. Haslam Esq.  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller  
Thomas Mitchell Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.  
John Rowe Esq.

1. The Minutes of the previous Meeting as circulated were taken as read and were confirmed and signed.

2. An Apology for absence was received from Mr. C.H.N. Adams.

3.(a) Uckfield Gas & Electricity Co., The Clerk reported that he had had several interviews with the Company and it now appeared that it was now a question between the Company and the freeholder, namely, the Lord. Noted.

(b) Uckfield Rural District Town Planning Agreement. The Clerk reported that this had now been signed by the Council and was awaiting the Lord's completion before execution on behalf of the Board.

(c) License to Mr. Holmes Siedle. As this matter had not received further attention from Mr. Holmes Siedle the Clerk was directed to write him with a view to early completion.

(d) Mr. Chappell. Prosecution. Ranger Hatchett attended at East Grinstead Petty Sessions and reported that Mr. Chappell had been fined 30/- for leaving litter on the Forest. Noted with satisfaction.

(e) Uckfield Rural District Council. Surface dressing of Highways. A letter was read from the Clerk to this Council which he had addressed to the Clerk of the County Council stating the strong views of the Rural District Council in favour of local crushed beach instead of concrete or tar dressing with granite chippings for road surfaces across the Forest. Also suggestions to the County Council that trees sacrificed for road widening should be replaced by young

trees suitably planted and protected. Resolved the Board wishes to record their entire agreement with the spirit of the letter from the District Council, further that in considering applications from the East Sussex County Council for removal of such trees, these should be fully considered from their individual aspects.

(f) Pippingford Park Estate. A letter was read from Mr. A. Welfare the owner of two properties adjacent to the estates, drawing attention to the undesirable nature of the intended building operations by Mr. Hayley Morriss. It was resolved, that Mr. Welfare be informed that his letter was duly noted by the Board and would receive further consideration. when the formal application was submitted.

4. Rangers Reports Ranger Kirby reported that in addition to usual daily routine duties he had several days collecting rates and clearing lanes. He arranged with Mr. G. Kenward, with Mr. Haslam's approval, for the erection of a new gate at Forest Bank and saw it done to his satisfaction. He reported that the grass seed sown on the road banks between Fairwarp and Duddleswell by the East Sussex County Council was showing up fairly. He removed three gipsy caravans.

Ranger Hatchett reported he had several days collecting rates and cutting dead gorse and removed some thirty horses and twenty-six vans and carts. He summoned a gipsy, W .Fuller, for refusing to move off the forest and attended at Uckfield petty sessions when Fuller was fined 1/-. He also attended at East Grinstead when Mr. Chappell was charged as above (3)(d.).

5. Application from Post Office Telephone Department. An application was received to move a pole at the junction of the Fairwarp and Hartfield roads and was approved by Mr. Haslam subject to its being at least three feet from the carriage way. Ranger Kirby later inspected and found it satisfactory. It was Resolved that Mr. Haslam's action be approved.

A further application of similar nature was received at the beginning of December for a pole on the Tunbridge Wells road at Fairwarp. It was Resolved that permission be granted subject to the usual proviso.

6. Application from Weald Electricity Company. A letter was read by the Clerk requesting permission to lay two separate low tension mains under the Forest at Highgate, Forest Row. It was Resolved that consent be granted upon the usual conditions and subject to a memorandum being endorsed on the Company's License.

7. Miss Waugh. License. There had been considerable correspondence between the Clerk and Miss Waugh's Solicitors regarding the use of the access over a strip of the Forest which they maintained had been exercised for upwards of twenty years. The Clerk reported his replies and added that Miss Waugh had since paid her initial acknowledgement thus recognising the right of the Conservators. Noted.

8. Applications from East Grinstead Motor Coaches. A letter was read from the Proprietor of the Company desiring the Board's approval to his request for permission to erect a small time-table board at the Cross-roads by the Goat, Legsheath. It was Resolved that the matter be referred to the East Sussex County Council and that the applicant be informed that the Board will raise no objection to its erection on the existing sign post, but will require an annual acknowledgement of 2/6 for their consent.

9. Annual Subscriptions. It was Resolved that the annual subscriptions of £1.1.0. each to the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and the Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society be renewed.

10. Rights of Way. The Clerk read a letter from the Forest Row Parish Council asking for the Board's co-operation in drawing up a schedule of recognised rights of way in the Parish. It was Resolved that the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

11. Finances. The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed the balances in hand as follows:

General Account.	£121.8.3.
2nd Ranger Fund.	£17.7.3.
Protection & Improvement Fund.	£277.7.3.

Resolved that cheques be drawn as follows :

### No. 1 Account

Kirby Herbert, Ranger 9 weeks salary to 31st December, 1934 @ £2.10.0. per week	£22.10.0.
Do. 9 weeks rent @ 5/- per week	£2.5.0.
Do. Employers Insurances	£0.14.3
Do. Postages & Petty disbursements for the year.	<u>£1.8.7.</u>
	£26.17.10
Banister Ernest Printing	£6.10.0.

### The Clerk

Half Years salary to 31st December 1934.	£75.0.0.
Hire of room and other petty disbursements.	£7.0.8.
Postages and receipt stamps for year.	£8.1.10.
Travelling expenses and telephones.	£16.7.11.
Strange Duplicating Minutes.	<u>£0.10.9.</u>
	£107.1.2.

### No. 2 Account.

Hatchett J.W Second Ranger 9 weeks salary @ £2 per week to 31st. Dec. 1934	£18.0.0.
Do. 9 weeks rent @ 12/	£5.8.0.
Do. Employers Insurances	£0.14.3.
Do. Postages & Petty disbursements for the year.	<u>£1.9.2.</u>
	£25.11.5.
Banister Ernest Printing.	£0.17.0.
C.E. Martin. Petrol etc for Ranger Hatchett's Motor Cycle	£2.0.1.

### Protection & Improvement Fund

Also that the following sums be drawn from the Protection and Improvement Fund:-

Donation to East Sussex Rural Community for the Preservation of the Country-side	£0.10.6.
Subscription to Commons & Footpaths Preservation Society	£1.1.0.
Ditto. Council for the Preservation of Rural England	£1.1.0.
Ridley & Sons F.T. Petrol & Oil for Ranger Kirby	£0.11.7.
H. & E. Waters Ltd., racks for Fire brooms	£10.0.0.

It was proposed and seconded and duly carried that two sums of £50 each be transferred from the Protection and Improvement to General and Second Ranger accounts respectively.

Colonel Miller proposed and it was seconded and Resolved that two men should be employed cutting and clearing lanes, one on each side of the Forest at 35/- per week for four weeks commencing 1st January next.

12. Application from Crowborough & District Water Co. A Request for permission to extend the Company's existing water main in St. John's School lane to Mardens Hill having been received, Mr. Haslam gave permission for the license to be drawn up on the usual conditions. Resolved that his action be approved.

13. St John's Cricket Club. A letter was received from Mr. Chester, Secretary of the Club asking the Board to sanction an addition of some 8 yards to the width of the pitch which is now 26 yards by 40 yards. Resolved that consent be given.

14. Mudbrooks. A letter was read from Dr. Ridley of Mudbrooks offering to clear certain parts of forest land adjacent to his own from dead gorse and intimating his willingness to place some of his men at the disposal of the Board to this end. It was Resolved that the Forest Row Committee meet Dr. Ridley and discuss his generous offer.

15. Repairing road at Forest Bank. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. W. Osborne in which he drew attention to the bad condition of the road between Lisburn and the new gate at Forest Bank, Nutley, and pointing out that in 1930 the Board granted a sum of £1.10.0. towards its repair. Resolved that the matter be referred to the Maresfield Committee with power to act.

16. Wych Cross Road Improvement. Mr. Rowe drew attention to the unsightly condition of the roadside at Wych Cross where the East Sussex County Council had recently been reconstructing the highway. Resolved that the Clerk write requesting the County Surveyor to give this matter his early attention, that all excess material be removed and grass seeds sown on the banks and verges.

17. Meetings in 1935. It was suggested that the following dates be fixed for the usual meetings of the year:- 13th February, 17th April, 17th July, 16th October, 11th December.

#### In Committee.

The report of the Special Meeting of the Board and held on the 4th December, 1934 for the consideration of Byelaw amendments was read. Mr. Rowe proposed and it was seconded by Major Barrington and carried unanimously that the Byelaws as approved at the Special Committee be approved by the Board.

The Meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.

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**The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the COMMONERS of Ashdown Forest duly convened by the Clerk by notices on the principal door of each of the Churches of the Parishes and Ecclesiastical Districts to which the Forest extends, by advertisement in two newspapers circulating in the neighbourhood to wit The Sussex Express and the Sussex Daily News and by notice sent to each commoner more than 14 days from this date, and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Tuesday, 11th December, 1934, at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.**

Miss Barchard.

Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington

Mr. J. Card.

Mr. Forsell.

Mr G.D. Haslam.

Mr. H.R. Hardy.

Mr. H. Hawkins.

Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller.

Mr. Frank Mitchell.

Mr. Frederick Mitchell.

Mr. William. Mitchell

Mr. J.R. Owen.

Mr. F.T. Ridley.

Mr. H.J. Ridley.

Mr. John Rowe.  
Mr. William Stevenson.  
Mr. L. Tyler.  
Mr. H.J. Waters  
Miss Wilson.

1. An apology for absence was received from Mr. C.H.N. Adams.

2. CHAIRMAN.

It was Resolved that Mr. H.R. Hardy be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Commoners Meeting were read, approved and signed.

4. ELECTION OF CONSERVATORS.

It was proposed by Major Barrington, seconded by Mr. Owen that Mr. H.J. Waters and Mr. F.T. Ridley be re-elected for the ensuing three years. It was proposed by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mr. Ridley and resolved that Mr. George Maryon-Wilson and Mr. John Rowe be re-elected for the ensuing three years.

It was proposed by Col. Miller seconded by Mr. Ridley that Mr. Sidney John Marsh be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Osborne, and Mr. H.J. Ridley proposed Mrs. Frances Rose Penfold for this vacancy and this was duly seconded by Mr. Fred Mitchell. On a show of hands Mr. Marsh received 10 votes and Mrs. Penfold 3 and on Mr. Ridley's request a vote by acreage was demanded and showed a large majority in favour of Mr. Marsh. It was Resolved accordingly that he be elected and hold office until 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1936

5. RECREATION GROUNDS

The re-elections of Col. Barchard to be superintendent of the recreation ground at Fairwarp, Col. Miller at Fords Green, Admiral Beamish at Chelwood Gate, Mr. Owen at Colemans Hatch and Mr. C. de Rougmont at Forest Row were proposed, seconded and duly confirmed.

6. NEW BYELAWS

The Chairman intimated the general purport of the Byelaw revisions. Mr. H.J. Ridley proposed that a new Byelaw should be drawn up to secure the proper shutting of gates on the Forest. Mr. Ridley was informed that his suggestion would be duly considered, and that the Board would investigate the Matter further at an early date.

7. FOREST TRACKS

Mr. Wm. Stevenson, a litter cutter, drew attention to the bad state of some of the Forest tracks and thought that if these were made up, more people would be able to use them for removing litter and he proposed that a sum should be set aside from the Protection and Improvement Fund for this purpose. He also thought that many more local people especially nurserymen might be approached with a view to persuading them to cut more litter in place of the straw which was now being bought from other parts of the country.

8. JUNCTION OF MAIN & SUBSIDIARY ROADS

Mr. Fred Mitchell drew attention to the bad levelling off of the roads where a main road had been reconstructed at the entrance to some of the subsidiary forest roads, particularly mentioning the junction by the White House, Duddleswell, where there was a considerable drop off the main road and a half-filled trench extending right across this entrance to the second road.

9. FLOODING AT LONDONDERRY FARM

Mr. Wm. Mitchell spoke for the owner of a small piece of land at Londonderry Farm which was being flooded from Mr. Nettlefold's land due to a grating running under a bridge giving way owing to present flood conditions and releasing a lot of water that had been held back owing to choked nature of the grating which had been there for some 2 years. The Ranger was instructed to inspect and report, and the Board would then consider whether the Byelaws had been violated.

10. NEW GATE AT BORINGWHEEL MILL

Mr. H.J. Ridley then pointed out that the gate between Boringwheel Mill and Nursery Bridge was in a serious state of disrepair and was always left open. He was informed that the Board would note his complaint.



11. ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1932.

Mr. Frank Mitchell requested information as to whether the Board had made Byelaws excluding the Road Traffic Act 19382 as far as the Forest was concerned and was informed that the 15 yard rule was the general law of the Country and that the Byelaws super imposed on this a local law that no one was allowed to park on any Forest land whatsoever.

12. Major Barrington Proposed and Mr. Haslam Seconded and it was carried unanimously that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Chairman for his very able conduct of the Meeting.

[signed] H.R. Hardy  
Chairman

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**A Meeting of the Conservators of Ashdown Forest duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley on Wednesday 15th February, 1935 at 2.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

H.R. Hardy Esq., (Chairman)  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington.  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N.  
G.D. Haslam Esq.,  
S.J. Marsh Esq.,  
W. Mitchell Esq.,  
Geo. M. Maryon-Wilson Esq., J.P.  
J.R. Owen Esq.,  
F.T. Ridley Esq.,  
John Rowe Esq.,  
H. Waters Esq.,  
and C.H.N. Adams Esq., representing Earl de la Warr.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR. (p.1)

It was proposed by Mr. G.D. Haslam seconded by Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington and unanimously Resolved that Mr. H.R. Hardy be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. (p.1)

It was proposed by Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington seconded by Admiral Beamish and unanimously Resolved that Mr. J.R. Owen be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. SELECTION OF COMMITTEES. (p.1) The following Committees were appointed. Maresfield Committee consisting of the Chairman and Vice Chairman (ex-officio) Lt. Col. Miller and Messrs G.D. Haslam, G.M. Maryon-Wilson J.P., F.T. Ridley and S.J. Marsh.

Forest Row Committee. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman (ex-officio), Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington, Admiral Beamish and Messrs Mitchell, Rowe and Waters.

Fire Committee. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board and the Chairmen of the District Committees.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Meeting as circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.

5. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE. An apology for absence was received from Lt. Col. Miller.

6. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES. (a) East Grinstead Motor Coaches. Time Table board. (p 76) The Clerk reported that the East Sussex County Council would not consent to the board being erected on the existing signpost. It was Resolved that a revocable license be granted at an annual acknowledgment of 10/6d, the board, to be erected in a position and of a size to be approved by the Forest Row Committee and painted green.

(b) Rights of Way. After discussion it was Resolved that the Clerk write to the Forest Row Parish Council giving an extract from the Regulation Act setting out the points to which free access was secured. (c) Wych Cross Road Improvement. The Clerk read correspondence with the County Surveyor from which it appeared doubtful as to when the work would be left in a tidy condition, and it was Resolved that the Chairmen of the Forest Row Committee should draw up a report setting out the complaints of the Board in detail and forward the same to the Clerk of the County Council asking that it be brought before the next meeting of the Roads and Bridges Committee.

#### 7. NEW BYE-LAWS.

The question of shutting of Gates on the Forest which was referred from the Commoners Meeting was considered. It was Resolved that this should not be made the subject of a special Byelaw but that "Please shut the gate" should be painted on all gates. It was further Resolved that the Byelaws as now revised be approved and adopted and the Clerk authorised to proceed and take all necessary steps in connection with the confirmation of the revised Byelaws. Boringwheel Mill Gate. This gate being reported to be in defective condition it was Resolved that the matter be left to the Maresfield Committee with power to act.

8. REPORT OF FOREST ROW COMMITTEE. (p. 60) Mr. Owen reported that he had interviewed Dr. Ridley of Mudbrooks Farm who desired permission to burn and clean about three acres of Forest land in order to use it for grazing purposes, the work to be carried out at his own expense. It was Resolved that Dr. Ridley be given permission to clear the land but that he be asked to grub and not to burn the same subject to the consent of the Lord being obtained.

#### 9. REPORT OF MARESFIELD COMMITTEE. (p 68)

The Committee met on Saturday, February 9th. Present Mr. Ridley and Mr. Haslam. Mr. Stevenson, who had brought forward several matters at the Commoners meeting also attended. He had suggested that it would probably encourage more litter cutting if some of the tracks across the Forest were put into better order. The first place the Committee visited was near Millbrook Clump where there is a very large area of litter. Part of the track here goes over boggy land with numerous springs, and the Committee suggest that two low rough concrete walls be built on either side of the track, about 5 feet long, and that in the intervening space of 1 feet, 2 rows of 9 inch drain pipes be sunk to take the water below the track. It is suggested that estimates be had for this work.

There were two other rather similar places, one near the Nutley Windmill and the other just off the Nutley-Duddleswell road. In the former case, Ranger Kirby thinks there is some stone close at hand which could be wheeled to the spot in a wheelbarrow and thrown into the soft places. In the second., three or four cartloads of stone would be necessary. He estimates the cost would be about 30/- at each place.

An application had been received on 10th December from Mr. V. Osborne of the Moorings, Fairwarp, drawing attention to the bad state of the road between "Lisburn" and the new gate at Forest Bank, Nutley. The Committee inspected the road and found it certainly very bad in places with deep ruts. The Board helped to repair this road in 1930 and gave 30/- towards it, and the Committee recommend that such a sum should "be given again.

Another matter mentioned by Mr. Stevenson at the Commoners Meeting was a complaint from the owners of "Londonderry Farm" about the damage done to this small farm of 6 acres by the overflowing of a new lake belonging to Mr. Hayley Morriss when we had heavy rains last December. Mr. Morriss has several hundreds of Chinese duck and other birds on the new lake, and in order to keep them in, he has a large iron grating at one end of the lake nearest to Londonderry Farm and in times of heavy rain this grating gets choked up with sticks and leaves preventing the water going through, and in consequence it overflows over the top, and into a small stream which runs through a sloping grass field on Londonderry Farm with the result that part of the field is washed away. Incidentally when the flooding occurs it submerges a public footpath and rough bridge over the stream, making it practically impossible for people to. use the path leading up to Nutley Windmill. The Committee consider that a tactful letter be written by the Clerk to Mr. Hayley Morriss pointing out to him what happens during heavy rain, and asking him to pay special attention to keeping the grating free from sticks and leaves at such times.

(Signed) G.D. HASLAM  
Chairman, Maresfield Committee.

It was Resolved that (a) the report and recommendations be adopted and the Committee obtain the necessary estimates and be given power to act. (b) a letter be sent to the Maresfield Parish Council called upon them to repair the footbridge on Londonderry Farm.

#### 10. REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE (p.5)

The Audit Committee presented the report of their Audit of the Accounts of the Conservancy:

##### Auditor's Report.

We have carried out the Audit of accounts of the Conservancy. We have to-day examined (1) The General Account (2) The Second Ranger Account. (3) The Account of the Protection and Improvement Fund each for the year 1934. We have checked the balances brought forward from last year and the various receipts, and have compared the payments charged to each account with the Vouchers for same, and have checked the casting of the accounts and find them all correct.

The balance of each account stood on 31<sup>st</sup> December last as follows:-

Account No. 1 in hand	£30.9.3.
Ditto No. 2 Ditto	£38.18.9.
Protection and Improvement Fund, Ditto	£165.7.5.

The sum of £159.15.4. 2 ½% Consols and the sum of £150 3 ½% War Loan (formerly 3%) represents the investments held on account of the Protection and Improvement Fund.

We found the accounts well kept and correct.

The Protection and Improvement Fund is in a strong position owing to the increase in the number of Acknowledgments but the General Account and Second Ranger Account are in rather a serious position. Despite transfers from the Protection and Improvement Fund which cannot of course be continued indefinitely.

(Signed) HENRY J. WATERS  
F.T. RIDLEY.

It was Resolved that the same be received and the thanks of the Board be conveyed to the Committee.

It was further Resolved that the investments of the Board be now transferred from the names of Mr. G.M. Maryon-Wilson and Mr. W.A. Raper the former Clerk, into those of the present Chairman and Clerk.

#### 11. RANGERS REPORTS. (p.76)

Ranger Kirby reported that he had been interviewed by Capt. Ray Johnston with regard to the public footpaths in his district. He had called on Mr. Pusey at Fisher's Gate for new stakes for the young trees at King's Standing and later spent two days attending to the work. He received notice from a P.C. at Crowborough that a small fire had broken out near St. John's Common about 50 yds square were burnt - the matter was reported to the Chief Constable. He noticed that the fence round the St. Johns Cricket Ground had been extended along one side for 12 feet (the Board having granted permission). Miss Parker-Jervis has now repaired the roadway to her property- (pursuant to License). Mr. Steers had complained of a dangerous hole on the roadside at Fairwarp and he now reported that this had been made good by the stone diggers. Altogether he had moved 7 gipsy caravans from his district and had spent some 14 days since the last meeting in cutting lanes.

Ranger Hatchett reported that he had to caution a tradesman for not crossing the forest by the authorised tracks; that Mr. J. Humphrey of Yew Tree Cottage, Colemans Hatch, had let loose on the forest non-commonable animals - first hogs and later in the week geese. He had granted permission, subject to the Lord's consent to Mr. Bailey of Coldharbour Farm to cut a fire zone and granted a License to Sir R. Kindersley of Plaw Hatch Hall to cut 10 loads of litter.

Miss Waugh had complained of ruts in the tracks near her property but Ranger Hatchett reported that the lessee of the adjacent quarry will repair when weather conditions permit.

He has to report that the road bank at Wych Cross complained of to the Board at their last meeting was still very untidy and no grass seeds appear to have been sown or turves laid. In addition to routine patrols he had spent a lot of time cutting and burning and had removed from his district 39 vans and 50 horses.

12. EXCAVATION OF STONE.

Complaint from East Sussex County Council. A letter was read from the County Divisional Surveyor drawing attention to the digging of stone between Fairwarp and Duddleswell and asking that the Board should keep these excavations at least 30 feet from the edge of the carriageway. It was reported that Ranger Kirby had taken all necessary action. NOTED.

13. BUILDING LINES. (p 55) The Clerk read a letter from the Clerk of the County Council asking that the Board should appoint representatives to confer with representatives of the County Council. It was Resolved that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Adams be appointed.

14. GYPSIES.

Admiral Beamish drew attention to the large number of caravans removed off the Forest by the Rangers during the year, and it was Resolved that the Clerk write a strong letter to the Clerks of the Magistrates at Uckfield and East Grinstead giving statistics of the numbers removed during the year, and pointing out that the Board regard it as a very serious matter. Also that the Clerk attend at the Court personally when a case is next heard and press for the maximum penalty.

15. FIRE ON ST. JOHN'S COMMON, CROWBOROUGH.

The Clerk read a letter from the Chief Constable stating that two boys, aged 9 and 12 years respectively, had been caught and admitted setting fire to the Forest, and asking whether the Board wished to take proceedings. The Chairman reported that he had instructed the Clerk to reply that the Board did not wish proceedings to be taken and it was Resolved that the action of the Chairman be confirmed.

16. JUBILEE BEACON AT KINGSTANDING

An application was received from the Boy Scouts Association for permission to light a Beacon at Kingstanding. It was Resolved that permission be not given.

17. ADVERTISEMENT BOARDS.

Mr. Maryon-Wilson reported on the Meeting with the North Regional Town Planning Committee. It was Resolved that the Clerk write to the Committee through Mr. McIlveen formally applying for the Forest and an area 500 yards outside to be zoned as a specified area for the purpose of advertisement boards, and that a protest be made about certain existing advertisement boards on the Forest.

18. LITTER.

The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. Godwin King suggesting that people might like to take over certain parts of the Forest and help the Rangers to keep these parts free from litter. It was Resolved that no action be taken.

19. WARDENS.(p 71)

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. H. Gatliff intimating that he and his friends might be willing to act voluntary Wardens at week-ends. It was Resolved that the Clerk write Mr. Gatliff thanking him for his offer and asking him for a list of the names of the proposed helpers.

20. FINANCES.

The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed the balances in as follows:

General Account	£52.18.3.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ranger Fund	£58.1.3.
Protection and Improvement Fund	£212.18.4.

Resolved that cheques be drawn as follows:

No. 1 Account

Kirby, Herbert, Ranger. 7 weeks  
salary to 18th Feb. @ £2.10.0. £17.10.0.

Do. 7 weeks rent @ 5/- per wk. £1.15.0.

Do. Employers Insurances. £0.11.1. £19. 16. 1.

No. 2 Account.

Hatchett J.T. 7 weeks salary to  
18th inst : @ £2 per week £14.0.0.

Do. 7 weeks rent @ 12/- per week £4.4.0.

Do. Employers Insurances. £0.11.1. £18. 15. 1.

C.E. Martin. Petrol etc for Ranger  
Hatchett's Motor Cycle £0.17.7.

Protection and Improvement Fund.

Also that the following amount be drawn from this fund.

F.T. Ridley & Sons. Petrol etc. for  
Ranger Kirby's Motor Cycle £0.9.10.

21. APPLICATION FOR SIGNPOST. Mr. Buckman.

A letter was read from Mr. J.B. Buckman applying for permission to erect a small direction post to his cottage. It was Resolved that consent be granted on the usual terms.

(signed) H.R. Hardy

Chairman.

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**A Meeting of the Conservators of Ashdown Forest duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday 17th April, 1935, at 3.0 p.m.**

**Present**

H.R. Hardy, Esqre., (Chairman.)  
Major the Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N.  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.  
S.J. Marsh, Esqre.  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller  
H. Waters, Esqre.- and  
C.H.N. Adams, Esqre., representing Earl de la Warr.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the last Meeting as circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J.R. Owen and F.T. Ridley.

3. Matter Arising out of Minutes: (a) East Grinstead Motor Coaches Time Table Board (p 83) The Clerk reported that he had the applicant on the terms offered by the Board at their last Meeting but he had received no further communication.

(b) Wych Cross Road Improvement. (p.83) Correspondence with the County Surveyor was read in which he stated that as the Ministry of Transport had now intimated that further funds would probably be available for the continuance of the work, instructions had been given for immediate recommencement and regretting that the localities had been left in an unfinished state for so long.

(c) Advertisement Boards (p.86) A letter having been received from the Clerk to the County Council requesting a list of Boards to which protest was now made the Forest Row Committee reported 4 Boards in the neighbourhood of Forest Halt, Nutley Road, none of which are on Forest land. The Maresfield Committee having none at present in' their area. It was Resolved that the Forest Row Committees list be forwarded to the Clerk to the County Council.

(d) Mr. Hayley Morriss (p.84) A reply was read from Mr. Hayley Morriss stating that he had already remedied the trouble and the Ranger reported that it was now satisfactory.

4. Byelaws (p.64) The Clerk stated that advertisement had been issued in regard to the approval of the new Byelaws, and so far no application or objection had been received by him in regard to the matter.

5. Fire Committee: The Committee reported that a Meeting was held on the 1st April, 1935, when sundry matters were discussed in regard to the arrangements for the present season.

6. Report of Maresfield Committee: (p.84) The Maresfield Committee presented the report of their Meeting held on the 10th April, 1935, when there were present Mr. G.D. Haslam (Chairman), Admiral Beamish and Mr. Ridley. It was resolved that the acts of the Committee be approved and the recommendations adopted.

The Report: (i) Referring to the last report of the Maresfield Committee, two estimates had been received for draining and improving a track across the Forest, near Millbrook Clump, one for £12.10.0. and the other for £8.10.0. The Committee considered these to be heavy charges for the purpose concerned, and consequently now recommend that several cartloads of stone be put into the boggy ground in the track, 10 feet by 8 feet, and that 4 inches of rough concrete be put on the top, to bind the atones together. Estimates have been invited (£4.10.0. approved).

(ii) The Committee inspected the gate and fencing at Boring Wheel Mill, and found both the gate and fencing in a very bad state of repair. They recommend a new oak field gate and shutting post, and under the special circumstances, 10 yards of oak fencing, with 2 intermediate posts, utilising existing rails where possible. Estimates invited.

(iii) An application was received from Mrs. Warren-Browne of "The Beacon", Duddleswell, to plant six fir trees on the East side of her house for protection, also a request to be allowed to put about 12 land-drain pipes immediately in front of her garage doors, and a small grating, to take the rain water away, so as to prevent it running into her garage when it rains. The Committee agreed.

7. Tonbridge School O.T.C. Application having been received from the School officer to hold the School Field Day on the 14th March, 1935, the Chairman had given consent on the usual conditions. It was resolved that his act be approved.

#### 8. Mr. Nettlefold.

It was reported that complaint had been made in regard to the cutting of birch trees immediately outside his property. A letter had been written to Mr. Nettlefold that the matter was one for the Lord to deal with and not this Board. It was now reported that the person cutting the birch trees had exercised no more than his Commonable rights over the period for which he was entitled which commenced about twenty-three years ago.

#### 9. Broadstone Warren:

Reference was made to the likelihood of building operations in this area. Major G.R. Powell Edwards of the East Sussex Rural Community Council stated that action had been taken by his Council in regard to the preservation of the area. After full discussion it was resolved that the Board strongly support any steps which can be taken for the preservation of Broadstone Warren. Further that the Board get into immediate communication with the Rural District Council with the view to co-ordinated action having regard to the terms of the recent agreement.

#### 10. Rangers Reports:

Ranger Kirby reported that he had issued a peat licence to Mr. G. Coleman of Fairwarp. He had. Painted "Please shut gate" on gates at Fairwarp, Boringwheel Mill, Forest Bank and Marlpits. He had obtained an estimate from Mr. A. Ridley of Marlpits of £1.10.0. for repairing the Forest Cart Track near Nutley Windmill. The work had since been completed. He moved four Gypsy Caravans off the Forest. He had spent several days making new brooms for the fire stands and cutting undergrowth. The following fires had occurred in his area:

13th March at Kingstanding, burning 40 acres.

15th March at Vetchery Bank burning 2 acres

19th March near Spring Garden burning 1½ acres

21st March near Old Fox, Fairwarp burning 1 acre

1st April at Marlpits burning 2 acres

6th April on Forest Bank burning ½ acre

Ranger Hatchett reported that in addition to usual routine duties he had spent several days in cutting and placing new Fire Brooms, removed 13 vans and carts and 16 horses as well as Gypsies on 4 occasions, and that 14 fires had occurred in his area.

#### 11. Finances:

The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed the balances in hand as follows:

General Account	£33.6.2.
2nd Ranger Fund	£39.9.7.
Protection and	
Improvement Fund	£223.10.11.

Resolved that cheques be drawn as follows:

##### No. 1 Account

Kirby, Herbert, Ranger, 8 weeks

salary to 15th April @ £2.10.0.

per week	£20.0.0.
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Ditto 8 weeks rent @ 5/-	£2.0.0
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Ditto 2 weeks salary & insurances (arrears)	£5.13.2.
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Ditto 8 weeks Employers

Insurances	£0.12.8.	£28.5.10.
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##### The Clerk

Strange, the Printer, Duplicating Minutes	£0.13.6.
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Shaw & Sons, Stationery	£0.16.0.
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##### No. 2 Account:

Hatchett, J.W. 8 weeks salary

To 15 <sup>th</sup> April @ £2 per week	£16.0.0.
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Do. 2 weeks rents (bal. 1934)	£1.4.0.
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Do. 5 weeks rent @ 12/- to 31 <sup>st</sup> March	£3.0.0.
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Do. 1 weeks salary & insurances

(arrears)	£2.1.7.
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Do. 8 weeks Employers Insurances	£0.12.8.	£22.18.3.
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Carried forward	£52.13.7.
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C.E. Martin, petrol etc. for

Ranger Hatchett's Motor Cycle	£1.0.7.
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## Protection and Improvement Fund

### The Clerk

Sun Insurance Office- Motor Cycle	
Premiums less bonus	14.17.0.
Sussex Daily News. Advertisement re Byelaws	1.15.0.
Ridley, A. repairs to Forest Road nr.	
Nutley Windmill	1.10.0.
Curwen & Sons T.T. Transfer of Stocks	1.2.6.
Walter & Mitchell 4 yds. rubble delivered	
On Nutley & Duddleswell Road	0.16.0
Ridley & Sons F.T. petrol etc. for Ranger	
Kirby's motor cycle	0.9.1.
Hatchett J.W. Wages for Fire Cutters	6.3.0
Kirby, Herbert - Wages for Fire Cutters	6.11.4.
East Sussex County Council. Excise License	
for Ranger Kirby	2.5.0.
Ditto ditto Ranger Hatchett	2.5.0.
Post Office telephones for December Quarter	
Ranger Kirby	2.12.3.
Ranger Hatchett	1.13.10.
Post Office Telephones for March Quarter	
Ranger Kirby	1.19.3.
Ranger Hatchett	<u>1.15.7.</u>
Total	<u>£99.9.0.</u>

### 12. Rates:

The Clerk reported that the Rate made on the 18th July, 1934, will be exhausted by the next Meeting and presented an estimate of the expenditure and it was RESOLVED that notice be given on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Board to make a new Rate and that the Clerk prepare the necessary documents for the purpose.

### 13. Application from Mrs Warren-Browne:

The applicant applied to be treated as a Commoner in respect of her holding, The Beacon, Duddleswell, approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre in extent and which has enjoyed Commonable rights for at least sixty years last past. Mr. Trayton Walters attended, gave evidence in support of the application. It was Resolved that the application be acceded to and Mrs. Warren-Browne be included in the Rate accordingly.

### 14. Fords Green Recreation Ground:

Application was received from the Nutley Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee for consent to erect two tents on the South side of Fords Green on 6th May, 1935. Colonel Miller reported that he had approved this application and it was Resolved that his action be confirmed.

### 15. Application from Mr. R.A. Nye:

An application from Mr. R.A. Nye was received for permission to camp and it was Resolved that the application be granted.

### 16. Fire Helpers:

Ranger Hatchett reported that C. Buckman had helped him from the 1st April. It was Resolved that he continue until 24th April and be paid 5/- per week. The Ranger further reported that his Coat and Trousers had been burnt in the fire at Rushey Bottom and it was agreed that 10/- be paid to him out of the Protection and Improvement Fund.

### 17. Plaw Hatch:

Ranger Hatchett reported that the County Council had left open a dangerous trench, and the Clerk was instructed to write requesting immediate attention of the matter.



18. Jumpers Town:

Ranger Hatchett reported application from Mr. P. Muggeridge to lay a water pipe from a spring temporarily, during building alterations and until his well had been dug. It was Resolved that application be granted as a temporary measure for three months on payment of an acknowledgment of 2/6d per month and on condition that the right can be terminated if there be insufficient water for cattle.

19. Shepherds Wall:

Mr. H.J. Waters stated that a Forest track was now being used by motor vehicles and causing annoyance to Commoners and others and offered to stop the annoyance by the erection of suitable posts painted white. It was Resolved that Mr. Waters' suggestion be agreed to and that he be thanked for his offer to erect and paint the posts.

20. Byelaw Boards:

The question of painting Byelaw Boards was considered and it was pointed out that the Award required the Byelaws to be publicly exhibited in at least six places over the Recast. It was Resolved that it be left to the Chairman of the two District Committees to select the six positions in which the Byelaws shall in future be exhibited and that where possible they be authorised to remove any they may deem unnecessary. It was further resolved that when the new Byelaws are approved by the Home Office copies shall be painted for posting on the Byelaw Boards and that such copies be varnished from time to time.

[signed] H.R. Hardy  
Chairman.

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**A Meeting of the Conservators of Ashdown Forest duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday 24th July, 1935, at 2.30 p.m.**

H.R. Hardy, Esqre., (Chairman.)

J.R. Owen, Esqre.

Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N.

G.D. Haslam, Esqre.

S.J. Marsh, Esqre.

G.M. Maryon-Wilson, Esqre.

Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller

Wm. Mitchell, Esqre.

F.T. Ridley, Esqre.

John Rowe, Esqre.

H.R. Waters, Esqre.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the last Meeting as circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Major the Hon. R.E.S. Barrington and Mr. C.H.N. Adams.

3. Advertisement Boards.

The Clerk reported that a further letter had been received from the Northern Area East Sussex Joint Town Planting Advisory Committee stating that they had applied to the Ministry of Health for the vesting in the Committee of the powers of the County Council's Byelaws and provisions of the Town Planning Act and that in the meantime the Conservators representations were receiving favourable consideration. Mr. Maryon-Wilson reported on the work which the East Sussex County Council Sub-Committee had carried out.

4. Byelaws.

The Clerk gave a brief summary on the letter received from the Home Office on the revisions to the existing Byelaws and stated that no objections had been received to the alterations during the Period when the Byelaws were put on deposit. It was Resolved that the letter from the Home Office be referred to the then existing Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Chairmen of the District Committees and Admiral Beamish for consideration with full power to act.

5. Broadstone Warren Development.

The Clerk reported that he had received a telephone message from Mr. Wardill, the Town Planning Officer of the Uckfield Rural District Council stating that he was in touch with the Executors Solicitors. Resolved that the Clerk keep in touch with the Rural Council.

6. Plaw Hatch Cross Roads.

The Clerk reported that he had written to the East Sussex County Council with regard to the 25 yards of ditch which had been left uncovered, and had received a letter stating that the Council will have the ditch piped to such a point that the depth of the ditch is not dangerous.

6. Rate.

The Clerk reported that the funds of the Conservancy were now exhausted and it was proposed and unanimously Resolved that a Rate be made for defraying the expenses of the Conservators in the execution of their duties under the Award made under the provisions of the Inclosure Acts 1845-78 and the Commons Regulations (Ashdown Forest) Provisional Order Confirmation Act 1885 to be levied upon the respective owners of the rights of Common upon the Forest at a rate of Sixpence per acre in respect of the acreage of their respective lands to which such rights attach, which owners and their respective acreages and the respective suits payable by them are set out in the Rate book produced by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

Admiral Beamish stated that at some time the amount of Rate must increased and it was FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that the total amounts received for Rates were insufficient and inequitable and the remedies for recovering arrears were unsatisfactory and suggesting an amendment in the law, and asking if the Department could see their way open to make a Grant to the Conservancy or propose some method by which the burden of rateability could be extended.

8. Application from Crowborough District Water Co.

A letter having been received from Crowborough District Water Company applying for permission to extend the existing water main to Friars Gate. The Clerk explained that this was an addition to an existing License, the Conservators had no alternative but to grant permission and the Chairman had authorised him to give consent. Resolved that the Chairman's action be approved.

9. Maresfield Committee Report.

The following members were present: Admiral Beamish, Col. Miller and Messrs. Ridley and Haslam.

Ranger Kirby pointed out that the Central Sussex Electricity Co. had erected a single pole on the Nutley- Maresfield road, immediately opposite to the Nutley Telephone exchange, the idea being to couple up the Telephone exchange to the electric main. This pole had been erected, without the company having obtained the permission of the Board of Conservators in the first place.

If it is necessary for the Electricity Co. to obtain permission of the Board to erect poles on the particular stretch of road, the Committee feels that the Company should be informed that the usual application should be made, before any work is commenced.

A request was received from the Fairwarp Jubilee Committee to erect an Oak seat at Fairwarp where the buses stop, between the road to Oldlands Hall and the road to the Vicarage. The Committee recommend that the request be granted, and that the seat be not less than 12 feet from the main road.

A letter was received from a Mr. Charles D. Mackay of Moor Farm, St. John's, Crowborough, saying that St. John's, Crowborough, had been granted a sum of money to erect 3 seats from the Jubilee Fund. Mr. Mackay asks for permission to erect 2 of the 3 seats on the Forest, one at the top of Marden Hill, and the other near the Recreation Ground.

The Committee think that the application should come through an official body of St. John's, and that it should be accompanied by a rough sketch of the seats proposed to be erected. If these suggestions are carried out, and the sketches approved, the Committee recommend that the request be granted.

An application was received from the Post Office Engineering Department, Tunbridge Wells, for permission to erect 18 telephone poles on Forest land along the North West side of the Uckfield to Tunbridge Wells Road, near

Friars Gate, in order to connect up "Forest Holm", a house belonging to Lord De La Warr, and let by him to a Mr. Kenward.

The Committee considered this very carefully from every point of view, and came to the unanimous conclusion, that as this particular area is one of the most beautiful parts of Ashdown Forest, they are unable to recommend that the application be granted to erect overhead lines. G.D. HASLAM. Chairman.

It was Resolved that the report of the Committee be received and their recommendations adopted.

Applications for consent to erect Jubilee seats with sketch plans were received from the Withyham Parish Council, for St. Johns, Crowborough, and the Fairwarp Jubilee Celebration Committee, and it was Resolved that consent be given in both cases.

#### 10. Rangers Reports.

Ranger Kirby reported that since the last Meeting he had, in addition to usual routine duties, issued a License to cut rushes to Mr. Collins of Duddleswell and spent several days dealing with car parking, and watching for fire suspects. That 9 fires had occurred in his area and he had removed 8 gypsies, 7 caravans, carts and horses and tents on several occasions. He also reported that Mr. William Osborne had now completed the repairs to the road from Lisburn to the new gate on Forest Bank, Messrs. Walter and. Mitchell had completed the concrete and stone bottom of the stream at Millbrook as per contract, and that Messrs. Turner and Gillham had completed the new gate and wing fence at Boring Wheel Mill. Also that Mr. Marsh's direction post had been removed after making enquiries had been unable to find who had-done the damage.

The. Central Sussex Electricity Co. had erected one pole at Fords Green near the telephone exchange with the previous consent of the Board. He had also posted the Byelaw Bills and spent several days getting particulars for the new Rate, and that he had repaired the wing fence of the Forest Gate at Nutley Bank.

Ranger Hatchett Reported that since the last Meeting he had attended at 9 fires, that a Jubilee seat had been erected at Forest Row for which the Committee stated consent had been obtained, that he had removed various camps, vans and tents and warned motorists for using spirit lamps: and engaged in clearing up litter and on observation duty.

11. Application from Pound Gate School. A letter was read from the Managers of Pound Gate School applying for permission to cut a 30 yard fire belt on the South and East sides of the School enclosure. It was RESOLVED that permission be granted subject to the consent of the Lord being obtained by the Managers.

12. Central Sussex Electricity Ltd., Fords Green, Nutley. It was reported that the Central Sussex Electricity Ltd. had erected a pole on the Forest near the Nutley Telephone Exchange without having previously obtained the consent of the Board. Correspondence with the Company and an application from the Post Office Engineering Department were read, and it was Resolved that the pole be allowed to remain on the Forest on this occasion, but that the Company be informed that if there is a recurrence the poles will have to be removed.

13. Post Office Telephones. A letter was read from the Post Office Engineering Department asking for permission to build four surface jointing chambers over the existing underground cables at Highgate, Forest Row. It was RESOLVED that permission be given.

14. Wych Cross Road Improvement. The Clerk reported that on the instructions of the Chairman he had written the County Surveyor requesting him to complete the turving of the recently constructed bank and a letter had been received stating that the work will be put in hand when the season is suitable.

15. Application from Mr. Cottage. A letter was read from Mr. Walter Cottage asking for permission to erect a small stand for about a dozen hives of bees. It was Resolved that consent be not given.

16. Letter from Mr. W.C. Barton. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Barton suggesting that the Conservators appeal to a larger circle for subscriptions for the Second Ranger Fund. It was Resolved that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Barton stating that the Board have been considering the same matter on similar lines.

17. Application to camp.

The Clerk reported that Major Barrington had forwarded him a letter received from Mr. F.B. Wilshire applying for permission to camp occasionally at week ends on the Forest. And that on Major Barrington's instructions he had informed Mr. Wilshire that the application could not be granted. Approved.

18. Christ Church, Fairwarp, Alterations.

Messrs. John Crewdson, Contractors of Horley had written requesting permission to fill in and level up with surplus material in connection with the above, the depression immediately behind the back railings of the Churchyard, and also to be allowed to deposit building materials on the Forest. The Clerk reported that he had received instructions from Mr. Haslam to give permission subject to the Forest being left clean and tidy and that he had received from the Contractors a deposit of £2.12.6. Resolved that Mr. Haslam's action be approved.

19. Finances.

The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed the balances in hand as follows:

General Account	£5.4.10.
2nd Ranger Fund	£105.9.3.
Protection and	
Improvement Fund	£185.16.6.

Resolved that cheques be drawn as follows:

No. 1 Account

Kirby, Herbert Ranger 14 weeks	
Salary to 22 <sup>nd</sup> July @ £2.10.0.	£35.0.0.
Do. 14 weeks rent @ 5/-	£3.10.0.
Do. 14 weeks Employers Insurances	<del>£1.2.2.</del> £39.12.2.

The Clerk

Tyler, Miss Duplicating Minutes	£0.14.6.	
Do. Byelaw revisions	<del>£0.5.10.</del>	£1.0.4.

No. 2 Account

Hatchett J.W. 14 weeks salary	
To 22 <sup>nd</sup> July at £2 per week	£28.0.0.
Do. 16 weeks rent @ 12/-	£9.12.0.
Do. 14 weeks Employers Insurances	<del>£1.2.2.</del> £38.14.2.

C.E. Martin petrol etc. for Ranger	
Hatchett's motor cycle	£1.19.11

Protection and Improvement Fund

The Clerk

F.T. Ridley & Sons petrol etc. for	
Ranger Kirby's Motor Cycle	£3.4.6.
Walter & Mitchell, stone and concrete	
at Millbrook	£4.10.0.
Turner & Gillham. Supplying and erecting	
Gate and fence at Boring Wheel Hill	£6.14.6.
Osborne William, Repairs to Forest track	£1.10.0.
Post Office Telephones for June quarter	
Ranger Kirby	£1.14.8.
Ranger Hatchett	£1.15.1.

20. Motor Cycle Trials

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Manley asking for permission to use part of the Forest for a trial for motor cycles and it was unanimously Resolved that the application be not acceded to.

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21. Letter from Mr. Gatliff.

An application was read from Mr. Gatliff asking that a Warden's permit be issued to a member of Rambling Club. Resolved that the application be referred to the Chairman.

22. Letter from Miss Playfair.

A letter was read from Miss Playfair calling attention to the dangerous condition of a footbridge near her property. Resolved that the matter be referred to the Forest Row Committee with power to act.

[signed] T.P.H. Beamish pp. The Chairman

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**A Meeting of the Board duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 16th October, 1935, at 2.30 p.m.**

Present

H.R. Hardy, Esqre., Chairman  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N.  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.  
S.J. Marsh, Esqre.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller  
Wm. Mitchell, Esqre.,  
F. T. Ridley, Esqre.  
John Rowe, Esqre.  
C.H.N. Adams, Esqre.

Chairman.

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Resolved that Admiral Beamish take the Chair.

1. Minutes. The Minutes of the last Meeting as circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.
2. Apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were received from Major the Hon. R.E.S. Barrington and H. Waters, Esqre.
3. Fairwarp Water Supply. Mr. Burdett of the Uckfield Rural District Council attended and asked the Board to give consent to the water supply being carried to Fairwarp Village, on lines similar to the previous application but no reservoir was contemplated. After discussion it was RESOLVED that the Board give their consent upon payment of the usual acknowledgment of 1/- per 100 yards. The Clerk reported that the Chairman had given consent to the continuance of the user of the temporary pipe supply to Fairwarp. RESOLVED that his action be confirmed.

Mr. Hardy in the Chair

4. Byelaws. The Sub Committee presented a report as circulated showing the revisions to the Byelaws which they now recommended and their reasons for such variations. The question of approving these Byelaws being deferred was discussed and the Clerk read the Minute passed at the Annual Meeting in regard to this matter and it was RESOLVED that the Byelaw revisions be now submitted to the Home Office for confirmation.

5. Rates. The letter sent to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on the question of increased amount of Rate was read by the Clerk who stated he had so far only received a formal acknowledgement from the Department. It was RESOLVED that the matter be adjourned until a detailed reply had been received.

6. Maresfield Committee Reports.

MARESFIELD COMMITTEE

The Committee met to-day to consider the application to make a drive over the Forest verge to a new house being built by Mr. R.G. Sygrove of Courtlands Dairy Farm, London Road, Nutley.

Present: Admiral Beamish, Col. Miller, Mr. Ridley and Mr. Haslam.

The Committee recommend that the application be granted on the usual terms, and that an annual License of 15/- be paid. Th drive not to exceed nine feet in width and to be finished off in the manner as specified in a letter to you from Messrs. Frank Collins & Son, builders, dated 27th August.

It was RESOLVED that the reports of the Committee be received and their recommendations adopted.

#### 7. Forest Row Committee Report

##### FOREST ROW COMMITTEE

The Committee made the following recommendations:

1. Draw the attention of the Secretary of the Ladies Golf Club to the large amount of rubbish outside the Ladies Golf House. We would call the attention of the Board to the fact that the pit outside the approach to the first tee was cleared up by Conservators less than a year ago.
2. Suggest that the Board ask the County Council to co-operate in keeping the roadside free of litter where they have work in progress and that this could be included in the daily routine work of the men working on the road.
3. Suggest that all Omnibus Companies (as per list made up) be written to re. paper &c., being thrown out of the omnibuses whilst in motion over the roads on Forest land.
4. Suggest that Fire Broom stands should have suitable notices put on them (FIRE PREVENTION).
5. Alteration to "Please no litter" boards be proceeded with during the Winter season (PENALTY £2).
6. Suggest that the Chief Constable be written to asking for the co-operation of the Police (foot and mounted) in shifting gipsies.
7. We further suggest that summonses be issued by the Police instead of the Rangers owing to the difficulty and delay in actually serving the summonses.

There is usually three or four hours delay before the summonses can be handed to the Police to be served.

It was RESOLVED that the report of the Committee be received and their recommendations adopted, and that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Chief Constable asking for the co—operation of the Police in the removal of Gypsies and with regard to litter.

#### 8. Rangers Report.

Ranger Kirby reported that since the last Meeting in addition to usual routine duties he had spent several days in dealing with car parking, clearing up and burning paper, making enquiries for the new Rate and cutting and burning the burnt wood. That the Jubilee seats at Fairwarp, St. Johns and Mardens Hill had now been erected. That he had moved 1 Tent, 10 Caravans, and 3 parties of Gypsies off the Forest and had issued 1 Litter License to Mr. Edward Huntley. Also that he had inspected the site of Mr. Walter's proposed fence and found that it was outside the regulated Forest.

9. Post Office Telephones. A letter was read from the Post Office Engineering Department stating that slight alterations in the positions of the existing poles on the Eastbourne Road south of Wych Cross would be necessary owing to the road widening being carried out by the East Sussex County Council. It was RESOLVED that the application be granted subject to the poles being placed 3 feet clear of the road.

An application was also read for consent to lay a new underground pipe and telephone cable from the existing track at Highgate, Forest Row, to "Broadstone", and it was reported that Lord De La Warr had already given consent. Noted.

10. Application from Mr. T.V. Elverston. Messrs. Elvy Robb on behalf of Mr. Elverston applied for consent to make and metal forest tracks shown red and green on the plan submitted and leading into their Client's property at Jumpers Town, Hartfield. On the instructions of Major Barrington the applicants had been informed that no rights of way existed over the track edged red but that the Board would be prepared to grant a license for the track coloured green upon the usual terms and conditions. RESOLVED that Major Barrington's action be confirmed and the necessary license granted.

11. Broadstone Warren. The Clerk read letters from Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., who are acting for the Executors of the estate of the late Mr. D.W. Freshfield, stating that their Clients would be prepared to accept £12,000 for the purchase of Broadstone Warren but it was considered by the Board that purchase was ultra vires and impracticable. Mr. Wardill the Uckfield Rural District Council Town Planning Officer, attended and explained the position of the Town Planning Authority. RESOLVED that the Board cooperate with the Uckfield Rural District Council in discussing proper restrictions for the development of Broadstone Warren and that Mr. Marsh represent the Board in such negotiations.

12. Wych Cross – Nutley Road. Major Lunn, County Surveyor, was in attendance and read correspondence in connection with the above matter and also gave a detailed report of the expectations of the Ministry of Transport when new schemes were submitted, having regard to the provisions of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935. He also pointed out that dual carriage ways would in his opinion be suggested by the Department as they had made the suggestions when he had submitted previous schemes. The question of purchasing part of the regulated Forest for such widening schemes was discussed. The Board at the conclusion thanked Major Lunn for his very clear explanation and promised to give him their decision at an early date.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report on the legal position arising on any application made by the County Council to purchase lands for road widening purposes under the foregoing Act, and the points raised by the County Surveyor be considered at an adjourned Meeting to be held on 6th November.

### 13. Finances

The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed balances in hand as follows:

General Account	£171.1.10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ranger Fund	£75.7.8.
Protection and Improvement Fund	£190.11.2.

RESOLVED that cheques be drawn as follows:

No. 1 Account	
Kirby Herbert Ranger 12 weeks	
Salary to 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct. @ £2.10.0.	£30.0.0.
Do. 12 weeks rent @ 5/-	£3.0.0.
Do 12 weeks Employers Insurances	£0.19.0.
	£33.19.0.

### The Clerk

Half year's salary to	
30th June 1935	£75.0.0.
Sun Insurance Office Workmens	
Compensation Insurance 1934/5	£1.0.0
Tyler, Miss. Duplicating Minutes	£0.14.6.
Do. Byelaw revisions	£0.8.3. £1.2.9.
Shaw & Sons Stationery	£1.6.9.

### No. 2 Account

Hatchett J.W. 12 weeks salary	
to 14th Oct. @ £2.	£24.0.0.
Do. 12 weeks rent @ 12/-	£7.4.0.

Do. 12 weeks Employers Insurances    ~~£~~0.19.0.                      £32.3.0.

The Clerk

Sun Insurance Office Workmen's  
Compensation Insurance 1934/5                                      £0.19.8.

Martin C.E. Petrol &c. for  
Ranger Hatchett's Motor Cycle                                      £0.17.11.

Protection and Improvement Fund

The Clerk.

Sun Insurance Office Workmen's  
Compensation Insurance 1934/5                                      £0.19.6.

Ridley & Sons F.T. for Ranger Kirby's  
Motor Cycle    £0.14.8.

Post Office Telephones for September  
Quarter  
Ranger Kirby    £1.17.1.  
Ranger Hatchett    £1.16.6.

14. Ranger Hatchett's Motor Cycle. Authority was given for the repair of his cycle at a price to be approved by the Chairman of the Forest Row Committee and carried out during the Ranger's holiday.

15. Tree Cutting. The Goat - Plaw Hatch Road. A notice from the Divisional Surveyor requiring the Board to cut over-hanging trees was referred to the Lord's reeve for necessary attention.

16. Commoners Meeting. It was RESOLVED that the Annual Commoners Meeting be held on 11th December at 6.0 p.m.

The remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned for a special Meeting of the Board on 6th November at 2.45 p.m.  
Chairman.

[signed] H.R. Hardy

Chairman

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**A Meeting of the Conservators of Ashdown Forest duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley on Wednesday, 6th November, 1935 at 2.45 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

H. R. Hardy, Esq., Chairman  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N.  
D. Haslam, Esqre.  
S. J. Marsh, Esqre.  
George M. Maryon-Wilson, Esqre.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller  
J.R. Owen, Esqre.  
F.T. Ridley, Esqre.  
R. Waters, Esqre.



1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting as circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. C.H.N. Adams and John Rowe.
3. WYCH CROSS – NUTLEY ROAD (P.105)

The Clerk reported that he had considered the provisions of the Restriction on Ribbon Development Act, 1935, and advised that the Highway Authority were entitled to acquire land for road widening purposes provided they comply strictly with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1933, under which an equivalent area of Common land and equally suitable must be provided before the original Common land can be acquired. He further advised that the matter should be brought to the notice of the Commoners at the Annual Meeting in December and that the County Surveyor should be asked to forward particulars of his scheme at once. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk's suggestions be adopted and that he apply to the County Surveyor accordingly.
4. FOREST RATES (P.103). A reply was read from the Ministry of Agriculture stating that they had no funds available for assisting the funds of the Conservancy and that any alteration in the method of recovery of Rates would require legislation. The Ministry further suggested that the Conservators should promote a private bill which the Clerk advised would be most expensive, and not altogether advisable. It was RESOLVED that no action be taken in this last particular.

The Clerk states that since the receipt of the Ministry's letter he had been in communication with Sir Lawrence Chubb, the Secretary of the Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society and suggested a scheme on the basis of Local Authorities being asked to contribute towards the Board's expenses, and the placing of representatives from such local authorities on the Board was a possible alternative to improving the finances of the Conservancy, suggested that the adjacent District Councils be asked to send representatives to confer with the Board as well as the representative of the Lord. It was RESOLVED that the suggestion be approved.

5. RANGERS. Several members referred to the unsatisfactory way in which the Rangers were carrying out their duties. It was RESOLVED that the Board put on record that they view with displeasure that there is some remissness on the part of the Rangers in regard to Gypsies and litter and that the Chairman be requested to interview both Rangers in regard to these matters.
6. UNDERGROWTH, MARDENS HILL. A letter was read from Mr. Alfred Blackie calling attention to the considerable amount of undergrowth in this part of the Forest and to the great danger to Hollies and timber. It was RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Maresfield Committee with power to act, and that a sum not exceeding Five Guineas be expended from the Protection and Improvement Fund for the clearance of this area.
7. ROADSIDE DUMPS. A letter from Major Barrington was read calling attention to this unsightly creation by the Highway Authority which Major Lunn had promised at the last Meeting to remedy. It was RESOLVED that a letter be written reminding him of his assurance and requesting his prompt co-operation.
8. MRS. WARREN-BROWNE'S APPLICATION. (P.92). A letter was read from Mrs. Warren-Browne asking for permission to plant a further twelve Scotch firs on the Forest and adjoining her property. It was RESOLVED that the application be approved and the trees planted in a position to be approved by the Ranger.
9. WICKHAM MOTOR CLUB TRIALS. (P.52) A letter was read from Miss Phillips of Chuck Hatch House, asking whether the Board had given consent to this Club holding trials over Forest land on 20<sup>th</sup> October. A letter was read from the club dated 17<sup>th</sup> October applying for consent which was only received by the Clerk through the Ranger after the date of the trials which had been carried out without consent. The Clerk reported that he had asked for an explanation but had received no reply. It was RESOLVED that the correspondence be referred to the Chief Constable for necessary action.
10. LITTER. The Clerk reported that on the instructions of the Board he has written to the various motor coach owners whose vehicles traverse the Forest with regard to litter, and produced numerous replies offering their co-operation and stating they had also given instructions to their Staffs.

11. BOARDS. Major Barrington suggested that “No litter”

Beards be repainted and left as at present; that all Boards with the name of Mr. Raper be removed, further that the following Bye-law Boards be exhibited in the Forest Row areas –

1. Chelwood Gate, Opposite the Red Lion.
2. Junction of main Hartfield Road and Kidds Hill Road.
3. Wych Cross

RESOLVED that the recommendations be approved and adopted, also that the litter Boards be painted white with black letters.

12. FORDS GREEN, NUTLEY (P.99) A letter was read from

the Central Sussex Electrical Company asking for permission to erect overhead mains at Fords Green, Nutley. RESOLVED that they be informed that the Board cannot see their way to consent to poles being erected on the Forest.

13. WARDENS (P.101) A further name as Warden having been received from Mr. Gatliff was referred to the Chairman.

[signed] H.R. Hardy

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inspect the sport and report.

6. VOTE OF THANKS. It was RESOLVED that the hearty thanks of the meeting be accorded to the Chairman for his able conduct of the business.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**A Meeting of the Board duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 1935 at 4.30 p.m.**

**Present.**

H.R. Hardy, Esqre., Chairman  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington,  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N.  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.,  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller.  
William Mitchell, Esqre.,  
James R. Owen, Esqre.,  
John Rowe, Esqre.,  
F.T. Ridley, Esqre.  
Harry Waters, Esqre.  
Mr. Martin Grey representing Lord de la Warr.

(Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Maryon-Wilson and Marsh)

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting as circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

The Chairman on behalf of the Board welcomed Mr. Martin Grey representing Lord de la Warr.

2. WICKHAM MOTOR CLUB (p.110). The Clerk reported that he had communicated with the Chief Constable who had replied enclosing copy of the report of the Superintendent at Uckfield, in which it was stated that Ranger

Hatchett has given the Club permission but offering to co-operate as far as possible. Ranger Hatchett again stated that no consent had been given the Club to use the water splash in question.

3. APPLICATION FROM MRS. PENFOLD. The applicant applied to be treated as a Commoner in respect of her holding known as "Chatterton Place" approximately 4 ¾ acres in extent and which has enjoyed Commonable rights for at least 60 years last past. Mr. Yeomans attended and gave evidence in support of the application. It was RESOLVED that the application be acceded to and Mrs. Penfold be included in the Rate accordingly.

4. CENTRAL SUSSEX ELECTRICITY CO. (p.111) A letter was read from the Central Sussex Electricity Company stating that they were informing the Minister of Transport of the objection of the Board to the erection of overhead mains at Fords Green, Nutley. Noted.

5. FOREST RATES. Letters having been received from the Local Authorities offering to send representatives to confer with the Board on the question of Rates, it was RESOLVED that a Sub Committee be formed consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Chairmen of the Two District Committees with Admiral Beamish, to meet the representatives.

Also that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Chairman of the East Sussex County Council inviting them to attend the meeting on Monday, 20th January, 1936, at the Shelley Arms hotel, Nutley. It was further Resolved that the Sub Committee meet at least a week previously to consider the scheme to be put forward for discussion.

6. MARESFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT. The Maresfield Committee reported that they had received a letter from the Postmaster at Tunbridge Wells asking for permission to erect a small letter posting box on a six inch oak post near Greenwood Gate, and the Chairman reported that he had given consent on condition that the post was erected at least three feet from the edge of the road. The Chairman also reported that Mrs. Kennard of Pleasant Farm, had written regarding the large quantity of water on the Forest and he suggested that the Board should wait to see what action the District Council proposed to take, during the exceptionally wet season. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Committee be received and adopted and the Chairman's action confirmed.

#### 7. RANGERS REPORTS

Ranger Kirby Reported that since the last Meeting he had in addition to his usual routine spent several days making enquiries into and collecting Forest Rates, cutting and burning dead wood and dealing with car parking and during Ranger Hatchett's holiday he had patrolled his beat in addition,

That he had issued one Litter License to Mr. O.F. Martin of Withyham and removed 12 caravans off the Forest.

He also reported that he had arranged for Mr. Aaron Ridley to commence work on cutting the undergrowth at Marsden Hill on Monday, 9th December, for two weeks ,

He also reported that he had received two complaints of sewerage overflowing onto the Forest, one Mrs. Montague Temple of Stone Cottage, Friars Gate, and the other at the Hermitage, Fairwarp.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to write to the District Council regarding these two matters.

Ranger Hatchett Reported that in addition to usual routine duties he had spent several days in clearing litter, collecting Forest Rates and cutting and clearing Rides. That he had met the Assistant Surveyor of the East Sussex County Council regarding the planting and turfing scheme at Wych Cross and had later inspected the work which he found satisfactory. He also reported that he had removed 17 caravans &c. off the Forest.

8. WYCH CROSS – NUTLEY ROAD IMPROVEMENT. (p. 108) The Clerk produced correspondence and plan received from the County Surveyor showing the proposed dual carriageway. Mr. Averay from the Council attended and the question of exchanging land was discussed, when it was pointed out that pasture land was preferred. It was RESOLVED that a Special Meeting of the Sub Committee be held to discuss the matter in further detail.

#### 9. FINANCES.

The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed the balances in hand as follows:

General Account	£186.15.4.
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Second Ranger Fund	£46.16.1.
Protection and Improvement Fund	£189.6.3.

RESOLVED that cheques be drawn as follows:

#### No. 1 Account

Kirby, Herbert Ranger. 11 weeks salary as Ranger to 30th Dec., @ £2.10.0. per week.	£27.10.0.
Do. 11 weeks rent @ 5/- per week	£2.15.0.
Do. 11 weeks Employers Insurances	£0.17.5.
Do. Postages and Petty Disbursements	<u>£1.9.8.</u>
	£32.12.1.

Banister Ernest, Printing.	£8.1.6.
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#### The Clerk

Half year's salary to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 1935	£75.0.0.
Hire of room and other petty Disbursements	£7.8.11
Postages and receipt stamps for year	£9.10.1.
Travelling expenses and telephones	£18.12.5.
Miss Tyler Duplicating Minutes	£0.8.3.
Do. Do.	<u>£0.12.3.</u>
	£1.0.6.
	£111.6.11

#### No. 2 Account

Hatchett, J W Second Ranger 11 Weeks salary @ £2 to 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 1935.	£22.0.0.
Do. 11 weeks rent @ 12/-	£6.12.0.
Do. 11 weeks Employers Insurances	£0.17.5.
Do. Postages and Petty Disbursements	<u>£1.10.0</u>
	£30.19.5..

Banister Ernest, Printing.	£0.16.6.
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Do. 8 weeks rent at 12/ per week to 20 <sup>th</sup> inst.	£4.16.0.
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Thos. Martin, Petrol &c for Ranger Hatchett's motor cycle	£0.11.8
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Do. Repairs to ditto as authorised	£2.4.6.
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#### Protection and Improvement Fund

Donation to East Sussex Rural Community for the Preservation of the Countryside	£0.10.6.
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Subscription to Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society	£1.1.0.
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do. Council for Preservation of Rural England	£1.1.0.
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Ridley & Sons. Petrol &c. for Ranger Kirby's motor cycle	£0.9.8.
Banister, Ernest, Printing	£0.12.0.
Income Tax on War Stock, Consols & Deposit Interest	£4.10.0.

£8.4.2.

10. MEETINGS IN 1936. It was RESOLVED that the Meetings for 1936 be held on 12th February, 15th April, 15th July, 14th October and 9th December.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

**A Meeting of the Sub Committee duly convened and held at Keysford, Horsted Keynes, on. Wednesday, 8th January, 1936, at 4.30 .p.m.**

H.R. Hardy, Esqre., Chairman  
J.R. Owen, Esqre., Vice Chairman  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B. R.N.  
Major the Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
G.D. Haslam. Esqre.,

1. FIRES. An application was considered from P.C. Ducie of Hartfield for the replacement of a new pair of duty boots and a pair of shoes for which he had submitted a claim to the Chief Constable amounting to £1.10.0. who had not acknowledged the letter. It appeared that the applicant had sustained the damage whilst assisting in the extinguishment of fires during 1935 when under orders of the Chief Constable. RESOLVED that the Clerk write the Chief Constable as now instructed intimating that the Board are unable to accept any responsibility.

2. NUTLEY-WYCH CROSS ROAD (p.117) The Clerk reported that he had an interview today with the Deputy County Surveyor in regard to the areas to be returned to the Forest in exchange for the area of 42 acres which would be required for the widening operations on this road and the Wych Cross-Chelwood Road. Mr. Averay had suggested that the County Council would be prepared to offer the substituted area in (a) Broadstone Warren  
(b) Wych Cross Farm or  
(c) Horney Common

RESOLVED that the County Council be informed that the Board consider that the County-council should in the first instance endeavour to purchase areas which were formerly part of the original Forest with the view to the same being restored to their former use, and instructed the Clerk to notify the County Surveyor as to this and to indicate to him areas considered to be within the above category.

#### Forest Finances

The Committee considered a Memorandum and statements of accounts prepared by the Clerk setting out the history and general Financial position of the various Funds.

It was RESOLVED

(a) That a sum of £1,200 was required for the proper management of the Forest divisible as follows:

Existing expenditure of the Board for Management, Clerk's salary and one Ranger, Printing, Stationery and Travelling expenses. £600

#### Estimated New expenditure

Warden and 2nd Ranger	£286
Extra Labour	£200

Increase of Clerk's salary	£50
Transport & Travelling Expenses of Staff and sundries	<u>£64</u>
£ 1,200	

(b) That inasmuch as the estimated receipts of the Board from Rates and Acknowledgments are not expected to exceed £480, the balance of the expenditure should be recoverable by means of local rates.

(c) That each contributing authority should be entitled to nominate one representative to the Board.

The Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries as to the proper method of carrying out the legislative changes and asked authority to confer with Parliamentary Agents, Messrs. Dyson, Bell & Co., before the Conference on the 20th January, 1936. It was RESOLVED that he be so authorised,

RATES. The Clerk reported on the rate arrears and the right of recovery by means of distress under the Inclosure Acts and advised that the legal position was by no means satisfactory in this particular.

After consideration it was RESOLVED that he be instructed to write the undermentioned- ratepayers for the recovery of the amounts opposite their names, notifying them of the Board's power of recovery.

M. Awcock	£4.14.6.	J.H. Kenward	£5.11.0.
J. Ridley	£2.15.0.	E. Awcock	£1.17.0.
Mrs. Kenward	£7.10.0.	Simeon Wickens	£10.7.0.
E. Harman	£37.5.6.	H.R. Waters	£1.11.6.
Wickens Exors.	£3.7.6.		

Further that he report the result of such notifications to the next meeting of the Board.

J.R. Owen  
Vice Chairman

**A Conference duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Monday the 20th January, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esqre., Chairman

R. Baker, Esqre., Cuckfield Rural District Council.  
A.F. Harland, Esqre., ditto  
F.E. Richards, Esqre., East Grinstead Urban District Council:  
J.H.H. Griffin, Esqre., ditto  
G.N. Worters, Esqre., J.P. Uckfield Rural District Council.  
Major-Genl. Sir Hugh Bruce-Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O. Do .  
Geoffrey Watson, Esqre. Do.  
F. Fitch, Esqre., Clerk to Uckfield Rural District Council  
Lieut. Col. R.S. Clarke, East Sussex County Council  
J. Godwin King, Esqre., ditto  
Hugh J.T. McIlveen, Esqre., Clerk to ditto  
A.R. Johnson, Esqre., East Grinstead Urban District Council  
Rear-Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, Ashdown Forest Conservator  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington ditto  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.,  
Charles H.N. Adams, Esqre., ditto  
George E. Coldwell, Esqre., Clerk to East Grinstead Urban Council  
R.W. Fovargue, Esqre., Clerk to the Conservators

1. Mr Owen in the absence of the Chairman of the Board outlined the reasons why this Conference had been held, and gave detailed particulars of the Board's present financial position. He welcomed the attendance of the various local Authorities and invited them to say that they were not only in principle in agreement with the necessity of preserving the Forest in proper order, but suggested that if they were in agreement would they be prepared to put it into practical effect by making a contribution to the funds of the Conservancy.

Discussion took place as to the legal powers of the Local Authorities to contribute, and Mr. Godwin King on behalf of the East Sussex County Council, and Sir Hugh Bruce-Williams on behalf of the Uckfield Rural Council stated their personal desires to do what was possible with a view to proper co-operation. Various suggestions were made for improving the income of the Board including

the increase of wayleave charges and charges for parking pieces and by applying to the National Trust.

The Chairman before closing the Conference again thanked the Representatives for attending and suggested that the Conference be adjourned with a view to a further meeting being called at a later date.

[signed] J.R. Owen

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#### **12<sup>th</sup> February 1936 FOREST ROW COMMITTEE.**

A Meeting of the Committee was held at the conclusion of the Meeting of the Board when all the members were present.

1. CHAIRMAN. RESOLVED that Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

#### **MARESFIELD COMMITTEE.**

A Meeting of the Committee was held at the conclusion of the Meeting of the Board when all the members (except Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish) were present.

1. CHAIRMAN. RESOLVED that Mr. G.D. Haslam be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Committee was held at the conclusion of the Meeting of the Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1936.

#### **Present**

Mr. J.R. Owen (Chairman)  
Major the Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
Messrs Hardy and Haslam and  
Mr. S.J. Marsh by special invitation

1. FIRES. The Committee considered the steps to be taken in regard to safety measures and precautions against fires in the forthcoming season, and it was RESOLVED that burning take place under control and that it be left to the Chairman of each district Committee to settle full details including areas to be burnt by the respective Rangers, and that a total sum of £30 be provided out of the Protection & Improvement Fund for an expenditure of £15 on each side of the Forest. It was further resolved that the Board deal with this burning under control not only as a precautionary measure against fire but for the improvement of the pasture on the common.

2. FINANCES. The Committee had before them a draft memorandum prepared by the Clerk dealing with certain aspects of re-organisation, after consideration of the matter it was RESOLVED that the County Council be asked to send representatives to meet this Committee on either 2nd or 9th March, 1936.

CHAIRMAN

**A Meeting of the Board was duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday 12th February, 1936, at 3 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., (Chairman.)  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
H.R. Hardy, Esq.,  
G.D. Haslam, Esq.  
S.J. Marsh. Esq.  
Geo. M. Maryon-Wilson, Esqre.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller  
Wm. Mitchell, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.  
John Rowe, Esq.  
Harry Waters, Esqre.  
and Mr. Martin Grey representing Earl de la Warr

(An apology for absence was received from Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N.)

1. CHAIRMAN (p.112) Mr. G.M. Maryon-Wilson is appointed temporary Chairman. It was RESOLVED that Mr. J.R. Owen be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. VICE-CHAIRMAN (p.83) RESOLVED that Mr. H.R. Hardy be elected Vice-Chairman.

3. COMMITTEES (p.83)

(a) The Maresfield Committee was re-elected as follows: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. J.D. Haslam, S.J. Marsh and G.M. Maryon-Wilson, Lt. Col. G.R. Miller and Rear Ad. T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N.

(b) The Forest Row Committee were re-elected as follows: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Messrs. W. Mitchell, J. Rowe and H. Waters.

(c) General Purposes Committee. Mr. Marsh proposed that there should be a General Purposes Committee in place of the existing Fire Committee and it was RESOLVED that such Committee should be appointed consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, the Chairmen of the district Committees and Rear Admiral Beamish with full power to deal with fires and any other matters not directly referable to the District Committees.

4. MINUTES. The minutes of the last Meeting as printed and circulated were taken as read and confirmed and signed.

5. SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT (p.120) The Minutes of the Special Sub-Committee as printed and circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.

6. NUTLEY-WYCH CROSS ROAD. A letter from the County Council was read referring to the proposed improvement of this road and stating that it was proposed to acquire Forest land by compulsory acquisition and to purchase an equivalent area in the place of that so acquired. Mr. Maryon-Wilson stated that at the County Council Meeting he had secured an amendment to the effect that the Board should be consulted on any negotiations for purchase of the equivalent area and that the Chairman of the Board should act in conjunction with the Chairman of the Roads and Bridges Committee of the County Council. Mr. Maryon-Wilson was thanked for his assistance in the matter.

7. NUTLEY AND FAIRWARP WATER SUPPLY. The Clerk reported that the Ranger found that the Uckfield Rural District Council were taking levels on the Forest for the purpose of laying water mains. He had communicated with the Council who had agreed to enter into a License, a draft of which had been submitted to then, and that subject thereto, work had been commenced. Approved.

8. WHITEHOUSE FARM. License for roads. The Clerk reported that Mr. Marwood had purchased part of Whitehouse Farm, had applied for permission to metal three roads into the property. On the instructions of the Chairman he had prepared and submitted a draft License, the Acknowledgments under which amounted to £2 each



to the Lord and the Conservators. RESOLVED that the Chairman's action be approved and the applicant pays the costs of the License.

9. MARESFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT. The report of the Maresfield Committee was-read:

The Committee consisting of Col. Miller and Messrs. Ridley and Haslam met on February 5<sup>th</sup> to consider an application to repair the Misbourne Road, a matter which was raised at the Commoners Meeting in December.

The road has certainly been damaged by the continuous rainfall. The ditches at the sides of the road are choked and the grips do not allow the water to get away quickly enough. In some places there are fairly deep ruts. The Committee recommend that a man be put on for one week at 35/- per week to clear out the ditches and grips and fill in the worst rut.

G. D. HASLAM.  
Chairman.

RESOLVED that the Committee's recommendations as reported be approved and adopted.

10. FOREST ROW COMMITTEE (p.64.) The Chairman reported that there was nothing special to report other than routine work.

11. RANGERS REPORTS. Ranger Kirby reported as follows:

Ranger Kirby reported that he had been engaged 8 days in cutting round holly trees and 5 days in cutting lanes. He had also cut up and removed branches blown down by storms. One caravan had been removed, and he had visited the quarry next, Miss Lund Roberts property, "Jacks Plat", Duddleswell, and stopped further encroachment and use of private road. He also reported that the tubes of his motor cycle were in a bad condition and before he could ride it again it would have to be fitted with new ones.

Ranger Hatchett, reported as follows:

Ranger Hatchett reported that he had moved 5 tents, 55 vans, 19 carts and 9 trolleys off the Forest. Had spent some time in cutting lanes on the Forest and in cutting and preparing fire brooms. That builders' lorries had cut up the surface of the Forest at Whitehouse Farm and he had reported to the Clerk. He had met Mr. Rowe and with him investigated the complaints regarding the road to Hollycroft when the contractor's foreman had promised to observe the rights of commons.

12. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT. (P.85) The Audit Committee reported as follows:

We have carried out the Audit of the accounts of the Conservancy. We have to-day examined (1) The General Account (2) The Second Ranger Account (3) The Account of the Protection and Improvement Fund each for the year 1935. We have checked the balances brought forward from last year and the various receipts, and have compared the payments charged to each account with the Vouchers for same, and have checked the casting of the accounts and find them all correct.

The balance of each account stood on 31st December last as follows:

Account No 1 in hand	£34.18.4.
Account No. 2 in hand	£12.4.0.
Protection & Improvement Fund in hand	£183.4.9.

The sum of £159.15.4. 2 ½ Consols and the sum of £150 3 ½% War Loan (formerly 5%) represents the investments held on account of the Protection and Improvement Fund.

We found the accounts well kept and correct.

The Second Ranger Fund is in a very low state.

The amount of rate collected during the year totalled £309.2.0.

G.R. MILLER, LT. COL.  
F.T. RIDLEY

It was RESOLVED that the report be received and the Committee be thanked for their services.

13. FINANCES. (p.118) The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed the balances in hand as follows:

General Account	£87.10.10.
2nd Ranger Fund	£32.12.6.
Protection & Improvement Fund	£211.6.11.

It. was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn as follows:

No. 1 Account.

Kirby, Herbert, Ranger. 8 weeks salary to 17th Feb. @£2.10.0.	£20.0.0
do. 8 weeks rent @5/-	£2.0.0.
do. 4 weeks Employees Insurances @ 1/7	£0.6.4.
do. 4 weeks Employees Insurances @ 1/8	<u>£0.6.8.</u>
	£22.13.0.

No. 2 Account.

Hatchett, J. Ranger. 6 weeks salary to 17th Feb. @£2.10.0.	£16.0.0
do. 8 weeks rent @12/-	£4.16.0.
do. 4 weeks Employees Insurances @ 1/7	£0.6.4.
do. 4 weeks Employees Insurances @ 1/8	<u>£0.6.8.</u>
	£21.9.0.

Protection & Improvement Fund.

East Sussex County Council Excise License for Ranger Kirby	£2.5.0.
Do. Ranger Hatchett	£2.5.0.
P.O. Telephones for March	
Ranger Kirby	£1.14.11.
Ranger Hatchett	£2.8.10.
The Clerk his cost for new Byelaws	<u>£15.15.0.</u>
	£24.8.9.

14. EAST SUSSEX ANTI-LITTER LEAGUE SUBSCRIPTION. The Clerk read a letter from the East Sussex Rural Community Council stating that the Council had taken over the duties of the Anti-Litter League and enquiring whether the Board desired the subscription to be paid to the Council and offering to supply "No litter" notices. RESOLVED that the subscription to the Sussex Rural Community Council be confirmed and that the Council's offer to supply 'Somerset' litter notices be accepted and further that the Clerk enquire the costs of a further supply of these notices.

15. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL TOWN PLANNING. A letter was read from the Town Planning Officer of the Council stating that under the Town Planning proposals a special area would be zoned as

'Ashdown Forest' and a further area being roughly the old Forest boundary would be zoned for limited building only on the conditions set out in his letter. RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the General Purpose Committee and that the other local authorities be asked to adopt similar proposals.

16. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL SEWERS. The Clerk reported that the Council were proposing to lay sewers across Forest land and that they had agreed to submit their proposals at a later date.

17. MR. JEFFREY, TOMPSETT'S BANK. A letter was read from the Solicitors of the above named asking for a transfer of the existing License to metal a roadway into Tompsetts Bans. It was RESOLVED that a fresh License be prepared and the acknowledgement be according to the present scale and the applicant pay the costs of the License.

The Board then went into Committee.

18. RECOVERY OF RATE (p.108) The report of the Sub-Committee on the question of Finances was considered. It was RESOLVED that Counsel's opinion be obtained as to recovery of Forest Rates at a fee not exceeding £5.5.0.

19. The Clerk reported that he had recovered £27.8.0. on account of the arrears reported at the last Meeting.

20. MR. J.H. KENWARD, FOREST RIGHT. A letter was read from Mr. J.H. Kenward refusing to pay his Forest Rates and stating that he was willing to transfer his rights to a third party who was prepared to pay the rates. Mr. Kenward had been informed by the Clerk that he cannot transfer his rights. RESOLVED that the Clerk's action be confirmed.

21. R.G. SYGROVE. The Clerk reported that he had received a further letter from Mr. Sygrove and had asked him to attend this meeting. It was RESOLVED that Mr. Sygrove be informed that if he desired to metal his approach roads, he can only do so with the Board's consent and subject to the usual terms and the Clerk be instructed to interview Mr. Sygrove

22. GYPSIES ON FOREST. Complaint was made that there was an increasing number of gypsies the Forest which it was alleged was due to the distribution of clothing at the Convent, Ashdown Park. The Clerk was instructed to write the Mother Superior asking for her co—operation in the matter.

23. RANGERS TELEPHONES. The Audit Committee recommend that the Rangers be supplied with books to enter all outward telephone calls. Approved.

[signed] H.R. Hardy  
CHAIRMAN

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**A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, Monday, 9th March 1936, at 2.15 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esqre., J.P. (Chairman)  
H.R. Hardy, Esqre., (Vice-Chairman)  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington.  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.

1. FINANCES The Committee considered a statement of the financial position prepared by the Chairman. From this it appeared that the present income of the Board, apart from subscriptions, was in the neighbourhood of £500 and that a sum of practically the sane amount was required for the sufficient working and management of the Forest. It was RESOLVED the statement be approved and presented to the County Council representatives later in this Meeting.

The Clerk reported that upon the provisions of the Town and Country Planning, 1932, and as to the powers within which an agreement could be completed. He stated that such powers appear to be of a very limited character such as would only entitle the County Council to make a contribution to Earl de la Warr for the restriction of his use of Ashdown Forest and in particular in respect of mines and minerals. The Clerk advised that any agreement would

have to be arranged through Earl de la Warr as nominee and Income Tax at the appropriate rate would no doubt be charged in respect of all sums paid which would seriously reduce the value of any assistance given by the County Council. It therefore appeared that the Board have to proceed by a private Bill if they were to achieve the necessary results.

The Committee then met Lord Gage and Mr. Godwin-King, the representative of the East Sussex County Council with Mr. Dickinson of the Clerk's Department and a full discussion took place on the financial and legal position as indicated above. The County Council representatives stated that they could not in any way pledge the County Council as it had not been before any Committee but it would appear quite clear on the legal position that an agreement under the Town and Country Planning Act was unworkable and that the Conservators could only proceed on the basis of a Bill under which it was contemplated that the County Council should be asked to find four-tenths of an annual \*\*\*\*\* be raised by precept. It was further explained that no Council Committee would meet to consider the matter until the end of March.

The Chairman then thanked the County Council representatives for their attendance.

2. TOWN PLANNING (p.129) The letter from the Uckfield Rural District Council in regard to the Ashdown Forest Zone \*\*\*\*\* further considered in conjunction with the plan limiting the area of such zone. It was RESOLVED that the draft clause and plan be approved.

The Committee also had before them a letter from the Town Planning Authority in regard to the zoning of Miss Hale's property at Hartfield. RESOLVED that the same be approved.

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## **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**A Meeting of the Committee duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms, Nutley, on Friday, 27th March, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.**

### **Present**

J. R. Owen, Esqre., J.P. (Chairman)  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee were read and approved and signed.

2. FINANCES. The Committee considered the memorandum prepared by the Clerk upon which they made the following recommendations.

(1) That a scheme of re-organisation be proceeded with by means of a private Bill and that the cost of this as to £100 be provided by the Board and the balance found by the 4 local authorities and that the necessary powers for discharging the costs be embodied in the Bill.

(2) Income and Expenditure. The Committee are of opinion that pending powers being obtained to augment the income of the Board the annual expenditure must be balanced without recourse to voluntary subscriptions and to achieve this the Committee RESOLVED that the services of one Ranger be dispensed with at one month's notice to take effect from a date to be settled by the Board.

(3) That subject to minor amendments the memorandum be approved and circulated to the Board for their approval at their next meeting and that in the meantime a copy be forwarded to the East Sussex County Council.

(4) Rates arrears Counsel having advised that the Board can levy arrears of rates by distress. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk do inform the undermentioned ratepayers that this power will be put into operation if payment is not made by the 15th April, viz:

E. Awcock

M. Awcock  
E. Harman  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenward  
H.R. Waters  
Jessie Ridley

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**A CONFERENCE duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Thursday the 14th May, 1936, at 4 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esqre., Chairman  
H.R. Hardy, Esqre., Vice Chairman

Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington      Ashdown Forest Conservators  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre., ditto  
Lt. Col. H.I. Powell Edwards, D.S.O., D.L., J.P., Chairman of the East Sussex County Council  
J. Godwin King, Esqre., East Sussex County Council  
Hugh J.T. McIlveen, Esqre., Clerk to ditto  
G.N. Worters, Esqre., J.P. Uckfield Rural District Council.  
Major-Genl. Sir Hugh Bruce-Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O. Ditto J.H.H. Griffin, Esqre., ditto  
F.E. Richards, Esqre., ditto  
R. Baker, Esqre., Cuckfield Rural District Council.  
A.F. Harland, Esqre., ditto  
R.W. Fovargue, Esqre., Clerk to the Conservators

1. The Chairman welcomed the delegates and thanked them for their attendance.
2. PRESS - RESOLVED unanimously that the proceedings be treated as confidential and not reported to the press.
3. REORGANISATION SCHEME (P.132) The Chairman outlined the reasons why the scheme was necessary and answered numerous questions. A general discussion took place on the following aspects of the proposed Bill.

(a) Costs of promotion. The representatives of the Local authorities were unanimous in their view that it was essential for the Board to specify a maximum sum which would be required otherwise it would prove difficult to obtain the necessary consent. In this connection, the representatives further stated they had no power to commit their authorities. The Chairman stated that if the Bill were heavily opposed it would be necessary to reconsider the whole position even to a consideration of dropping the Bill altogether.

(b) Basis of Contribution. It was decided that the cost of promotion of the Bill and suggested annual contributions and membership of the New Board should be in the following proportions

East Sussex County Council.	5/10	-	5 members
Uckfield R.D.C.	3/10	-	3 members
East Grinstead U.D.C.	1/10	-	1 member
Cuckfield R.D.C.	1/10	-	1 member

with 9 members of the Board and one nominated by the Lord of the Manor. Although it was not expected that the total expenditure would exceed £1000 p.a. it was desirable to provide machinery in the Bill for an increase above that sum without having recourse to Parliament on a further occasion.

(c) Buildings and the power to give consent to the erection of necessary buildings by the Board or any other authority or person was approved in principle.

(d) Parking places and open spaces for recreation. This was also approved in principle subject to proper safeguards being imposed having regard to the interests of the Commoners.

(e) Generally. The Board were asked to proceed with the preparation of the draft Bill as soon as possible so that the matter could be considered by the Local authorities at an early date as they had generally expressed their willingness to support.

The representatives of the Local Authorities having withdrawn the General Purposes Committee instructed the Clerk to proceed with the preparation of the draft Bill.

3. **MILITARY MANOEUVRES** (p.61). The Clerk reported that application had been received from the Eastern Command to hold a standing camp on the Forest near the Crow and Gate Inn, Crowborough for a mixed Brigade about 3,500 strong for one month from mid August. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be instructed to pursue negotiations and report.

4. **MR. A.S. TAWELL. Pond.** A letter was read from Mr. Tawell of Yew Tree Hall, Colemans Hatch, requesting the Board to fill in a pond near his property as mosquitoes bred there. **RESOLVED** that the Board cannot see their way to undertake any work themselves but if the applicant will indicate any contemplated works which he would personally carry out this Committee will further consider the application.

5. **LANE. QUABROOK.** A letter was read from Mr. Tennant applying for consent to make up the lane leading to his cottage near Quabrook. **RESOLVED** that the applicant be asked to interview the Committee on the matter

6. **RANGER HATCHETT'S MOTOR CYCLE.** **RESOLVED** that this be sold and Mr. G.T. Martin be asked to make an offer.

Chairman

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**A Meeting of the Board duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley on Wednesday 15th April, 1936 at 3 p.m.**

H. Ronald Hardy Esqre., (Vice Chairman)  
G.D. Haslam Esqre.  
S.J. Marsh Esqre.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller  
Wm. Mitchell Esqre.  
F.T. Ridley Esqre.  
John Rowe Esqre.  
and Mr. Martin Grey, representing Earl de la Warr.

(Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, J.R. Owen, Esqre., J.P., Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington and Messrs. G.M. Maryon-Wilson and H. Waters)

1. **CHAIRMAN.** In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. H. Ronald Hardy, the Vice-Chairman [was]in the Chair.

2. **MINUTES.** The Minutes of the last Meeting as printed and circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

3. **MR. JEFFREY, TOMPSETTS BANK** (p.130) The Clerk reported that the draft of the License had been approved by the applicants solicitors, who now requested a slight extension of the track. **RESOLVED** that the extension be agreed to on the same conditions as the original application.

4. **RECOVERY OF RATES.** (p.134) The Clerk reported that since the last Meeting some of the Rate Arrears had been paid and that the following amounts were now outstanding.

E. Awcock	Balance	£0.17.0.
E. Harman	Balance	£17.5.6.
J.H. Kenward		£5.11.0.
Mrs. Kenward		£7.10.0.
Mr. H.J. Ridley		£2.15.0.

It was RESOLVED that Mr. E. Awcock be allowed a further month in which to pay and that proceedings be taken against Mr. E. Harman. The Clerk reported that W. Ridley had asked for particulars of his liability and it was RESOLVED that further action be deferred.

5. MR. J. HOWELL KENWARD FOREST RIGHTS. (p.134). He also reported a further letter from Mr. J. Howell Kenward asking to be allowed to transfer his Forest Rights. RESOLVED that Mr. Kenward be informed that he had no power to transfer his rights and that unless the Forest Rate was paid, proceedings would be taken for recovery thereof. RESOLVED further that the Clerk be hereby authorised to take all necessary steps for recovery of the foregoing rates including the employment of a Bailiff to levy the distress where so ordered by the Board.

6. MARESFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT (p.126). The following Report was received from the Maresfield Committee:

The Committee consisting of Admiral Beamish, Col. Miller, Messrs. Marsh, Ridley and Haslam met on March 11 to consider an application received from Messrs. Sprott & Sons, of Crowborough, who are acting on behalf of Miss Hett, to be allowed to make up the roadway into Morris' field from an existing track, which at the moment leads from Marlpits into School Lane, Nutley.

The Committee gave very careful consideration to this application, but is of the opinion that the right to make up a roadway over the Forest from an existing track should not be granted, on the grounds that there is already an existing track to the proposed site of the house, which site is not and never has been within the area of the Forest.

G.D. HASLAM  
Chairman

The Clerk reported that he had seen Miss Hett prior to this Meeting and that she had agreed that no application to Board for a roadway was now necessary. She asked, however, that the Forest gate leading into her property might be reinstated in its proper position on her undertaking to pay any extra costs of fencing. RESOLVED that her request be acceded to on the proposed terms.

7. FOREST ROW COMMITTEE REPORT. (p.127) The Clerk reported that Major Barrington had written that the Litter Boards had been painted and that there was nothing further to report. Noted.

8. MRS. LOTT. (a) Consent for wireless aerial. The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. Lott of Forest Row asking for consent to attach a wireless aerial to a tree on the Forest. The Ranger was instructed to ascertain whether the tree was in fact on the Forest, and it was RESOLVED that no consent be given if such proved to be the case, (b) Remetalling of road. Primrose Lane. A further letter was read from Mrs. Lott asking that a short approach road to her property might be remetalled. The Clerk was instructed to inform her that the Board were not prepared to do the work, but that if she desired to do it at her own expense she should make an application for consent on the usual terms.

9. TUNBRIDGE SCHOOL O.T.C MANOEUVRES (p.90). The Clerk stated that the Ranger having reported that a quantity of litter was left on the Forest following the manoeuvres, he had written to the Officer Commanding, who did not admit liability. Subsequently, the Ranger had produced exhibits, which had been forwarded to the O/C who had now written expressing his regrets, and offering to remunerate the Ranger. RESOLVED that the matter be further considered in Committee.

10. COMMONERS CATTLE ON FOREST. A letter was read from Col. E.M. Birch enquiring whether Commoners were allowed to turn out their cattle on the Forest unattended. RESOLVED that Col. Birch be informed Commoners had such right.

11. MR. D.N. DYKE. Application for electric light cable. A letter was read from Messrs. Powell & Partner Ltd. Agents for Mr. D.N. Dyke, asking whether the Board had any objection to an electric cable being laid over the Forest to his property, "Observation Hill", Crowborough Road, Nutley. RESOLVED that the Board agree to the laying of an underground cable subject to a License on the usual terms, but that they would not agree to an overhead line.

12. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. TOWN PLANNING (p.133) The Clerk reported that the Draft of this Town Planning Scheme was now on deposit. Noted.

13. OBSTRUCTION OF FOREST TRACK. Ranger Hatchett reported that a Forest track had been repeatedly obstructed by a private car and asked for the Board's instructions, The Ranger was instructed that the matter was one for the Police and that complainants should be informed accordingly.

14. FINANCES. (p.134) The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed a balance in hand as follows:

General Account	£75.17.10.
2nd Ranger Fund	£12.4.6.
Protection & Improvement Fund	£198.17.1.

RESOLVED that cheques be drawn as follows:

No. 1 Account.

Kirby, Herbert Ranger, 10 weeks Salary to 27th April @ £2. 100.	£25.0.0.
do. 10 weeks Rent @ 5/-	£2.10.0.
do. 10 weeks Employers Insurances	<u>£0.16.8.</u>
	£28.6.8.

Tyler, Miss M.G. Duplicating Minutes &c.	£1.6.0.
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The Clerk.

Dunn & Duncan, 250 Foolscap Cartridge Envelopes	£0.4.9.
Shelley Arms Hotel, Paid fee For hire of rooms (3 meetings)	<u>£1.6.0.</u>
	£1.10.9.

No. 2. Account

Hatchett, J.W. Ranger, 10 weeks Salary to 27th April, @ £2	£20. 0. 0.
do. 10 weeks Rent @ 12/-	£6. 0. 0.
do. 10 weeks Employers Insurances	<u>£0.16.8.</u>
	£26.16.8.

Martins Garage, Repairs and Petrol for Ranger Hatchett's Motor Cycle	£1.6.7.
Ridley & Sons. F.T., Repairs to same	£2.10.9.
Martins Garage	£2.0.11.

Protection and Improvement Fund.

The Clerk.

Sun Insurance Office, Motor Cycle, Premiums less bonuses	£14.17.0.
Ridley A. Repairing road to	



Lisburn 1 week @ 35/-	£1.15.0.
do. 2 days cutting undergrowth at 5/10 per day.	£0.11.8.
do. 2 Insurance stamps at 10d.	£0.1.8.

Hornby Stear, W.R. Fee opinion re recovery of Rate	£2.4.6.
Ridley & Sons, Repairs and Petrol For Ranger Kirby's Motor Cycle	£1.9.1.
	£20.18.11.

### **In Committee**

15. RANGERS REPORTS. Ranger Kirby reported that 19 fires had occurred in his area burning 52¼ acres. That he had burned under control the areas agreed to by the Maresfield Committee, had made new fire brooms and stands and had spent some time in cleaning up litter.

Ranger Hatchett reported that he had burned 32 acres under control on the instructions of the Forest Row Committee, that 10 fires had occurred, burning 32 and that he had moved 16 vans off the Forest.

16. RANGERS TELEPHONES. (p.131). The Clerk reported that on investigation of the accounts for the Rangers telephones he found that there was only a slight increase over the previous year.

17. TONBRIDGE O.T.C. MANOEUVRES (p.90) This matter was further discussed and it was RESOLVED that the O/C be informed that the Board considered no payment to the Ranger was necessary.

18. RANGERS ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS. It was RESOLVED that in future the Rangers be not present during the Meetings, but be called in if required.

19. REORGANISATION SCHEME (p. 134). The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee on the 12th February and 27th March were considered. The Clerk explained the position more fully and stated that it is most necessary that the negotiations with the Local Authorities should proceed as soon as possible if the Bill is to be promoted this year. It was RESOLVED that (a) the Minutes of the Committee as reported on the foregoing dates be approved and adopted. (b) The scheme be adopted and copies of the memorandum forwarded to the Local Authorities.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED that the services of the Second Ranger be dispensed with and that he be given three months notice terminating his appointment but that he shall be permitted to leave earlier if he obtains other employment.

20. RATE (p.134). The Clerk reported that it would be necessary to make a new Rate and it was RESOLVED that notice be given on the Agenda of the next Meeting of the Board to make a new Rate and that the Clerk prepare the necessary documents for the purpose.

21. NEXT MEETING. It was RESOLVED that the next Meeting be held at 2.30 p.m.

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**A Meeting of the Board duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 15th July, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.**

J. R. Owen, Esqre., J.P. (Chairman)  
H. R. Hardy, Esqre. (Vice-Chairman)  
Major the Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
G.D. Haslam; Esqre.  
S.J. Marsh, Esqre.  
Lt. Col. J.R. Miller

Wm. Mitchell, Esqre.  
John Rowe, Esqre.,  
and Mr. Martin Grey representing the Lord of the Manor

(Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. G.M. Maryon-Wilson and H.E. Waters).

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Board as printed and circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. RESIGNATION. A letter was read from Rear Admiral Beamish resigning his appointment owing to his Parliamentary duties . **RESOLVED** that the resignation be accepted with regret and that Admiral Beamish be appreciatively thanked for his past services and co-operation.

3. RATE ARREARS (p.138) The Clerk reported that a Distress had been levied against Mr. and Mrs. Kenward and a cheque had now been received in full settlement.

The Clerk was instructed to take the necessary steps under Distress Warrant to recover the rate arrears owing by Mr. R.J. Ridley if payment is not made within 14 days.

4. MARESFIELD COMMITTEE (p.139) The Committee present the following report of their Meeting:

The Committee consisting of Col. Miller, Messrs. Ridley and Haslam, met on July 1 to consider an application from the Fairwarp Parochial Church Council, to make a "draw off" or "parking place" for motor cars, to be cut out of the Forest bank, alongside the road, immediately opposite the gates of the Church. The Council points out that the parish being rather scattered, a number of cars are always parked on the road outside the gates during services and it is considered that these cars are becoming an obstruction, particularly on fine Summer Sundays when there are many cars on that road. The Rector and the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council met the Committee on the spot. The latter recognised that to have 8 or 9 cars parked in the road was a serious obstruction on such a busy and rather narrow road.

An alternative place for a 'draw off' was suggested along the Forest track, just to the south of the Church, leading to the village. At a small expense this could be made suitable for parking 7 or 8 cars, but there could be a certain amount of danger when cars were being driven out on to the main road at the conclusion of the Service.

The Rector and the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council said they were having a Meeting of the Council on July 13 and would lay the two schemes before the meeting and would also ascertain what were the prospects of raising the money to do the job.

It had previously been ascertained from Messrs. Hunt Nicholson & Adams that the Lord would agree that the Parochial Church Council should only pay a nominal License, and that the consent be given by letter, without formal document. Messrs. Raper & Fovargue feel that the Church Authorities should be dealt with as such, and are quite prepared to help by foregoing the normal fees.

The Parochial Church Council has now written a letter saying definitely what they would prefer and enclosing a rough plan of the site.

The Maresfield Committee recommend that a suitable parking place be granted in this particular Case, but that no cost should fall on the Board in the making.

G D HASLAM

Chairman, Maresfield Committee

A letter was read from the Fairwarp Parochial Church Council as to the alternative sites. **RESOLVED** that (a) the report of the Committee be approved and adopted. (b) Site marked B on the plan be approved and that an acknowledgment of 1/- each to the Lord and Conservators be charged and in the special circumstances the usual License be waived.

5. FOREST ROW COMMITTEE (p.140) The Chairman of the Committee reported that he had given consent for the erection of notice boards at Hindleap Farm, and the R.A.F. Golf Club. RESOLVED that his action be confirmed.

6. RANGERS REPORT (p.142) Ranger Kirby reports that in addition to usual routine that he had attended 19 fires burning 84½ acres and seen that Miss Hett had re-erected the Forest gate in the position approved by the Board.

7. RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME The Clerk reported that negotiations were still proceeding and a further report would be made later.

8. FAIRWARP WATER SUPPLY (p.126} A letter was read from Messrs. Jas. Waters & Son on behalf of Miss Roberts, Jacks Plat, Duddlewell, asking consent to connect her property with the Uckfield Rural District Council mains.

It was reported that the Council were likely to make a comprehensive application for all service applications.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to give consent either to applications from individual applicants or from the Council as may from time to time be made subject to the consent being embodied in a formal License upon the usual conditions.

9. WHITEHOUSE FARM LICENCE (p.126) The Clerk reported that as a result of further enquiries it now appeared that Mr. Marwood was proposing to sell the three plots to individual purchasers and apportion the acknowledgment for the road between them.

It was RESOLVED that separate Licenses at the appropriate acknowledgment are required.

The Clerk also reported on an application Mr. Marwood for a service water main under the Forest between Newbridge and Whitehouse Farm which the applicant was proposing to lay at his own expense and when completed to the satisfaction of the Uckfield R.D.C. it was proposed to transfer the future maintenance and liability for the Acknowledgments to the Council. The Chairman approved the application on that basis. He now stated that Mr. Marwood was experiencing difficulty with the owners who had agreed to make a contribution towards the cost of the service main and it RESOLVED that if Mr. Marwood is laying the main and prepared to undertake the future maintenance the Board would be prepared to grant him the necessary License failing which the proposed arrangements with the Rural Council be proceeded with.

10. MOTOR CYCLE. The Clerk reported that Ranger Hatchett's motor cycle had been sold to Mr. F.T. Ridley for £2. Approved.

11. TELEPHONE KIOSK, CHELWOOD GATE. An application was read from P.O. Telephone Department for the erection of a telephone kiosk at Chelwood, but on investigation the proposed site was found to be outside the regulated area. RESOLVED that the Department be notified accordingly.

12. FORDS GREEN ELECTRICITY. An application was received from the Uckfield Electricity Company to erect and maintain a pole and stay on Forest land at the above site. The Chairman having approved the application on the usual conditions. RESOLVED that his action be confirmed.

13. WESTMINSTER SCHOOL O.T.C. The Chairman reported that he had given consent to a field day on 5th June, 1936.

14. FINANCES (p.141)

The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed balances in hand as follows:

General Account	£84.7.11
Second Ranger Account	£33.13.1
Protection & Improvement Fund.	£210.19.11

RESOLVED that cheques be drawn as follows:

General Account

Kirby, Herbert - Ranger	
12 weeks salary to 20 <sup>th</sup> July	
@ £2.10.0. per week	£30.0.0.
Ditto 12 weeks rent	
@ 5/- per week	£3.0.0.
Ditto Employers Insurances	
@ 1/8 per week	£1.0.0.
 The Clerk. ½ year's salary	
to 30th June	<u>£100.0.0.</u>
	£134.0.0.

Second Ranger Account

T. Martin - repairs & petrol for	
Ranger Hatchett's Motor Cycle	£0.15.0.
 The Clerk. Ranger Hatchett's salary &c.	
For one week to 4 <sup>th</sup> May	£2.13.8.
Ditto Petty Payments	<u>£0.14.4.</u> £3.8.0.
 Carried forward £137.8.0.	
Protection & Improvement Fund	
 F.T. Ridley Petrol &c. for	
Ranger Kirby's Motor Cycle	£1.7.2.
 H. & E. Waters Repairing bridge	
near Water Farm	£2.8.6.
 Ditto Repairing & fixing	
"No Litter" boards	£7.13.6.
 The Clerk. Ranger Hatchett's	
Telephone for March quarter	£1.17.2.
Ranger Kirby's ditto	<u>£1.14.3.</u>
	£12.12.1

15. RATE (p.143)

The Clerk reported that the funds of the Conservancy were now exhausted and having produced an estimate of the expenditure for the ensuing year amounting to approximately £370 it is proposed seconded and unanimously resolved that a rate be made for defraying the expenses of the Conservators in the execution of their duties under the Award made under the Provisions of the Inclosure Acts 1845-1878 and the Commons Regulation (Ashdown Forest) Provisional Order Confirmation Act 1885 to be levied upon the respective owners of the rights of common upon the Forest at the rate of Sixpence per acre in respect of the acreage of their respective lands to which such rights attach which owners and their respective acreages and the respective sums payable by them are set out in the Rate Book produced by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

16. LITTER (p.110) Attention was called to the large quantities of litter on the side of the main roads. RESOLVED that the County Council be asked to take the necessary steps to enforce the due performance of their Byelaws.

## In Committee

17. RANGERS HOLIDAY. Ranger Kirby applied for permission to take his holiday from 24th August to 7th September. RESOLVED the Same be approved and that it be left in the hands of the Chairman to make arrangements for a substitute Ranger.

18. ARMY MANOEUVRES. It was reported that the proposed camp on Forest land near Crow and Gate Inn, Crowborough was now abandoned.

19. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. RESOLVED that Mr. S.J. Marsh be appointed a Member of this Committee in the place of Rear-Admiral Beamish, resigned.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

**A Meeting of the Committee duly convened and held at the conclusion of the Meeting of the Board.**

J.R. Owen, Esqre., J.P. (Chairman)  
Major the Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
H.R. Hardy, Esqre.  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.  
S.J. Marsh, Esqre.

1. RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME (p.143) Letters were read from
- (a) The East Grinstead Urban and Cuckfield Rural District Council's approving the scheme in principle.
  - (b) The Uckfield Rural District Council stating they had deferred further consideration of the matter.

The Clerk reported that the draft Bill had been prepared and certain clauses were after discussion found to require redrafting.

RESOLVED that this matter be further considered at a Meeting to be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> July.

2. UNDERGROWTH. The Chairman reported that there was much burnt gorse and undergrowth along the sides of the main roads in need of attention and produced an estimate from Ranger Kirby for the necessary work which he estimated would involve an expenditure of about £35 for extra labour. RESOLVED that the Chairman be requested to proceed with the necessary arrangements and to add one or two sections with which, after his inspection, it might be found necessary to deal.

Chairman

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## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

**A MEETING of the Committee duly convened and held at Ardens, Nutley, on Thursday 30th July, 1936, at 10.30 a.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esqre., J.P. (Chairman)  
Major the Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
H.R. Hardy, Esqre.  
S.J. Marsh, Esqre.

1. RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME (p.150) The Committee considered the draft Bill in detail and subject to the following amendments and additions.

(1) Clause 4 (1) that the names of the existing Conservators be inserted other than Mr. Owen and Mr. Maryon Wilson who would probably be selected by Local authorities.

(ii) Clause 8 that the reservation for the playing of games be limited in favour of the inhabitants of any Parish within the Forest.

(iii) Clause 9 (1) power be taken to include pavilions for games in the list of authorised erections.

(iii) Clause 9 (2) that the words "posts poles" be omitted.

(iv) Clause 10 (a) the Clerk to consider if the wording of the Clause can be clarified.

(iv) Clause 10 (b) that the words "by the Conservators" appear unnecessary. and should be omitted.

(v) Clause 15 (4) & (6) the period be six weeks.

(vi) Clause 23. The County Council were prepared to increase their contribution to £375 and Uckfield R.D.C. to £225.

It was RESOLVED that the same be approved and the Clerk be instructed to forward copies to the Local Authorities and the Solicitors acting for the Lord of the Manor and Mr. Wagg.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dyson Bell & Co. as to the question of Licenses and it was RESOLVED that no further action be taken.

**ADDRESSOGRAPH.** The Clerk reported that it would simplify the addressing of communications to Commoners if authority was given to purchase the necessary plates at an estimated cost of £6. He providing the machine.

RESOLVED that the Board incur the proposed expense.

Chairman

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## **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**A MEETING of the Committee duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 16th September, 1936, at 2.45 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esqre., J.P. (Chairman)  
Major the Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.

1. **TIMBER HAULING, MUD BROOKS.** Correspondence from Dr. F. Ridley calling attention to the removal of timber from Tylehurst Wood along the highroad leading to Mud Brooks by Messrs. Card & Son of Forest Row was considered and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to write Messrs. Card & Son enquiring under what title they claim to use the road in question, informing them that they will be held responsible for any damage which may be done, and point out that they should use the shorter route to the main road; further that the Ranger be instructed to report on the present condition of the road.

2. **PROPOSED NUTLEY BY-PASS.** The Chairman reported that in consequence of information he had received he had been in communication with the Clerk of the County Council in regard to a report that a by-pass road was proposed to be made around the village of Nutley and that on his instructions a letter had been written to the Ministry of Agriculture to make enquiries into the matter as it was understood that the Ministry of Transport had the matter at present under consideration. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Commons & Footpaths Preservations Society enquiring as to the accuracy of the report and also enquiring if they could be of any assistance. It was RESOLVED that they be informed that the rumour is correct but the Board have no details

officially and would desire that the Commons & Footpaths Preservations Society should, with other kindred bodies be asked to take any steps which would safeguard the amenities of the Forest.

3. CUTTERS The Committee authorised the Chairman to make any arrangements for employment of extra labour for cutting and tidying the Forest and the Ranger was instructed to make enquiries and report to him.

4. RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME (p.181) The Committee considered the preliminary observations of the Bill.

Clause 2. The definition of 'the Forest' will require amendment as no part of the Regulated Area is within the Urban District of East Grinstead or the Rural District of Cuckfield.

Clause 5 (4). The County Council queried the question of qualification. The Committee stated that they would consider any amendment desired by the County Council and agreed that the last sentence of sub-clause 7 could be amended.

Clauses 8 & 9. The Lord of the Manor had asked for an extension of the saving clause and it was RESOLVED that his Solicitors be asked to state their reasons why they consider Clause 22 as insufficient. It was agreed that these clauses should be framed so as to safeguard Byelaws and Town Planning provisions, Restriction on Ribbon Development and Advertisement Regulation Act, and that no part of the public highway should be set apart for parking. The Committee gave further consideration to the question of the word 'buildings' and decided that only buildings of the general class enumerated in the draft clause were proposed, making it clear that no trade or business was to be carried on.

8(b) Amendment will be necessary to meet the case of Clubs such as the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club as well as the inhabitants of the Urban District of East Grinstead and the Rural District of Cuckfield.

Clause 14. The Local Authorities generally object to.. the proviso to sub-clause 2 and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk inform the Authorities that the Board would be prepared to drop the proviso unless the Authorities wished the clause to remain in some modified form and which would be generally acceptable to them.

Clause 17. The County Council having asked for inspection of vouchers. After full discussion it was felt that they were adequately represented on the Board and the clause as drawn needed no amendment.

Clause 22. Mr. Whitley-Hughes on behalf of the Manor Charitable Trust suggested that his Clients should also be added and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with Messrs. Flint & Co. with a view to the matter being discussed with Agents.

Chairman

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## **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**A Meeting of the Committee duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 14th October, 1936, at 2.15 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. (Chairman)

H. Ronald Hardy, Esq.

G.D. Haslam, Esq.

S.J. Marsh, Esq.

RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME (p.155) Clause 8, 9 and 10 of the draft Bill were discussed and it was RESOLVED to recommend that to obviate objections by the Commoners and landowners these three clauses be deleted and that the Clerk be authorised to make such consequential alterations as might be necessary, and the previous recommendations dealing with these clauses be hereby deleted.

The Chairman pointed out that the Local Authorities had not asked for any privilege in consideration of their support for the Bill, as it was realised that the Forest was of definite advantage to the local Ratepayers.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**A Meeting of the Board duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 14th October, 1936, at 2.45 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esqre., J.P. (Chairman)  
H. Ronald Hardy, Esqre.,  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.  
S.J. Marsh, Esqre.  
Geo. M. Maryon-Wilson, Esqre., J.P.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller  
F. T. Ridley, Esqre.  
John Rowe, Esqre.  
H. Waters, Esqre.  
and Mr. Martin Grey representing Lord De La Warr

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Board as circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.
2. FAIRWARP CHURCH – PARKING GROUND (p.145) A further letter was read from the Fairwarp Parochial Church Council declining the Board's suggestion for a parking space at the position 'B' and asking the Board to approve position 'A' when the Council were in position to proceed. RESOLVED that no further action be taken until the Council raise the matter again.
3. MARESFIELD & FOREST ROW COMMITTEES (p.145) The Chairmen of these two Committees stated there was nothing to report.
4. RANGERS REPORT (p.145) The Chairman stated that he had received the weekly reports of the Ranger and that there was only routine work to report.
5. DR. RIDLEY, MUDBROOKS ROAD (p.153) The Clerk reported that he had communicated with Miss Needham's Solicitors and was awaiting a reply.
6. P.O. BOX, ST JOHNS SCHOOL LANE. An application was read from the Head Postmaster, Tunbridge Wells, for the re-erection of a posting box near St Johns School in accordance with an accompanying plan. RESOLVED that consent be given subject to the box being placed not less than three feet from the road.
7. ROAD IMPROVEMENT, CHELWOOD GATE (p.126) A letter was read from the County Surveyor regarding the proposed reconstruction of the road between Chelwood Gate and Wych Cross, to a width of 22 feet involving very little interference with the margin. The Clerk reported that he had asked the Surveyor as to the extent of Forest land which would be required for the improvements and was informed that it was estimated at 2/3 of an acre and about 2 acres including the land taken for the Wych Cross and Nutley Road. RESOLVED that consent be given for the proposed work conditional on it being completed to the satisfaction of the Board and to an undertaking being given by the County Council to transfer an area of land to the Board equivalent to that taken for the above aggregate area. Also that in negotiations for the acquisition of alternative land, the County Council be authorised to state that it was required for the restoration of the Forest.
8. WHITEHOUSE FARM LICENCES (p.146) The Clerk reported that he had written Mr. Marwood's Solicitor informing him that his Client had no power to grant sub-licenses without the Board's consent, and that formal application had now been made in respect of sub-purchasers of the estate.
9. FINANCES (p.147) The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which shewed balance in hand as follows:

<u>GENERAL ACCOUNT</u>	£133.10.11
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> RANGER ACCOUNT</u>	£46.9.1.
<u>Protection and Improvement Fund</u>	£228.10.7.



### GENERAL ACCOUNT

Kirby, Herbert – Ranger

14 weeks salary to 26<sup>th</sup> Oct.

@ £2.10.0. £35.0.0.

do. 14 weeks rent @

5/- per week £3.10.0.

do. Employers Insurance £2.4.2.

£40.14.2.

### The Clerk

Crompt, William – Ranger

2 weeks salary 45/-

per week £4.10.0.

Less Insurance 2/10 £0.2.10.

£4.7.2.

### Protection and Improvement Fund

S.T. Ridley, Petrol etc.

for Ranger Kirby's Motor Cycle £1.6.8.

### The Clerk

Ranger Kirby's Telephones

for July Quarter £1 12 2

### The Clerk

F. Baker, 2 weeks salary to

19<sup>th</sup> Oct. for hedge cutting

@ £2 per week £4.0.0.

Insurance Stamps @ 10d £0.1.8.

£4.1.8.

### The Clerk

A, Ridley 2 weeks salary to

19<sup>th</sup> Oct. for hedge cutting

@ £2 per week £4.0.0.

Insurance Stamps @ 10d £0.1.8.

£4.1.8.

£11.2.2.

RATE The Clerk reported that since the last meeting the sum of £169.6.0. had been collected on account of the new Rate.

10. PROPOSED NUTLEY BY-PASS (p.153) The Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the County Council regarding the rumours of this Scheme and was informed that no official information was so far available.

11. RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME (p.157) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee of their Meetings held on 15th July, 30th July and 16th September, be received.

The Clerk further reported on the Meeting held prior to the Board.

The Chairman outlined to the Board the proposals of the

Draft Bill and explained that under it there was no change contemplated in the powers granted by the Act of 1885. Furthermore that by deleting Clause 8, 9 and 10 it prevented any Board in the future from taking advantage of them to the detriment of the Commoners.

RESOLVED that the proposals of the Committee be approved in principle and that a copy of the Bill be forwarded to each Conservator.

12. RANGER'S APPLICATION FOR INCREASED SALARY. An application was received from Ranger Kirby for an increase in his salary in view of the additional duties devolved on him following Ranger Hatchett's dismissal. RESOLVED that a grant of £5 be made to Ranger Kirby for his additional work.

13. NEXT MEETING. It was RESOLVED that a Special Meeting of the Board be held on Wednesday 18th November at 2.30 p.m. for the further consideration of the draft Bill.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**A Special Meeting of Commoners duly convened by the Clerk by notices posted on the principal door of the Churches of the Parishes and Ecclesiastical Districts to which the Forest extends and by notices sent to each commoner more than 14 days to this date and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 14th October, 1936, at 4.45 p.m.**

**Present.**

Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
Mrs. C. Burns,  
Mr. Jack Card,  
Miss Irene Cooper-Willis,  
Mr. Edwin Drucquer,  
Mr. F. Fitch (representing Uckfield),  
Mr. A.W. Fox,  
Mr. P.W. Freeland,  
Mr. H.R. Hardy,  
Mr G.D. Haslam,  
Mr. J.Q. Henriques,  
Mr. S.J. Marsh,  
Mr. G.M. Maryon-Wilson, J.P.,  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller,  
Mr. William Mitchell,  
Miss Nunn,  
Mr. J.R. Owen, J.P.,  
Mr. F.T. Ridley,  
Mr. R. Robinson,  
Captain A.A. Scott (R.A.F. Golf Club)  
Mr. William Stevenson,  
Mr. H. Waters.

1. CHAIRMAN.

It was RESOLVED that Mr. J.R. Owen be appointed Chairman of this meeting.

2. REORGANISATION SCHEME. The Chairman outlined the reasons for the proposed Ashdown Forest Bill and its provisions. Various questions were asked as to the variations on the old Act and whether the Bill would be available for inspection. The Chairman informed enquirers that the provisions of the Bill would remain the same as the old Act, whatever the constitution of Board, and that arrangements would be made for copies of the Bill to be made available for inspection.

3. VOTE OF THANKS. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman for his able conduct of the matter.

[signed] J.R. Owen

**A Special Meeting of the Board duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 18th November, 1936, at 3.30 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. (Chairman)  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
S.J. Marsh, Esqre.  
George M. Maryon-Wilson, Esq., J.P.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller  
Wm. Mitchell, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.  
John Rowe, Esqre.  
H. Waters, Esqre.  
And Mr. Martin Grey representing Earl de la Warr.

{Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. H.R. Hardy and G.D. Haslam}.

REORGANISATION SCHEME (p.155). The Chairman reported that this Meeting had been convened for the purpose of approving the final draft of the new Bill, and the Clerk stated that he was desirous that any amendments made should be subject to the approval of his Parliamentary Agents.

Equivalent Areas. Mr. Maryon-Wilson reported that at a Meeting of the Roads and Bridges Committee of the East Sussex County Council it was proposed that the approval of the Chairman of the Board be not a condition precedent to selection of sites for equivalent areas to replace land taken for road improvements and that he had moved an amendment at the Council Meeting to secure the approval of the Chairman and the matter had been referred back to the Committee.

The Chairman voiced the appreciation of the Board of Mr. Maryon-Wilson's action.

Preamble Page 1, Line 13. Mr. Martin Grey asked that an amendment be made in the preamble to the Bill. It was Resolved that the following words be inserted after the word "and" "the rights arising out of the ownership of"

Mr. Martin Grey proposed drafting amendments as follows:

Page 9, Line 2. Insert "in writing" after the words "the consent".

Page 9, Line 3. Insert "provided" after the word "manner".

Page 10, Line 5. Insert "twenty-one" after the word "within".

The Clerk reported correspondence with the County Council regarding Clause 14 of the original draft Bill and that his Parliamentary Agents had now re-drafted Clause 13 as shewn in the new draft. The Clerk explained that under this Clause the Conservators would be responsible for the first £500 of expenditure or the amount of their normal income whichever should be the less and the Local. Authorities for any difference not exceeding £500.

Clause 16. The Clerk reported a letter from the County Council asking for an amendment to this Clause to provide for the accounts to be subject to professional audit. RESOLVED that the Clause be left as drafted.

Equivalent Areas. The Clerk further reported that the County Council desired a Clause inserted relieving them of liability to provide equivalent areas for any land taken for road improvements. RESOLVED that the Board insist on the provision of equivalent areas and that they be informed that the Board would have no objection to such areas being made [on] parts of the land adjoining the Forest, provided the soil was vested in Earl de la Warr.

Amenities Clause. The County Council having asked that a short clause should be embodied in the Bill binding the Board to preserve the Forest in its natural condition. It was RESOLVED that a Clause approved by the Clerk and his Parliamentary Agents be inserted in the Bill.

RESOLVED That it is expedient that the-Bill of which a printed draft has for purposes of identification been initialled by the Chairman of this Meeting (with such alterations and additions approved by any three of the

Conservators as may be made in or to the said draft before the deposit of the said Bill in Parliament) be promoted in Parliament in the Session of 1936-37 by the Conservators.

That James Richard Owen Esq., J.P., Herbert Ronald Hardy, Esq., Major The Honourable Rupert Edward Selbourne Barrington, George Demain Haslam, Esq., and Sidney John Marsh, Esq., or any three or more of them be and they are hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Conservators the Petition for leave to introduce the said Bill into Parliament.

[signed] J.R. Owen

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**The Annual General Meeting of the Commoners of Ashdown Forest duly convened by the Clerk by notices posted on the principal door of each of the Churches of the Parishes and Ecclesiastical Districts to which the Forest extends and by notices sent to each Commoner more than 14 days prior to this date and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 9th December, 1936, at 6.0 p.m.**

**Present.**

Mr. J.R. Owen, J.P. (Chairman)  
Mr. H. Ronald Hardy,  
Mr G.D. Haslam.  
Miss H.G. Hett,  
Mr. S.J. Marsh,  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller,  
Mr. Frank Mitchell,  
Mr. William Mitchell  
Mr. F.T. Ridley.  
Mr. R. Robinson,  
Mr. J. Rowe,  
Mr. W.H. Stevenson,  
Mrs. B. Swire,  
Mr. G. Waters,  
Mr. H. Waters  
and Mr. Martin Grey, representing Earl De la Warr.

1. CHAIRMAN.

Mr. J.R. Owen was unanimously elected Chairman of this meeting.

2. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting and the Special Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> October were read and signed. The Clerk read the notice convening this Meeting.

3. ELECTION OF CONSERVATORS (p.112) The Chairman announced that the following three Conservators retire by rotation, Mr. H. Ronald Hardy, Mr. Sidney J. Marsh, and Lt. Col. G.R. Miller and the Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish had resigned owing to ill-health, and paid a tribute to their work during the past three years. It was proposed by Mr. John Rowe seconded and unanimously RESOLVED that Mr. Herbert Ronald Hardy, Mr. Sidney F. Marsh, and Lieut. Col. George Ralph Miller, be re-elected Conservators for the three years ending 31st December, 1939.

It was proposed by Mr. H. Ronald Hardy, seconded by Mr. G. B. Haslam and unanimously RESOLVED that Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P., be re-elected a Conservator for the like period.

4. RECREATION GROUND SUPERINTENDENTS. (p.113).It was proposed by Mr. F.T. Ridley, seconded by Mr. J. Rowe

and unanimously RESOLVED that the following be re-elected Superintendents of the Recreation Grounds:

Colonel Barchard,	-	Fairwarp.
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller,		Fords Green.
Mr. J.R. Owen,	-	Colemans Hatch.

Mr. C. de Rougemont, -Forest Row.

5. ASHDOWN FOREST BILL (p.66). The Chairman informed the Meeting that the Bill had now been deposited and that copies could be inspected or obtained from the Ranger or the Clerk. He reported that the Board had received the greatest assistance from the Local Authorities.

6. FOREST GATES. Mr. Frank Mitchell complained that Forest gates were continually being left open. The Chairmen reminded Mr. Mitchell that the Board had done what they could to help in the matter by having notices painted on the gates and invited the Press to help by giving publicity to the Commoners grievances.

7. ROAD DIRECTION BOARDS. Mr. Rowe referred to the complaints of Commoners regarding the insertion of the word "private" on direction boards to properties on the Forest. The Clerk explained the Commoners had full rights over any forest road as previously existed.

After discussion and in view of the fact that several Direction Boards had already been damaged or removed, it was RESOLVED that instructions should be given to all concerned that the word "Private" should be deleted on all Boards.

Mr. Frank Mitchell referred to the question raised at the last Annual Commoners Meeting regarding fencing at Nutley, opposite to the Shelley Arms Hotel.

The Chairman drew attention to the Minutes of that Meeting wherein it was shown that the property in question was off the Forest.

VOTE OF THANKS TO CHAIRMAN. Mr. H. Ronald Hardy proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Owen for his able conduct of the Meeting and for his additional work during the year owing to the re-organisation scheme which was carried unanimously.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman.

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**A Meeting of the Conservators duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 9th December, 1936, at 4.30 p.m.**

**Present**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. (Chairman)  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
H. Ronald Hardy, Esq.,  
G.D. Haslam, Esq.  
S.J. Marsh, Esq.  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller  
Wm. Mitchell, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esqre.  
John Rowe, Esqre.  
and Mr. Martin Grey representing Lord De La Warr

1. MINUTES. Mr. Martin Grey asked that an amendment be made in the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th November, that in the 3rd paragraph, line 2, after the -word "Bill" the word "and" should be deleted, and the words "It was RESOLVED" be inserted. Also that the resolution at the end of the paragraph be deleted. RESOLVED that the necessary amendment be made and that subject thereto the Minutes of that Meeting and the Meeting of the 14th October be approved and signed.

3. ASHDOWN FOREST BILL (p.163) The Clerk reported that since the last Meeting the necessary amendments had been made in the draft Bill and the necessary advertisements of deposit had been made. He read correspondence as follows (a) from the Parliamentary Agents stating that it was proposed that the Bill should originate in the House of Lords (b) from the East Grinstead Urban District Council approving the amendments in

the Bill and (c) from Messrs. Hunt & Co., Earl De la Warr's Solicitors, stating that the Manor Charitable Trust had withdrawn their claim to manorial incidents arising from their ownership of land at Wych Cross. RESOLVED that the necessary amendment be made in the preamble to the Bill.

3. UCKFIELD-EAST GRINSTEAD ROAD SCHEME. A letter was read from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries informing the Board that no definite scheme had as yet been prepared by the Ministry of Transport and the latter authority had been advised of the Conservators interest in the matter.

4. WYCH CROSS-LEWES ROAD. A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that it was proposed to re-construct this road and widen it a few feet on either side. RESOLVED that the proposals be approved subject to the County Surveyor giving an assurance that the width of the carriage way will not exceed 22 feet.

5. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL. LITTER. (p.143) A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that he had asked his Divisional Surveyor to co-operate in clearing litter, from the County roads through the Forest. A letter was also read from the Clerk to the County Council who had brought the matter to the notice of the Chief Constable. Noted.

6. R.A.F. GOLF CLUB, ALTERATION OF GREENS. The Clerk reported that he had received an application from the R.A.F Golf Club for permission to alter the 18th green. No additional land was required and an undertaking had been given that the terms of the License would be strictly adhered to. The matter had been referred to the Chairman of the Forest Row Committee who had approved the application.

The Board then went into Committee.

#### In Committee

7. EQUIVALENT AREAS. Major Lunn, the County Surveyor, attended and gave particulars of the County Council's requirements of land for new or reconstructed roadways. He explained that the Ministry of Transport were insisting on dual carriage ways. totalling 120 feet in width which would necessitate taking in fairly large areas of Forest land. He estimated the area of land required would be:

Wych Cross Improvement	1¼ acres
Wych Cross to Chelwood Gate – Widening carriageway to 22 feet width ¾ acre	
Dual carriage. way from existing improvement to Pippingford Gate	14½ acres
Ditto from Pippingford Gate to Millbrook	10 acres

Major Lunn produced a plan of land which it was proposed the County Council should acquire in substitution for land taken or to be taken from the Forest. The Board considered that other land might be acquired from Earl De la Warr which being waste land of the Manor would be more economical. It was RESOLVED and Major Lunn agreed that the Chairman be asked to make enquiries of the Lord's Agent as to the acquisition of waste land of the Manor.

The Chairman thanked Major Lunn for attending and explaining his proposals.

RESOLVED that the Chairman report to a specially convened Meeting of the General Purposes Committee and that the Committee have power to call in any other members of the Board.

8. WEALD ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY. The Clerk reported that he had received applications from the Weald Electricity Supply Company for permission to lay cables under the Forest to supply Yew Tree Hall and Cherry Orchard. The Chairman of the Forest Row Committee had signified his approval of the applications subject to the same terms and conditions as in the License already entered into by the Company and to the consent of the R.A.F. Ladies Golf Club first being obtained.

9. RANGERS REPORTS. The Chairman reported that the. Rangers weekly reports were produced to him and that there was nothing special to report. He was satisfied with the way Ranger Kirby carried out his duties. He also reported that he has authorised Ranger Kirby to engage two extra helpers for the clearing of undergrowth.

RESOLVED that the Chairman's action be approved.

10. FINANCES. (p.159) The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed balance in hand as follows:

General Account	.	-	£114.1.3
Second Ranger Account			£46.16.7
Protection & Improvement Fund			£220.19.4

RESOLVED that cheques be drawn as follows;

GENERAL ACCOUNT (No. 1 a/c)

Kirby, Herbert - Ranger 9 weeks salary to 28th Decr. @ £2.10.0. per week		£22.10.0
Do. 9 weeks rent @ 5/-	£2.5.0.	
Do. Insurances	£0.14.3.	
Do. Grant for extra services	£5.0.0.	
Do. Petty disbursements	<u>£1.9.0.</u>	
		£31.18.3.
Less overdrawn	£1.2.0.	
		£30.16.3.
"Sussex Express" Advertising re Commoners Meeting	£1.0.6	
Tyler, Miss M.G. Duplicating Minutes., etc.	£0.16 6	
Banister, Ernest – Printing	£13.2.6.	
The Clerk ½ years salary to 31st Decr.	£100.0.0.	
Petty Disbursements	<u>£45.14.8.</u>	
£145 14 8		

Second Ranger Fund (No. 2 a/c)

The Clerk Sun Insurance Office Workmen's Compensation Insurance 1935/36	-	£0.10 3
Banister, E. Printing etc.		<u>£2.1.0.</u>
		£2.11.3.

PROTECTION & IMPROVEMENT FUND

Subscription to Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society.		£1.1.0.
Do. Council for Preservation of Rural England.		£1.1.0.

Commissioners of Inland Revenue

Sch."D" Tax on investments                      £2.7.6.

£4.9.6.

The Clerk Extra fire assistance per  
Chairman                      £1.10.0

Do. Sun Insurance Office Workman's  
Compensation Insurance, 1935/36                      £0.10.3

Do. Postmaster General - Kirby's  
Telephones                      £1.10.3

£3.10.6.

Ridley & Sons, F.T. Petrol etc.  
for Ranger Kirby's M/C                      £1 6 8  
Do      Do.                      0.15.8

Banister, E. Printing etc.                      £0.19.0

£3.1.4.

£11.1.4.

#### The Clerk

E. Baker 5 days salary to cutting  
hedges to 24th Octr. @ 6/8 per day  
& insurances                      £1.14.2.

Do. 4 days do. to 31st October                      £1.7.6.

Do. 1 week do. to 7th Novr.                      £2.0.10.

Do. 4 days do. to 14th Novr.                      £1.7.6.

Do. Do.      do. to 21<sup>st</sup> Novr.                      £1.7.6.

A. Ridley 1 week do. to 24th Oct.                      £2.0.10

Do. Do. to 31st Oct.                      £2.0.10.

Do. Do. To 7<sup>th</sup> Novr.                      £2.0.10.

£14.0.0.

£25.1.4.

RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment thereof.

The Clerk drew attention to the General Account which would be overdrawn when the cheques drawn at this Meeting were cleared.

RESOLVED that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger account be closed and the balance credited to No. 1 Account.

11. AUDIT. RESOLVED that Lt. Col. G.R. Miller and Mr. F.T. Ridley be asked to audit the accounts for the current year.

12. FOREST HALT. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. F. Willoughby, Agent for Mrs. Bowden, the owner of the property known as Forest Halt, Nutley, with a plan of proposed improvements for which the Board's approval was sought.

RESOLVED that consent be not given to the application.

13. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. Acknowledgments. The Clerk read a letter from the Uckfield Rural District Council enquiring whether the Board would accept a lump sum payment for the Acknowledgments payable by the Council.

RESOLVED that they be informed that the Board are not :  
prepared to accept a lump sum.

14. PRIVATE ROAD DIRECTION BOARDS. Mr. Rowe reported that



Commoners had complained of the use of the word “Private” on direction posts. RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the subsequent Commoners Meeting.

15. MEETINGS. It was RESOLVED that Meetings be held in 1937 on the following dates:

10th February.	14th April.
14 <sup>th</sup> July	13th October
and 15th December.	

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**A Meeting of the Committee duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Tuesday, 22nd December, 1936, at 10.30 a.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. (Chairman)  
G.D. Haslam, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.

1. EQUIVALENT AREAS (p.171). The Committee met to consider the alternative sites which might be suitable for acquisition by the East Sussex County Council in substitution for the areas which are now or will hereafter be required for road improvement services. They first proceeded to view the area in the neighbourhood of Rough Ground Nutley which had been proposed by the County Surveyor and then inspected an area of about 29 acres in extent immediately to the south of Five Hundred Wood, which the Chairman had found in conjunction with Mr. Pusey (Lord De la Warr’s Agent).

It was RESOLVED that the latter site being in all respects similar to Forest land, the County Surveyor be informed that the same would be acceptable to the Board subject to the necessary consent of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries being obtained.

ASHDOWN FOREST BILL (p.170). The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Parliamentary Agents who stated that objection had been raised on behalf of Motoring Associations to the proposed power to charge for parking places. RESOLVED that the objectors be informed the power is permissive but the Board is unwilling to vary the clause.

Chairman

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## **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**A Meeting of the Committee duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Monday, 11th January, 1937, at 3 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. (Chairman)  
Major the Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
G.D. Haslam, Esq.

(An apology for absence was received from Mr. S.J. Marsh)

RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME (p.176). The Committee had before them a letter of objection from the East Sussex County Council which they considered in detail and instructed the Clerk as to the reply to be forwarded. In view of the outstanding question which may still arise on Clause 14 it was RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to confer with the County Council representatives if necessary.

The Committee also considered letters from Parliamentary Agents setting out objections received from the Secretary, Incorporated Law Society, objecting to Clause 20, from the Hone Office, suggesting an amendment to

Clause 19 and instructed the Clerk to discuss both matters with Agents and that it be left to his discretion but this Committee agrees in principle, the suggestion of the Home Office.

A letter was read from the Uckfield Rural District Council approving the provisions of the Bill but that a clause similar to Clause 2 should be inserted with regard to Town Planning. Approved.

The Committee also had before then a statement of the Board's income for the past three years ended 31st December, 1936, and instructed the Clerk to circulate to the present list of subscribers to the Second Ranger Fund with a view to the same being revised and invitations to fresh subscribers being sent out. He was also instructed to prepare an estimate of the expenditure of the Board for the present year.

Chairman

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## **CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN FOREST**

**A Meeting of the Board duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 10th February, 1937, at 6 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. (Chairman)  
H. Ronald Hardy, Esq.,  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
G.D. Haslam, Esq.  
S.J. Marsh, Esq.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
Wm. Mitchell, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.  
H. Waters, Esq.  
and Mr. Martin Grey representing Lord De La Warr

1. CHAIRMAN (p.125) It was proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED that Mr. J.R. Owen be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.
2. VICE-CHAIRMAN (p.125). It was unanimously RESOLVED that Mr. H. Ronald Hardy be elected Vice-Chairman.
3. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES (p.125) It was RESOLVED that the Forest Row, Maresfield, and the General Purposes Committee be re-elected with the addition of Admiral Beamish to the two last mentioned.
4. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting as printed and circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.
5. EQUIVALENT AREAS (p.176) The Clerk reported that a suitable piece of land had been found adjacent to the 500 Acre Wood for inclusion in the Forest in substitution for land taken by the East Sussex County Council for road improvements and that it was now only necessary to obtain the consent of Lord De la Warr, the owner, and the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture.
6. SECOND RANGER SUBSCRIPTIONS. The Clerk produced a list of proposed additional persons whom it was proposed should be invited to subscribe, and he was instructed to furnish the Board with a list of the present subscribers.
7. DISTRICT COMMITTEES REPORT. The Chairmen of the respective District Committees stated they had nothing to report.
8. GYPSIES ON GOLF COURSE. The Chairman reported that \*\*\*\* sequence of a report from the Secretary of the Ashdown Forest Ladies Golf Club, the Ranger, accompanied by the local constable, had visited a gypsy encampment at High Beeches. The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary of the Club expressing thanks for the Ranger's action and urging action to prevent a recurrence of the trouble.

Admiral Beamish also reported that he had raised the matter in the House of the gypsy nuisance and it was RESOLVED that the Board consult with the Local Authorities with a view to effecting an improvement.

9. RANGER'S BICYCLE. The Chairman reported that the Ranger's bicycle was worn out and useless and had authorised him to purchase a new one at a cost not exceeding £5. RESOLVED that the Chairman's action be approved.

10. AUDIT COMMITTEE'S REPORT (p.126) The Audit Committee reported as follows:-

We have carried out the Audit of the accounts of the Conservancy. I have today examined (1) the General Account (2) The Second Ranger Account (3) The Account of the Protection and Improvement Fund each for the year 1936. We have checked the balances brought forward from last year and the various receipts, and have compared the payments charged to each account with the Vouchers for same, and have checked the casting of the accounts and find them all correct.

The balance of each account stood on 31st December last as follows:-

Account No. 1 Debit balance £19.0.4. after transfer of balance from No. 2 a/c.

Protection and Improvement Fund  
In hand £202.0.3.

The sum of £159.15.4. 2½% Consols and the sum of £150 3½% War Loan (formerly 5%) represents the investments held on account of the Protection and Improvement Fund.

We found the accounts well kept and correct.

The amount of Rate collected during the year totalled £286. 11. 8.

G.R. MILLER Lt. Col.  
F.T. RIDLEY

The Committee further recommended that a sum of £50 be transferred from the Protection & Improvement Fund to the No. 1 Account.

RESOLVED that the Committee's Report be approved and their recommendations adopted and that the thanks of the Board be expressed to the Committee for their services.

11. HORSE EXERCISING ON FOREST. The Clerk read letters complaining of damage to the Forest tracks at Pains Hill by horses exercised by the Kirby Riding School of High Hurst Wood, and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk write and request them not to use Forest tracks.

12. DR. JOHN BLAND. REPAIR OF TRACK. A letter was read from Dr. John Bland of Pains Hill stating that the track to his property had been badly cut up and asking permission to build it up with earth for the present and later to metal it. RESOLVED that he be informed that when he is ready to metal it application must be made to the Board for their consent under Licence.

13. RAVENSBURY MOTOR CYCLE CLUB. The Clerk reported that complaints had been made concerning the damage to Forest tracks at Chuck Hatch by the above-named Club. He had written the Secretary of the Club who had denied that the Club went over Ashdown Forest.

14. P.O. TELEPHONES. Application. An application was received from the P.O. Telephones Department, Brighton, for permission to lay underground cables across the Forest from Cackle Street and Fords Green Recreation Ground, Nutley, and from Millbrook to a point North West of Westwood. RESOLVED that consent be given on the usual terms subject to the concurrence of the Lord.

15. FINANCES (p.174). The Clerk produced the Rank Pass Books which showed balance in hand as follows:

General Account	£48.11.2	
Protection & Improvement Fund		£258.13.10.

RESOLVED that cheques be drawn as follows:

#### GENERAL ACCOUNT

Mr. Herbert Kirby 7 weeks salary @ £2.10.0 per week to 15th February	£17.10.0.	
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Do. 7 weeks rent @ 5/- per week	£1.15.0.	
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Do. 7 weeks Insurances	<u>£0.11.1</u>	
	£19.18.1	

Sussex Dally News Advertising Ashdown Forest Bill	£14.10.0.	
Do. 50 Copies of Do.	<u>£0.10.0.</u>	£15.0.0

Tyler, Miss M.G. Duplicating Minutes, etc.	£0.18.6	
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#### PROTECTION & IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Clerk. Postmaster General – Excise License for Ranger Kirby's M/C )	£2.5.0.	
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Do. Do. Kirby's Telephones	<u>£1.10.5.</u>	£3.15.5
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Ridley & Sons F.T. Petrol etc. for Ranger Kirby's M/C	£0.7.11.	
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Do. Gents Chase Light Roadster Cycle for Ranger Kirby	<u>£3.19.9.</u>	<u>£4.7.8.</u>
		£8.3.1.

#### IN COMMITTEE

16. ASHDOWN FOREST BILL (p.177) The Board has before them the reports of the General Purposes Committee. RESOLVED that the same be approved and adopted.

The Clerk reported on the amendment proposed by the Motoring Associations to Clauses 8 and 9 and as to the Meeting which had been held at Agents Offices. RESOLVED that the amendment be not approved but that the representatives of the Motoring Associations be asked to attend a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

The Clerk also reported that the East Sussex County Council had lodged the only Petition against the Bill and gave particulars. He stated that the County Council had submitted a draft proviso to Clause 11 which he read and explained. He added that Agents could not advise the Board to accept this alteration. RESOLVED that the further consideration of this Clause be deferred for further information.

The general position on the Bill was reported.

## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

**A Meeting of the Committee duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Monday, 22nd February, 1937, at 2.45 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. (Chairman)

H.R. Hardy, esq.

Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.

Major the Hon. R.E.S. Barrington

G.D. Haslam, Esq.

(An apology for absence was received from Mr. S.J. Marsh)

RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME. The Clerk reported the further correspondence with the Clerk of the County Council and his Agents in regard to the addition which the County Council required to Clause 11 for the purpose of safeguarding their statutory powers as a highway authority. The Committee considered an alternative amendment and subject to the approval of Agents, and if necessary, the Ministry of Agriculture, agreed to accept the proviso as drafted by Mr. McIlveen.

The Committee also had before them correspondence between Agents and the Ministry of Health in regard to the under-mentioned matters.

Clause 12. The Ministry suggested a revision of the draft which the Committee approved subject to such observations as Agents might think necessary.

Clauses 14 & 15. The Ministry agree to defer further observations until the revised draft Clauses had been submitted to them but the additional powers as to the appointment of receiver and power to raise rate in default of payments by Local Authorities were not thought necessary.

Clause 17. The Committee agreed to accept district audit.

Clause 18. As to the chargeability to the Rural Councils,  
The Clerk was instructed to communicate to the Clerks of the Urban District Council and agree to the amendment proposed by the Ministry.

Clause 24(2). The Committee considered this Sub-clause unnecessary and it was decided to leave the matter to Agents for settlement.

Local Inquiries Clause. The Committee are not in favour of such a Clause being inserted.

Clauses 8 & 9. The Clerk reported that a communication had been received from the Agents for the Motoring Associations to the effect that they were unable to attend the Meeting to-day and to defer the appointment until 1st March, when the Chairman, and the Vice-Chairman of the Board were asked to represent this Committee and meet the delegates of the Associations.

Costs of Bill. It was reported that Agents had asked for a cheque for £300 on account of House fees which the Bank had agreed to advance against outstanding balances. The Committee considered the desirability of disposing of one or both of the Board's investments and it was RESOLVED that the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman and Mr. Haslam to take such action as they thought desirable.

2. MARDENS HILL. A letter was read from Mr. Blackie asking the Board to make further protection to the holly trees in that area and it was RESOLVED that the Chairman be asked to inspect and consider what further action, if any, should be taken.

[signed] J.R. Owen

Chairman

**A MEETING of the Conservators duly convened and held at the Shelley-Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 14th April, 1937, at 3.0. p.m.**

J.R. Owen Esqre., J.P. Chairman  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington  
H. Ronald Hardy, Esqre.  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.  
G.M. Maryon-Wilson, Esqre., J.P.  
S.J. Marsh, Esqre.  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
Wm. Mitchell, Esqre.  
F.T. Ridley, Esqre.,  
and Mr. Martin Grey representing Earl De La Warr

Apologies for absence were received from Admiral Beamish and Mr. H. Waters.

1. MINUTES . The Minutes of the last Meeting and of the General Purposes Committee on 22nd February as printed and circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. EQUIVALENT AREAS (p.178) The Clerk reported that he awaited a reply from Lord De La Warr. Mr. Martin Grey reported that Lord De La Warr had been in touch with the County Council and had objected to any road widening on the Forest.

3. SECOND RANGER SUBSCRIPTIONS (p.178) Members submitted further names of local residents who should be invited to subscribe to the 2nd. Ranger Fund. Resolved that appeals be sent out immediately.

4. GYPSIES ON FOREST (p.179) The Clerk reported that he had communicated with the Uckfield R.D.C. and been supplied with a copy of the Council's Byelaws. Further complaints were received of the number of gypsies on the Forest near Chelwood Gate and it was Resolved that a strong letter be addressed to the Chief Constable thereon, the Clerk to prepare a draft and submit it to the Chairman for approval.

5. EXERCISING OF HORSES ON THE FOREST (p.180). The Chairman reported that the ranger has visited the proprietress of the Kirby Riding School and drawn her attention to the Board's Byelaws and that she had agreed to observe them in future.

6. RANGER REPORTS (p.172) The Chairman reported that Ranger Kirby had reported to him weekly but that there was nothing special to report. The number of fires had been smaller and the area burnt less.

7. ASHDOWN FOREST BILL (p.183). The Clerk reported that the Bill was being considered by the Lord Chairman on the 15th instant. Mr. Martin Grey asked that an amendment should be made to Clause 9 which dealt with the parking of vehicles on the Forest, to provide for Lord De La Warr taking a half-share in any parking fees. The Clerk reported that as the amendment had only been proposed today he was doubtful whether it would be entertained. It was Resolved that no action be taken.

8. DIRECTION BOARDS ON FOREST. (p.175). A letter was read from Mr. Fitzroy Chapman stating that in response to the Board's request he had expunged the word "Private" from the direction board to his property, and that in consequence he had been troubled with motorists obstructing his means of access. Resolved that the Clerk write to Mr. Chapman suggesting that the words "No Parking" if added to his notice board should obviate further trouble.

9. FOREST RATES. A letter was read from Mr. R. Mayes stating his inability to pay the two years Forest Rates due from him totalling £1.1.0. Resolved that he be informed that while the Board appreciated his difficulties they could not see their way to forego the Rates

10. "NO LITTER" NOTICES. The Clerk reported a letter from the Sussex Rural Community Council agreeing to supply two "No Litter" notices of the Somerset type free of charge and further ones at a charge of £1 each. Resolved that the Board accept the two offered.

11. LITTER ON FOREST (p.171). Complaint was made that in spite of the promise given by the Divisional Surveyor of the County Council a large quantity of litter was left on the Forest. Resolved that the Surveyor be reminded of his promise and asked to instruct his workmen accordingly.

12. HOLLY TREE AT MARDENS HILL (p.184). The Chairman reported that he had inspected the holly clumps at Mardens Hill and that as two or three months work would be involved in cutting them he moved that no action be taken. Resolved that the Board agree to his recommendation.

13. FINANCES. (p.181). The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed a balance due to the Bank on the General Account of £188.8.11. and on Protection & Improvement Fund a balance due to the Board of £204.16.8.

#### GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Kirby, Herbert -10 weeks salary @ £2.10.0. to 26th April	£25.0.0	
Do. 10 weeks rental 5/- per week	£2.10.0	
Do. 10 weeks Insurance	<u>£0.15.0</u>	£28 5 10
Tyler, Miss M.G. Duplicating Minutes	£0.14.0	

#### PROTECTION & IMPROVEMENT FUND

Waters, H. & E. Repairing Litter Boards	£0.16.0.	
Ridley & Sons, F.J. Petrol for Kirby's M/C	£0.11.8	
Edward Stanford Ltd. 2 Copies of the Award Map	£11.10.0	
Sun Insurance Office Ltd. Insurance premium on Ranger Kirby's M/C	<u>£7.8.6.</u>	£20.6.2

It was Resolved that the Board's holding of £150 3½% War Stock be sold and the Clerk take the necessary action.

14. RATE (p.148) It was Resolved that an item be put on the Agenda for the next meeting for the making of a Rate.

15. ORDNANCE SURVEY OBSERVATION PILLARS. The Clerk reported receipt of an application from the Ordnance Survey Department for the erection of Observation Pillars on Camp Hill and Gills Lap, and enclosing photos of the proposed pillars. It was Resolved that the Department be asked to colour or tone down the pillars as to make them conform with the colour of the natural surroundings.

16. UCKFIELD R.D.C. TOWN PLANNING INQUIRY. The Clerk drew attention to the Inquiry being held on the following day into Uckfield R.D.C.'s objection to the proposed development at Forest Halt, and it was Resolved that the Clerk be instructed to support the objection on behalf of the Board. Members were also asked to attend.

17. MISS MORRIS. FOREST TRACK. The Clerk reported that he had received complaints regarding the forest track near "Summerford" Fairwarp and that he proposed visiting the site after the Meeting and would report further. Noted.

18. MISS PLAYFAIR. An application was received from Miss Playfair for consent to erect a portable shed on the Forest on a site where a shed had previously been erected. Resolved that the Ranger inspect and report to the Chairman with power to act.

19. MR. MARWOOD. LICENSE. (p.159). A letter was read from Mr. E.C. Marwood applying for permission to lay 2 inch concrete wheel tracks from the properties of Miss Bloxham and Mrs. Kelly at Colemans Hatch. Resolved that the Board cannot agree to concrete runways as they are contrary to the regulations, but suggest that he make up the tracks with metal or rubble.

20. RANGER. A letter was read from Mr. H.E. Cheesmur applying for appointment as Ranger. Resolved that his letter be filed.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**A Meeting of the Board duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1937, at 3 p.m.**

**Present**

J.R. Owen, Esqre., J.P. (Chairman)  
Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington, D.S.O.  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.  
S.J. Marsh, Esqre.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
John Rowe, Esqre.  
and Mr. Martin Grey representing Lord De La Warr

(Apologies for absence were received from Mr. G.M. Maryon-Wilson and Mr. F.T. Ridley)

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting as printed and circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.
2. EQUIVALENT AREAS (p.185) Mr. Martin Grey reported that Earl De la Warr had now agreed to land being taken by the County Council for road widening, and that the matter of equivalent areas was still under negotiation.
3. ASHDOWN FOREST BILL (p.186). The Clerk reported that the Bill received the Royal Assent on the 1st July.
4. GYPSIES ON FOREST (p.185). A letter was read from the Chief Constable stating that he had given instructions to the Superintendent at Uckfield to give as much attention as he could to the Forest. RESOLVED that the letter be acknowledged with thanks.
5. MISS PLAYFAIR APPLICATION FOR GARAGE ON FOREST The Clerk reported that an application by the above named for a garage on the Forest had now been considered and consent had not been granted.
6. P.O. TELEPHONES. Application for underground cable near Kidbrooke. An application was received for an underground cable from Lewes Park Side to a point near Kidbrooks Wood. RESOLVED that consent be granted on the usual terms.
7. TELEPHONE KIOSK, DUDDLESWELL STORES. An application was received for permission to erect a telephone kiosk on the Forest outside the Duddleswell Stores. RESOLVED that as it appeared from the submitted plan that there was other land available consent be not given.
8. UCKFIELD R.D.C. SEWERS UNDER FOREST. The Clerk reported that the Uckfield R.D.C. had asked whether the Board would indicate their approval of the Council's proposal to lay sewers under the Forest to St. Johns and Ocklye Common RESOLVED that consent be given in principle subject to the same terms and conditions as those embodied in the agreement with the Council for water pipes under the Forest.



9. FOREST RATE. (p.175) The Clerk reported that he had informed that the Ministry of Health had dismissed the appeal of Mrs. Bowden against the Uckfield R.D.C.'s Town Planning Scheme. Noted.

10. TONBRIDGE O.T.C. MANOEUVRES. The Clerk reported that the Vice-Chairman had given consent to the Tonbridge School O.T.C. to carry out manoeuvres on the Forest on the 22nd June, 1937, upon the usual conditions. Approved.

11. MR. T.A. MOULDS Application for underground electricity cable. An application was received for consent to an underground electricity cable to the applicant's property at . Observation Hill, Nutley. RESOLVED that consent be given subject to the usual conditions.

12. MR. A.K.L. HARVEY. Road to Spring Gardens. A letter was read from Mr. A.K.L. Harvey of Spring Garden, Fairwarp, of the damage to the track leading to his property by the cartage of stone from a neighbouring quarry. The Ranger reported that the track in question was an old Forest track used by the Commoners and that Mr. Harvey had made it up without the consent of the Board. RESOLVED that the Lord's Solicitors be asked to arrange for the people concerned to make good the damage.

13. SIR BERNARD ECKSTEIN. Track to "The Nook", Fairwarp.

A letter was read from Sir Bernard Eckstein's Solicitors enquiring as to a license for a footpath to "The Nook". RESOLVED that they be informed that the Board are prepared to grant a revocable license on the same terms and conditions as that granted to the previous owner but cannot grant any easement in perpetuity.

14. MISS H.C. HETT. Complaint. A letter from Miss Hett was read complaining that she was not allowed to cut litter round her property without payment. RESOLVED that she be informed that she is entitled to exercise her rights as a Commoner as prescribed by the Bye-laws without payment.

15. APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS RANGER. The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Mr. J.C. Wickham applying for appointment as Ranger. RESOLVED that the application be filed.

16. RATE (p.188). The Clerk reported that the funds of the Conservancy were now exhausted and that the estimated expenditure for the ensuing year amounted to approximately £440. It was proposed seconded and unanimously resolved that a rate be made for defraying the expenses of the Conservators in the execution of their duties under the Award made under the Provisions of the Inclosure Acts 1845 & 1878 and the Commons Regulation (Ashdown Forest) Provisional Order Confirmation Act 1885 to be levied upon the respective owners of the rights of common upon the Forest at the rate of Sixpence per acre in respect of the acreage of their respective lands to which such rights attach which owners and their respective acreages and the respective sums payable by them are set out in the Rate Book produced by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

17. FINANCES (p.187) The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed balances as follows:-

General Account	£36.16.11
Protection & Improvement Fund	£306.16.5.

Accounts. The following accounts were submitted and it was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment thereof.

#### GENERAL ACCOUNT

Kirby Herbert 12 weeks salary @	
£4.10. per week to 19th July	£30.0.0.
Ditto 12 weeks rent @ 5/-	£3.0.0.
Ditto 12 weeks Insurances	£0.19.0.      £33 19.0.

Tyler, Miss M. G. Duplicating Minutes	£0.8.6.
The Clerk. ½ year's, salary to 30th June	£100.0.0.

#### PROTECTION & IMPROVEMENT FUND

Ridley & Sons, F.T. Petrol for Kirby's WC.	£1.13.7.
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SECOND RANGER APPEAL. The Clerk reported that the sum of £79.17.8. had been received on this account since 1st January.

TRANSFER FROM PROTECTION & IMPROVEMENT FUND. It was RESOLVED that the sum of £125 be transferred to the General Account.

18. COSTS OF ASHDOWN FOREST BILL. The Clerk reported that he had received an estimate from the Parliamentary Agents of their costs and disbursements in relation to the Bill amounting to £593 of which £300 had been paid on account. RESOLVED that application be made to the Local Authorities concerned for contributions towards the cost.

CLERK'S COSTS. The Clerk was instructed to prepare particulars for submission to the next General Purposes Committee.

19. RATE ARREARS. The Clerk produced a list of arrears and it was RESOLVED that he be and is hereby authorised to take all necessary steps for recovery thereof including the employment of a Bailiff to levy the distress where necessary.

20. RANGER'S HOLIDAY. An application was received from Ranger Kirby for two weeks holiday at the end of August. RESOLVED that his application be granted and that Mr. Sayers be appointed acting Ranger during his absence at a salary of £2.5.0. per week.

21. SOUTHDOWN MOTOR SERVICES LTD. Time Table Board.

An application was received from the Company for permission to place a time table notice board on the Forest near The Goat cross-roads. RESOLVED that consent be granted subject to an annual acknowledgment of 2/6 and to an existing post being used.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

**A Meeting of the Committee duly convened and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Tuesday, 2nd November, 1937, at 2.30 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esqre., J.P. Chairman  
H.R. Hardy, Esqre.,  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.  
F.T. Ridley, Esqre.  
S.J. Marsh, Esqre.,

1. GEESE ON FOREST. (p.194). A letter was read from Messrs. Turner, Rudge & Turner stating Mr. Humphrey had evidence that geese had been commoned on the Forest for a period of 60 years and offering without prejudice to his rights as a commoner to keep his geese off the golf links. RESOLVED that they be informed that no rights exist to turn geese on to the Forest even if claimed by long usage.

2. PILLAR BOX, DUDDLESWELL. A letter was read from the Head Postmaster, Lewes asking permission to erect a brick pier with letter box at Heatherdene in substitution for the existing box which is attached to a telegraph pole. RESOLVED that enquiry be made as to the distance of the proposed site from Duddleswell Post Office and as to the statutory powers of the Post Office to erect the box on Forest land.

3. RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME (p.196) The Committee make the following recommendations.

(a) That the meetings be held on a Wednesday and the Clerk be instructed to report as to suitable accommodation for the meetings of the new Board.

(b) After consideration, it was RESOLVED that a Head Ranger and two under Rangers be appointed (of whom Ranger Kirby should be one) and paid inclusive salaries not- exceeding £180 for the Head Ranger and £150 for each under Ranger; further that the Clerk be instructed to make enquiry as to the names of likely applicants of Sussex birth and under 50 years of age for the new position.

(c) that the Head Ranger be provided with a Motor Cycle and the under Rangers with pedal cycles.

(d) that the provisional estimate of expenditure be as follows:

ESTIMATE FOR YEAR ENDING 31st December, 1938

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Clerk's salary	£200
Petty Payments (including hire of room for meetings) telephones and postages)	£60
Head, Ranger's Salary, rent and petty payments	£180
Two under Rangers ditto ditto	£300
Printing, stationery and advertising	£40
Ranger's Telephones	£21
Petrol, repairs, license and insurance for Ranger's Motor Cycle	£20
Additional Fire Helpers	£25
Subscriptions	£2
Commissioners of Inland Revenue Sch."D"	
Tax on investments	£2
	£850

RECEIPTS

General Account	£315
Protection & Improvement Fund	£115
<u>£430</u>	
Net Deficiency	£420

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**A Meeting of the Board duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1937, at 3 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. (Chairman)  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
H. Ronald Hardy, Esq.  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.  
S.J. Marsh, Esqre.  
Mr. G.M. Maryon-Wilson, Esq., J.P.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
William Mitchell, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.  
John Rowe, Esq.  
H. Waters, Esq.  
and Mr. Martin Grey representing Lord De La Warr

An apology for absence was received from Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington, D.S.O.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting as circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.
2. MEMBERSHIP. Letters were read from the East Sussex County Council and the East Grinstead Urban District Council nominating their representatives on the Board.
3. MR. A.K.L. HARVEY. ROAD TO SPRING GARDENS. (p.190)  
Mr. Martin Grey reported that he had been in communication with the Contractors regarding the damage to this road. Further that it would be a condition in all future licenses granted by the Lord for quarrying that the surface of the roads damaged must be made good.
4. RANGER'S REPORTS. (p.186) The Chairman reported that the Ranger's reports had been submitted to him weekly and that there 'V nothing contained in them requiring especial mention.
5. MARESFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT. (p.144). The Chairman of the Maresfield Committee reported as follows -

The Committee considered an application from the correspondent of the Fairwarp C. of E. Elementary School to be allowed a little of the land behind the present school playground and in a line with the Churchyard, to be used by the School children for gardening, under the direction of the head teacher, and as part of their definite instruction.

The Committee is quite unable to recommend granting this application, as it would be departing from the policy of the Board in their control of the Forest.

G.D. HASLAM  
Chairman Maresfield Committee

RESOLVED that the Committee's report be received and their recommendations adopted,

6. GEESE ON FOREST. The Clerk reported that complaint had been made of damage to the Golf Club greens by geese. On the instructions of the Chairman a letter had been addressed to the owner of the geese, Mr, Humphrey, calling on him to remove the geese from the regulated Forest land. He further reported that geese were not commonable and that Mr. Humphrey was not a Commoner.

RESOLVED that if the nuisance is continued proceedings be taken in co-operation with the Lord of the Manor and the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club,

7. ROADS TO GREENHALL, FOREST ROW. The Clerk reported that he had had correspondence with the Solicitors for the purchaser of the above property and regarding access roads and that they had now written they desired to take over the license granted to Mr. McNeile only.

Noted.

8. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO FAIRWARP VILLAGE. The Clerk reported receipt of an application from the Central Sussex Electricity Supply Co. for permission to extend their supply to Fairwarp Village involving the erection of overhead mains. The Company had stated that no poles or stays would be erected on Forest land. The Chairman of the Maresfield Committee recommended that no consent be given to overhead lines, but that no objection be raised to underground cables, subject to a License on the usual conditions. RESOLVED that his recommendation be adopted.

9. PUTLANDS FARM, ROADS AND ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY. The Clerk reported the receipt of an application from the Solicitors for Dr. Curtis, the purchaser of Putlands Farm, Fairwarp, to make and maintain a road to his house and to install electricity and water supply. The Chairman of the Maresfield Committee recommended that consent be given for all three purposes subject to the electricity mains being laid underground and to the terms being embodied in a revocable license on the usual conditions. RESOLVED that his recommendation be adopted.

10. DIRECTION POST TO FOREST HALL. An application was received from Mr. J. Hughes writing on behalf of the users of Forest Hall for permission for a direction post to the Hall. The application having been previously

considered by the Maresfield Committee who recommended that the application be granted subject to the position height and colouring of the post be approved. It was RESOLVED that the Committee's recommendations being adopted.

[no item 11]

12. LAVENDER PLATT ACCESS. An application was received from Mr. L. E. Kalker, the purchaser of Lavender Platt, to make up the existing track to the property. RESOLVED that consent be given subject to a revocable license on the usual terms.

13. BURNT GORSE AT FOREST ROW. A letter was read from Mr. G. Simpson of Forest Row asking for permission to cut the burnt gorse in front of his property "Quernden" and neighbouring properties. RESOLVED that consent be given.

14. LITTER ON FOREST. A letter was read from Mrs. Gordon- Thompson of Crowborough complaining of the quantity of litter left on the Forest and suggesting that stronger action be taken against offenders. RESOLVED that definite instructions be given to the Ranger to take the names and addresses of offenders.

15. ASHDOWN FOREST BILL. AGENTS CHARGES. The Clerk produced the Parliamentary Agents Bill of costs amounting to £589.4.2. and asked for the Board instructions as to taxing. RESOLVED that the Local Authorities be approached and their views ascertained and that if they require it the Bill be taxed.

16. FINANCES. (p.191) The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed balances as follows:-

General Account	£742.5.5.
Protection & Improvement Fund	£85.17.4.

Accounts. The following accounts were submitted and it was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment thereof.

General Account

Kirby, Herbert. 14 weeks salary	
@ £2.10. per week to 25 <sup>th</sup> October	£35.0.0.
ditto 14 weeks rent @ 5/-	£3.10.0.
ditto 14 weeks insurances	<u>£1.2.2.</u>
	£39.12.2.

The Clerk, Mr. J. Sayer. 2 weeks salary ) as Ranger from 14th August to 28 <sup>th</sup>	£4.13.2.
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Oliver, Jnr. James. Printing Demand notes, final notices and Receipt Books	£2.8.0.
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Shaw & Sons Ltd. 2000 Window envelopes	£1.12.0
Barrett of Battle. 1000 Letter headings	£1.0.0.

Protection and Improvement Fund. Ridley & Sons, Messrs. F. T. Petrol for Kirby's M/C	£1.12.7.
The Clerk. Kirby's telephones for July	<u>£1.10.1</u>
	£3.2.8.

RESOLVED that a further payment of £250 on further account of the Agents costs be made.

17. FOOTPATHS ON ASHDOWN FOREST. A letter was read from the Crowborough & District Ratepayers Association drawing attention to the obstruction of footpaths over the Forest. RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Clerk and Mr. Martin Grey to consider further and report.

18. HOLLY CUTTING. A letter was read from Miss Raisin of Nutley,. reporting the cutting of holly on the Forest. The Ranger reported that licenses were issued by the Lord of the Manor for certain holly cutting on the Forest under supervision. RESOLVED that the informant be requested to report any further instances of unauthorised cutting.

19. HORSE RIDING ON FOREST. Complaints were received from Mrs. Roberts and Miss Yolland of the cutting up of the forest paths by horses exercising on the Forest. RESOLVED that the Clerk draw the attention of the riding schools concerned to the matter.

20. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. RESOLVED that the General Purposes Committee be formed into an ad hoc Committee to consider the question of the re-organisation for the coming year and to report to the next Meeting with their recommendations.

21. ANNUAL MEETING OF COMMONERS. RESOLVED that the Annual Commoners Meeting be convened for 4.0 p.m. of the 15th December preceded by the Board Meeting at 2.30 p.m.

[signed] J.R. Owen

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**A Meeting of the Board duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1937, at 2.30 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. (Chairman)  
H. Ronald Hardy, Esq. (Vice Chairman)  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.  
S.J. Marsh, Esqre.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
William Mitchell, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.

(Apologies for absence were received from Mr. John Rowe, Mr. H. Waters and Mr. Martin Grey).

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting as printed and circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.

2. HORSE RIDING ON FOREST. (p.200). The Clerk reported that the Fairholm Riding School had written stating that instructions had been given to riding masters to prevent a recurrence of the damage to Forest tracks, but no reply had been received from the Kirby Riding School. RESOLVED that the Clerk write them again requesting their attention to the matter.

3. MEMBERSHIP. A letter was read from Major The Hon. R.E.S. Barrington, D.S.O., tendering his resignation as a Conservator as he no longer owned land subject to Forest Rights. It was RESOLVED that his resignation be accepted with regret and that the Clerk do write to Major Barrington expressing the Boards appreciation of his services.

4. MR. S.J. MARSH. CLAIM FOR FOREST RIGHTS. The Clerk reported that Mr. Marsh claimed Forest Rights and submitted a Statutory Declaration made by Mr. Aaron Ridley verifying the exercise of common rights in respect of the property "Ardens". Mr. Aaron Ridley attended in support of his declaration and after examination it was RESOLVED that Mr. Marsh's claim be admitted.

5. GEESE ON FOREST (p.197). The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Messrs. Hunt & Co. informing him that Mr. Humphrey had sold his geese and that although he had purchased others they would be kept off the Forest

In Committee

6. LITTER (p.198). A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that the Divisional Surveyor had made an inspection of County roads within the Forest and reported that very little litter had been found. RESOLVED that the County Surveyor be thanked for his co-operation and be asked to inform the Board when the Council employees are taken off their routine duties so that the Board could make other arrangements.

The Clerk reported that the Chief Constable had arranged for a special supervision of the Forest during a week-end in October with a view to detection of litter offenders but had no cases to report.

The Clerk also reported an interview with the Chief Constable who had promised co-operation and expressed a desire to meet the General Purposes Committee to discuss his proposals for dealing with the litter nuisance. RESOLVED that the Chief Constable be thanked for his co-operation and invited to attend the next Meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

The Board then went out of Committee.

7. ASHDOWN FOREST ACT (p.199). The Clerk reported that the Local Authorities having required that the Bills of costs of the Parliamentary Agents and himself should be taxed it was necessary to have a form of requisition signed by the Chairman. RESOLVED that the form of requisition be signed.

8. FOOTPATHS OF ASHDOWN FOREST. A letter was read from the Lord's Solicitors stating that they had instructed the Lord's Reeve to deal with the matter.

9. BACK LANE, FAIRWARP. A letter was read from the Maresfield Parish Council regarding the repair of Back Lane, Fairwarp. The Ranger reported that approximately half the length of the lane was on the Forest, and it was RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Maresfield Committee to inspect and report to the General Purposes Committee with power to the latter Committee to act.

#### In Committee

10. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT (p.194) The Report of the General Purposes Committee was considered and it was RESOLVED that

(a) The Postmaster at Lewes be informed that the Board have no power to grant permission for a Pillar Box on the Forest at Duddleswell.

(b) The next Meeting of the Board be held at the Village Hall Forest Row, the Clerk to make arrangements for the date. The Board then went out of Committee.

11. RANGERS REPORTS (p.196) The Chairman reported that the Ranger had informed him that his motor cycle was in a very bad state of repair and it was unlikely to be fit for re-licensing. Noted.

12. FINANCES (p.199)

The Clerk produced the Bank Pass Books which showed balances as follows

General Account	£486.4.7.
Protection and Improvement Fund	£86.16.7.

ACCOUNTS. The following accounts were submitted and it was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment thereof.

#### GENERAL ACCOUNT

The Clerk

Kirby, Herbert, 9 weeks salary  
to 27th Dec.

£22.10.0.

Rent

£2.5.0.

Insurances

£0.14.3.

Petty payments and postages

£1.7.0.

£26.16.3.

Half year's Salary as Clerk to 31st Dec.	£100.00.	
Petty payments	£27.3.5.	
Postages	£11.0.2.	
Telephones	£1.8.9.	
		£139.12.4.
		£166.8.7.
Sussex Express Advertising	£0.18.9.	
Sussex Daily News		£0.17.6.
	£168.4.10.	

#### PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Clerk		
East Sussex C.C.	£0.10.6.	
Ranger Kirby 'phones Apr. ¼	£1.10.8.	
Ditto Oct. ¼	£1.9.9.	
		£3.10.11.
Ridley & Sons – petrol &c.	£0.12.9.	
Commons Preservation Society Subscription		£1.1.0.
C.P.R.E. ditto		£1.1.0.
		£6.5.8.

13. AUDIT COMMITTEE. It was RESOLVED that Lt.-Col. G.R. Miller and Mr. F. T. Ridley be appointed an audit Committee to audit the accounts for the year ending 31st December.

14. P.O. TELEPHONES. It was reported that a telephone box had been erected on the Forest opposite the Roebuck Inn without consent. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to P.O. authorities asking under what authority the works had been carried out.

15. MAPS OF ASHDOWN FOREST. MR. S.J. MARSH' S GIFT. Mr. S. J. Marsh stated that he had found an old map of Ashdown Forest dated 1747 and presented a copy to each member of the Board. It was RESOLVED that his offer be accepted with appreciative thanks.

16. MR. MARYON-WILSON'S RETIREMENT. It was reported that Mr. Maryon-Wilson did not seek re-appointment as a Conservator. It was RESOLVED that the Conservators representing the Commoners of Ashdown Forest wish to place on record their high appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. George Maryon-Wilson, J.P. to the Board for the past 41 years during which he acted as Chairman of the Board for more than 30 years with distinction, ability and courtesy. The Board regret that as a result of his resignation they will be deprived of his valuable experience and knowledge of all matters affecting the Forest and tender to him their grateful thanks for the able work which he has performed.

17. MEMBERSHIP. The Clerk reported that Major Barrington's resignation left a vacancy in the number of elected Conservators referred to in the Act and it was unanimously RESOLVED that Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish be elected to fill the vacancy.

[signed] J.R. Owen

Chairman



**The Annual General Meeting of the Commoners of Ashdown Forest duly convened by the Clerk by notices posted on the principal door of the Churches of the Parishes and Ecclesiastical Districts to which the Forest extends and by notices sent to each Commoner more than 14 days prior to this date and held at The Shelley Arms Hotel, Nutley, on Wednesday, 15th December, 1937, at 4.0 p.m.**

Mr. J.R. Owen, J.P.  
The Misses Barchard,  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
Mr. Joseph Hall,  
Mr. Hardcastle - representing the Heron's Ghyll Estate and Mr. J. G. Hart.  
Mr. H. Ronald Hardy,  
Mr. G.D. Haslam,  
Miss Hett,  
Mr. Claude Johnson,  
Lieut.-Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.,  
Mr. & Mrs. Mason,  
Mr. William Mitchell,  
Mr. F.T. Ridley,  
Mr. Nelson Stevens,  
Mrs. R. Stevenson,  
Mr. J.B.H. Tenant,  
Mrs. Warren-Browne,  
Mr. Geoffrey Waters.  
The Misses Wilson.

1. CHAIRMAN. Mr J.R. Owen was unanimously elected Chairman of this Meeting.
2. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and signed.
3. CONVENING OF MEETING. The Clerk read the notice convening this Meeting.
4. ELECTION OF RECREATION GROUND SUPERINTENDENTS. It was unanimously RESOLVED that the following be re-elected Superintendents of the Recreation Grounds -...

Colonel. A.B. Barchard.	Fairwarp.
Lieut.-Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.	Fords Green.
Mr. J.R. Owe, J.P.	Colemans Hatch.
Mr. C.G. de Rougemont.	Forest Row.

5. DUMPING OF LITTER. Mrs. Warren-Browne complained of the dumping of litter near Little Gassons and the erection of posts. The Chairman stated the matter should have attention.

6. PARKING PLACES. Mr. Joseph Hall raised the question of provision of parking places and the Chairman replied that the Board had no power to compel motorists to park in a particular place.

Mr. Hall also asked as to regulated burning and prosecutions for litter offences. The Chairman informed him that any Commoner could apply to the Board for permission to burn areas on his own land for protection of his property. As regards prosecutions for litter offences the Chairman wished it to be known that it was a punishable offence under the Bye-laws to leave litter on the Forest and the Board would prosecute if members of the public were prepared to come forward and give evidence.

7. ASHDOWN FOREST ACT . The Clerk gave a brief summary of the Act and explained the provisions for the election of Conservators.

8. VOTE OF THANKS TO CHAIRMAN. Mr. G.D. Haslam proposed a hearty vote of thanks Mr. Owen for his able conduct of the Meeting

[signed] H.R. Hardy

**A Meeting of the Board duly convened and held at the Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.**

**Present**

Conservators -

Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
H. Ronald Hardy, Esq.  
G.D. Haslam, Esq.  
S.J. Marsh, Esq.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
W. Mitchell, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.

East Sussex County Council Representatives

The Right Hon. Lord Cautley, K.C.B.  
Lt.-Col, Ralph S. Clarke, M.P.  
J. Godwin King, Esq.  
H.W. Looker, Esq.  
F.E. Richards, Esq.

Uckfield Rural District Council Representatives -

Major General Sir Hugh Bruce-Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.  
F.H. Nias, Esq., J.P.  
J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P.

Cuckfield Rural District Council Representative

A.F. Harland, Esq.

East Grinstead Urban District Council Representative

J.H.H. Griffin, Esq.,

and Mr. Martin Grey on behalf of the Lord.

1. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN. Mr. Godwin King was unanimously elected temporary Chairman.

2. MEMBERSHIP. The Clerk reported that the membership of the Board as re-constituted was as follows:-

Conservators

Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
H. Ronald Hardy, Esq.  
G.D. Haslam, Esq.  
S.J. Marsh, Esq.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
William Mitchell, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.  
John Rowe, Esq.  
Harry Waters, Esq.

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The Right Hon. Lord Cautley, K.C.B.  
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Cuckfield Rural District Council Representative

A.F. Harland, Esq.

East Grinstead Urban District Council Representative

J.H.H. Griffin, Esq.,

and C.H.N. Adams, Esq. - representing Earl De la Warr.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN. It was unanimously RESOLVED that Mr. J.R. Owen be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. Owen on taking the Chair expressed a welcome to the new members of the Board, and thanks for the co-operation of the Local Authorities in carrying through the Ashdown Forest Act.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. It was unanimously RESOLVED that H.J. Godwin King be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

5. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT COMMITTEES. It was RESOLVED that the appointment of the District Committees be left to the General Purposes Committee.

6. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. It was RESOLVED that the General Purposes Committee consist of the following: - The Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex officio, Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish., C.B., R.N., M.P., Major General Sir Hugh Bruce-Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O., Lt.-Col, Ralph S. Clarke, M.P. and Messrs. H. Ronald Hardy. G.D. Haslam, P.E. Richards and John Rowe.

7. CONFIRMATION OF CLERK'S APPOINTMENT. It was RESOLVED . that the Clerk's appointment be confirmed on the same terms as before.

8. MINUTES. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Board as printed and circulated be approved and confirmed.

9. HORSE EXERCISING ON FOREST. The Clerk reported that as directed, he had again written to the proprietor of the Kirby Riding School who had replied that the School had been closed down.

10. LITTER. The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the County Surveyor who had agreed to notify the Board when employees would be taken off their routine duties on roads.

11. BACK LANE, FAIRWARP. The following report of the Maresfield Committee was read -

Two members -Admiral Beamish and myself went to inspect Back Lane, Fairwarp, in answer to a request made by the Maresfield Parish Council, for the Conservators to help the tenants, living on that lane, to drain off the water. It was stated that they are all poor people and the lane is a Forest track. In the first place it was discovered that the first part of this lane - after leaving the road - is not on Forest land, and it is on this part where the water lies. The flooding is caused by a well on private property overflowing on to the lane, and is therefore no concern of the

Conservators. The owners of these cottages are absentee landlords, living in Brighton, Bexhill and elsewhere. The continuation of this lane is on Forest land for about 70 yards, but there is no flooding and the surface is no worse than on many of the Forest tracks, and much better than some. It was noticed that tradesmen's motor vans when arriving at the end of Back Lane, instead of turning round are making a practice of going over the Forest and rejoining the lane near the flooded part. Mr. Marsh inspected this lane a few days previously on his own, and the Committee is unanimously agreed not to recommend any expense for repair.

(Sgd) G.D. HASLAM  
Chairman - Maresfield Committee

RESOLVED that the Report be approved.

12. TELEPHONE CALL BOX OPPOSITE ROEBUCK INN. The Clerk reported the receipt of a communication from the P.O. Telephone Department who stated that the Department had with the consent of the County Surveyor caused the box to be erected on land which they believed to be roadside waste. He further reported that there was other land available nearby which was off the Forest and it was RESOLVED that the Department be called upon to remove the box.

13. RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME. The scheme prepared by the General Purposes Committee as circulated was considered. It was RESOLVED that (a) advertisements be inserted in the local press in a form approved by the Chairman inviting application for the post of Head and Under Rangers. (b) that the Head Ranger be paid an inclusive salary of £180 and the two assistant Rangers £150, per annum. (c) that the General Purposes Committee be authorised to interview candidates with power to act. (d) that the question of purchase of a motor cycle for the Head Ranger and of pedal cycles for the two assistant Rangers be referred to the General Purposes Committee. RESOLVED that subject to the foregoing modifications the Reorganisation Scheme be approved.

14. DIRECTION BOARDS ON HIGHWAY. The Clerk reported that the County Surveyor had written drawing attention to the regulations of the Ministry of Transport regarding signs erected on or near the highway resembling traffic signs and requesting the removal of signs directing to the Camp at Chelwood Gate and to the Ashdown Forest Hotel at Forest Row.

It was RESOLVED that as regards the former application be made to the Minister of Transport for special permission for the sign to remain.

The Clerk reported that the sign at Forest Row had been erected without the Board's consent as a previous application had been refused.

It was RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee for further consideration.

15. DAMAGE TO FOREST TRACKS. The Clerk reported that he had had correspondence with the Lord's Solicitors and that the matter was receiving attention.

16. P.O. TELEPHONES. LINES FROM CROWBOROUGH TO MARDEN'S HILL. An application and plan was received from the P.O. Engineering Department for permission to alter the position of some existing poles and to erect three additional poles on the road from St. John's, Crowborough to Marden's Hill.

The Clerk explained that in the past sanction had only been given for overhead lines where amenities were not interfered with.

RESOLVED that the application be approved upon the usual conditions.

17. WEALD ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CO. OVERHEAD LINE TO FRIARS GATE. An application and plan was received from the Weald Electricity Supply Co. for permission for an overhead line from Marden's Hill to Friars Gate parallel with the telephone line.

RESOLVED that consent be not granted for an overhead line but that an underground line would receive consideration.

18. VISCOUNT CECIL. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO "GALE", CHELWOOD GATE. An application was received from Viscount Cecil of Chelwood for consent for an overhead line connecting his property "Gale", with the electricity main on the highroad. RESOLVED that consent be given for an underground cable only.

19. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION BILL. The Clerk reported that under the provisions of this Bill, the promoters proposed taking over the powers and liabilities of the Uckfield Gas & Electricity Co. and that the Board were fully covered by the protective clauses inserted in the latter Company's Act of 1925. Approved.

20. MISS COOPER-WILLIS. WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO LITTLE BIRCHES. The Clerk reported that Miss Cooper-Willis had given notice of determination of the License granted to her for a private water supply to her property, Little Birches, and that the Uckfield Rural District Council had applied for consent for an extension of their existing main to Little Birches.

RESOLVED that the application be approved and license granted on the usual terms and that Miss Cooper-Willis' License be varied accordingly; further that she makes good any damage to the surface of the Forest.

21. MR. D.N. DYKE, ROAD TO OBSERVATION HILL. Mr. Marsh reported that Mr. Dyke having let his property, Observation Hill, the tenant had been using Mr. Marsh's approach road instead of the track to Observation Hill for which Mr. Dyke had been granted a License to repair and had permitted parking thereon. The Clerk reported that he had drawn the attention of the tenant of the property to the complaint and it was RESOLVED that in the event of any further infringement action be taken under the Bye-laws.

22. CHERRY ORCHARD STONE QUARRY. The Clerk read a letter from the Lord's Solicitors stating that an application had been received from Messrs. H.& E. Waters to quarry stone at Cherry Orchard. The letter referred to the Board a request to the Lord some years ago that the quarry be closed as it had become unsightly through use by several contractors, and asked for reconsideration of the matter as the proposed tenants were prepared to preserve the amenities.

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Forest Row Committee to report.

23. SPRING GARDENS FARM ROAD REPAIR. The Clerk reported that application has now been received from Mr. Harvey's tenant for consent to repair the road to Spring Gardens Farm, and that Mr. Haslam has agreed to permission being granted on the usual terms.

RESOLVED that Mr. Haslam's action be approved upon the foregoing conditions.

24. RANGERS REPORTS. The Chairman reported that it had been the practice for the Ranger to report to him weekly and it was RESOLVED that the same procedure be continued.

25. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT. The Audit Committee reported as follows:-

We have carried out the Audit of Accounts of the Conservancy. We have to-day examined (1) the General Account (2) the Protection and Improvement Fund Account both for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

We have checked the balances brought forward from the previous year and the various receipts and have compared the payments charged to each account with the Vouchers for same and have checked the castings of the accounts and find them all correct.

The balance of the respective accounts stood at 31st December, 1937, as follows -

General Account. Credit balance of £331.13.3.

Protection & Improvement Fund

Account. Credit balance of £109.18.6.

There is a sum of £159.15.4. 2 ½% Consols investment held on the Protection & Improvement Fund Account.

The amount of rate collected during the year totalled £332.17.0.

We found the accounts well kept and correct.

(Sgd.) G.R. MILLER  
F.T. RIDLEY

It was RESOLVED that their report be received and that they be accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their services.

26. SUBSCRIPTIONS. Colonel Miller drew attention to the fact that almost £100 had been received in private subscriptions to the Board's funds and to the question of continuance of this source of income. The Chairman stated that he felt that as the Board were now to receive financial assistance from the Local Authorities no further appeals should be issued.

27. FINANCES. The Bank Pass Books were produced shewing a balance in hand of £370.12.3. on the General Account and of £114.55.11. on the Protection & Improvement Fund Account. The following accounts were submitted for payment and it was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment thereof -

General Account

The Clerk.

Kirby, Herbert 4 weeks salary to	
24 <sup>th</sup> January, 1938	£10.0.0.
do. 4 weeks Rent	£1.0.0.
do. 4 weeks Insurance	<u>£0.6.4.</u>
	£11.6.4.

J. Oliver Jnr. Printing	£1.1.6.
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Protection & Improvement Fund Account.

The Clerk.

Postmaster General. Ranger's telephones for	
Quarter ended December, 1937	£1.9.11.

The Clerk reported that the present procedure was for cheques to be signed by any three Conservators and countersigned by himself and that withdrawals from the Deposit Account were operated by the signatures of the Chairman and Clerk.

RESOLVED that the same procedure be adopted for the time being.

BALANCE SHEETS. The Clerk was instructed to circularise Balance sheets to all Members.

28. PARKING ON FOREST. The Chairman informed Mr. Looker that the Board had previously given very careful consideration to the question of parking and had come to the conclusion that it was less unsightly to permit individual parking than to have parking places set apart. Furthermore, that if the Board had sought powers in their Bill to levy charges for parking alongside the highway, the Automobile Association would have opposed it.

29. REGULATED BURNING. The Chairman also informed Mr. Looker that the Board had in the past carried out regulated burning on the Forest and that it was hoped that with additional Rangers this would be carried out more extensively.

30. STANDING ORDERS. Mr. Nias raised the question of the adoption of Standing Orders and it was RESOLVED that the matter be considered at a future meeting.

31. FUTURE MEETINGS. It was proposed and seconded that future Meetings be held at the offices of the Uckfield Rural District Council if the necessary permission is obtained. It was proposed by way of amendment duly seconded that they be held in the Village Hall, Forest Row.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried by 8 votes to 7.

Chairman

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**A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee duly convened and held at the Village Hall., Forest Row, on Thursday, 17th February, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

J. R. Owen Esq., J.P.  
Major Gen. Sir H. Bruce Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.  
G. D. Haslam, Esq., J.P.  
J. Godwin King, Esq., J.P.  
F. E. Richards, Esq.  
John Rowe, Esq.

Apologies for absence were received from Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, M.P., Mr. H. Ronald Hardy and Lt. Col. Ralph S. Clarke, M.P.

1. Appointment of Chairman. It was resolved unanimously that Mr. J.R. Owen be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2. Appointment of District Committees. It was Resolved that the District. Committees be appointed as follows:

MARESFIELD COMMITTEE. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board (ex officio), Admiral Beamish, Col. Miller and Messrs. Harland, Haslam, Marsh, and Ridley.

FOREST ROW COMMITTEE. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board (ex officio), Major Gen. Sir. H. Bruce Williams and Messrs. Griffin, Hardy, Mitchell, Rowe and Waters.

3. ASHDOWN FOREST HOTEL. DIRECTION BOARD. The Clerk reported that on the 27th October, 1926, an application for a signboard was refused. It was RESOLVED that the owner of the Hotel be called upon to remove the Board.

4. APPOINTMENT OF HEAD AND UNDER RANGER. The Committee interviewed 19 applicants and RESOLVED that Mr. H.T. Nicholas of Pendine, Broad Oak, Heathfield, be appointed Head Ranger and Mr. G. Day of Forest Farm, Cripps Corner, Forest Row, be appointed Under Ranger.

5. AREAS FOR RANGERS DUTIES. It was RESOLVED that the Rangers be allocated to the following areas:- Ranger Nicholas to live at Hartfield or Colemans Hatch and Ranger Kirby to live in his house at the Highlands, Nutley. Ranger Day to reside, if possible, in his present house, which he hires from Major Darwin at Cripps Corner and be responsible for the Forest Row Area,

6. ERECTION OF POSTS AND CHAINS ON THE FOREST AT COLDHARBOUR MANOR. . The Chairman reported that the Ranger had informed him that Mr. P. G. Illingworth, the owner of Coldharbour Manor, East Grinstead, had erected posts and chains on the Forest. The Clerk having reported that such erection constituted an enclosure, it was RESOLVED that Mr. Illingworth be called upon to remove the posts and chains and he be informed that the Board would not object to the provision of a ditch or alternatively a bank to prevent the car parking of which he complains.

7. LITTER ON THE FOREST. POLICE REPORT. The Clerk read a report from the Superintendent of Police, East Grinstead, that John Smith, a gipsy, was seen depositing litter on the Forest. It was RESOLVED that proceedings be initiated against the offender.

8. DR. CURTIS. COMPLAINT OF FLOODING FROM ROAD. A letter was read from Dr. Curtis of Lower Putlands Farm, Fairwarp, complaining of the flooding of his property by road surface water. It was RESOLVED the matter be referred to the Ranger to investigate and report to the Chairman.

9. REGULATED BURNING. It was RESOLVED that this matter be referred to the District Committees to determine what areas should be burnt.

10. SECOND RANGER FUND SUBSCRIPTIONS. The Clerk reported that a number of subscriptions had been paid to the Bank under Bankers Orders and further than a sum of £10 had been received from Mr. F.J. Nettlefold's Solicitors. It was RESOLVED that as conditions under which such sums were solicited no longer existed the amounts be returned to the donors and that other past subscribers be informed of the altered circumstances of the Finances of the Board: further that the subscribers be severally thanked for their generous support in the past.

11. VISCOUNT CECIL. COMPLAINTS. LITTER. A letter was read from Viscount Cecil complaining of the quantity of litter near his house. RESOLVED that no action be taken.

12. CHERRY ORCHARD STONE QUARRY (P.213) A letter was read from the Lord's Solicitors stating that an alternative means of access was available to the Quarry which would obviate the traffic emerging on to a dangerous bend. RESOLVED that they be informed that the Board do not approve the application.

13. ESTIMATES. The Committee had before them estimates for the quarter year ending 31st March, 1938 and for the year ending 31st March, 1939. It was RESOLVED that the same be approved and copies forwarded to the Local Authorities. Further that all normal expenditure for the quarter year ending 31st March, 1938, be borne by the Board and that any additional expenses be defrayed by the Local Authorities.

14. Equivalent Areas.(p.139) The Clerk reported that he had now been informed by the Lord's Solicitors that the Lord had agreed to convey land adjoining the Five hundred acre wood to the County Council, and that only so much should be conveyed at a time as should be necessary to compensate for areas taken for road widening. Approved.

15. BROADSTONE WARREN. FIRE BREAKS. An application was received from the Broadstone Warren Boy Scouts Association to cut fire breaks round Broadstone Warren. RESOLVED that consent be given subject to the approval of the Lord of the Manor and the Golf Club.

16. CLERK'S IMPREST ACCOUNT. The Clerk reported that in the past he had paid the Rangers out of his own private account and recouped himself from time to time. RESOLVED that in future a wages account be opened by funds supplied from the General Account and withdrawals effected by the Clerk.

Chairman.

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**A MEETING of the Board duly convened and held at the offices of the Rural District Council of Uckfield at Starfield, Crowborough, on Wednesday 3rd April 1938 at 2.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

Chairman – J. R. Owen, Esq. J.P.

Vice-Chairman – J. Godwin King, Esq., J.P.

Conservators -

G.D. Haslam, Esq.  
Lieut. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
Wm. Mitchell, Esq.  
John Rowe, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.  
Harry Waters, Esq.



S.J. Marsh, Esq.

East Sussex County Council Representatives -

Lt. Col. R. S. Clarke, M.P.

H.W. Looker, Esq.

F.E. Richards, Esq.

Uckfield Rural District Council Representatives -

Major General Sir Hugh Bruce-Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.

F.H. Nias, Esq., J.P.

Cuckfield Rural District Council Representative –

A.F. Harland, Esq.

and Mr. Grey on behalf of the Lord.

An apology for absence was received from Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting as printed and circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.
2. REGULATED BURNING. (p.222) Mr. H.W. Looker raised the question of Regulated Burning and was informed that with the additional Rangers now employed, it would be possible to do this more extensively.
3. TELEPHONE KIOSK AT WYCH CROSS. (p.211) The Clerk reported that he had now been informed by the Post Office Telephone Department that they had secured an alternative site for the Kiosk and that the removal would take place as soon as possible.
4. MISS COOPER WILLIS LICENSE. (p.315) The Clerk reported that a license had been prepared for Miss Cooper Willis in respect of a track to her property. He had also received an application from her for the Board to remit half of the acknowledgement in respect of the license for water supply from the spring, as the license had been terminated by due notice in writing. Approved.
5. CHERRY ORCHARD STONE QUARRY. (p.223) The Clerk reported that the Lord's solicitors had replied that they had noted the Board's decision and had no wish to press the matter further.
6. STANDING ORDERS. It was Resolved that the Clerk prepare a draft of Standing Orders for consideration at the next meeting.
7. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE'S REPORT. The General Purposes Committee presented their report of their meeting on the 17th February 1935, and it was Resolved that the same be approved.
8. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT COMMITTEES. It was Resolved that the General Purposes Committee do consider further the representation on the District Committees.
9. RANGERS REPORTS. The Chairman reported that the Rangers had reported to him weekly and that the only items of importance were those relating to fires.
10. EQUIVALENT AREAS. The Clerk reported that Earl De La Warr now signified his consent to the proposed conveyance to the Conservators by the East Sussex County Council for land in substitution for that taken for road widening. He was of the opinion that only so much land should be conveyed at one time, as represented an area equivalent to that actually taken for road widening.
11. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. TOWN PLANNING SCHEME. The Clerk reported that the East Sussex County Council had now prepared a new draft agreement, which with an amended copy of the

Uckfield Town Planning Scheme had been sent to him by the Uckfield Rural District Council who would be parties to the agreement.

The County Council were of the opinion that the Council's revised agreement would result in that part of Ashdown Forest which was within the Conservators' jurisdiction receiving more satisfactory treatment than under the existing agreement between the Rural District Council and the Conservators. The Clerk reported that he was not satisfied with the form of the proposed agreement and it was Resolved that after consultation by him with the two Councils concerned and the Lord's Solicitors the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration and report to the Board.

12. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FAIRWARP. The Clerk reported correspondence with the East Sussex County Council regarding the Proposed Overhead Lines at Fairwarp, from which it appeared that where Overhead Lines were necessary the poles would be placed on private property, and that the Conservators had no locus standi in the matter.

13. HORSE EXERCISING IN THE FOREST. The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received from the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club of Horse riding over the club's greens. Mr. Looker stated that horse riding on the Forest and particularly over the Golf Club Greens had increased of late and suggested further consideration should be given to the Boards Bye-Laws.

It was Resolved that the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee to consider and report.

14. ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST GOLF CLUB, DIVERSION OF STREAM. The Clerk reported that he had received an application from the Ladies Golf Club to divert the course of the stream at the 14th Hole, as it was encroaching on the fair-way. It was Resolved that as the diversion would be an improvement the application be granted.

15. RESIDENCE FOR HEAD RANGER. The Clerk reported that he had been in communication with Mr. H. J. Pusey, the Lord's agent regarding a residence for Ranger Nicholas, but that the latter had declined the house offered on the grounds that there was insufficient accommodation.

16. MOTOR-CYCLE FOR HEAD KIRBY. It was Resolved that a Motor-Cycle be purchased for the Head Ranger at a cost not exceeding £45.

17. CYCLE FOR RANGER KIRBY. The Chairman reported that he had authorised Ranger Kirby to purchase a pedal-cycle at the cost of £5. 18. 6 and it was Resolved that the Chairman's action be approved and confirmed.

18. PROSECUTIONS. The Clerk reported that information having been laid against John Smith a gipsy, for depositing litter on the Forest, it was necessary to have an authority for Ranger Kirby to institute proceedings. It was Resolved that Ranger Kirby be so authorised. It was also Resolved that authority be given to the Head Ranger generally to institute proceedings for breaches of the bye-laws.

19. TELEPHONES FOR RANGERS. It was Resolved that the Clerk be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for the installation of the telephone for Rangers Nicholas and Day.

20. FIRE HELPERS. DAMAGED CYCLES. The Ranger reported that cycles owned by Mr. R. Hudson and Mr. Hill had been destroyed by fire whilst they were assisting him in extinguishing fires, and that claim had been received from them asking the Board to make some contribution towards their loss. It was Resolved that the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee with power to act.

21. APPLICATIONS FROM MESSRS. H. & E WATERS re HOOPYARD, FOREST ROW. Applications were received from Messrs. H. & E. Waters, to dig a trench on the Forest at the Hoopyard, Forest Row, to trace an existing drain and also for permission to fill in an existing hole at the Hoopyard. It was Resolved that the applications be granted provided the reinstatement is completed to the satisfaction of the Ranger.

22. SPRING GARDEN, FAIRWARP. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Harvey regarding the license for improvement of the road to Spring Garden Farm, in which he stated that his tenant was not in a

position at the moment to pay the fees in respect of the license. The Clerk reported he had informed Mr. Harvey that the Board can only deal with him as the owner. Noted.

23. CORONATION SEATS, FOREST ROW. The Clerk reported the receipt of an application from the Forest Row Coronation Committee. On the Chairman's instructions consent had been given to the proposal, subject to a revocable license to the Forest Row Parish Council to whom the seat was being handed over, reserving a nominal acknowledgment. Approved.

24. ASHDOWN FOREST ACT, 1937. The Clerk reported the receipt of the contributions payable by the local authorities towards the costs of the Parliamentary agents and himself in promotion of the Ashdown Forest Act. It was Resolved that cheques be drawn for £172.14.9. in settlement of the Clerk's account and for £57.8.9. in settlement of the Agents' costs.

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25. RECOVERY OF RATES. It was Resolved that a general authority be given to the Clerk to recover arrears of Forest Rate by summary jurisdiction pursuant to Section 20 of the Ashdown Forest Act, 1937.

26. YEW TREE COTTAGE, COLEMANS HATCH. The Clerk reported receipt of an application on behalf of Mr. F. Turner, the owner of the above property, for registration of Common Rights. It was Resolved that the applicant be informed that upon receipt of the necessary proof of exercise of Common Rights the claim would be further considered,

27. MISS HARWOOD, FIRES. A letter was received from Miss G. Harwood regarding the large outbreaks of fires and suggesting that areas should be burnt under control. It was Resolved that she be informed that the matter was already receiving attention.

28. FINANCES. The Bank Pass Book was produced shewing a balance in hand of £522.4.11. Also the Deposit Book was produced showing a balance in hand on the Protection and Improvement Fund of £144.8.8.

The following accounts were submitted and it was Resolved that cheques be drawn in payment thereof.

General Account.

Dyson Bell & Co.	
Balance costs of Bill	£57.8.9.
Fovargue, R.W. cost re. Bill	£172.14.9.
Barrett of Battle. Printing.	£1.0.0.

Fovargue, R.W. ¼ year's salary	
As Clerk to 31 <sup>st</sup> March	£50.0.0
Ditto Petty disbursements	
To ditto	<u>£21.7.3.</u>
	£71.7.3.

Ditto Repayment of Rangers' salaries as under:

Kirby, R. 8 weeks' salary @	
£2.10.0. to 21st March.	£20.0.0
8 weeks" rent to ditto	£2.0.0.
10 weeks' insurances to	
4th April	£0.15.10.
2 weeks' Salary to ditto	<u>£5.15.5.</u>
	£28.11.3.

Nicholas, H.T. 2 weeks'	
Salary to 4th April	£6.16.6.
2 weeks' insurances	<u>£0.3.2.</u>
	£7.1.8.

Day, G. 2 weeks' Salary		
to 4th April	£5.15.5.	
2 weeks' insurances	<u>£0.3.2.</u>	
		<u>£5.18.7.</u>
		£112.18.9.

Second Ranger Subscriptions. The Clerk reported that the following amounts had been paid to the Bank direct under Bankers Order Forms, and in accordance with the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee it was Resolved that cheques be drawn in repayment thereof.

Playfair Miss	£0.5.0.
Lowe Rev. H.H.	£1.1.0.
Kindersley Sir Ralph M.	£1.1.0.
Osborne Mrs. M.	£0.5.0.
Beazley E.E.	£0.10.6.
McLaren A.E.	£1.1.0.

Protection and Improvement Fund.

Ridley F. T. New Cycle  
for Ranger Day      £5.18.6.

ditto Repairs to  
Kirby's cycle &c.      £0.1.8.

£6.0.2.

Wages Account.

Barclays Bank Ltd.  
To credit of wages account      £100.0.0.

29. MR. G. SIMPSON. APPLICATION. A letter was received from Mr. Simpson of Gourndon, Forest Row, asking for permission to cut gorse adjoining his property. It was Resolved that his application be granted.

30. VOTE OF THANKS TO UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. It was Resolved that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Uckfield Rural District Council for their courtesy in permitting the use of their Council Chamber for this meeting.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
CHAIRMAN

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**A Meeting of the Committee duly convened and held at the Village Hall., Forest Row, on Friday, 2nd April, 1938, at 3.0 p.m.**

J. R. Owen Esq., J.P. Chairman  
Major Gen. Sir H. Bruce Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
Lt. Col. R. Stephenson Clarke, M.P.  
G. D. Haslam, Esq., J.P.  
F. E. Richards, Esq.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Godwin-King, Hardy and Rowe.

1. EQUIVALENT AREAS. The County Surveyor attended and explained the plans which he had prepared for the dual carriage ways between Pippingford and Millbrook, and as to the possible future extension of this road scheme. He stated that the present works with the previous scheme carried out between Wych Cross end Pippingford and Chelwood Gate respectively would result in the County Council requiring to take 26½ acres from the Forest towards which Lord de la Warr had agreed to convey 22 acres adjoining the Five Hundred Acre Wood and that it was hoped to offer the balance in a suitable position near Nutley. He also agreed that the Council would also provide land in exchange for the lands previously taken between Forest Row and Wych Cross. It was RESOLVED that:-

1. The plans be approved .
2. The above mentioned area of 22 acres be approved in satisfaction of the area taken from the Forest and that the County Surveyor be asked to supply details of the additional areas to be dedicated in exchange.
3. The Clerk to be instructed to take all necessary steps for compliance with the statutory procedure and the application to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries.

2. DISTRICT COMMITTEE. The Committee re-considered the formation of these Committees and it was RESOLVED that in the opinion of this Committee the District Committees are sufficiently large but the matter will be borne in mind on a future occasion.

It was further RESOLVED that meetings of the Committees be held at an early date to appoint Chairmen and deal with routine matters.

3. BROADSTONE WARREN. An application was read from Messrs. H. & E. Waters on behalf of the Boy Scouts' Association asking for consent to extend the water main under the Forest and into Broadstone Warren. RESOLVED that consent be granted upon the usual conditions of license and acknowledgment.

4. STANDING ORDERS. The Clerk reported the draft had not yet been prepared.

5. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. TOWN PLANNING SCHEME. The Clerk stated that the proposed meeting had been fixed for the 28th April after which he would report again to this Committee

6. HORSES EXERCISING OVER THE FOREST. A letter was read from Mr. Heavens in regard to the complaint received from the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club and the steps he had taken which appeared satisfactory to this Committee. It was RESOLVED that the Golf Club be informed that if they wish to apply for permission to place small notice boards warning riders on the road leading out of Ryst Wood and at Chapel Lane, the Board would be prepared to give consent. Further that the Golf Club be asked to report any future occurrences of persons riding over the fair-ways when this Board will consider what action is appropriate in the circumstances.

The Committee considered the advisability of amending the Byelaw and RESOLVED that in the opinion of this Committee the present Byelaw requires no amendment.

7. FIRE HELPERS. DAMAGED CYCLES. The Head Ranger presented a report on his further enquiries into the circumstances under which the damage to the bicycles arose and as to their value and date of purchase. It was RESOLVED that the claimants be asked to produce evidence of the amounts paid for the machines and equipment and that the Chairman be asked to interview and hand them an ex gratia payment of 50% of the actual cost of purchase of the bicycle and equipment in each case.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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## CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN FOREST

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee duly convened and held at the Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday, 29th June, 1938, at 3.0 p.m.

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. Chairman  
H.R. Hardy, Esq.  
F.E. Richards, Esq.  
J. Rowe, Esq.

Apologies for absence were received from Major General  
Sir Hugh Bruce Williams; Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish; Lt. Col. R. Stephenson Clarke; and Mr. G.D. Haslam.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting as printed and circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.
2. STANDING ORDERS. (p.229) The Committee considered the draft prepared by the Clerk and subject to modifications in clauses 14, 19 and 20. It was RESOLVED that the same as amended be recommended to the Board for adoption.
3. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. TOWN PLANNING SCHEME. (p.229) The Clerk reported that Mr. Grey and he had attended upon the Clerks of the County Council and Uckfield R.D.C. and a further communication would shortly be received after the authorities had conferred with the Ministry of Health.
4. SPRING GARDEN, FAIRWARP (p.225). The Committee considered the annexed reports of the Maresfield Committee and the observations of Messrs. Hunt & Co. on behalf of the Lord. The Clerk stated that the License authorised by the Board had been completed in the usual form, but the question of maintenance of the road used by the licencees of the quarry was not in a satisfactory condition.

It was RESOLVED that this question be referred back to  
the Lord's Solicitors for further action with a view to the maintenance being placed on a more satisfactory basis.

5. RANGERS TELEPHONES. It was Reported that the cost of installing the telephone to Ranger Day's house was likely to be prohibitive as it entailed a long distance either above or below ground. RESOLVED that no further action be taken.

6. HORSE RIDING ON GOLF COURSE (p.229) The Chairman reported that since the last meeting of this Committee he had approved the wording to be placed on the Board to be erected by the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club and that in consequence of a further complaint he had seen the proprietor of the stables.

7. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS. A letter was read from the Organiser of the Uckfield Rural District Council suggesting that residents on Ashdown Forest might be allowed to prepare shelters now in anticipation of an emergency.

RESOLVED that no action be taken.

8. RANGER KIRBY'S MOTOR CYCLE. RESOLVED that the Chairman be asked to obtain prices for the disposal of this machine as it was no longer serviceable.

9. FOREST RATES. The Clerk reported on correspondence with Miss Maddison and that he proposed to see her on the matter. Approved.

10. BYELAWS. A report was read from Ranger Day in regard to a person throwing litter on the Forest. RESOLVED that the Clerk write the individual concerned for his observations. Further that steps be taken to provide each Ranger with a distinctive armlet or other badge of authorisation.

The Committee also considered what steps should be taken  
in regard to the firm who were supplying ice cream in cartons from a horse drawn vehicle. RESOLVED that no action could in the opinion of this Committee be taken for proceedings under the Byelaws.

11. RANGERS HOLIDAYS. An application was received from Ranger Kirby to take his holiday from the 18th August to 1<sup>st</sup> September. RESOLVED that the application be not granted until the latter half of the month of September as the earlier time usually requires constant supervision of the Forest.

12. LICENCE FOR ROAD, CHUCK HATCH. . An application was received from Mr. P. Muggeridge to make an entrance drive into his property at Chuck Hatch, Hartfield.

RESOLVED that consent be granted upon the usual terms on condition that the road is made of local stone.

13. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL SEWERAGE SCHEME. Correspondence between the Clerk of the Rural District Council and the Clerk in regard to the form and conditions of this License was read. RESOLVED that the Board adhere to the usual form of license and for the proper protection of manhole covers by the Rural Council.

14. O.T.C. Field Days. The Chairman reported that he had given consent to the Tonbridge School and Eastbourne College O.T.C. to hold field days on the Forest upon the usual conditions. Approved.

Chairman

The Maresfield Committee consisting of Mr. Godwin King,  
Admiral Beamish, Col. Miller, Messrs. Harland, Ridley and myself met on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee appointed me as Chairman for the current year.

The Committee considered a letter from Mr. Harvey, of Spring Garden, Fairwarp, in which he asked that Clauses 3 and 4 of the License for metalling and maintaining a roadway over the Forest to Spring Garden Farm, should be deleted or modified.

CLAUSE 3, says "The roadway shall be so metalled and maintained as not to cause any obstruction or inconvenience to the carts and wagons of the Commoners passing across them in the lawful exercise of their rights."

CLAUSE 4. "The works shall be executed by the Licensee and during the continuance of this License, maintained by him in suitable repair and condition to the satisfaction of the Conservators."

The roadway which Mr. Harvey proposed to metal is about 25 yards in length, and is marked A-B on the plan accompanying the License.

The land all round Spring Garden Farm is being used as a Stone Quarry and has been used as such for very many years, of and on.

The lorries going to and from a certain area of the Quarry, have been passing over the part of the Forest which Mr. Harvey proposes to metal, and in his opinion, they would cause his roadway, in wet weather to be made a quagmire. It should be pointed out that there is an alternative Forest track for lorries which would not pass over the proposed Metal roadway.

At the time of the Committee's inspection, there was really no damage done to the Forest at all.

The Lord's representatives have told the stone contractors that they must undertake to make good any damage done to the proposed roadway.

Under the circumstances, the Committee considers that Clauses 3 and 4 of the proposed agreement should stand, as they comply with the usual form of License in all such cases, and are not prepared to recommend any deviation for the proposed roadway, marked A-B on the plan.

The Committee inspected the whole area of the Quarry and found that very little attempt is being made to restore the surface of the Forest to its natural condition, at least by one of the diggers, a Mr. Head of Fairwarp .

Deep holes are left, with perpendicular sides, thereby causing great danger to persons walking over the Forest at night or in a fog, also to animals belonging to Commoners.

The Committee recommends that the Lord's representatives should be communicated with at once and told the facts, urging them to bring great pressure to bear on all those to whom they grant a license to dig stone, one of the conditions of such license being that all holes are to be filled up, and to have the sites gently chamfered off, and the surface left as nearly as possible in its original condition.

This work should be done to the satisfaction of the Conservators.

It was also noted that Mr. Harvey pays no acknowledgment for a short diversion from a Forest track to the entrance gate of his private house, a distance of some 12 yards, neither did his predecessors.

G. D. HASLAM  
Chairman, Maresfield Committee

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**A MEETING of the Board duly convened and held at the Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday 13th July 1938 at 3.0 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

J.R. Owen, Esq. J.P. Chairman

J. Godwin King, Esq., J.P. Vice-Chairman

**ELECTED CONSERVATORS**

S.J. Marsh, Esq.

Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.

Wm. Mitchell, Esq.

H.J. Waters, Esq.

F.T. Ridley, Esq.

**EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

Col. Ralph S. Clarke, M.P.

F.E. Richards, Esq.

**UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

Major General Sir Hugh Bruce-Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.

F.H. Nias, Esq., J.P.

**CUCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

A.F. Harland, Esq.

Apologies for absence were received from Admiral T.P.H.

Beamish, C.E., R.N., M.P., and Messrs. Griffin, Hardy, Haslam, Looker, Rowe and Martin Grey.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Board as printed and circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.

2. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORTS. The Reports of the General Purposes Committee of their meetings held on 22nd April and 29th June copies of which had been printed and circulated, were received and it was RESOLVED that the same be approved.

3. EQUIVALENT AREAS. (p.228) The Clerk reported that the East Sussex County Council had made arrangements for additional land to be available near Court House, Nutley, in exchange for and taken for road



widening and that there would now be an area in hand to meet possible future requirements. Plans were provided for inspection and it was RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Maresfield Committee to view the land which the County Council were acquiring from Miss Hett and to report to the General Purposes Committee with power to act.

4. BYELAWS. LITTER ON FOREST. The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from the offended reported by Ranger Day and that he had arranged for an interview. Noted.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk do write to the Citrone Ice Cream Company drawing attention to the Board's Byelaws, regarding parking of vehicles on the Forest.

5. RANGERS AUTHORITIES. The Clerk reported that he had prepared forms of authority to the Ranger to act under the Byelaws. RESOLVED that authorities be approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. RANGERS ARMLETS. The Clerk produced armlets which had been purchased by the Board same years ago, and it was RESOLVED that the same be issued to the Rangers.

7. MR. F. TURNER. CLAIM FOR FOREST RIGHTS. (p.225). A representative of Messrs. Turner, Budge & Turner attended and produced evidence of Mr. Frederick Turner's ownership of Yew Tree Cottage, Colemans Hatch. Two witnesses, Messrs. W. Divall and H. Humphrey, aged 73 and 64 respectively, also attended and on examination by the Clerk gave evidence of the exercising of Forest rights for over 60 years. It was RESOLVED that the claim be admitted in respect of an area of 1a. Or. 26p.

8. STANDING ORDERS.(p.231),. The draft Standing Orders as revised by the General Purposes Committee, prints of which had been circulated, were considered and it was RESOLVED that subject to modification in clauses 5(c), 14 and 15, the same be approved.

9. PROSECUTIONS. It was RESOLVED that prosecutions by the Rangers under the Byelaws shall only be taken under instructions from the Clerk.

10. MARESFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT. The report of the Maresfield Committee of their meeting on the 9th May, a copy of which was attached to the General Purposes Committee's Report was received and it was RESOLVED that the same be approved.

11. FAIRWARP CHURCH – PARKING GROUND. (p.158) The Clerk reported that a further application had been received from the Fairwarp Parochial Church Council for permission to park cars on the Forest near the Church. It was RESOLVED that consent be not granted and it be suggested to the Council that they utilise accommodation at the School grounds.

12. HEAD RANGERS REMOVAL EXPENSES. The Head Ranger having applied for repayment of his removal expenses totalling £3.5.0. It was RESOLVED that this amount be paid when he has been in the Board's employ for 6 months.

13. RATE. (p.191) The Clerk reported that the funds of the Conservancy were now exhausted and that the estimated expenditure for the ensuing year amounted to approximately £850. It was proposed seconded and unanimously resolved that a rate be made for defraying the expenses of the Conservators in the execution of their duties under the Award made under the provisions of the Inclosure Acts 1845-1878 and the Commons Regulation (Ashdown Forest) Provisional Order Confirmation Act 1885 to be levied upon the respective owners of the rights of common upon the Forest at the rate of Sixpence per acre in respect of the acreage of their respective lands to which such rights attach which owners and their respective acreages and the respective sums payable by them are set out in the Rate Book produced by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

14. FINANCES. The Bank Pass Book on the-General Accounts was produced showing a balance due to the Board of £448.16.5. also the Bank Pass Book on the Wages Account was produced showing a balance due to the Bank of £40.7.2.

Deposit Account. The Bank Deposit Book was produced

Showing a balance in favour of the Board of £148.13.6.

which under the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee will be transferred to the General Account.

Receipts. The Clerk reported that the following payments had been made by the Local Authorities: -

Cuckfield Rural District Council	£42.0.0.
East Grinstead Urban District Council	£42.0.0.
East Sussex County Council	£105.0.0.
Uckfield Rural District Council	£63.0.0.
Rates Arrears	

Also the following amounts had been received:-

Rates	£58.13.6.
Arrears	£1.1.6.
Acknowledgments	£43.17.3.
Miscellaneous	£1.17.6.

Accounts for payment. The following accounts were submitted and it was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment thereof:

Barrett of Battle. Printing.	£5.1.6.
Edward Stanford Ltd. Maps.	£1.18.10.
Sussex Express Advertisement	
Re. Equivalent Areas	£6.3.9.
The Courier Printing & Publishing	
Co. Ltd. Ditto.	£3.6.0.
F.T. Ridley & Son. Petrol &c.	
for Ranger's motor cycle	£1.15.9.
Geo. Martin & Son. Tools .	£3.7.3.
Wages Account. Barclays Bank Ltd.	£100.0.0.
Ditto	£100.0.0.

Fovargue R.W.. ¼ year's salary to	
30th June	£50.0.0.
ditto 30th September	£50.0.0.

15. MR. F. CHAPMAN. NOTICE BOARD. An application was received from Mr. Fitzroy Chapman for permission to erect a notice board direction to his property. It was RESOLVED that consent be granted on the usual terms, no arrow or other direction sign to be permitted.

16. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO FAIRWARP CHURCH. The Clerk reported that an application had been received from the Uckfield Gas & Electricity Company for extension of mains under the Forest to Fairwarp Church. It was RESOLVED that consent be granted on the usual terms.

17. OLD ENDS – COLEMAN'S HATCH. The Clerk reported that an application had been received from the purchaser of the above property for permission to make a roadway into the property. It was RESOLVED that consent be granted on the usual terms.

18. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL - SEWERAGE SCHEME. The Clerk reported that the Council had now agreed to redraft the agreement to conform with the terms of the Award and the Ashdown Forest Acts. Noted.

19. OCKLYE AND ST. JOHNS SEWERAGE (p.233). The Clerk reported that the agreement with the Uckfield Rural District Council had now been completed in the usual form. Noted.

## **MARESFIELD COMMITTEE**

**A MEETING of the Committee held at Shelley Arms, Nutley, on the 19th July, 1938, at 10.30 a.m.**

Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O. (Chairman)

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P.

F.T. Ridley, Esq.

A. F. Harland, Esq.

H.R. Hardy, Esq.

1. ALTERNATIVE AREAS. They inspected the land which is now to form part of the Forest. They recommend that boundary stones (of concrete) should be erected on the East and West sides (where not fenced) of the area as shown on the plan. They also recommend the southern boundary should be cleared and thrown open to the Forest.

The Committee have no information whether any arrangements have been made between the East Sussex County Council and Miss Hett re-fencing this enclosure.

2. MISS DOWNES. ROADWAY TO CHAPMAN'S COTTAGE. The Committee considered the application from Miss Downes re. access to Chapman's Cottage and recommend a license be granted under the usual terms over the existing track as shown in ink and marked X.

Chairman

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## **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**A Meeting of the Committee duly convened and held at the Shelley Arms, Nutley, on Wednesday, 27th July, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.**

J.R. Owen Esq., J.P. Chairman

J. Godwin King, Esq.

H.R. Hardy, Esq.

Apologies for absence were received from Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, Col. Ralph S. Clarke, Messrs. Richards and Rowe.

1. EQUIVALENT AREAS. (p.228). The Committee met Mr. McLee, Assistant County Surveyor, and after consideration of the proposals viewed the land belonging to Miss Hett which it was proposed to add to the Forest. The Clerk reported he has received a letter from Mr. S.J. Marsh stating he approved of the proposed exchange. Miss Hett and her Solicitor being present, Mr. J.H. Harris stated that they were now unwilling to convey more land than was necessary to make up the requisite area and preferred to retain ownership of the surplus 2.48 acres.

It was RESOLVED that the amended area be approved as a suitable equivalent area subject to:-

- (a) The County Council providing suitable fencing where necessary and accommodation works.
- (b) The consent of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

[signed] J.R. Owen

Chairman

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## **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**A MEETING of the Committee duly convened and held at the Village Hall, Forest Row, on Friday, 16th September, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. Chairman

Maj. Gen. Sir Hugh Bruce-Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.  
Rear Ad. T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
H.R. Hardy, Esq.,  
G.D. Haslam, Esq.,  
John Rowe, Esq.,  
J. Godwin King, Esq., J.P.  
F.E. Richards, Esq.

An apology for absence was received from Col. Ralph S. Clarke, M.P.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee were read confirmed and signed.

2. ASHDOWN FOREST HOTEL. SIGN. The Clerk read a letter from the Proprietor of the Ashdown Forest Hotel asking approval for a sign at the top of Chapel Lane, replacing an old sign which had been attached to the post of the Forest Byelaws Board. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman and Mr. Rowe inspect the sign and report their recommendations.

3. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. TOWN PLANNING SCHEME (p.240) The Clerk reported that a revised draft agreement had been submitted which complied with the Ministry of Health's requirements. Mr. Martin Grey attended on behalf of Lord De La Warr and suggested several minor amendments. It was RESOLVED that the questions be referred to the Clerk and Mr. Martin Grey to consider, and when an agreement had been reached between them that the Clerk circulate the members of the Committee with a copy of the draft.

4. EQUIVALENT AREAS (p.242) The draft agreement was produced and the Clerk reported that the draft was generally satisfactory and Mr. Martin Grey on behalf of Lord De La Warr, expressed his general approval. It was then discussed as to whether the Conservators or Miss Hett would arrange for the erection and maintenance of the fencing of the boundaries adjoining Miss Hett's land and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk look into the matter further and report.

5. ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST GOLF CLUB. WATER PIPES. An application was submitted by the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club for permission to lay water pipes and apparatus below ground to the Greens. RESOLVED that consent be granted subject to the usual terms.

6. MRS HADDOW. APPLICATION FOR NOTICE BOARD. The Clerk reported receipt of an application from Mrs. Haddow for a notice board at "Greenhall" Forest Row. Mr. Hardy had signified his approval upon the usual conditions and it was RESOLVED that his action be confirmed.

7. UCKFIELD R.D.C. NAME PLATES. The Clerk read a letter from the Surveyor to the Uckfield R.D.C. seeking approval of 4 road name plates which have been erected at Tompsetts Bank. Mr. Rowe stated that there was considerable opposition to the erection of the plates in the locality and that one had been over-thrown and another defaced. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman and Mr. Rowe inspect and report.

8. ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB. DIRECTION SIGNS. The Clerk reported that he had written to the Secretary of the Royal Automobile Club requesting information as to the Club's authority to have erected a number of road signs on Forest Land, and that he had received a reply stating- that the signs had been erected by the Club in conjunction with the County Council as the Statutory Highways Authority. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk take up the matter with the County Surveyor and report.

9. HEAD RANGER'S REPORT. The Head Ranger's report was then submitted to the Meeting, special notice being given to the Ranger's activities against gypsies and their efforts in combating the litter nuisance. The work on the road sides was nearly finished and it was proposed shortly to review the areas recently burnt with a view to making new fire rides. It was also reported that a request had been received from the Secretary of the Ladies Golf Club for assistance in the cost of repairing a bridge near the 14th Green. The Head Ranger stated that the cost of materials required would only amount to a few shillings and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk inform the Secretary of the Club that the Conservators were not prepared to contribute. It was further RESOLVED that the Head Ranger should, in future, regularly submit a report to this Committee.

10. SOUTHDOWN BUS CO. LOPPING OF TREES. The Clerk reported that he had written to the Southdown Bus Company with regard to the lopping of trees by the Company between Forest Row and Wych Cross. A letter was read from the Executive Director of the Company stating that he was informed at the time his Company took over the route, that permission to lop had been given by all owners of the trees, but that he was going more fully into the matter and would write further. Noted.

11. FAIRWARP SCHOOL. EMPTYING OF LAVATORY BUCKETS ON FOREST. The Clerk reported that he had written to the Correspondent of the Fairwarp School in regard to the practice of emptying school lavatory buckets into a trench on the Forest. A reply was read stating that instructions had been given for it to cease, but that the School had little other means of disposal.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Surveyor of the Uckfield R.D.C. for his observations.

12. HEAD RANGER. REMOVAL BILL (p.238) Ranger Nicholas submitted a bill for his removal to Forest Row, which it had been agreed to pay subject to his completion of six months satisfactory service. RESOLVED that same be paid.

13. RANGER DAY. TELEPHONE. (p.232). The Clerk reported that the Post Office Telephone Service were now prepared to connect the telephone to Ranger Day's house at the normal business rental of £1.9.6. a quarter. The Chairman pointed out that it was doubtful whether the usefulness derived would justify such an expenditure and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk request the P.O. to re-consider the connection on a private rate basis in the light of the exclusive use for Public Service.

14. MRS BOWDEN. SNACK BAR ON LEWES ROAD. The Chairman reported that further trouble had been experienced in the matter of notice Board outside Mrs. Bowden's Snack Bar. It was pointed out that access from the road was gained by two entrances over Forest land and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk review the legal position and report.

[signed] J.R. Owen

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**A MEETING of the Forest Row Committee duly convened and held at the Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday, 13th July, 1938, at 2.15 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P.  
J. Godwin King, Esq.  
Major Gen. Sir H. Bruce Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.  
Wm. Mitchell, Esq.  
F.H. Nias, Esq., J.P.  
F.E. Richards, Esq.  
Harry Waters, Esq.

Apologies for absence were received from Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P., H.R. Hardy, Esq., and J.H.H. Griffin, Esq.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN. It was unanimously RESOLVED that Mr. H.R. Hardy be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2. MR. P.T. MUGGERIDGE. LICENCE. The Clerk reported that a consent had been granted to Mr. P.T. Muggeridge to make a roadway into property at Chuck Hatch. A further application had now been received for a roadway to another house at Chuck Hatch which he was selling to Mrs. Lloyd.

The Committee recommended that the applicant be informed that as it appeared he could obtain access from either of the two high roads to which his property abutted, there was no necessity to make a track over Forest land.

ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST LADIES GOLF CLUB – WATER SUPPLY. An application was received from the Ladies Golf Club for permission to extend the water supply from Broadstone Place to the Golf Course and it

was RESOLVED that the same be recommended for approval but consent be only granted for a temporary stand pipe which can be removed after use.

Chairman

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**A MEETING of the Board duly convened and held at the Village Hall, Forest Row on Wednesday 5th October 1938 at 3 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq. J.P. Chairman

J. Godwin King, Esq., Vice-Chairman –

ELECTED CONSERVATORS

G.D. Haslam, Esq.  
H.R. Hardy, Esq.  
S.J. Marsh, Esq.  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
Wm. Mitchell, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.

UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Major General Sir Hugh Bruce-Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.

EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.

J.H.H. Griffin, Esq.

CUCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE –

A.F. Harland, Esq.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

H.W. Looker, Esq.

and Mr. Martin Grey on behalf of Earl De La Warr.

(Apologies for absence were received from Col. Ralph Clarke, M.P., and Messrs. F. E. Richards and E. Waters)

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting .as printed and circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.
2. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE'S REPORTS (p.236) The reports of the General Purposes Committee of their Meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> September, copies of which had been printed and circulated were received and it was Resolved that the same be approved.
3. EQUIVALENT AREAS. FENCING (p.244) The Clerk having advised on this matter it was Resolved that as this appeared to be a matter between the County Council and Miss Hett, no action be taken by this Board as regards fencing and that the same be deleted from the draft Contract.
4. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. NAME PLATES AT TOMPSETTS BANK (p.244). The Chairman and Mr. Rowe reported on their inspection. It was Resolved that the Rural District Council be granted a licence for the retention of these name plates on the usual terms.

5. ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB. DIRECTION SIGNS. (p.444). The Clerk reported that the County Surveyor had informed him that he had been unable as yet to look into this matter, but enquired whether the Board would agree in principle to the signs remaining.

It was proposed and seconded that permission be granted subject to a License on the usual terms.

It was proposed by way of amendment and duly seconded that consideration of the matter be deferred. The amendment on being put to the meeting was lost.

It was then proposed by way of further amendment that the R.A.C. be asked to remove the signs as there are already too many on the Forest. On being put to the Meeting there voted for the amendment 6 and against 5, and on being put as a substantive motion the amendment was carried.

6. HEAD RANGER'S REPORT. It was Resolved that in future a summary of the Head Ranger's reports be prepared and circulated to all members.

7. MARESFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT. The Maresfield Committee reported that they met on the 30th September. Present: Mr. Harland, Mr. Ridley and Col. Miller.

(1) The application from the Uckfield Rural District Council for widening the road entrance to the Council's Cottages in Forge Lane was considered and it was recommended that the application be granted.

(b) The application of Miss Wilson of Summerford, Fairwarp for permission to improve the existing cart track which runs past Summerford to Banksia, was considered and the Committee recommended that consent be granted in respect of this section only.

It was Resolved that the report be received and the recommendations adopted, subject to Licences in the usual terms.

8. ELECTION OF CONSERVATORS. The Clerk reported that under the provisions of the Ashdown Forest Act 1937 three of the nine elected Conservators should retire in December 1938 and the names of such three Conservators to be determined by lot.

The following three names were then drawn by the Chairman viz: Mr. H.R. Hardy, Mr. G.D. Haslam and Mr. J. Rowe.

9. FAIRWARP SCHOOL. EMPTYING OF LAVATORY BUCKETS ON FOREST (p.345) . A letter was read from the Medical Officer of Health for the Uckfield Rural District stating that the emptying on the Forest had been carried on for a considerable time, and that from a public health point of view he could see no objection provided certain precautions were taken. The alternatives were for disposal on the school grounds or removal by a contractor at considerable expense.

It was Resolved that he be informed that the Board were prepared to allow the existing practice to continue subject to the School Managers taking steps to make permanent arrangements for the disposal in some other way.

10. MRS. BOWDEN, FOREST HALL. (p.246) The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from Mr. F. Willoughby, agent for Mrs. Bowden, complaining that the Rangers were continually removing Mrs. Bowden's advertisement boards, and claiming that the title deeds to the property showed that Mrs. Bowden's boundary extended to the road edge.

It was Resolved that the matter be left to the Clerk to enquire into further and report.

11. HIGHGATE GREEN DUMPING. The Clerk reported that complaint having been made by the Forest Row Parish Council of the dumping of building and other material at Highgate Green. The Ranger had made an inspection on Mr. Hardy's instructions and reported as follows:- "The Council use the Green to dump their road making materials at times. At present there are about twenty iron frames for reinforcing concrete there. There is also about a cart load of metal there for the repair of the lane which runs through the Green (Inkpen Lane). There are no building materials in Inkpen Lane in the Forest and the Green is clear."

Mr. Looker suggested that he should interview the District Surveyor on the matter, and it was Resolved that his offer be accepted with thanks, and that the Parish Council be informed of the position.

12. RANGER KIRBY'S CYCLE. Ranger Kirby reported that after two years use the tyres and tubes on his cycle were worn out, and it was Resolved that new tyres and tubes be purchased.

13. RANGER DAY. APPLICATION FOR CYCLE ALLOWANCE. An application was received from Ranger Day for an allowance in respect of his cycle and it was Resolved that he be offered £5 for the purchase of the machine.

14. ANNUAL MEETING OF COMMONERS. It was Resolved that the Annual Meeting of the Commoners be held on Wednesday 7th December 1938 at 8.0 p.m. either at the Shelley Arms Hotel or The Memorial Hall, Nutley.

15. FIR CLUMPS ON FOREST. The Chairman reported that he had instructed the Head Ranger to report on the condition of the Fir Clumps in. the Forest, and produced the report.

It was Resolved that the report be considered by the Clerk and the Lord's Agent and referred to the General Purposes -Committee.

16. FINANCES. The Bank Pass Book on General Account was produced showing a balance due to the Board of £539.14.1. Also the Wages Account Pass Book was produced showing a balance due to the Board of £46.0.4, against which there were outstanding cheques totalling £18.16.10.

The Clerk reported that further subscriptions had been paid direct to the Bank under Banker Orders and it was Resolved that cheques be drawn in repayment as follows:-

Mrs. J. Fisher	£1.1.0.
Miss M.G.K. Thornton	£1.1.0.
The Rt. Hon. Earl De La Warr	£2.0.0.
Sir George H. Collier, C.B.E.	£1.0.0.
R.O. Hambro, Esq.	£2.2.0.
Sec. R.A.F. Ladies Golf Club	£1.1.0.
Sec. R.A.F. Golf Club	£3.3.0.
Miss Muriel Parsons	£0.2.6.
G.A. McLachlan, Esq.	£1.1.0.
Rt. Hon. Viscountess Cecil	£2.0.0.
H.N. Collingwood, Esq.	£1.1.0.
Lt. Col. W. Scott-Elliott, D.S.O.	£1.0.0.
Rt. Hon. Earl of Castlestewart	£2.2.0.
George H. Shakerley-Ackers, Esq.	£1.0.0.

The following accounts were submitted and it was Resolved that cheques be drawn in payment thereof:-

J. Oliver, Junr. Printing	£4.3.10.
Messrs. Barrett, Battle "	£4.14.0.
F.T. Ridley & Son, Petrol, etc.	£6.16.0.
Barclays Bank Ltd.	
To credit of Wages Account	£100.0.0.

Chairman

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## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

A Meeting of the Committee duly convened and held at The Village Hall, on Wednesday, 9nd November, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.



J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. Chairman  
J. Godwin King, Esq., Vice-Chairman  
Maj. Gen. Sir H. Bruce Williams, K.C.B., D.S.C.  
G.D. Haslam, Esqre.  
Col Ralph S. Clarke, M.P.  
F.E. Richards, Esq.  
John Rowe, Esq.

1. EQUIVALENT AREAS. (p.248) Mr. McLee of the County Surveyor's office attended the meeting to report a technical difficulty which had arisen in connection with this matter in so far as the County Council had given full authority to purchase compensation land for areas taken from the Forest, but no authority had been given to buy land for the proposed road. He enquired if the Board could assist the County Council by temporarily holding an additional area of land surplus to requirements.

It was RESOLVED that this course be agreed to subject to the arrangement being carried out in legal form acceptable to all parties to the Agreement and to the consent of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

2. TOWN PLANNING AGREEMENT. (p.243) Correspondence between the Lord's Solicitors and the Clerk was read in conjunction with the draft agreement which had previously been circulated to the Committee. Messrs. Hunt suggested that the agreement be further amended:-

(1) To provide for the Lord and Conservators being able to attend enquiries as permitted in the present agreement. RESOLVED that this be approved.

(2) To allow a public golf course as a permitted use. The Clerk having reported on the legal position and the position of the Commoners having been fully discussed RESOLVED that provided the Commoners' interests are properly safeguarded the Clerk confer with Messrs. Hunt and settle an appropriate amendment to draft agreement.

3. REPLANTING FIR CLUMPS. The Head Ranger reported that all the clumps were in need of replanting. His report had been submitted to the Lord's Solicitors and correspondence from them on the legal position was read. RESOLVED that the Lord be asked to continue the former customary practice and carry out the requisite replanting.

4. HIGHGATE GREEN. Letters from Mr. Looker were read stating the County Surveyor had removed his road material and plant.

A further complaint from the Parish Council was reported but it appeared that the only material now deposited was there for the repair of the private road. RESOLVED that no further action be taken.

5. ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST LADIES CLUB. Repair of Bridges.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Golf Club asking the Board to repair the bridge near the 14th green, which connects the public right of way running from Chapel Lane via Butler's Gate to Ashdown Park, the cost of renewing this bridge was shared between the Board and the Club in 1929. RESOLVED the Golf Club be asked to furnish an estimate of the cost of the necessary repairs.

The Secretary also raised the question of liability for

The Waggon Bridge near Footbridge Gate which the Board built in 1919 and which was used by vehicles drawing timber out of Broadstone Warren and also by Commoners in the exercise of their rights. RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Clerk to report.

6. SOUTHDOWN MOTOR SERVICES. TREE LOPPING. A letter from the Executive Director of the Company was read in which was stated that the Company were prepared to continue the cutting of the trees under supervision of the Rangers subject to previous notice being given before commencing operations. This proposal is satisfactory to the Lord. Approved.

7. WEALD ELECTRICITY COMPANY. UNDERGROUND CABLE TO LITTLE ABBOTS, FRIARS GATE. Application was received to extend the underground main for a distance of 280 yards. RESOLVED that the same be approved on the usual conditions.

8. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. LICENSES. (ROAD NAME PLATES). Letters were read from the Clerk to the Council urging that the amounts of the acknowledgments be reduced as the Rural Council already assisted with the Board's finances and the name plates only cost 15/- to purchase. RESOLVED to recommend that the name plates be charged 1/- each annually and the previous decision varied accordingly but that no charge be made in regard to the query respecting the charge for the road.

9. ENCROACHMENT. L. WELLER. The Head Ranger having reported an encroachment by the above named the matter was referred to the Lord's Solicitors, who replied that they were uncertain if the present encroachment affected the Forest and wished to be clear on this point.

The Head Ranger stated that he believed it to be an encroachment though on the edge of the regulated area.

RESOLVED that he be instructed to make further inspection and report.

10. FOREST HALT. The Clerk reported on his enquiries in this matter and as to his interview with Mrs. Bowden and her Agent. RESOLVED that she be informed that the Board intended to press their claim for an injunction unless she is prepared to acknowledge the Board's jurisdiction over the soil on which the entrance drives are made.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

#### Summary of Head Ranger's Reports

The Head Ranger reports as follows:

Gorse Cutting. Since the last meeting the burnt gorse on the Nutley - Duddleswell Road and from the Duddleswell Cross Roads to Fairwarp and Kidds Hill has been cut. Work is at present proceeding at Fords Green to protect the fir trees there.

Gypsies. A number of gypsies have been moved off the Forest. A. and J. Killick appeared before the East Grinstead Bench on the 17th October when they were fined 30s 0d. each for breaches of the Bye-Laws. Since this prosecution the gypsy nuisance has abated.

Encroachments. An attempted encroachment on the Forest at Cripps Corner by Mr. Charles Weller has been stopped.

General. Several days have been spent in cleaning up litter. The sites occupied by the military at Greenwood Gate and Stone Hill have been cleared satisfactorily following complaints. All three Rangers spent parts of several days in collecting Forest Rates.

### CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN FOREST

**A MEETING of the Board duly convened and held at the Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1938, at 3.0 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. Chairman  
J. Godwin King, Esq., Vice Chairman

#### ELECTED CONSERVATORS

H.R. Hardy, Esq.  
G.D. Haslam, Esq., J.P.  
S.J. Marsh, Esq.  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
Wm. Mitchell, Esq.

John Rowe, Esq.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

H.W. Looker, Esq.

F.E. Richards, Esq.

EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

J.H.H. Griffin, Esq.,

CUCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

A.F. Harland, Esq.

and Mr. Martin Grey on behalf of Earl De La Warr.

Apologies for absence were received from The Right Hon. Lord Cautley, Admiral Beamish, M.P. and Col. R.S. Clarke, M.P.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Board as printed and circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT.(p.248) The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting on the 9th November as printed and circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.

3. FAIRWARP SCHOOL SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS.(p.248) A letter was received from the Medical Officer of Health noting the Boards remarks. It was RESOLVED that he be informed that the Board await to hear what further steps are proposed.

4. TOWN PLANNING AGREEMENT.(p.253) The Clerk reported that he had received from the Lord's Solicitors further amendments to this Agreement and he would report further to the General Purposes Committee thereon.

5. REPLANTING OF FIR CLUMPS.(p.254) Mr. Grey reported that the Lord had agreed to the replanting of the Fir Clumps and the Chairman asked Mr. Grey to convey to the Lord the Board's appreciation of his action, and that endeavours would be made to see that his efforts were not negated.

6. HIGHGATE GREEN DUMPING.(p.254) A letter was read from Mr. Looker enclosing a report from the County Surveyor that the site had now been tidied up so far as the County Council were concerned. Noted with satisfaction.

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7. ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST LADIES GOLF CLUB. REPAIR OF BRIDGE. The Clerk reported that he had not yet received an estimate from the Ladies Golf Club.

The Ranger had reported that the Waggon Bridge had not been used by vehicles for some time, but was in fair condition for light carting.

8. SOUTHDOWN MOTOR SERVICES. TREE LOPPING (p.255) A letter was read from the Southdown Motor Company stating that instructions had been given to all depots concerned that in future the Head Ranger must be consulted before any lopping is done. Noted.

9. ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB DIRECTION SIGNS.(p 249) The Clerk reported that the Royal Automobile Club had informed him that the matter now rested entirely with the County Council as Highway authority.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that the signs were of a type approved by the Ministry of Transport and erected to replace the old "A.A." signs. He asked if the Board could see their way clear to allow the signs to remain.

It was proposed and seconded that the Board adhere to their resolution of the 5th October.

An amendment was moved and seconded that the Board allow the signs to remain. The amendment on being put to the vote was lost and the original proposition on being put as a substantive motion was duly carried.

10. MRS. BOWDEN - FOREST HALT (p.25l) The Clerk reported an interview he had with Mrs. Bowden's agent and Solicitors. A letter was read from Mr. F. Willoughby stating that Mrs. Bowden was not willing to give up her rights of access to the highway and would defend any action the Board might take. The letter further stated that Mr. Willoughby and his client were willing to attend the Board Meeting, but on reference to the Chairman he had instructed the Clerk that they should not be invited.

The Clerk advised the Board that to protect their position they must take legal proceedings in which the Lord would be party to. Mr. Martin Grey reported that before the Lord joined in proceedings he would desire that an interview be arranged between his agent and Mrs. Bowden.

It was RESOLVED that Counsel's opinion be obtained and that in the event of his advising the Board to take proceedings, the Clerk be authorised to take all necessary steps.

11. TREE PLANTING ON ROADSIDE MARGINS. A letter from the County Surveyor was received asking permission to take young trees from the Forest under the direction of the Forest Ranger for planting on the wayside of highways. The Clerk reported that the matter had been referred to the Lord's Solicitors, who were considering it.

12. SUSSEX TERRITORIAL ARMY ASSOCIATION. ARMOURED VEHICLES ON FOREST. The Clerk reported the receipt of an application from the Association for permission to use parts of the Forest for training personnel in driving Bren Gun Carriers. The Chairman suggested that definite haulage tracks should be defined and mapped and that they might then be used as fire breaks. After considerable discussion it was RESOLVED that the Board consent to the application provided that (a) the Lord's consent be obtained (b) the use be limited to an area approved by the General Purposes Committee, and (c) a Meeting be arranged with the Commanding Officer for discussion of the proposals and a demonstration be staged.

13. MR. C. SPENCE. GARAGE APPROACH. An application was received from Mr. C.H. Spence of Mount View, Colemans Hatch, for permission to make a metalled approach to his garage. The Chairman reported that he had inspected the property and found that Mr. Spence had already made an approach to the garage but that it was very awkward and a more direct one was desired. He recommended that consent be given for the new one, provided that Mr. Spence should put back the present approach into its former condition. RESOLVED that the Chairman's recommendations be adopted and that a License be granted on the usual terms.

4. MANOR CHARITABLE TRUST - ROADWAY INTO BROADSTONE WARREN. The Clerk reported that on applying to Major Barrington for the acknowledgment due in respect of a License for a roadway to Broadstone Warren, he had been informed that the Trust had never used the roadway since they bought the property and was to all intents and purposes non-existent.

It was RESOLVED that the acknowledgement be waived until such time as the roadway be brought into use.

15. MISS HOARE. MEMORIAL SEAT ON FOREST. An application was received from Miss Helen Hoare of Charlwood, East Grinstead, for permission to erect a memorial seat on the Forest at the Goat Cross Roads. It was RESOLVED that consent be granted subject to a licence on the same terms as that granted to the Forest Row Parish Council.

16. MISSES PLAYFAIR. LICENSE FOR ROAD. An application was received from the Misses Playfair for a license for a road to their property at Coffee Hall, Duddleswell. It was RESOLVED that the application be referred to the Forest Row Committee with power to act.

17. CONTROLLED BURNING. The Board went into Committee on the discussion of this matter, raised by Mr. Marsh. The Chairman informed him that the Rangers had been given instructions to carry out controlled burning during the coming winter.

The Board then went out of Committee .

18. RANGERS TELEPHONES. (p.246) The Clerk reported that the Telephones Department had informed him that the residential rate was not applicable to the Rangers' telephones, but that the Business Small User rate under which a quarterly rental of £13.6. was payable, would apply. It was Reported that Major Darwin's house had now been connected with the telephone under a private arrangement and that the cost of connection to Ranger Day's house would be 15/- only.

It was RESOLVED that instructions be given for the necessary installation.

19. FINANCES (p.251) The Bank Pass Book on General Account was produced shewing a balance due to the Board of £530.7.8. Also the Wages Account Pass Book was produced showing a balance due to the Board of £4.15.4.

RECEIPTS. The Clerk reported that since the last Meeting the following accounts had been received:

On a/c of Rates	£116.0.0.
On a/c of Acknowledgments	£5.4.0.
Miscellaneous	£0.9.6.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. The following accounts were submitted and it was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment thereof:-

Sussex Daily News. Advertising	£0.19.3
Sussex Express & County Herald Advertising	£1.5.0.
James Oliver Jnr. Printing	£1.2.6.
F.T. Ridley & Son, Petrol etc.	£6.11.11.
Day, G. Petty Payments	£0.5.6
Nicholas, R. T. Petty Payments	£1.7.6
Kirby, H. Petty Payments	£1.8.1
The Council for the Preservation of Rural England. Subscription	£1.1.0
Barclays Bank: Ltd. Credit Wage a/c	£100.0.0.
ditto	£100.0.0.
Fovargue, R.W. ¼ year's salary to 31 <sup>st</sup> December	£50.0.0.
Commons, Open Spaces & Footpaths Preservation Society Subscription	£1.1.0.
Fovargue, R.W. Telephones	£3.3.7.
Petty Payments	£46.15.8.
Postages	£15.1.11
	£65.1.2.
	£330.2.11.

20. FUTURE MEETINGS. It was RESOLVED that meetings during 1939 be held on the first Wednesdays in the months of February, April, July, October and December.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the COMMONERS of Ashdown Forest duly convened by the Clerk by notices on the principal door of each of the Churches of the Parishes and Ecclesiastical Districts to which the Forest extends, notices sent to each commoner more than 14 days prior to the date and by**

**advertisement in two newspapers circulating in the neighbourhood to wit The Sussex Express and County Herald and the Sussex Daily News.**

Mr. H.R. Hardy Chairman  
Mr. F.T. Ridley  
Miss H.C. Hett  
Mr. G.C.H. Tennent  
Mr. John Rowe.  
Mr. W. Mitchell  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
Miss B. Swire  
Mr. F.W. Tyler  
Mr. R. Holmes  
Mr. P.T. Muggeridge  
Mr. S.J. Marsh  
Mr. A.C. Wolfson  
Mr. F. Mitchell  
Mr. N.G. Stephens

Apologies for absence were received from Admiral Beamish, Col. R.S. Clarke, Mr. G.D. Haslam, Mr. Geo. M. Maryon Wilson, Mr. J.R. Owen and Mr. H.R. Waters.  
The Clerk read the notice convening this Meeting.

1. CHAIRMAN. Mr. H. Ronald Hardy is unanimously elected Chairman of this Meeting.
2. MR. GEO. M. MARYON-WILSON. The Chairman referred to the absence through ill health of Mr. Geo. M. Maryon-Wilson and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk do convey to him the best wishes of this Meeting for his recovery.
3. MINUTES. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Commoners were read approved and signed.
4. ELECTION OF CONSERVATORS. The Clerk reported that under the provisions of the Ashdown Forest Act 1937 three Conservators whose names were to be chosen by lot were due to retire in 1938. At the Conservators Meeting on the 5th October the following three names were drawn:

Mr. Herbert Ronald Hardy  
Mr. George Demaine Haslam  
Mr. John Rowe.

Mr. Hardy having retired from the Chair temporarily, the Clerk asked for nominations. The three retiring Conservators were duly nominated for re-election and there being no further nominations they were declared duly elected for the three years ending 31st March 1941.

5. RECREATION GROUND SUPERINTENDENT. The Superintendents of the Recreation Grounds were re-elected as follows:

Nutley - Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
Fairwarp - Col. Barchard  
Colemans Hatch - Mr. J.R. Owen, J.P.  
Forest Row -Mr. C.G. de Rougemont.

6. COMMONERS RIGHTS OF ACCESS. Mr. P.T. Muggeridge enquired as to a Commoners' rights of access to his own property. The Chairman informed him that if there was an existing cart track to the property it could be used for a car.

7. NO PARKING NOTICES. Mr. D. Mitchell enquired as to the authority for erecting notice boards with the words 'No Parking'. He was informed that such notice boards were only allowed under a revocable License from the Board. Commoners had a perfect right to park within 15 feet from the highway.

8. CO-OPERATION BETWEEN BOARD AND COUNTY COUNCIL. Mr. F. Mitchell complained of the high kerbs constructed by the Council on roads crossing the Forest, and suggested there should be more co-operation between the Board and the County Council. The Chairman informed him that there was cordial co-operation between the two bodies. The County Council had stated that the high kerbs were necessary from an engineering standpoint.

9. DANGER TO CATTLE ON HIGHWAYS. Mr. Nelson Stephens referred to the danger to cattle from modern traffic on roads crossing the Forest, and alleged that prospect of loss was responsible for the decrease in the number of cattle stocked on the Forest, with a corresponding decrease in the cutting of litter. He enquired whether it would be possible to establish a compensation fund and the Chairman stated that the matter would be brought before the Board.

10. GYPSIES. Mr. Nelson Stephens also complained of the gypsy nuisance, and the Chairman informed him that since the recent prosecution, when fines totalling 30/- each were imposed the number of gypsies on the Forest had decreased.

11. MISS HETT, re CUTTING OF RIDES ON THE FOREST. Miss Hett enquired as to the cutting of rides on the Forest, and the Chairman informed her that the matter had been considered at the Board Meeting that afternoon and the work would be carried out during the winter.

12. APPOINTMENT OF RANGERS. Mr. Frank Mitchell enquired why a local man was not chosen for the position of Head Ranger. The Clerk explained that advertisements were inserted in the local press, resulting in over 30 applications being received. Nineteen of these were placed on the short list and the Selection Committee went very exhaustively into the matter, each applicant received a statement of the qualifications necessary, Ranger Kirby did not himself apply for the post of Head Ranger, and both he and Ranger Day who were local men were appointed assistant Rangers.

The Chairman appealed to all Commoners to co-operate with the Rangers in every way.

13. RECREATION GROUNDS. Mr Mitchell also enquired as to the use of the recreation grounds on Sundays and he was informed that it was a matter for the individual superintendents.

14. TIME OF MEETINGS. Mr. Mitchell expressed appreciation of that the time of the meeting had been altered to a more convenient hour for the Commoners.

15. VOTE OF THANKS TO CHAIRMAN. On the notion of Col. Miller, a vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman for his able conduct of the meeting.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**A MEETING of the General Purposes Committee duly convened and held on Thursday 26th January 1939 at 4.30 p.m. at the Village Hall Forest Row.**

J. R. Owen Esq. J.P. Chairman  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
H. Ronald Hardy, Esq.  
John Rowe, Esq.

Apologies for absence were received from Maj. Genl. Sir Hugh Bruce Williams, K.C.B., Col. R.S. Clarke, M.P. and Messrs. G.D. Haslam, J. Godwin King and F.E. Richards.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee as printed and circulated were confirmed and signed.

2. EQUIVALENT AREAS. The Clerk reported that the County Surveyor had now agreed that the substituted land should be comprised first of all, from that purchased from Miss Hett and the remainder from the 500 Acre Wood. Approved.

3. TOWN PLANNING AGREEMENT. The Clerk reported on the further amendments made by the Lord's Solicitors, relating to the use of pits on the Forest, the provision of gallops, and the use of a part of the Forest as a Golf Course as well as the introduction of a saving clause defining the position between the Board and The Lord of the Manor and his Trustees. It was RESOLVED to recommend that the amendments as reported be approved.

4. It was RESOLVED that the Rangers be instructed to report on the condition of the existing pits whether in use now or not.

5. SUSSEX TERRITORIAL ARMY ASSOCIATION. ARMOURED VEHICLES ON FOREST. The Clerk reported that he had now heard from the Lord's Solicitors that the Lord was not averse to permission being granted, provided strict control should be exercised over the permission and that the use should be given for a limited time and a definite limited area. He further reported a letter from the Commanding Officer stating that it was not possible yet to give a demonstration as delivery of the vehicles was not expected for two or three months. Noted.

6. SIGNALLING CORPS. EXERCISES ON FOREST. An application was received from the 133rd Infantry Brigade to carry out signal exercises on the Forest on the 2nd and 3rd April. It was RESOLVED to recommend that consent be given subject to any damage occasioned by the use of vehicles being made good.

7. SUPERINTENDENTS OF RECREATION GROUNDS. The Clerk reported that at the Annual Meeting of Commoners questions were asked regarding the playing of games on the recreation grounds on Sundays, and the questioner was informed that the matter was one for the individual superintendents. On the proposition of the Chairman it was RESOLVED that when any innovation of the use of the grounds was proposed, it was desirable that the Superintendents should refer the matter to the Board so that there should be some uniformity of control.

8. MR. P.T. MUGGERIDGE. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE FOR ROAD. The Chairman reported that the Forest Row committee had considered this application at their meeting on the 24th instant. It appeared that Mr. Muggeridge required a road for his own use, and the purchaser of the adjoining house requires a similar access. The Committee recommended that consent be granted subject to individual licences on the usual terms.

9. SELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES. The Committee considered the selection of the following Committees for recommendation to the Board for approval:

Forest Row Committee.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman (ex officio) Major General Sir Hugh Bruce-Williams, Messrs. J.H.H. Griffin, Hardy, Mitchell, Rowe and Waters.

Maresfield Committee.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman (ex officio), Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, Messrs. Harland, Haslam, Marsh, Miller, and Ridley.

General Purposes Committee

It was RESOLVED that the following names be recommended to the Board for the selection of 9 Members to serve on this Committee and that the Clerk do circulate the members of the Board informing them of the recommendation.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman (ex officio), Rear Admiral

T.P.H. Beamish, M.P., Major General Sir Hugh Bruce-Williams, Col. R.S. Clarke, M.P., Messrs. Hardy, Haslam, Richards, Rowe, Harland, Griffin and Nias.

10. ESTIMATES. The Committee considered the estimates for the year ending 31st December 1939 and it was RESOLVED to recommend that they be approved

11. FOREST HALT, NUTLEY. The Clerk reported that the Lord's Solicitors had informed him that they had been endeavouring to arrange a meeting between the Estate Agent and Mrs. Bowden. He further reported that he had been informed by the Ranger today that Mrs. Bowden had let or sold the property. Noted.



12. ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB SIGNS ON HIGHWAY. The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the County Surveyor that only one "R.A.C." sign was affected, who in the circumstances, had given instructions for the replacement of the original "A.A." sign in lieu of the new "R.A.C." sign. Noted.

13. COMPENSATION FOR INJURED CATTLE. The Clerk reported that at the Annual Meeting of the Commoners it was suggested that some form of insurance should be arranged for compensation for Commoners' cattle injured on the Forest. After discussion, it was RESOLVED that in view of the difficulties which present themselves and of the infinitesimal number of the reported injuries, no further action be taken.

14. MR. NELSON STEPHENS. DEPOSIT ON FOREST. The Clerk reported that the Ranger had informed him that Mr. Nelson Stephens of Marl pits, had sunk a hole on the Forest in which he had deposited building material. He had been requested to remove the material and restore the Forest, but had not yet done so. It was RESOLVED that he be informed that unless he complies with the Ranger's instructions, the Board will consider taking further action.

15. WATER MAIN TO LITTLE PLAW HATCH. The Clerk reported that he had received an application from Mr. Lloyd of Little Plaw Hatch for the extension of the water main by the East Grinstead Water Company across the Forest from Wych Cross to Plaw Hatch and in accordance with the plan submitted. It was RESOLVED that a License be granted subject to the usual terms.

16. SEWERAGE. SLUDGE DUMPING ON FOREST. The Clerk reported that the Ranger having informed him that a quantity of sewerage sludge had been deposited on the Forest near the Colemans Hatch - Wych Cross road which was likely to contaminate a fresh water drinking supply. He had telephoned the Company alleged to have committed the offence, asking for an explanation. A letter was read from the Company stating that they had interrogated their employees, who denied any knowledge of the disposal. Whilst they were unable to obtain positive proof of the allegation, they were anxious to do what they could to remove suspicion and had arranged to get in touch with the Ranger thereon.

17. ST. JOHNS CRICKET CLUB APPLICATION. An application was received from the Secretary of the St. Johns Cricket Club for permission to erect a fence round the cricket ground, and also to provide a small pavilion. The Clerk reported that he desired to look into the legal position, and report thereon. Approved.

18. MR. P. ILLINGSWORTH IMPROVEMENT IN FOREST. A letter was received from Mr. P. Illingsworth expressing appreciation of the work of the Rangers and the great improvement in the Forest. Noted with satisfaction.

19. HEAD RANGERS REPORT. The Clerk reported that further to the summary of the Head Ranger's report which had been circulated, the Ranger had reported as follows:-

At Fords Green undergrowth under the trees had been cut and the trees themselves feathered, in all sum 300 trees extending over about ½ mile had been dealt with. At Wych Cross the undergrowth round trees was burnt and further trees planted in the place of those that were dead. A fire break 8 ft. wide had been cut from the Rough to the top of Kidds Hill. As soon as the Forest is dry enough it is intended to cut a break 30 to 40 ft. wide. At present they are being cut at the side of the Wych Cross - Goat Road where the Forest is thickly timbered with Birch. Permission was requested for the purchase of a heavy scythe at an approximate cost of £1. It was RESOLVED that the report be received and that the Board be recommended to sanction the purchase of the scythe.

20. HEAD RANGERS MOTOR-CYCLE. The Chairman reported that in view of the trouble which the Ranger's motor-cycle had been giving, he requested Mr. Ridley to furnish the technical report thereon. He had received a report which he did not consider satisfactory and it was RESOLVED to recommend that the Board write to the B.S.A. Company giving the history of the machine and the agent's name and stating that as a Public body the Board would be obliged if they could give the Board a technical report on the machine and inform the Board of its position under the guarantee.

21. DATE OF OCTOBER MEETING. The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary Ashdown Forest Garden Society asking whether the Board would change the date of their meeting to the 27th September or the 11th October, as October 4th was the only date they could hold their Flower Show. It was RESOLVED that the Board change the date of its meeting to October 11th.

[signed] J.R. Owen

Chairman

### Summary of Head Ranger's Reports

The Head Ranger reports as follows :-

Undergrowth Cutting. Since the last meeting, 19 days have been spent in cutting and burning undergrowth under and round trees at Fords Green and Wych Cross.

Gypsies. Six gypsies with their caravans and horses were moved off and on one occasion I consulted the Police Sergeant at Buxted regarding gypsy camp between Nutley and Chelwood Gate. H. Brazil was moved from the forest near Chelwood Gate and warned about habitually camping in the forest.

Cutting of Firebreak. A break has been cut at Kidds Hill eight feet wide to use when burning under control. I intend burning a width of about thirty feet.

Dumps on the Forest. The County Council, an employee of W. & F. Baines of Blackham and E.J. Hills, Builder have dumped rubbish and building material on the Forest. Mr. Mills has been warned and the Clerk has written to Messrs. Baines.

Mr. Nelson G. Stephens. Mr. Nelson G. Stephens of Marl pits, Nutley is making a metal road through the forest, also a pit from which he is taking clay. Building material has also been dumped on the Forest. I requested him to fill in the pit and remove the building material from the forest. Mr. Stephens claims to have a permit for road dated 1921.

Encroachment on Forest. I found an encroachment at Mudbrooks Cottage and later checked it with Ranger May and the Lord's Reeve. Notice has been given to the owner Mr. G. Waters of Burnt House Farm, Forest Row to remove his fence from the forest. The Clerk has been consulted with regard to the position of a piece of land attached to Mudbrooks Cottage not marked on the Award Map, about one quarter of an acre in extent.

General. A fence has been erected around the cricket field at St. Johns. With Mr. Hardy I inspected the approaches to the late Fox Inn, Fairwarp. A post had been erected on the forest obstructing the opening of a gate near Miss Hett's at Marl pits. Reported the same to Colonel Miller and this post was subsequently removed. A notice board erected at the entrance to Colonel Hunter's Cherry Orchard was removed after complaint. Mr. Newman has yet not removed the timber from Honeywell Lane. About sixty cords of wood are stacked there. His permit granted by Mr. Hardy on 19th July last expired 1st January. Owing to inclement weather several days cutting etc. had to be cancelled.

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### **A MEETING of the Board duly convened and held on Wednesday 1st February, 1939, at 3.0 p.m. at The Village Hall, Forest Row.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. Chairman

J.Godwin King, Esq., C.B.E., J.P. Vice-Chairman

#### ELECTED CONSERVATORS

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#### EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Col. Ralph S. Clarke, M.P.

H.W. Looker, Esq.,  
F.E. Richards, Esq.

EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.

J.H.H. Griffin, Esq.

CUCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

A.F. Harland, Esq.

UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Major General Sir Hugh Bruce Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.

F.H. Nias, Esq., J.P.

M. Grey Esq. For the Lord of the Manor.

1. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN. Mr. J. Godwin King was elected temporary Chairman.
2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN. It was unanimously RESOLVED that Mr. J.R. Owen be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year, and thereupon took the Chair. Mr. J. Godwin King was unanimously appointed Vice-Chairman for the same period and heartily congratulated on the honour conferred upon him in the New Year's Honours List.
3. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE. The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee at their meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> January; (Paragraph 9) were considered and it was RESOLVED that their recommendations be adopted.
4. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Board Meeting and of the General Purposes Committee as printed and circulated were confirmed and signed
5. REPLANTING OF FIR CLUMPS (p.261) The Chairman reported that a large number of trees had already been replanted by the Lord at Gills Lap and St. Johns. Noted with satisfaction.
6. FOREST HALT. (p.271) The Clerk reported that Mrs. Bowden had now left Forest Halt and the sign boards had been removed. He was making further enquiries as to the new occupier. Noted.
7. ARMOURED VEHICLES ON FOREST.(p.269). The Clerk reported that he had received a visit from the Adjutant of the 5th Cinque Ports Battalion Territorial Army who explained that it was difficult to arrange for garaging depots until it was known whether consent would be given for the use of land for exercises. He had explained that it was only proposed to use the Forest once a month and that they should not be limited to using the same tracks on each occasion, as the fullest possible experience for the drivers was desirable. The Clerk reported that the Lord had approved the application in general principle, and it was RESOLVED that consent be granted for a period of twelve months, for use once a month, such permission to be withdrawn if it was found that damage was being done to the Forest. The Clerk was instructed to request that care should be exercised to prevent damage to the Golf Course or any of the playing fields.
8. TREE PLANTING ON FOREST. (p.260) A letter was read from the Lord's Solicitors agreeing to the County Council's application subject to the trees being planted on roads in the vicinity of the Forest and the selection being under the supervision of the Lord's Reeve and to the permission being restricted to this Winter only. It was RESOLVED that consent be granted on behalf of the Board.
9. TOWN PLANNING AGREEMENT. (p.269) In reply to questions the Clerk reported that the further amendment to the agreement regarding the provision of gallops did not in any way affect the powers of the Board, who would have full control.
10. ESTIMATES (p.271) The Clerk reported that the expenditure for the past year compared very approximately with the estimates, and the sane figures were recommended for the year ending 31st December 1939. He thought it

desirable that the Board should have two years' experience of running expenses before varying the amounts to be called for from the Local Authorities. It was RESOLVED that the estimates as printed and circulated be approved.

11. MR. NELSON STEPHENS. DEPOSIT ON FOREST. (p.271. The Clerk reported that the Head Ranger had informed him that Mr. Stephens had filled in the hole but had not yet removed the building material. It was RESOLVED that Mr. Stephens be informed that unless the material is removed the Board will take action under their Byelaws to enforce compliance.

12. ST JOHN'S CRICKET CLUB. APPLICATION TO FENCE GROUNDS. (p.272). The Clerk reported that in July 1899 the St. John's Cricket Club were granted permission to play cricket on the Forest under License as the ground was not one of the authorised recreation grounds referred to in the Award. No permission had ever been granted for fencing round the ground. It was RESOLVED that permission be granted to erect a movable fence for the period from April to September, the fence to be of a type approved by the District Committee and the arrangements to be embodied in a License in a form approved by the Clerk. It was further RESOLVED that the Club be informed that the Board cannot permit the erection of a pavilion.

13. PURCHASE OF SCYTHE. It was RESOLVED that a scythe be purchased as recommended by the General Purposes-Committee at an approximate cost of £1.

14. HEAD RANGER'S MOTOR-CYCLE. (p.273) The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee were considered and it was RESOLVED that the machine be returned to the B.S.A. Company for a report thereon. (Mr. Ridley retired during the discussion of these matters having first handed in a statutory declaration of interest in contract)

15. DATE OF OCTOBER MEETING. It was RESOLVED that the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee be approved and the date of the October meeting be changed to October 11th.

16. LORD CAUTLEY'S RESIGNATION. A letter was read from Lord Cautley tendering his resignation as a Conservator. It was RESOLVED that his resignation be received with regret and that the Clerk do convey to him the Board's appreciation of his services to the Forest.

17. FOREST ROW COMMITTEE REPORT. The Clerk reported that the Forest Row Committee had approved an application from Miss Playfair for a License for an approach to Coffee Hall, Duddleswell. Noted.

18. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO "OAK VILLA" FAIRWARP. The Clerk reported that on the Chairman's instructions permission had been granted to the Central Sussex Electricity Company to lay an underground cable to the above property. Noted.

19. ROYALTIES ON STONE. The Clerk reported that at the Commoners Meeting a question had been asked as to the amount of royalty charges to Commoners. The Lord's Solicitors had now informed him that the Lord was agreeable to the Commoners having a limited quantity of stone at 4d per yd. provided the stone was used for the Commoners own purposes and not resold. They suggested that the Lord's Reeve should be the arbiter in the matter, allowing the reduced price to Commoners only and in quantities commensurate with their holdings, the stone to be taken from recognised pits.

20. INFORMATION TO PRESS. It was RESOLVED on the proposition of Mr. Griffin that in future the press be supplied with an Agenda of the business of the Meeting and with Minutes of previous Meeting, the Clerk to mark in a suitable manner any items which are to be treated as confidential«

21. FINANCES.

RECEIPTS. The Clerk reported that since the last Meeting the following amounts had been received: -

Rates	£71.18.7
Acknowledgments	£53.10.2
Uckfield R.D.C. Balance of contribution	£63.0.0

Sundries £1.11.0

BANK ACCOUNTS. The Bank Pass Books were produced showing balances in hand as follows: -

General Account £299.6.1  
Wages Account £110.1.8

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. The following accounts were submitted and it was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment thereof.

Postmaster General  
Telephone rent for Head Ranger £1.9.6  
Telephone Calls £0.19.0  
£2.8.6  
  
Telephone rent for Ranger Kirby £1.3.6  
Telephone Calls £0.3.4 £3.15.4

F.T. Ridley & Sons. Petrol and repairs to  
Head Ranger's Motor-cycle £3.14 6  
Geo. Martin & Son, Gloves and carborundums £1.0.3  
J. Oliver Junior, Printing £0.6.6  
Forest Row Village Hall Committee £3.2.6  
Dyson Bell & Co. Charges re Electricity  
Supply Corporation Bill £1.18.10

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SECOND RANGER ACCOUNT FUND

The Clerk reported that in spite of the request send with the refund of some of these subscriptions further payments had been made for the current year as under:

Sir R. M. Kindersley £1.1.0  
Mrs. Osborne £0.5.0  
Miss Playfair £0.5.0  
E.H. Beazley, Esq. £0.10.6

It was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in repayment thereof.  
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#### CLERK'S IMPREST ACCOUNT

It was RESOLVED that a cheque be drawn in favour of the Clerk for £20 and that he account to the Board at each meeting for his petty cash disbursements.

[signed] J. Godwin King  
Chairman

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#### GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

**The General Purposes Committee met at the conclusion the Board Meeting on the 1st February 1939.**

H.R. Hardy, Esq.  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
G.D. Haslam, Esq., J.P.  
John Rowe, Esq.  
Col. R.S. Clarke, M.P.  
J. Godwin King, Esq., C.B.E., J.P. Vice-Chairman  
F.E. Richards, Esq.  
Major General Sir Hugh Bruce Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.  
F.H. Nias, Esq., J.P.

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. Chairman  
J.H.H. Griffin, Esq.  
A.F. Harland, Esq.

1. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS. It was RESOLVED that meetings of the Committee be held as follows:-

Monday 20th March.  
Monday 19th June.  
Monday 25th September.  
Monday 20th November.

2. CHAIRMAN. It was RESOLVED that Mr. J.R. Owen be reappointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman.

### **MARESFIELD COMMITTEE.**

**The Maresfield Committee met at the conclusion of the Board Meeting on the 1st February 1939.**

Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O. Chairman  
G.D. Haslam, Esq., J.P. Vice-Chairman  
J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. Chairman  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, M.P.  
S.J. Marsh, Esq.  
J. Godwin King Esq., C.B.E.  
F.T. Ridley Esq.  
A.F. Harland, Esq.

1. CHAIRMAN. It was RESOLVED that Lt. Col. G.R. Miller be appointed Chairman, and Mr. G.D. Haslam, Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Chairman.

### **FOREST ROW COMMITTEE.**

**The Forest Row Committee met at the conclusion of the Board Meeting on the 1st February 1939.**

H.R. Hardy, Esq.  
J. Rowe, Esq.  
J. Godwin King, Esq., C.B.E.  
Major General Sir Hugh Bruce Williams  
J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P.  
J.H.H. Griffin, Esq.

1. CHAIRMAN. It was RESOLVED that Mr. H.R. Hardy be elected Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

Chairman.

### **MARESFIELD COMMITTEE. 30th March 1939**

The Maresfield Committee, consisting of Mr. Ridley and myself have today inspected the various Notice Boards.

Bye-Law Boards  
Millbrook, Duddleswell, Kings Standing, Friars Gate, Fords Green. .

Boards in fair condition, require repainting and new notices. Posts resetting where required, also small board requires painting.

Suggested that the notices be printed on some sort of weather proof paper, otherwise they soon become illegible.

#### Large Litter Boards

Pippingford Hill, Duddleswell, and Kings Standing

In good condition. Could do with fresh coat of paint.

Reset posts where required.

#### Beaches New Road. Small Raper Boards

In bad condition, past repair, suggest replace with Bye-Law Board.

#### Pound Gate

Requires painting, a post reset and suggest it should be replaced with Byelaw Board.

#### Pippingford Hill

Nailed to tree, in good condition, only requires branches of tree cut back.

Chairman

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**A MEETING of the General Purposes Committee duly convened and held at the Village Hall, Forest Row, on Monday; 20th March, 1939 at 2.30 p.m.**

#### **PRESENT**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P. Chairman

J. Godwin King, Esq., C.B.E., J.P. Vice-Chairman

Major General Sir Hugh Bruce Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.

Col. R.S. Clarke, M.P.

J.H.H. Griffin, Esq.

H.R. Hardy, Esq.

A.F. Harland, Esq.

F.E. Richards, Esq.

(Apologies for absence were received from Admiral Beamish and Mr. John Rowe.)

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 1st February were confirmed and signed.

2. RANGERS MOTOR-CYCLE (p.279) The Clerk reported that he had received a report from the B.S.A. Company on the engine of the Ranger's motor-cycle, which stated the cylinder head was cracked in three directions and the piston badly seized. The oil pump and circulation system were working satisfactorily. The conditions seemed to indicate that when the engine had been running hot some sudden cooling had been brought about. The seized piston might be accounted for by the oil tank being run dry. The Company did not accept any responsibility in the matter claiming that the machine was in proper condition when sold.

A schedule of the necessary repairs was forwarded totalling £5.14.3. and on the Chairman's instructions the work had been carried out without prejudice to the question of liability.

It was RESOLVED that the Chairman's action be approved.

The Clerk stated that he was taking the matter up with Messrs. Ridley & Son and would report further.

3. HEAD RANGER'S REPORT. The following summary of the Head Ranger's Report was received.

FIRE BREAKS. Since the last report fire breaks have been cut at Gills Lap, Kingstanding, Kidds Hill, Press Ridge, Camp Hill and on the West Hoathly Road.

FIRES. A small fire occurred on the 17th February near Colemans Hatch, burning about 1 acre. In February night fire patrols were started and were carried out on nights when the Forest was dry and likely to burn,

REPLANTING OF TREES. Scotch fir trees have been planted by Earl De La Warr at St. John's Clump, Camp Hill and Camel Clumps. The County Council have also planted birch trees on the Wych Cross - Chelwood Gate Road.

GENERALLY. A good deal of time has been spent in cutting and clearing dead gorse and timber, and clearing up litter.

#### 4. STONE DUMPS ON FOREST.

(a) Kingstanding. The Clerk reported that the Ranger having informed him that the County Council had dumped large quantities of gravel and materials on the Forest, he had communicated with the Council on the matter. The County Surveyor had written stating that the large dump near Kingstanding had been placed there by Messrs. Terry (Sales) Ltd., of West Malling, who had obtained permission from the Lord's Estate Office. The Lord's Solicitors had however informed him that the permission had been given by the Estate Office without reference to them.

It was RESOLVED that Messrs. Terry be informed that the dumping was contrary to the Byelaws, the permission given by the Estate Office being insufficient and that in future the Board's consent must first be obtained. Further that they could only permit the present dump to remain until the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1939, provided an acknowledgment of £1 and a deposit of £5 are paid, such deposit to be refunded when the site had been cleared to the satisfaction of the Ranger.

(b) Wych Cross. The County Surveyor has reported that the dump at Wych Cross had been in use for many years and was essential to the proper maintenance of the highways in the neighbourhood. The reinforcements mats complained of were being used on works at present in progress and would be cleared by the end of March.

The Chairman undertook to view the dump and it was RESOLVED that the County Council be asked to apply annually for permission to deposit material in future.

5. MR. NELSON STEPHENS. DEPOSIT ON FOREST. The Ranger reported that Mr. Stephens had now cleared the material off the Forest.

6. FOREST GATE – DAMAGED. The Ranger reported that a gate at the entrance to the forest on the Colemans Hatch-Forest Row road was now beyond repair. It was RESOLVED that as it appeared that the gate was no longer required, no action be taken.

7. DEPOSIT OF BUILDING MATERIALS ON FOREST. The Clerk reported that consent had been granted to Messrs. H. & E. Waters and Messrs. Turner and Gillham respectively to deposit building materials on the Forest temporarily, they both having paid an acknowledgment and a deposit, the latter returnable on the removal of the materials and the satisfactory restoration of the Forest. Approved.

8. BYELAW BOARDS. The Ranger reported that a large number of the Byelaw Boards were in need of painting and repair.

It was RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the District Committees for consideration and report.

9. APPLICATION FROM HEAD RANGER FOR INCREASED SALARY. An application was received from the Head Ranger for an increase in salary on the grounds of high cost of living and rent, the latter being 21/- a week. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk make enquiries of local house agents with a view to securing a house at a lower rental, and that consideration of the application be deferred in the meantime.

10. LICENSES. The Clerk reported that he had had some correspondence with the Lord's Solicitors regarding the subject of Licenses generally, and was arranging an interview to discuss the matter.

#### 11. ANTI-AIRCRAFT TRAINING.

(a) Site near Hindleap.



The Clerk reported the receipt of an application from the 27th Anti-Aircraft Brigade, Territorial Army, for permission to establish a camp at a point 200 yards south of Hindleap on the site occupied by the Signal Corps in 1910. The camp would consist of hatted accommodation for approximately 300 men and a hardstanding for about 26 Lorries. The letter had been referred to the Chairman, who had approved the application. The Lord's Solicitors had referred the application to the Lord and awaited his reply.

It was RESOLVED that consent be granted so far as the Board were concerned, subject to an acknowledgment of £1 and the satisfactory restoration of the Forest.

(b) Sites near Wych Cross Old Workhouse Farm.

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the Lord's Solicitors that the Lord had received an application from the War Office for two sites for anti-aircraft training, the posts to be occupied by ten men, who may erect tents and dig trenches for latrines and cooking. They understood that the Lord was signing the War Office standard form of consent for a provisional period subject to payment of an acknowledgement of £1. It was RESOLVED that provisional consent be granted subject to the like acknowledgment and provided the ground is made good and precautions taken for fencing against cattle.

12. SIGNAL EXERCISES. The Clerk reported that the Lord had given his consent to the application from the 133rd Infantry Brigade to carry out exercises on the Forest.

13. FIRE CORDONS. A letter was read from the Lord's Solicitors stating that when the Board cut fire cordons they did so by verbal license of the Lord and not as of right.

14. ASHDOWN FOREST LADIES GOLF CLUB - NOTICE BOARDS. An application was received from the Royal Ashdown Forest Ladies Golf Club asking for permission to erect a notice board at each end of the Oldcamp Road where it crosses the 5th and 6th holes to say that the road was unfit for motors. It was alleged that the Golf Course was often damaged through motorists turning on the course after finding that the road was impassable.

It was RESOLVED that the Club be informed that if they want the notice boards permission will be given subject to a license, but in the opinion of the Committee it would be much more effective if posts were erected in the middle of the road to prevent the passage of cars.

15. HARTFIELD WATER SUPPLY. The Clerk reported that permission had been granted to the Uckfield Rural District Council to make temporary excavations on the Forest near The Prelude in connection with the Hartfield Water Supply. It was stated that the excavations had not been satisfactorily filled. RESOLVED that the Council be requested to make them good.

16. WATER MAIN TO HOLLYCROFT, COLEMAN'S HATCH. The Clerk reported that on the Chairman's instructions a consent had been granted to the laying of electric light and water mains to Hollycroft, Coleman's Hatch, subject to License. Approved.

17. MR. NELSON STEPHENS, MARLPITS FARM -ACCESS ROADS. A letter was read from Mr. Nelson Stephens' Solicitors claiming that Mr. Stephens had held consent from the Board for making up a road to Marlpits and also enquiring whether consent would be given for four further rights of way over the Forest to his property.

It was RESOLVED that the matter be referred to Mr. S.J. Marsh and that the Clerk report further.

18. MRS. KENNARD, PLEASANT FARM, FAIRWARP - Notice Board. A plan was received from Mrs. Kennard for permission to erect a notice Board directing to her property and it was RESOLVED that consent be granted subject to a License on the usual terms.

19. MR. J.L. HAYWORTH – ACCESS ROAD TO QUABROOK, FOREST ROW. An application was received from Solicitors acting for Mr. Hayworth, the prospective purchaser of land near Quabrook Common, enquiring whether the Board would grant a right over land adjoining Inholmes Farm. It was RESOLVED that as it appeared possible for access to be obtained over land outside the Forest boundary that they be informed the Board are not prepared to grant permission.

20. TOWN PLANNING AGREEMENT. The Clerk reported that he had received a proposed further amendment from the County Council regarding the use of the Forest as a Golf Course, which would have the effect of restricting the use of the Forest for the playing of Golf on the existing Golf Course, and preventing any further course. The Clerk advised that the Agreement should be left as drawn by him and it was RESOLVED that his recommendation be approved.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**A MEETING of the Board duly convened and held at The Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday, 5th April, 1939, at 3.0 p.m.**

J. Godwin King, Esq., C.B.E., J.P. Vice Chairman in the Chair

Major General Sir Hugh Bruce-Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.

J.H.H. Griffin, Esq.

Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.

S.J. Marsh, Esq.

Col. A.B. Barchard

F.T. Ridley, Esq.

W. Mitchell, Esq.

F.E. Richards, Esq.

H.W. Looker, Esq.

A.F. Harland, Esq.

John Rowe, Esq.

Martin Grey, Esq.

(Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J.R. Owen, Col. Ralph S. Clarke, and Mr. G.D. Haslam).

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board as printed and circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.

2. APPLICATION FROM MR. S. STEDMAN FOR FOREST RIGHTS. The Clerk reported that Mr. S. Stedman of St. Johns, Crowborough, who had made application for Forest Rights had now decided not to proceed with the application for the present.

3. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT. The General Purposes Committee presented the Minutes of their meeting on the 20th March as their report and it was RESOLVED that the same be received and adopted subject to the modifications hereinafter referred to.

4. RANGERS MOTOR CYCLE (p.285) The Clerk reported that he had seen Mr. Ridley who was of the opinion that the Board could not substantiate a claim against the B.S.A. Company. It was RESOLVED that no further action be taken and that the bill for repairs amounting to £5.14.3. be paid.

5. FIRES. The Clerk reported that he has spoken to the Chief Constable who had promised the co-operation of the Police and had suggested certain revisions in the Byelaws. The Clerk asked for authority to see the Home Secretary on the matter and it was RESOLVED that he be so authorised.

6. STONE DEPOSITS AT KINGS STANDING (p.286). The Clerk reported that as directed by the General Purposes Committee he had written Messrs. Terry informing them that the Board's consent was necessary for the depositing of any materials on the Forest and that the Board were only prepared to allow the present material to remain until the 30th June under a license and subject to an acknowledgement of £1 and a deposit of £5. Messrs. Terry had telephoned that morning promising the necessary cheque. The Clerk reported further that on passing the site this afternoon further material was being deposited. The Ranger's report on the matter was read stating that some 400 yards of material had been deposited whereas Buckhurst Estate Office had given consent for 200 yards only. It was RESOLVED that Messrs. Terry be informed that the Board will not consent to the material remaining after the 30th June and that no further deposits can be allowed without the consent of the Conservators.

7. COUNTY COUNCIL MATERIAL DEPOSITS. The following report was received from the Chairman:

County Council Dumps, Wych Cross

On viewing this area I find that the E.S.C.C. are making use of three sites in close proximity to each other. I recommend that the Council should be requested to remove forthwith the two separate dumps of road core waste on the North and South side of the road leading to Cripps Corner. I further recommend that no further use should be made of these sites,

Dumping Site on East Side of Chelwood Gate Road.

I consider that facilities might be continued to be granted on this site and that same would be ample for any requirements in the immediate neighbourhood of the Wych Cross area. It is obvious that indiscriminate dumping is occurring over a large area of the Forest, this practice should be limited.

It was RESOLVED that the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee be adopted and that the County Council be asked to indicate in future the places where it is proposed to deposit materials.

8. BYE-LAW BOARDS (p.287). The Maresfield Committee reported as follows; (See page 234).

The Forest Row Committee reported as follows:-

Forest Row Committee met April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1939.

Present. Mr. Wm. Mitchell, Mr. Harry Waters and Mr. King.

Goat: Bye law Board needs repainting,

Wych Cross: Bye law board needs repainting

Chelwood Gate: Bye law board should be entirely renewed. Broadstone (Honey Well Gate): If necessary paint and repair. Small Board.

Cherry Orchard: Overgrown. Do away with.

Tompsetts Bank Road: £2 board.

Top of Chapel Lane: Bye law Board. Paint. Above this board the Golf Club has a notice which if allowed to remain the club should paint at the same time. Beside this board is a yellow board of the Ashdown Forest Hotel. Is it authorised?

Colemans Hatch: £2 board needs paint.

Windy Ridge: Small board unnecessary. Below it is a board on our post with name of the house on it which if authorised might remain but the painting of the board should be by the owner.

Opposite Convent small board needs repainting. Colemans Hatch Cricket Ground. We did not visit. We know that the surrounding fence is complete and that the surface of the ground is rough.

It was RESOLVED that the reports of the two Committees be referred to the General Purposes Committee with power to act.

9. HEAD RANGER'S ACCOMMODATION. The Clerk reported that he had obtained particulars from local House Agents of houses available and that the Chairman had considered them and obtained orders to view. The Chairman reported that the Head Ranger had informed him that none of the houses were suitable. It was RESOLVED that no further action be taken on the Ranger's application for an increase in salary.

10. LICENCES. (p.290). The Clerk reported that he had had an interview with the Lord's solicitors on the subject of Licenses generally and would report further to the General Purposes Committee. Noted.

Anti-Aircraft Training Camp.(p.290)

The Clerk reported that he had now heard from the Officer Commanding 27th A.A. Brigade thanking the Board for the prompt manner in which they had dealt with his application and stating that he had been instructed to suspend, for the present, further action on the proposals.

Mr. Nelson Stephens' Road (p.292)

The Clerk reported that Mr. S.J. Marsh had considered this matter and reported as follows: -

### Marlpits Farm

I have given careful consideration to this matter.

Mr. Stephens is apparently negotiating for the sale of his property and has doubtless to answer questions as to access. He has built a small garage on the edge of his holding and has metalled with stone slabs some 6 feet of forest land in front of it. He has no right to put in roads on any of the three strips marked green, without first obtaining licences from the Board, nor can he. metal the forest in front of his garage without similar licence. The roadway coloured red is a forest road over which all Commoners have a right of way.

It was RESOLVED that Mr. Stephens' Solicitors be informed of the contents of the report and that permission would be granted for one road only subject to a License on the usual terms.

11. MR. J.L. HEYWORTH. ROAD. The Clerk reported that since the General Purposes Committee Meeting he had received a letter from the present owner of Inholmes Farm, Mr. J.F.H. Tennent, and also a report from the Chairman. From the latter it appeared that a mistake had been made in the original application, and that what was being sought was permission to make up a right of access to a Farmhouse which had been standing for some 300 years. He therefore recommended that consent be granted. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman's recommendation be adopted subject to a License on the usual terms.

18. TOWN PLANNING AGREEMENT. (p.292). The Clerk reported that he had deleted the amendment proposed by the County Council and that the draft was now in the form approved by the General Purposes Committee and the Lord's Solicitors.

13. ASHDOWN FOREST LADIES' GOLF CLUB. NOTICE BOARD. The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee were considered and it was RESOLVED that consent be granted for a notice board subject to a License, the notice to state that the road was unfit for motors.

14. ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST GOLF CLUB. COVER TO SPRING. An application was received from the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club for permission to cover with wire netting a spring at the 17th Hole. The Ranger reported that the spring was not used by any Commoners, and it was RESOLVED that the Golf Club be informed that the spring should be covered permanently.

15. MR. A.N. STUART. PIPES TO SPRING AT CHUCK HATCH. An application was received from Mr. A.N. Stuart for permission to lay water pipes from a spring near Chuck Hatch to his property. The Ranger reported that the spring was used by five other local people.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk do inspect and report.

16. FINANCES. (P.280) The Bank Pass Book on General Account was produced shewing a balance due to the Board of £371.13.5.

Also the Wages Account Pass Book was produced shewing a balance due to the Board of £53.5.9.

RECEIPTS. The Clerk reported that since the last Meeting the following amounts had been received:

Rates	£0.6.6
Acknowledgments	£44.16.3

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. The following accounts were submitted and it was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment thereof:-

Oliver, J. Printing.	£3.15.0.	
	£0.15.0.	£4.10.0.
Waterlow & Sons Ltd. Cashbook		£1.8.0.
Barrett of Battle Printing		£1.19.0.
F.T. Ridley & Son. Repairs		
To Ranger's Motor Cycle,	£3.3.8.	
Petrol, etc.	£0.1.8.	£8.5.4.

Fovargue, R.W. ¼ year's salary to 31 <sup>st</sup> March	£50.0.0.
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ditto Credit for Petty Cash a/c	£20.0.0.
Wages Account Credit	£100.0.0.
G. Martin & Son- Tools	£1.0.0.

17. RATE. The Clerk requested authority to prepare a new Rate for approval at the next Meeting. Approved.

18. APPOINTMENT OF BAILIFFS FOR RECOVERY OF RATES. The Clerk requested authority for the appointment of Messrs. Frank H. Budd Ltd. of Eastbourne as Bailiffs for the recovery by distress of arrears of Forest Rate. It was RESOLVED that Messrs. Budd be appointed to act as Bailiffs on behalf of the Board.

19. MR GUTHRIE COOPER. COMPLAINT. A letter was read from Mr. Guthrie Cooper complaining that Mr. F. G. Grinstead of Chelwood Gate persistently drives his delivery van over the Forest off the recognised tracks. Mr. Looker enquired the position under the Bye-laws, and whether the Bye-laws required amendment. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk examine the legal position and ascertain whether some amendment is required in the Bye-laws, and report further.

20. REPLANTING OF TREES BY EARL DE LA WARR. Mr. Martin Grey asked whether instructions could be given to the Rangers to cut out dead undergrowth around the trees planted by the Lord. It was RESOLVED that the Rangers be so instructed and that Mr. Martin Grey be authorised to make arrangements with the Head Ranger.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee duly convened and held at The Village Hall, Forest Row, on Monday, 19th June, 1939, at 2.30 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P., Chairman  
J. Godwin-King, Esq., C.B.E., J.P., Vice Chairman  
Major General Sir H. Bruce-Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.  
Col. R.S. Clarke, M.P.  
A.F. Harland, Esq.  
H.R. Hardy, Esq.,  
G.D. Haslam, Esq., J.P.  
F.E. Richards, Esq.

Apologies for absence were received from Admiral Beamish and Messrs. J.H.H. Griffin and John Rowe.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee as previously printed and circulated were signed.

2. FAIRWARP SCHOOL SEWERAGE (p.258). The Clerk reported receipt of an application from the Correspondent of Fairwarp School applying for permission to lay overflow pipes and to construct a Sump hole on the Forest in accordance with a plan prepared by Mr. C.L. Clark, Sanitary Engineer of Uckfield, who was to carry out the work. Mr. Clark being in attendance gave further details of his proposals, and agreed to the Head Ranger's suggestion that the 4" land drains be laid at a depth of 2' 6". IN reply to the Ranger's suggestion that the septic tank should be emptied at least once every sixty days, he stated that this was a matter for the Sanitary Authority who had agreed to do the work.

It was resolved to recommend that consent be granted to the proposals subject to a Licence reserving an annual acknowledgment of 1/-.

3. BYELAW REVISION (p.298). The Clerk reported that he had attended at the Home Office and discussed this matter and had since received an unofficial letter from the Department relative to the proposed extension of Byelaw 19, drawing attention to the definition of "authorised person" and pointing out that, an "authorised person" automatically ceases to be "authorised" as soon as he begins to act for any unauthorised purpose.

As regards the Chief Constable's suggestion that a byelaw should be framed enabling proceedings to be instigated against persons found on the Forest in possession of apparatus for setting fire to it, the Department were of the

opinion that it would prove impossible to draw a satisfactory Byelaw. The Clerk stated he concurred in this view. Noted.

4 STONE DEPOSITS (a) KINGSTANDING. The Clerk reported that since the Board Meeting he had been informed by the Lord's Solicitors that the consent given by the Buckhurst Estate Office was in respect of 500 yards. Messrs. Terrys had therefore on the instructions of the Vice Chairman been called upon to increase the acknowledgment to £3 and the deposit to £15 which they had paid. RESOLVED that the action be confirmed.

The Ranger had since reported that Messrs. Terrys had allowed a sleeping van and two lorries to be parked on the Forest. Messrs. Terrys had written apologising for the breach of the Byelaws and stating they had given instructions for the removal of the vehicles.

(b) COUNTY COUNCIL DEPOSITS. The Chairman reported that he had inspected the Wych Cross Area and found that the County Council were making use of three sites in close proximity to each other. He recommended that the Council be asked to remove forthwith the two dumps of material on the North and South sides of the road leading to Cripps Corner and that no further use should be made of these sites; as regards the site on the East side of the Chelwood Gate Road he recommended that facilities might be continued to be granted and the same should be ample for any requirements in the immediate neighbourhood of Wych Cross.

The following letter was received from the County Surveyor:

#### MATERIAL DUMPS

I regret I have been unable to reply to your letter dated the 23rd March last more promptly, and I now give you the following points where it is desirable to have small depots on Ashdown Forest:

12 tons Wych Cross	100 tons
10 tons Kings Standing - B2026	100 tons
6 tons Legsheath Road - UC469	50 tons
Between Friars Gate and Fagot Stack Corner. UC10	50 tons
None Top of Millbrook - A22/26	50 tons
None Junction A22/25 and Cackle Street - UC853a.	20 tons
None Mid-way between Kings Standing and Hartfield B2026	20 tons
None Midway between Nutley and Duddleswell U.C.3c	10 tons
None Midway between Wych Cross and Colemans Hatch - UC2e	20 tons
None At the Double bends in Priory Lane UC470	Dump for spare filling

The above list does not include small dumps of over, say, a yard or two, where it is necessary to store winter grit on road side.

The quantities shown are the estimated stretch capacities required, and do not indicate the quantity of material at present on the depots, and it may be that some of the depots will not be used during the coming twelve months, but it is advisable to have them available.

Yours faithfully

H.E. Lunn  
County Surveyor

It was RESOLVED that the County Surveyor be informed that the Board are not prepared to sanction all the sites nor such large quantities and that he be invited to attend the next meeting of the Board to discuss the matter.

5. BYELAW BOARDS REPAIR (p.295) The Committee had before them the recommendations of the Forest Row and Maresfield Committees.

It was RESOLVED that as an experiment prints of the existing byelaws be posted and varnished and that the Clerk do invite tenders for the repair and painting of boards where necessary and that new boards where required should be of oak and stained.

6. ANTI-AIRCRAFT TRAINING CAMPS.(p.296) The Clerk reported that since the last meeting a notice had been received through the Lord's Solicitors from the Southern Command Land Agent that it was now intended to erect a sectional hut at the Warren together with some additional shelters for cooking, etc. which would be protected by a light fence.

As the Committee had approved the application in principle at the last meeting on the Chairman's instructions consent had been given. Approved

A similar notice had been received in respect of Old Workhouse Farm.

The Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Lord's Solicitors regarding compensation and would report further at the next Board meeting. Approved.

7. MARLPITS FARM APPROACH. (p.296) The Clerk reported that Mr. Marsh had reported to the Board at the last meeting regarding the rights of access to this property, when it was RESOLVED that Mr. Stephens be informed that permission would be granted for one road only.

The Clerk had been informed by the Uckfield R.D.C. that no plans for developments had been received. Mr. Stephens had now sold his property and the present owner had applied for one access road. Noted.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk do convey to Mr. Marsh the Board's thanks for his valuable assistance.

8. MR. A.N. STUART'S PIPES TO SPRING (p.297) The Clerk reported that following the last Board meeting he had visited the locality and ascertained that the adjacent commoners were not agreeable to Mr. Stuart's proposals.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk do enquire whether the Commoners would consent to the piping of the spring if the capacity of this spring were enlarged and the in-take pipe were placed in a position to avoid the spring supply being drained.

9. MR. C. WALTER REPAIR OF FOOTPATH An application was received from Mr. C. Walter to repair the footpath leading to his property, Holly Cottage, Nutley, from the main road. It was RESOLVED that permission be granted provided local stone is used and the work done to the satisfaction of the Head Ranger.

10. MR. A.W. FOX. BOUNDARY FENCE AT DODDS GROVE. The following report was received from Col. Miller:

Dear Sir,

I today inspected the boundary fence at Dodds Grove. There seems to be no doubt that there has been a small encroachment - I enclose a plan showing the details

The plan you sent me is on too small a scale to show the irregularities of the fence at this point.

I interviewed Mr. Fox who agrees that the quicks he has planted are outside his boundary, but he apparently told his gardener to plant them beside the existing fence, which has not been done,

The difficulty seems that people make this small corner a place of convenience. It may be remembered that Mr. Sygrove had the same trouble and asked to have the undergrowth cut bank opposite his house. This was done and the trouble ceased.

In this case I suggest that the corner be planted out with quicks. Mr. Fox would do this if permission is given, and he quite understands that the existing fence is his boundary. The G. P. Committee may decide that the quick fence must be removed, in which case the nuisance would probably continue.

As this matter is a question of fact, I do not think it necessary to call the Maresfield Committee; the only point is, had they been called, whether they would have supported my suggestion, but in any case it is a matter for the G. P. Committee to decide.

(Signed) G.R. MILLER  
Lt. Col.

It was RESOLVED to recommend that consent be granted for the planting of quicks and the Forest boundary be marked with chestnut poles at his expense and the consent be embodied in a license in a form approved by the Clerk.

11. MR. C.D. ASH, CHERRY ORCHARD, FAIRWARP ROAD. An application was received from Mr. Ash for permission to repair the track to the above property. It was RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Ranger to enquire into and to report to the Board.

12. POWELL & PARTNER. APPLICATION FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE AT FOREST ROW. An application was received from Messrs. Powell and Partner of Forest Row on behalf of a client for permission to metal an existing track to a property near the Golf Course, and to erect a concrete bridge over an existing ford. The Ranger's report thereon was received suggesting that if the road is agreed to it might become a bye-pass for tradesmen's vehicles from Post Horne Lane to Highgate Green. He recommended that a culvert of concrete pipes of 2ft. diameter should be used instead of the bridge proposed.

The Chairman undertook to view the property and to report to the next Board Meeting and it was RESOLVED that his offer be accepted.

13. LONDONDERRY FARM, NUTLEY. ACCESS ROAD. An application was received from Messrs. Ralph Hancock Ltd., on behalf of Capt. A. Loraine Fuller for permission to make a short length of road as an entrance to Londonderry Farm. It was RESOLVED that the matter be left to the Head Ranger to inspect and report.

14. HEAD RANGER'S REPORT (p.274) The following report of the Head Ranger was received:-

Since reporting to you last there have been -

30 Fires of 2 acres or under - 12 acres in all in extent. 1 Fire near the men's Golf Course 10 acres

(This fire burnt a bank of heather, 75 Scotch Fir  
Trees and 75 Birch trees)

3. Fire Isle of Thorns to Vetchery 30 acres

1 Fire Greenwood Gate, Wrens Warren 40 acres

1 Fire Pound Gate, New Road, Kings Standing 150 acres The last three were lit in several places simultaneously - 43  
fires burning 279 acres

We have now stopped the late Fire patrols.

We find that some of the picnickers use the litter-bins if they happen to be near their picnic site, but I have not got enough of them as a lot of the bins were running over on Whit Sunday and had to be emptied that night and were again running over on Whit Monday. Would the Board supply us with another 36? We find the Council tar bins make very good bins.

The trees planted at Ghylls Lap have been stolen.

We have cut all burnt Gorse on the Kings Standing, Hartfield Road and on Pippingford Hill.



15. INCENDIARISM. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk do write to the County Council asking the co-operation of the Education Committee in preventing incendiarism by boys, pointing out that the Board had a certain amount of circumstantial evidence that boys were responsible for a number of fires at Kings Standing on the 17th April 1939.

16. LITTER BINS. It was RESOLVED that the offer of the Vice Chairman to provide additional litter bins be gratefully accepted.

17. STOLEN TREES AT GILLS LAP. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should report the fact to the Lord's Solicitors.

18. CUTTING. It was RESOLVED that the Head Ranger be instructed to state in future report the number of hours employed in cutting.

19. LICENCES. (p.296) The Clerk reported that he was awaiting an appointment with the Lord's Solicitors on the question generally

20. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL LICENSES (p.255) it was RESOLVED that no variation be made in the charges for acknowledgment for the road as it was in accordance with the scale adopted for all licenses.

21. RANGERS HOLIDAYS. Applications were received from Rangers Kirby and Day to take their holidays in the first two and last two weeks in September respectively. Approved.

22. RANGER DAY'S CYCLE. An application was received from Ranger Day to purchase new outer covers and inner tubes for his cycle. It was RESOLVED to recommend that authority be given.

23. RANGER NICHOLAS. DAMAGE TO COAT. Ranger Nicholas reported that whilst attending to fire on the night of 11<sup>th</sup> May his storm coat was badly burnt, and asked whether the Board would replace it. The original cost of the Coat was 50/-.

It was RESOLVED to recommend that the application be granted.

24. QUEEN VICTORIA'S RIFLES. MANOEUVRES. An application was received from the Adjutant of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Queen Victoria's Rifles for permission to manoeuvre on the Forest, with an undertaking to take precautions against fire. It was RESOLVED to recommend that consent be granted.

25. WESTMINSTER SCHOOL O.T.C. MANOEUVRES. An application was received from the Westminster School O.T.C. for permission to carry out manoeuvres on the Forest from 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August, subject to the same condition as had been stipulated in past years. It was RESOLVED to recommend that consent be granted subject to the like conditions.

26. MISS DUNBAR. FAGGOT STACK ON FOREST. The Ranger reported that Miss Dunbar of Romany Cottage, Fairwarp, had erected a faggot stack on the Forest.

It was RESOLVED that she be called upon to remove same.

27. MR. BRISTOWE. SHEPHERD'S CORNER. SIGN BOARD. The Head Ranger reported that Mr. Bristowe of Shepherd's Corner, Forest Row, had erected an elaborate name board on the Forest outside his property.

The Clerk reported that he had that morning received an application from Mr. Bristowe for (inter alia) permission to erect a signboard.

It was RESOLVED that the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman to investigate and report.

28. MRS. OSBORNE. PARKING. An application was received from Mrs. Osborne for permission for cars to be parked outside her property on July 5th in connection with a garden party.

It was RESOLVED that consent be granted.

29. KINGS STANDING RIFLE RANGE. Major General Sir H. Bruce-Williams reported that he had been approached by the Territorial Army Association to ascertain whether the Board would sanction the use of the Forest for a Rifle Range over the disused range at Kings Standing.

It was RESOLVED to recommend that consent be granted subject to the Association making all necessary arrangements with other persons or authorities concerned and indemnifying the Board from all expense and liability.

30. R.A.C. SIGNS ON HIGHWAY. The Clerk reported that he had just been informed by Ranger Day that two R.A.C. sign are deposited on the roadside at Kings Standing and Duddleswell Cross Road ready for erection. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk communicate with the Club on the matter.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**A Meeting of the Board duly convened and held at The Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday, 5th July, 1939, at 3.0 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

J.R. Owen Esq., J.P. Chairman  
J. Godwin King, Esq., C.B.E., J.P., Vice Chairman  
Col. A.B. Barchard  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, C.B., R.N., M.P.  
Maj. Gen. Sir Hugh Bruce Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.  
J.H.H. Griffin, Esq., J.P.  
H.R. Hardy, Esq.  
A. F. Harland, Esq.  
G.D. Haslam, Esq., J.P.  
W. Looker, Esq.  
S.J. Marsh, Esq.  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
W. Mitchell, Esq.  
F.E. Richards, Esq.  
Mr. Martin Grey (representing Earl De la Warr)

Apologies for absence were received from:- Col. R.S. Clarke and Messrs. F.T. Ridley, J. Rowe & H. Waters.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting as printed and circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.
2. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT. The General Purposes Committee presented the report of their meeting on the 19th June.
3. FAIRWARP SCHOOL SEWERAGE (p.300). It was RESOLVED that the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee be approved.
4. BYELAW REVISION. (p.301) Mr. Looker having offered to draw up a bye-law enabling proceedings to be taken against persons found on the Forest in possession of fire raising apparatus - it was RESOLVED that the matter be referred back to the Committee for the Clerk to report further.
5. MATERIAL DEPOSITS ON THE FOREST. (p.302) The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the Head Ranger that Messrs. Terry's had not completed the removal of their material at Kingstanding. RESOLVED that they be called upon to remove it forthwith.

6. COUNTY COUNCIL DEPOSITS.(p.301) The District Surveyor's Assistant attended in support of the application to use 9 sites on the Forest. He stated that although these were asked for, it was possible that a smaller number would actually be required. He pointed out that it was often necessary to deposit material for a considerable time in advance of the date of contemplated works to avoid increases in the transport costs. It was RESOLVED that consent be granted for the sites now applied for and the matter be reviewed at the end of twelve months.

7. BYE-LAW BOARDS REPAIR (p303) The Clerk reported that local firms had been invited to tender for the repair and renewal of the bye-laws Boards which the General Purposes Committee had recommended should be retained. Only one tender had been received, namely from Messrs. J. H. Tyler & Son of Forest Rows as follows:

Dear Sir,

We have much pleasure in submitting the following estimates in accordance with your Specifications

To make, varnish, and erect three oak notice Boards.

For the sum of £1. 16. 0. each (One Pound, Sixteen Shillings)

To prepare for, paint two coats, and write seven notice boards.

For the Sum of 14/- each (Fourteen Shillings)

Owing to the bad state of the paint on these Boards, 3 coats are required, and the additional cost of an extra coat would be 3/- each.

To paint two coats, and re-write the notice board on the Forest opposite the Convent, would be 23/- (One Pound, Three shillings).

This board requires a new ledge, new capping and mouldings, and should have 3 coats, the extra cost would be 6/-. Trusting the foregoing will enable you to favour us with your valued instructions, which shall have our very best attention.

We are, Sir,

Yours obediently,

(Signed) J.H. TYLER & SON. "

It was RESOLVED that in the opinion of the Board the ledges are unnecessary and Messrs.. Tyler & Son be asked to reduce their estimate accordingly and subject thereto their estimate be approved.

It was further RESOLVED that the remaining boards be painted by the Rangers and a total sum not exceeding £15 be provided for all the contemplated work.

8. ANTI-AIRCRAFT TRAINING CAMP (p.101). The Clerk reported that he had interviewed the Lord's Solicitors on this matter and the only question now outstanding was that of compensation.

9. MARLPITS ROAD (p.303) It was RESOLVED that a license be granted to Miss Savery for one road only.

10. MR. A.N. STUART. SPRING AT CHUCK HATCH (p.304) The Chairman reported that he understood Mr. Stuart was prepared to put in a stand pipe for the convenience of other users of the spring.

He also reported that he had received a petition signed by 5 other users of the spring protesting against the proposed piping\*

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It was RESOLVED that Mr. Stuart be informed that the Board have to protect the Commoners' interests and that if he put forward proper scheme prepared by a competent water Engineer safeguarding the Commoners' interests, the Board will consider it.

11. MR. A.W. FOX. BOUNDARY FENCE DODDS GROVE. (p. 304). It was RESOLVED that the General Purposes Committee's report be approved and a license granted to Mr. Fox.

12. MR. C. D. ASH. ROAD TO CHERRY ORCHARD. (p.305)

The Clerk reported that he had heard further from Mr. Ash from which it appeared that he desired to make up an existing track for a distance of 75 yards of a width of 9 feet.

It was RESOLVED that a license be granted upon the usual terms and conditions.

13. POWELL & PARTNER. APPLICATION FOR A ROAD & BRIDGE. The Chairman reported that he had inspected the site of the proposed road and bridge and saw no objection to the roadway being sanctioned but suggested that a culvert should be provided instead of the proposed bridge.

A letter from Mrs. Bond of Shalesbrook was read protesting against the proposed road.

It was RESOLVED that consent be not granted.

14. LONDONDERRY FARM. ACCESS ROAD. (p.306). Col. Miller reported that he had inspected the proposed access road to this farm. A length of about 64 yds crossed the forest and had been used as a right of way for a considerable number of years.

It was RESOLVED that consent be granted subject to a License in the usual terms and conditions.

15. INCENDIARISM. (p.307) It was RESOLVED that the General Purposes Committee recommendations be adopted.

16. TREES AT GILLS LAP (p.307).It was RESOLVED that the question of replanting trees be left to the Chairman to explore the possibility of it being carried out by the Rangers.

17. LITTER BINS.(p.307) The Vice Chairman reported that he had secured a number of empty drums from the County and asked whether arrangements could be made for their transport.

It was RESOLVED that the Board place on record their appreciation of the Vice Chairman's valuable assistance in the matter.

18. TRANSPORT OF MATERIALS. The question of the transport of litter bins and sundry articles required in connection with the Ranger's work was discussed and it was RESOLVED that the Head Ranger be authorised to arrange for occasional hire of transport.

19. CUTTING. The Chairman reported that he had requested the Ranger to state the locality and the time involved in cutting in future reports. Noted.

20. LICENSES. The Clerk reported that he had seen the Lord's Solicitors on the matter and had since received a letter from them asking that the Lord should be joined in all future licenses and the holders of existing licenses notified that the Lord was an interested party. They further asked that the Lord should share in all acknowledgments.

The Clerk asked for time to consider these points and it was RESOLVED that further consideration be deferred.

21 . MISS DUNBAR. FAGGOT STACK. (p.309) The Clerk reported that he had received an application from Miss Dunbar to permit the faggot stack to remain. RESOLVED that she be informed that the Board cannot permit the stack to remain.

22. MR. R.H. BRISTOWE. SHEPHERDS CORNER. BOARD. (p.309)

The Chairman reported that he had seen this Board and recommended that consent be granted subject to a License in the usual forth. Approved.

23. KINGSTANDING RIFLE RANGE. (p.309) Major Gen. Sir Hugh Bruce Williams stated that he had only mentioned the matter informally at the General Purposes Committee to ascertain the feeling of the Board.

It was RESOLVED that if an application is received from the Territorial Association that the General Purposes Committee's recommendations be adopted.

24. R.A.C. SIGNS ON HIGHWAY. (p.310) The Head Ranger reported that the sign had been removed.

It was RESOLVED that subject to the foregoing modifications the General Purposes Committee's report be adopted.

25. TOWN PLANNING AGREEMENT. (p.292) The Clerk reported that he had received further draft amendments to this agreement by the Lord's Solicitors under which it was sought to set apart certain areas for sport and camping, and defining the areas for gravel and stone digging. Mr. Martin Grey explained that the Lord was merely seeking permission to do certain things with the Board's consent. It was felt desirable to make provisions for them now to prevent any difficulty which might arise in the future. The Clerk reported that he had previously made it quite clear to the Lord's representative that the Board had an absolute veto, which was accepted.

It was RESOLVED that provided the Board's position was made absolutely clear, the amendments be agreed to.

26. RATE. The Clerk reported that the funds of the Conservancy were now exhausted and having produced an estimate of the expenditure for the ensuing year amounting to approximately £850 of which £420 is to be borne by the Local Authorities it is proposed by Rear-Admiral T.P.H. Beamish duly seconded and unanimously resolved that a rate be made for defraying the expenses of the Conservators in the execution of their duties under the Award made under the Provisions of the Inclosure Acts 1845-1878 the Commons Regulation (Ashdown Forest) Provisional Order Confirmation Act 1885 and the Ashdown Forest Act 1937 to be levied upon the respective owners of the rights of common upon the Forest at the rate of Sixpence per acre in respect of the acreage of their respective lands to which such rights attach which owners and their respective acreages and the respective sums payable by them are set out in the Rate Book produced by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

## 7. FINANCES

### Bank Accounts

The Bank Pass Book on the General Account was produced shewing a credit balance of £418.12.3.

The Bank Pass Book on the Wages Account was also produced shewing a credit balance of £19.2.10.

### Receipts.

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting the following amounts had been received:

Acknowledgments	£26.1.0.
Rates	£14.5.6.

### Local Authorities Contributions:

East Sussex County Council	£105.0.0.
Uckfield Rural District do.	£63.0.0.

### Amounts for payment

The following accounts were submitted and it was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment there of -

### Commissioners of Inland Revenue:

Stamp duty on Audit	8.0.0.
Barrett of Battle - Stationery	1.9.0.

Sun Insurance Office Ltd:

Additional Premium on Workmen's Insurance	0.11.1.
Martin T. - Petrol etc.	7.1.5.
Fovargue, R. W. - Petty Payments	40.14.7.
do. 1/4 year's salary to 30th June	50.0.0.
Wages Account credit	100.0.0.

28. RATE ARREARS. The Clerk reported that summonses had been issued for recovery of Forest Rates and that the only cases outstanding were those of Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Kenward. Noted.

29. RANGER KIRBY'S OLD MOTOR CYCLE. A letter was read from Ranger Kirby stating that his son had offered £1 for the old motor cycle. It was RESOLVED that the offer be accepted.

30. FOREST HALT. (p.277) A letter was read from the Lord's Solicitors stating that the Lord was most averse to bringing pressure to bear on the present occupiers of the property, but that the position regarding the road should be regulated by license.

It was RESOLVED that the matter be left to the Clerk to consider further and report.

31. MISS WALTON. FAGGOT STACK ON FOREST. The Head Ranger reported that Miss Walton of The Hermitage, Fairwarp, had a faggot stack on the Forest.

It was RESOLVED that she be called upon to remove it.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

**A MEETING of the General Purposes Committee duly convened and held at The Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday, 11th October 1939, at 11.30 a.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P., Chairman  
J. Godwin King, Esq., C.B.E., J.P., Vice Chairman  
Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish,  
Major General Sir Hugh Bruce Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.  
A.F. Harland, Esq.,  
H.R. Hardy, Esq.,  
F.E. Richards, Esq.,  
John Rowe, Esq.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J.H.H. Griffin, G.D. Haslam, Col. R.S. Clarke, Lt. Col. G.R. Miller.

1. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee as previously printed and circulated were signed.

2. HEAD RANGERS MOTOR CYCLE. The Committee considered the question of providing a 31/2 h.p. motor cycle as the Chairman considered a small machine was too light for the work and an estimate from Hurn's Motors Ltd. of Horsham in September quoted £63.10 0. for machine, speedometer, pillion, and foot rest less allowance on B.S.A. £13 net. £50.10.0. Box sidecar and leg shields would be extra at makers price. RESOLVED that the purchase be proceeded with and that matters be left in the hands of the Chairman, Vice Chairman of the Board with power to act.

3. REPORT ON URGENT MATTERS. The Chairman reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the following urgent matters had been referred to him on which action had been taken as stated.

(1) WATER FARM, COLEMANS HATCH. Application for temporary water supply from a spring near Water Farm, near Colemans Hatch, to cater for 25 evacuees was approved as a temporary measure to 30th September. APPROVED.

(2) MR. KEYS. The Head Ranger reported that Mr. Keys of Lone Oak Hall, Chuck Hatch had refused to remove an ice cream van after request by Ranger Day. On the instructions of the Chairman the Clerk wrote to Mr. Keys a formal letter intimating that proceedings would follow on repetition. APPROVED.

(3) CONVENT OF NOTRE DAME, ASHDOWN PARK. On the instructions of the Chairman the head Ranger had met the Architects to the Convent on the site and settled the line of fencing on their boundary adjoining the read side. NOTED.

(4) APPLICATION FROM MISS \*\*\*\*. to establish a mobile coffee stall on the Forest had been refused. APPROVED

(5) WATER SUPPLY QUABROOK. Consent had been given to proceed with an urgent supply to Quabrook for which the Council had served a statutory notice. APPROVED.

(6) NATIONAL CAMP. WRENS WARREN. The Uckfield R.D.C. had likewise served similar notice for water supply and like action had been taken. APPROVED.

Application for overhead electricity lines which would cost £120 less than underground cables was deferred for consideration by this Committee as well as the question of the road and direction post for which a license appeared necessary. RESOLVED that underground supply be approved as a permanent carp is being established but that a license be granted on the usual terms for the road and post.

(7) MR. NETTLEFOLD. Application was received from his agents to provide temporary lavatory accommodation for 50 evacuated children using the Solar Hall at Chelwood Vetchery. This was approved subject to the stipulation that the latrines should be removed when the Board consider that the need no longer exists. APPROVED.

(8) 44<sup>TH</sup> HOME COUNTIES DIVISION. Application for use of the Forest as a training ground for approximately 10,000 troops with mechanised transport was received. As a result of an inspection made by the Chairman and Vice Chairman the training area was approved over the south part of the Forest with right to dig trenches on approved sites. RESOLVED that the C.O.C. South Eastern Area, Tunbridge Wells be asked to appoint an Area Commandant for the Forest area to work with a Liaison Officer appointed by the Board so that all details affecting the Forest may be more readily dealt with.

An application from the Officer in Command of the R.E. Camp at Kidbrooke Park for digging of trenches in the neighbourhood of the Isle of Thorns was received and he was informed that digging operations should proceed within Kidbrooke Park. APPROVED.

3. UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. Further correspondence was read from the Uckfield R.D.C. enquiring of the Conservators would transfer or exchange equivalent areas amounting to 200 square feet. The Clerk reported that he had informed the Clerk of the Council of the legal requirements and enquired if that authority would bear the necessary costs of exchange on which he was awaiting a reply. RESOLVED that the Council be informed that the costs will not be less than £30.

4. PLEASANT FARM, FAIRWARP. Application was made by Miss Dunbar to affix name Board "Romany Cottage" on the existing notice board for which Mrs. Kenward holds a license. She had no objection to the application. RESOLVED that approval be granted on the usual terms.

5. TELEPHONE POSTS. HARTFIELD-LEWES ROAD. The Head Ranger reported that there are 30 poles carrying 4 telephone lines which were broken by the snow last winter and are now hanging derelict. He recommended the removal of the poles. APPROVED.

6. ASHDOWN FOREST HOTEL. DIRECTION POST. Application was received for permission to erect a small notice board on the main Forest Row to Wych Cross road in substitution for the Board removed by the direction

of the Conservators last year, RESOLVED that the applicant be informed the Board will grant permission if he can obtain consent.

7. BYELAWS REVISION. The Clerk produced a draft byelaw prepared by Mr. Looker and reported thereon. RESOLVED that he be thanked for his assistance in the matter but that the Board take no action to make this single variation at the present juncture.

8. LICENCE FEES. A letter was read from the Lord's Solicitors suggesting that the amount to be charged for any particular license should be such as may be approved by the Conservators on condition that the Lord is a party to all Licenses and receives an equal acknowledgment to the Board. The Clerk reported that this applied in particular to seats and direction posts. RESOLVED that the matter be deferred for further consideration.

9. UNAUTHORISED ROADS AND SIGNS. The Clerk presented a list of unauthorised encroachments On the Forest. Many of these are in the Forest Row area and have been in existence for many years though there are others not included in the list which have been encroachments as far back as Ranger Kirby can recall. RESOLVED that the matter be left in the hands of the Clerk and that no action be taken in regard to the roads in the Forest Row area.

10. APPOINTMENT OF VALUERS. The Clerk reported that after some communication with the Lord's Solicitors and consultation with the Chairman he had approached Messrs. Wood & Walford of East Grinstead with the view to their appointment as valuers on behalf of the Conservators and Lord in regards to the use and occupation of the Forest and the damage done thereto. Letters were read from them on the subject of fees. RESOLVED that the further consideration of this matter be adjoined to the next meeting.

11. TOWN PLANNING. Further correspondence from the Lord's Solicitors proposing further amendments to the draft agreement was produced. The Clerk of the County Council had stated in reply that in view of the present circumstances the question be left in abeyance for the -time being. RESOLVED that this course be approved and the reply that the Board are not in principle prepared to approve further amendments to the draft agreement

12. POUNDGATE SCHOOL. Application was received to construct an overflow to the drainage on Forest Land. This was approved upon the usual conditions as to licence and reserving an annual acknowledgement of 2/-.

Chairman.

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**A MEETING of the Board duly convened and held at The Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 1939, at 2.0. p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq., J.P., Chairman

J. Godwin King, Esq., C.B.E., J.P., Vice Chairman

Major General Sir Hugh Bruce Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.

Col. A.B. Barchard

J.M. Griffin, Esq., J.P.

H.R. Hardy, Esq.

A. F. Harland, Esq.

H.W. Looker, Esq.

S.J. Marsh Esq.

F. E. Richards, Esq.

John Rowe, Esq.

and C. H. N. Adams, Esq., representing Lord de la Warr.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting as printed and circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. were received from Rear Admiral T.P.H. Beamish, Col. G.R. Miller, Col. R.S. Clarke, Messrs. Haslam, Ridley and Waters. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. Haslam on his illness and the Board's wishes for his early recovery.

3. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

(a) Licenses. The Clerk reported the completion of the Licenses authorised at the last meeting.



(b) Material Deposit. The Head Ranger reported that Messrs. Terry's had cleared the site at Kings Standing to his satisfaction. RESOLVED that the deposit of £15 be returned.

(c) Byelaws Boards Repair. The Head Ranger reported the Rangers had completed their part but Messrs. Tyler had not yet started. RESOLVED that they be asked to proceed with the work as soon as possible.

[no item (d)]

(e) Mr. Stuart. Spring at Chuck Hatch. (p.313) The Chairman reported that the Rural Council had now laid on. a main water supply and no further action was necessary on the part the Board.

(f) Trees at Gills Lap. The Chairman stated that the necessary thinning and-planting was in hand.

(g) Rate. A letter was read from Mr. Kenward asking the Board to assign the rights of Common and thus revise the basis of rating. The Clerk having reported that this point had been previously raised by Mr. Kenward when he was informed his request was legally impracticable. RESOLVED that he again be informed to this effect.

(h) Forest Halt. A letter from Mr. Frank Willoughby was read stating Mrs. Bowden was within her rights in the placing of the Boards. RESOLVED that the Clerk now proceed with the submission of the case to Counsel as previously directed by the Board.

4. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. p.319). The Board considered the report of the Committee at their meeting held this morning. RESOLVED that the stone be approved and the recommendations adopted except that the Chairman act on behalf of the Board in conjunction with the proposed Area Commandant and the Military be requested to erect warning notices in any areas where trenches are being or have been dug.

5. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE. On notice of motion by Mr. Griffin. It was unanimously RESOLVED that 1. Standing Orders be suspended. 2. The full powers of the Board of Conservators in all matters of urgency be delegated to a Committee of 5 members consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman of the Board, the Chairmen of the District Committees and Mr. Rowe. 3. The powers and duties of the Standing Committees be vested in the above Committee.

6. INCENDIARISM. A letter was read from the Director of Education at East Sussex County Council stating that the necessary instructions had been given to the various schoolmasters in the area.

7. APPRECIATION. A letter was read from Mr. D. Carver of Sunderland expressing his high appreciation of the greatly improved general condition of and of the noticeable absence of litter from the Forest. NOTED with satisfaction.

8. KING STANDING RIFLE RANGE. (p.316) A letter was read from Secretary, Sussex Territorial Association stating that it was not proposed to re-open this range.

9. DISTRICTS AUDITORS REPORT. The following report was read:

Gentlemen,

I have to report that the Audit of your Accounts for the year ended at the 31st December last has been completed.

No matter arose to which it is necessary to direct your attention and I have pleasure in thanking the Clerk for courtesy and assistance at this, my first examination of these matters.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
B. H. V. WEIGALL  
District Auditor.

10. UCKFIELD GAS CO. A letter was read from the Secretary thanking the Board and the Reeve for their prompt assistance in enabling the Company to cut gorse to camouflage their works.

## 11. FINANCES.

### Bank Accounts.

The Bank Pass Book on the General Account was produced showing a credit balance of £374. 0. 6d.

The Bank Pass Book on the Wages Account was also produced showing a debit balance of £9. 19. 3.

### Receipts

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting the following amounts had been received:

Acknowledgements	£4.11.0.
Rates	£35.12.3.
Local Authorities Contributions	
Cuckfield R.D.C.	£42.0.0.
East Grinstead U.D.C.	£42.0.0.
2 ½% Consols.	£1.19.10

### Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were submitted and it was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment thereof:

Sussex Express and County Herald, 2 Adverts. re. audit of accounts	£2.9.2.
Olivers Printing Works. Demand	
Notes and receipt books	£1.9.6.
Fovargue, R.W., Petty Payments	£15.7.6.
Do. ¼ year's salary to 29 <sup>th</sup> September	£50.0.0.
Wages Account Credit	£100.0.0.
Do.	£100.0.0.
Terrys (Sales) Ltd.	
Refund of deposit	£15.0.0.
Martins Garage	
Petrol etc. June-Sept.	£6.19.6.

12. ANNUAL COMMONERS MEETING. Resolved that this be held at the Shelley Arms Nutley at 12 noon on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1939. In accordance with the provisions of the Ashdown Forest Act 1937 the Chairman drew by lot the names of three retiring members viz. Messrs. S.J. Marsh, W. Mitchell and H.J. Waters.

13. MR. POND. A letter was read from Mr. Pond applying for permission to convert a disused wooden shed into a garage on a site at Friars Gate. RESOLVED that if the building is on the Forest the application be not granted.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**The Annual General Meeting of the Commoners convened by notices posted on the principal doors of the Churches of the Parishes and Ecclesiastical Districts to which the Forest extends, by notices sent to each commoner more than 14 days prior to the dates to wit, the Sussex Express and County Herald and the Sussex Daily News, was duly held.**

Mr J.R. Owen J.P., Chairman  
Colonel A.B. Barchard  
Mr H.R. Hardy  
Major Henriques  
Miss H.C. Hett  
Mr S.J. Marsh  
Mr Geo. M. Maryon-Wilson, J.P.

Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
Mr Wm. Mitchell  
Mr F.T. Ridley  
Mr John Rowe  
Mr Swire  
Mr F.W. Tyler  
Mr H.J. Waters

An apology for absence was received from Admiral Beamish.

The Clerk read the notice convening this meeting.

1. CHAIRMAN. Mr J.R. Owen was unanimously elected Chairman of this meeting.
2. MINUTES. The Minutes of the annual meeting of Commoners were read approved and signed.
3. ELECTION OF CONSERVATORS. The Clerk reported that under the provision of the Ashdown Forest Act, 1937 three Conservators whose names were to be chosen by lot were due to retire in 1939. At the Board meeting on the 11th October the following three names were drawn.

MR SIDNEY JOHN MARSH  
MR WILLIAM MITCHELL  
MR HENRY JAMES WATERS

The three retiring Conservators were duly nominated for re-election and there being no further nominations they were declared duly elected for three years ending 31st March 1942.

The Chairman expressed appreciation of the services of the re-elected Conservators and congratulated them on their re-election.

4. RECREATION GROUND SUPERINTENDENTS. The Superintendents of the Recreation grounds were re-elected as follows:

Nutley. Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
Fairwarp. Col. A.B. Barchard  
Colemans Hatch. Mr J.R. Owen, J.P.  
Forest Row. Mr. C.G. de Rougemont.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS. The Chairman remarked that under the care of the three Rangers the Forest was being efficiently and carefully supervised.

He also paid a tribute to the harmonious relations which existed between the representatives of the local Authorities on the Board and the elected Conservators.

6. CUTTING OF RIDES. Miss Hett referred to the cutting of rides and asked whether attention could be given to one in the Nutley area.

The Chairman requested her to give details to Mr Ridley, when the matter would receive attention.

7. TREE CLUMPS. The Chairman reported that all dead trees were being felled and replanting of young trees was in progress.

8. METHOD OF CONVENING MEETINGS. Mr Hardy referred to the existing methods of convening the Commoners meetings which involved a good deal of time and expense and inquired whether some simpler system could be adopted.

The Clerk reported that the present methods were in accordance with the provisions of the award, but that it might be possible to substitute some other form under the emergency powers regulations if the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries approved.

He suggested that meetings should be convened by notices posted in the various parishes.

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the Clerk do make application to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to approve the convening of Commoners meetings by some simpler method on the line suggested by the Clerk, for the duration of the war.

9. VOTE OF THANKS TO CHAIRMAN. On the proposition of Mr F.T. Ridley a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his able conduct of the meeting.

[signed] J.R. Owen

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**A meeting of the Board duly convened and held at the Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday 6th December, 1939 at 2 p.m.**

**Present:**

J.R. Owen, Esq. J.P. Chairman  
J. Godwin King, Esq., C.B.E. Vice Chairman  
Colonel A.B. Barchard  
Sir Hugh Price Williams, K.C.B., D.S.O.  
J.H. Griffin, Esq., JP  
H.R. Hardy, Esq.  
A.F. Harland, Esq.  
H.W. Looker, Esq.  
S.J. Marsh, Esq.  
Lt. Colonel G R Miller, D.S.O.  
W. Mitchell, Esq.  
P.H. Nice, Esq., JP  
F.E. Richards, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.  
John Rowe, Esq.  
H.J. Waters, Esq.

Apologies to absence were received from Rear Admiral Beamish and Mr C.H.N Adams.

1. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board as printed and circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. ELECTION OF CONSERVATORS. The Chairman reported that at the annual meeting of Commoners held prior to the Board meeting the three retiring Conservators, Messrs S.J. Marsh, W. Mitchell, and H.J. Waters were re elected.

3. HEAD RANGERS REPORT. At the head Rangers Report was received and approved.

4. REPLANTING CLUMPS. The Chairman reported that it was necessary to protect the young trees and it was RESOLVED that they be protected with a single strand of barbed wire.

5. LICENSES. (a) Unauthorised roads. The Clerk reported that he had written to a number of users of unauthorised encroachment on Forest, mainly roads for which no permission or License had been granted, and that has some of the matters were very controversial he advised that their consideration be deferred. RESOLVED that the Clerk's recommendation be adopted.

(b) Acknowledgments. The Clerk reported further correspondence with the Lord's Solicitors regarding the sharing of Acknowledgments. The Lord's Solicitors claimed that the Lord should have a joint interest in all licenses and should share in the Acknowledgments. The Clerk reported that there were at present a number of Licenses in which the Lord had not been joined, the total revenue from which was £13.2.6. It would be necessary to circularise the Licensees informing them of the proposed charge. He contended that if the Lord shared in the Acknowledgments for the Licenses the Board should also share in Licenses granted by the Lord in respect of statutory undertakings. It was RESOLVED that the Board agree to share the Acknowledgments on a reciprocal basis.

6. RANGERS MOTOR CYCLE. The Chairman reported that he had placed an order for a motorcycle but the delivery was uncertain. The question of an allowance for the old machine was also under consideration. RESOLVED that the matter be left in the hands of Chairman.

#### 7. WRENS WARREN CAMP

(a) Drainage. The Clerk reported that an application had been received from Commercial Structures Ltd. for a wayleave in respect of effluent from the camp being constructed for the National Camps Corporation at Wrens Warren. He reported that in spite of repeated requests had not received a block plan to show where the effluent was to be discharged and other details. Such plans as had been received had been referred to Mr. Burdett, Surveyor to the Uckfield R.D.C., informally, who stated that the Council had been notified of the intention but that the Camps Corporation Bill exempted the Corporation from Building Bye-laws. He advised as follows:

- (1) the gradient of the pipeline connecting to the tank is so steep that the velocity resulting will prevent proper settlement in the tank.
- (2) no provision is made for sludge drying.
- (3) humus tanks are not provided.

Even if these defects were made good the performance of the plant would depend on the attention it received. The Clerk stated that a representative of the company had been invited to attend to clear up these points.

Mr. Parrott, a quantity surveyor to the company, was then interviewed and answered questions as follows:

- (a) A block plan would be provided.
- (b) He was prepared to recommend the addition of a humus tank
- (c) While the camp was occupied the camp manager would be responsible for the attention to the plant, but a qualified man would always be available.
- (d) The angle in the inlet to the tank was deemed to be in order.

Mr. Parrott was also asked as to the quality of the effluent when it reached the stream and replied that it would be fit for cattle to drink. Mr. Parrott was asked particularly whether the Corporation would give an undertaking to indemnify the Board against claims from Commoners in respect of pollution of the stream. He stated that the Corporation was not likely to give such an undertaking.

Mr Parrott having withdrawn it was RESOLVED that the Board give approval to the application provided that:-

- (a) a block plan was provided
- (b) A humus tank is provided
- (c) Sludge drying is effectively dealt with
- (d) an indemnity is given by the Corporation in respect of claims which may arise through pollution of the stream
- (e) an annual acknowledgement of £10.

(b) Notice Board. The Clerk reported that permission had been granted to the Corporation to erect a Notice Board on the site during the construction of the works on payment of an acknowledgement of £10.

(c) Roads. The Clerk reported that the Buckhurst Estate Office has written that the road proposed to be used was an ancient track and that the Corporation would only require to make it up. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk negotiate with the Lords Solicitors thereon.

8. POUNDGATE SCHOOL DRAINAGE. The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the correspondent of Poundgate School that owing to the cost and to the assurance of the Rural Council that the prison system was sufficient, it had been decided not to proceed with the scheme for improved drainage.

9. TELEPHONE LINE AT KIDDS HILL. A letter was read from the P.O. Telephones Department stating that it was very desirable that the poles of Kidds Hill will be retained for defence requirements. Approved.

10. FAIRWARP SCHOOL A.R.P. TRENCHES. The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the Ranger that trenches had been dug on the Forest near Fairwarp School. On communication with Mr. Harvey the Head Warden the letter had informed him that the trenches had been dug on his instructions as it was not possible to sandbag the school.

On the Chairman's instructions Mr. Harvey had been informed that the Board would permit the trenches to remain provided precautions were taken to prevent damage to Commoners' cattle and on payment of an acknowledgement of 1/-. Approved.

11. UNIT CONSTRUCTION'S CO. DEPOSIT OF MATERIALS. The Ranger reported that the Unit Construction Co. were depositing their wash material in holes on Gills lap. Noted.

12. MILITARY OCCUPATION OF THE FOREST. LIAISON OFFICER. A letter was read from the commander, Home Counties area, stating that Gen. Sir R.G.T. Hildyard had been appointed liaison officer between the Conservators and the troops occupying the Forest, and setting out the office's duties. All claims for damage would be dealt with by the Lands Branch Eastern Command.

The Chairman reported that he had already met Sir R.G.T. Hildyard. Noted.

13. RANGER KIRBY'S CYCLE. Ranger Kirby reported that two new tyres and inner tubes were required for his cycle. Resolved that he be authorised to purchase the same.

#### 14. TOWN PLANNING AGREEMENT. (p.322)

A letter was read from the East Sussex County Council stating that the Uckfield Rural District Council were anxious that their Town Planning Scheme because should be approved at an early date and suggesting that as the terms of the agreement with the Conservators were generally approved, it would be better to complete.

The Clerk advised that the Board should state that they are willing to complete the agreement on the form last approved by them and no further amendments be made. RESOLVED that the Clerk's recommendation be adopted

15. BEECH TREES. LEGS HEATH FARM. The Clerk reported that he had received through Ranger Kirby, the Lord's Reeve, an application from Mr. H. Neal of Legsheath Farm to cut down some old beech trees near his property. It was RESOLVED that as the Lord of the Manor had the sole right to cut beech trees the Board had no observation to make.

16. REPLANTING OF TREES BY RANGERS. The Head Ranger asked for approval to the digging of 200 4 feet high trees near Hindleap and replanting at the Crows Nest and St. John's Clump. He had obtained an estimate for hire of lorry at 25/-. It was RESOLVED that he be authorised to carry out the work and engage the lorry at a cost not exceeding 25/-.

17. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO QUABROOK. The Clerk reported that an application had been received from the Weald Electricity Supply Co. to lay electric light mains in a trench opened by The Uckfield R.D.C. for a water supply to Quabrook. On the Chairman's instructions consent had been approved and as the two services were being laid in one trench no further acknowledgment had been charged. RESOLVED that the Chairman's action be approved.

#### FINANCES.

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting the following amounts had been received,

Rates	£189.1.6.
Acknowledgments	£0.12.0.
East Sussex County Council	
2nd Instalment of contribution	£105.0.0.

BANK ACCOUNTS. The Bank Pass Book on General Account was produced shewing a credit balance of £389.13.10.

The Pass Book on Wages Account was also produced shewing a credit balance of £14.6.8. to which these was to add £100 in respect of a further credit.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. The following accounts were submitted and it was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment thereof.

Barrett of Battle. Printing etc.	£2.2.6.
J. Oliver Junr. Printing	£0.7.6.
Southern Publishing Co. Advertising	£0.19.3.
Sussex Express & County Herald. Advertising	£1.5.0.
H. Kirby Postages & Petty Payments	£0.12.0.
G. Day Postages & Petty Payments	£0.10.8.
H.T. Nicholas Postages & Petty Payments	£0.17.2.
R.W. Fovargue , ¼ year's salary as Clerk to 31st December	£50.0.0.
Petty payments	£12.2.1
Postage	£2.15.5
Telephone Calls	<u>£10.12.7</u>
	£25.10.1.
 Buckhurst Estates. Stakes for trees	 £2.0.0.
 Geo. Martin & Sons Tools and repair to axe etc.	 £0.11.3.
Martins Garage. Cycle accessories	£1.10.9.
Council for the Preservation of Rural England Subscription for 1939	£1.1.0.
Commons Preservation Society	<u>£1.1.0.</u>
	 <u>£88.8.2</u>

18. LICENCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. Mr. Nias raised the question of the charge for acknowledgements to the Uckfield R.D.C. for a short length of road and asked whether they some modification could be made as the present charge was out of proportion to the value of the land and the user. It was RESOLVED that the acknowledgement be reduced to 2/6d each to the Lord and the Conservators and that in future Local Authorities be charged separate and modified scales.

19. FUTURE MEETINGS. It was RESOLVED that future meetings be held on the second Wednesdays in the months of February, April, July, October and December.

[signed] J.R. Owen

Chairman

### HEAD RANGER' S REPORT

Sir,

Since reporting to you last, we have cut out the dead trees, planted and staked 80 young Scotch Fir Trees (about 4ft. high) at the Camp Hill Clump, and have done the same at Ghylls Lap Clump, and are now working at Crows Nest Clump. The following hours have been put in on the Clumps:

Nicholas Kirby Day

Ghylls Lap	23	23	27
Camp Hill	7	19	12
Crows Nest	15	25	7

We have also replaced the young trees on the forest at Wych Cross crossing that were damaged by horses.

The trenches on the Vetchery and Stone Hill areas have been filled in to ground level by the Troops.

The Troops camped in the Vetchery have cut down eight live oak trees and 2 Scotch Fir Trees ranging from 8" to 14" in diameter.

Several Sheep and one Horse have been killed by cars during the blackout on the roads in the forest.

The forest notice boards being painted etc. are almost completed. This work was delayed owing to the War.

H.T. NICHOLAS

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**A meeting of the Conservators duly convened and held at the Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday, 14th February. 1946, at 2 p.m.**

J. R. Owen, Esq., J.P. Chairman.

J. Godwin-King, Esq., C.B.E. J.P., Vice-Chairman

Col. A. B. Barchard

J.H. Griffin, Esq.

H.R. Hardy, Esq.

A.F. Harland, Esq.

H.W. Looker, Esq.

Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.

F.T. Ridley, Esq.

J. Rowe, Esq.

H.J. Waters, Esq.

C.H.N. Adams, Esq. representing Earl De La Warr)

Apologies for absence were received from Admiral Beamish, G.D. Haslam and Mr. S.J. Marsh.

1. TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN. Mr. J. Godwin-King was appointed Temporary Chairman

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. It was unanimously RESOLVED that Mr. J. R. Owen be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. Owen having taken the Chair thanked the Board for their expression of continued confidence in him.

It was unanimously RESOLVED that Mr. J. Godwin-King be appointed Vice -Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES. It was unanimously resolved that the Standing Committee (as under) be re-elected with the addition of Mr. H.W. Looker to the General Purposes Committee.

General Purposes Committee.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex officio, Admiral Beamish, Major-General Sir Hugh Bruce Williams, Col. Ralph S. Clarke, M.P., Messrs. A.F. Harland, H.R. Hardy, John Rowe, G.D. Haslam, J.H.H. Griffin and F.H. Nias.

Forest Row Committee

the Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex officio, Major-General Sir Hugh Bruce Williams and Messrs. J.H.H. Griffin, H.R. Hardy, W. Mitchell, J. Rowe and H. Waters.



#### Maresfield Committee

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex officio, Admiral Beamish and Messrs. A.F. Harland, G.D. Haslam and S.J. Marsh, Lt. Col. G.R. Miller and Mr. F.T. Ridley.

#### Emergency Committee

The Chairman-and Vice-Chairman, the Chairmen of the Forest Row and Maresfield Committees and Mr. J. Rowe.

4. LICENCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (p.335) The Clerk reported that he had discussed this matter with Mr. Adams and the latter had agreed to the Lord being joined as a party to all licences and sharing in the existing acknowledgements. A form of notice had been prepared by the Lord's Solicitors informing Licencees of the Lord's interest in their licences.

Mr. Adams had also agreed to discuss individual cases where the Lord only was concerned and the acknowledgements were normally payable to him.

#### 5. WRENS WARREN CAMP LICENCE.(p.330)

##### (a) Acknowledgment,

The Clerk reported that he had been requested by the National Camps Corporation to reduce the annual acknowledgement for the licence for drainage to £1 per annum. Lord De La Warr having expressed his willingness to accept 10/- as his share.

It was RESOLVED that they be informed that the Board adhere to their previous decision requiring an annual acknowledgement of £1, leaving the Lord free to waive such part of his acknowledgement as he wishes

##### (b) Plans.

The Clerk reported that on receipt of plans from: the –Corporation he had submitted the plans to Mr. T. Burdett, who commented as follows:.

Humus Tank. This appears satisfactory.

Sludge drying beds. The area is sufficient for the accommodation afforded by the camp, 350 persons. The construction proposed is of a type I have not previously seen and I doubt if it will prove satisfactory.

It was RESOLVED that the Corporation be informed of Mr. Burdett's observations.

##### (c) Indemnity

The Corporation complained that the proposed indemnity was too wide and suggested that their Solicitors and the Clerk confer on the matter. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk do discuss the matter with the Corporation's Solicitors and report to the Board.

6. FAIRWARP SCHOOLS. A.R.P. TRENCHES (p.332) The Clerk reported that complaints have been received regarding the trenches dug on the Forest near Fairwarp Schools. The Chairman reported that he had inspected the trenches and satisfied himself that they in no way constituted a danger to cattle or pedestrians. He had informed Mr. Harvey, the Correspondent of the Schools, that the trenches could remain - provided that the breast works were properly built up. RESOLVED the Chairman's action be confirmed.

7. TOWN PLANNING AGREEMENT. (p.333) The Clerk reported that he had discussed the matter with the Lord's Solicitors and a representative of the County Council when the Lord's Solicitors asked at the express request of the Lord that two clauses be added to the agreement, permitting the use of lands for (i) Sports, play, rest and recreation and (ii) camping in respect of three approved sites not exceeding 5 acres in extent in each case. Each application required the prior approval of the County Council, the Uckfield Rural District Council as well as the Board, who have full power to veto any application. No buildings would be permitted in connection with either use. It was RESOLVED that the Board approve the addition of the two clauses as outlined by the Clerk.

PITS. The Clerk reported that he had now received particulars of the various pits on the Forest and the map attached to the agreement had been brought up to date. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

#### 8. R.A.F. GOLF CLUB. APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Secretary of the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club attended in support of the Club's application for a reduction of the annual acknowledgement payable in respect of the licence to play golf on the forest. He stated that the Club anticipated a considerable reduction in their income and had taken steps to reduce their expenditure. It was RESOLVED that further consideration of the matter be deferred until the July Meeting of the General Purposes Committee and the Club will then be in a better position to report on their changed circumstances.

9. HEAD RANGER'S REPORT. The Head Ranger's report, copies of which had been printed and circulated, was received.

10. ST. JOHN'S SEWERAGE. DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT ON THE FOREST. The Clerk reported that on receipt of information from the Head Ranger that effluent was discharging on to the Forest near Ocklye, he communicated with the Surveyor to the Uckfield Rural District Council who stated that the discharge was from a storm water overflow and was of a non-injurious nature.

11. COMMONERS MEETINGS – PROCEDURE. The Clerk reported that he had enquired of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries as to simplifying the method of convening Commoners' meetings. The Ministry had replied: that no change could be effected without special legislation being passed. Noted.

12. ALLEGED DAMAGE TO FOREST TRACKS BY HORSE RIDING. The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint from Miss Wilson that a Forest track near Fairwarp Church was being damaged by horse riding over the Forest. The matter had been referred to Col. Miller who reported that the track was in quite fair condition, and suggested that a letter be addressed to the Fairholme Riding School asking them not to use this particular track. Approved.

13. GREENHALL AUXILIARY HOSPITAL DIRECTION BOARDS. The Clerk reported the direction boards had been erected at the entrances to Greennall Auxiliary Hospital, and on communication with the Chairman and the Lord's Solicitors they had agreed to a peppercorn rent only being charged. Approved.

14. NATIONAL CAR PARKS. PARKING ON FOREST. The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from National Car Parks inviting the Board to allow them to operate the car parking on the Forest, and setting out the terms on which they could undertake the same. It was RESOLVED that they be informed that the Board do not desire to avail themselves of the Company's offer.

15. RANGER'S WAGES. METHOD OF PAYMENT. The Clerk reported that the present method of forwarding cheques to each individual Ranger presented difficulties owing to the infrequent banking hours, and asked for authority to pay the total wages to the Head Ranger each fortnight. RESOLVED that this method be approved and that the Clerk do arrange for the necessary insurance policy for the Head Ranger's Fidelity Bond.

#### 16. FINANCES (p.334)

Bank Accounts. The Bank Pass Book on General Account was produced shewing a balance due to the Board of £400.1.7. also the Wages Account Pass Book was produced shewing a balance due to the Board of £3.15.7.

Receipts. The Clerk reported that since the last meeting the following amounts had been received.

Rates	£5.10.0.
Acknowledgements	£84.9.6.

Payment since last meeting. The Clerk reported that since the last meeting a cheque had been drawn in favour of Messrs. Caffyns for £55.7.0. for the new motor cycle for the Head Ranger.

Accounts for payment. The following accounts were submitted and it was RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment thereof

Caffyns Ltd. Petrol etc.	£0.13.10
F.T. Ridley & Son, tyres for Ranger	
Kirby's cycle	£1.14.6

Fovargue, R.W. Petty payments	£23.7.11	
Fovargue, R.W. ¼ year's salary to		
31 <sup>st</sup> March		£50.0.0
Wages accounts credit	£100.0.0	

### ESTIMATES

The Clerk produced the Estimates for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1940, copies of which had been printed and circulated. It was RESOLVED the same be approved and that the expenditure be borne as to £405 by the Conservancy and as to the balance of £420 proportionately between the Local Authorities.

17. LADY DOROTHY MACMILLAN. PULL IN FOR CARS AT CHELWOOD GATE. The Clerk reported that an application had been received on behalf of Lady Dorothy Macmillan for permission to construct a pull in for cars at property Birch Grove which had been converted into a hospital. It was RESOLVED that a revocable licence be granted upon payment of an annual acknowledgement of 5/- each to the Lord and the Conservators.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

### **A MEETING of the Board duly convened and held at The Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday, 10th April, 1940, at 2.0 p.m.**

Present:-

J.R. Owen, Esq. ,J.P. Chairman  
Colonel A. E. Barchard  
J.H.H. Griffin, Esq.  
A.F. Harland, Esq.  
G.D. Haslam, Esq.  
H.W. Looker, Esq.  
S.J. Marsh, Esq.  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
F.E. Richards, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.  
John Rowe, Esq.  
H.J. Waters, Esq.  
C.H.H. Adams, Esq. representing Earl de la Warr.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. Godwin King and Admiral Beamish.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Board as printed and circulated were taken as read and confirmed subject to the additional names of Messrs. Haslam, Nias and Griffin to the membership of the General Purposes Committee. (para. 3)

2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. The Clerk reported that as Mr. Haslam was no longer Chairman of the Maresfield Committee it had been suggested that the name of the present Chairman of the Committee, Col. Miller , be added to the General Purposes Committee in substitution for that of Mr. Haslam. Mr. Haslam expressed his agreement with this proposal

3. HEAD RANGER'S REPORT. The report of the Head Ranger, copies of which-had been previously circulated, was considered in Committee and approved.

4. WRENS WARREN CAMP LICENCE. The Clerk reported that after prolonged correspondence he had now received a plan of the proposed drainage system. The plan did not however show the proposed course of the effluent. A draft licence had been prepared and submitted to the Lord's Solicitors for approval. The licence contained a full indemnity clause, and he would confer with the Solicitors to the National Camps Corporation and report further.

5. TOWN PLANNING AGREEMENT (p.339) The Clerk reported that the final draft was with the County Council for approval.

6. HORSE RIDING ON FOREST. FAIRHOLME RIDING SCHOOL (p.340) A letter was read from the proprietor of the Fairholme School Of Riding stating following the representations made by the Board no riding over Forest tracks had taken place, and asking whether permission could be given to use these tracks during the summer months. RESOLVED that he be asked not to use the tracks to the detriment of Commoners.

7. MILITARY OCCUPATION OF THE FOREST (p.320) (i) Letters from Messrs.Hunt & Co. were read (a) stating that a requisition had been received from the Eastern Command for the erection of a hutted camp at Bunkers Hill, St. Johns. (b) enquiring the position with regard to the proposed appointment of valuers on behalf of the Lord and the Conservators as they wished to bring forward a claim for certain losses of shooting rents. The Clerk reported that he was awaiting a letter from the Command Land Agent on the subject of compensation and in view of the Board's previous decision that Messrs. Wood and Walford be engaged only when the, circumstances necessitated. APPROVED.

(ii) The Clerk reported that he had received an enquiry from the Royal Engineers regarding the summer gaugings of the spring at Devil's Log near the Isle of Thorns. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk communicate with Major Barrington to ascertain whether his or other commoners' interests would be affected if the spring were tapped to supply the Holiday Camp.

(iii) The Forest Ranger's report on the condition of Forest tracks which had been damaged by the military occupation of the Forest was received from which appeared that the surface had been restored satisfactorily. Noted.

8. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE. The Clerk reported that a number of small matters arose from time to time which was not necessary to call a meeting of the Emergency Committee, at the wish of the Chairmen the members of the Committee had been asked whether they would give authority for him to deal with such matter. All the members of the Committee having expressed their approval it was RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised accordingly.

9. FIRES, ASSISTANCE BY MILITARY. The Chairman reported that assistance had been rendered by the military in dealing with fires on the Forests and on his motion it was RESOLVED that the thanks of the Board be conveyed to the military authorities for their assistance and co-operation.

10. DEPOSIT OF ROAD MATERIALS ON THE FOREST.(p.311) The Clerk reported that on the instructions of the Chairman permission had been granted to the County Council to deposit materials on the Forest between Pippingford towards Wye Cross. The County Council has been asked to restrict their deposits to the strips which they were acquiring from the Forest.

11. ROAD TO LISBURN, NUTLEY. The Head Ranger reported that accompanied by Mr. F.T. Ridley and Ranger Kirby he had inspected this road which was an unmetalled forest track and owing to the steepness of the incline it became a watercourse in times of heavy rainfall. He recommended that the two owners residing at Lisburn be granted permission to make up the track, or that if the Board agree to make up the road themselves the repair be held over for the time being. RESOLVED that the owners concerned be permitted to make up the track themselves but that the Board accept no responsibility in the matter.

12. MAJOR DARWIN. DRAINAGE OF ROAD TO CRIPPS CORNER. The Clerk reported that he had received an application from Major Darwin for permission to cut grips in the road to his property to carry off surface water. He had authorised Major Darwin to proceed subject to the work being done to the satisfaction of the Forest Ranger. Approved.

13. PETROL ALLOWANCE FOR HEAD RANGER. The Clerk reported that he had applied for a supplementary allowance of petrol for the Head Ranger's motor cycle and the Divisional Petroleum Officer had granted 5 gallons only for the two months ending 31st May. The Ranger's mileage averaged 200 per week on normal patrols. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk take up the matter with the Petroleum Officer and endeavour to obtain—an increased supplementary allowance. It was further RESOLVED that, the Ranger be instructed to keep a log of his mileage and report to the Chairman each week.

14. DR. WATERS. REPORTED ENCROACHMENT ON FOREST. The Head Ranger reported that Dr. Waters had placed a pricket hedge two yards out into the Forest outside his property, Cherry Cottage. It was RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Forest Row Committee and if satisfied give instructions for the removal of the fence.

15. FINANCES.

#### RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported that since the last Meeting the following amounts had been received:

Rate	£13.3.0.
Acknowledgments	£19.2.0.

#### BANK ACCOUNTS

The Bank Pass Books were produced showing balance in hand as follows:

General Account	£235.12.4
Wages Account	£37.18.8

#### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were submitted and it was RESOLVED that cheques-be drawn in -payment thereof:-

G. Martin & Sons, Petrol	£2.15.0
Axe	<u>£0.9.6</u>
	£3.4.6

Sun Insurance Office Ltd. Insurance on	
Head Ranger's motor cycle	£3.12.0
H.& E. Waters Cartage of trees	£1.5.0.
R.W. Fovargue Petty Payments	£4.2.11
Ditto ¼ year's salary to 30 <sup>th</sup> June	£50.0.0
Wages Account Credit	£100.0.0

Mr. H. J. Waters declared his interest in the item of £1.5.0. for cartage.

#### RATE.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare the new Rate for approval at the next Board Meeting.

16. MR. C.T. LEHMANN AND RIGHT OF WAY. A letter was received from Mr. C.T. Lehmann of the Ridge, Coleman's Hatch, regarding the lane which separated his property from South Hartfield House. He stated that he had been informed by old inhabitants and commoners that this lane had always been considered a public right of way and that the gates erected at either end were put up at the Commoners request to prevent cattle straying.

The Clerk reported that he was acting for Mr. Lehmann, and that there appeared to be two points at issue, public right for foot passage wed the right of commoners for cartage.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk make search of the records and also enquire from the Rural District Council and the Parish Council what public rights of way existed, and report further.

17. MR. T.W. POND. GARAGE AT "LITTLE ABBOTS" FRIARS GATE. A letter was received from Mr. T.W. Pond stating that he intended, subject to the Board's permission to erect a garage on the site of an ancient piggery situated near the entrance to his property.

It was RESOLVED that the matter be left to the Clerk to enquire into and report.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**A MEETING of the Board duly convened and held at The Village Hall, Forest Row, on Wednesday, 10th July, 1940, at 2.0 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq. J.P. Chairman  
Mr. J. Godwin King, Esq. C.B.E. Vice Chairman  
Colonel A. E. Barchard  
J.H.H. Griffin, Esq.  
G.D. Haslam, Esq. J.P.  
Lt. Col. G.R. Miller, D.S.O.  
F.E. Richards, Esq.  
Major Gen. Sir H. Bruce Williams, K.C.B.  
A.F. Harland, Esq.  
S.J. Marsh, Esq.  
Wm. Mitchell, Esq.  
F.T. Ridley, Esq.

Apologies for absence were received from Admiral Beamish, Mr. John Rowe and Mr. C.H.H. Adams.

#### **IN COMMITTEE.**

1. Head Ranger. The Chairmen reported that a complaint had been made by a local Section Commander of the L.D.V. that on a recent evening Ranger Nicholas whilst riding his motor cycle without a light was challenged by L.D.V. pickets. He failed to answer the challenge or to produce his identity card when asked and became abusive. He also failed to produce his pass as Ranger. On receipt of the complaint the Chairman had asked the Ranger for an explanation. The latter had at first denied the allegations but afterwards admitted them, and proffered his resignation. The Chairman reported that there had been previous complaints of the Ranger's lack of manners. In other respects he had carried out his duties in a satisfactory manner and he had informed the Ranger that the matter would have to be reported to the Board. It was RESOLVED that the Head Ranger be instructed to appear before the Board.

The Head Ranger having appeared was admonished by the Chairman and informed him that he would be put on probation for three months and that if there was any further cause for complaint he would be dismissed immediately.

The Board then went out of Committee.

2. Minutes. The Minutes of the last meeting as printed and circulated were taken as read confirmed and signed.

It was RESOLVED that in the interests of economy the Minutes be not circulated in future but that a copy be available ten minutes before each Board meeting.

3. Wrens Warren Camp Licence (p.342). The Clerk reported that he awaited the return of the draft licence from the National Camps Corporations Solicitors.

4. Town Planning Agreement. (p.343). The Clerk reported that the engrossment of the agreement as with the Lord's Settled Land Act Trustees for execution.

5. Equivalent Areas. (p.289) The Clerk reported that this agreement was also with the Trustees. RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to execute the agreements when ready.

6. Military occupation of the Forest (p.344) The Clerk reported that he had now received requisition forms in respect of the two areas occupied by the Military, near Chelwood Gate and at St. Johns and the areas had been marked on the Forest Map.

As regards the water supply from Devils Bog the D.C.R.R. had now informed him that it would not now be needed as it was proposed to connect with the Uckfield R.D.C. main.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that so far as circumstances permitted the various units occupying the forest had filled in the trenches satisfactorily. Mr. Marsh stated that he knew of certain holes which had not yet been filled in.

7. Deposit of road materials on Forest (p.348). The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from the Maresfield Committee regarding the quantities of materials deposited on the Forest. The matter had been considered by the Emergency committee who were of the opinion that although in some oases the quantities were rather large, in view of the conditions obtaining the County Council should be asserted as far as possible.

8. Rangers Petrol Allowance (p.345). The Clerk reported that since meeting he had taken up with the Divisional Petroleum Officer the question of the allowance to the Head Ranger and as a result an additional allowance of 7 units had been granted.

9. Miss Walters. Reported encroachment (p.346). The Clerk reported he had had further correspondence with Miss Walters who had offered to produce to the head Ranger her title deeds showing the boundary of her property. Reference had been made to the plan annexed to the Award map which related to the original sale. Mr. R. Waters reported that he with the Head Ranger had inspected the site and he was of the opinion that the fence was an encroachment on the Forest. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk call upon Miss Walters to remove the fence.

10. Mr. C.T. Lehmann and Right of Way. (p.347). The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Sir Laurence Chubb who was of the opinion that the matter was entirely one for arrangement between the owners concerned and that the Board were not effected but that Mr. Lehmann was entitled to a quasi easement in respect of the exercise of the commonable rights attaching to such enclosure.

11. Mr. T.W. Pond. Garage at Little Abbots. The Clerk reported that on inspection of the map there was an ancient building at Little Abbots which Mr. Pond proposed to pull down and to erect a garage in substitution. He had informed Mr. Pond that he was not entitled to erect another building in substitution. RESOLVED that the Clerk's action be approved.

12. Head Rangers Report. The Head Ranger reported as follows:

1, Pixton Lodge Villas,  
Forest Row.  
July 2nd, 1944.

Sir,  
Since reporting to you last the Rangers have cut out the dead trees and gorse on the North side of the Wych Cross - Goat Road on the Colemans Hatch - Wych Cross Road, Kidds Hill - Kings Standing Road; cut a fire break through and around the tree near Tile Lodge, (this area has since been burnt and 5 acres of South Fir Trees were saved by the break out) and are now cutting a break through the Birch Trees on the south side of the Wych Cross - Goat Road.

There have been thirty eight outbreaks of fires , twenty eight of which were confined to less than 2 acres, six to less than 5 acres and 2 to 10 acres. One fire of 100 acres at St Johns on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, another of 150 acres at Millbrook Vetchery area on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>.

These fires were several fires all running to form one fire. We have stopped cutting dead gorse by the roadside by orders of the Chairman. We have also removed all Bye-law Bills and all boards owned by the Board of Conservators bearing the name Ashdown Forest from the forest by instruction on of the Chairmen 2.6.40.

## Cutting Table

	Nicholas	Kirby	Day
Near Tile Lodge	25	31	35
Colemans Hatch – Wych Cross	7	15	15
Kidds Hill – Kingstanding	9	12	12
Wych Cross - Goat.			
North Side	16	28	28
South Side	28	40	40

The number of our party picnics have considerably reduced, there were only 200 parties using the forest last Sunday. The troops using the Forest are increasing the amount of litter on forest.

H.T. NICHOLAS

13. Bye Law Boards. The Chairman reported that he had instructed the Head Ranger to remove the Bye Law boards and that he would endeavour to make arrangements for their storage.

14. Fire Cordons. The Clerk reported correspondence from the Uckfield Rural District Council and from Messrs. Hunt & Co., regarding the cutting of fire breaks by owners of property on the Forest. The Council had asked that with a view to reducing the number of fires that consent should be given to owners to cut fire breaks round their properties. The Lord's Solicitors had intimated their approval to such cutting free of charge and without a formal licence such arrangements to be for the war period only. NOTED.

15. Deposit of Sewerage on the Forest. The Clerk reported that an application had been received from the Modern Cleansing Co., to deposit sewerage on the Forest, and on the Chairman's instructions they had been informed that consent he not given and that they should make private arrangements with owners of land off the Forest. The Clerk also reported that having received a report from the Head Ranger that Messrs. Kaymat Ltd had deposited sewerage matter on the Forest he had communicated with the firm who had made an investigation and later admitted the offence and apologised. They also undertook to prevent a recurrence. NOTED.

16. Effluent from the Hermitage, Fairwarp. The Clerk reported that following a complaint received from Dr. Beurles and from the Head Ranger he had written to the Matron of the Hermitage who had had the necessary work done to stop the discharge of effluent.

17. Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club. (a) RATE. The Chairman reported that he had received from the Secretary of the Golf Club a copy of their Annual Statement from which it appeared that though their expenditure had been reduced to offset the reduction in the receipts there was still a deficiency. It was RESOLVED that if the Lord of the manor was prepared to reduce his rent from £80 per annum to £60 as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1940 the Board will do likewise. (b) ANTI-AIRCRAFT OBSTRUCTIONS. The Clerk reported that on receipt of enquiry from the Secretary of the Club regarding the placing of anti-aircraft obstructions on the course he had informed him that the matter was outside the jurisdiction of the Board. It was RESOLVED that the attention of the E.S.C.C. be drawn to the matter.

18. Rangers Holidays. An application was received from Ranger Kirby for two weeks holiday. It was RESOLVED that each Ranger be allowed one week's holiday at dates to be approved by the Chairman.

19. Rangers damaged clothing. Claims were received from Rangers Nicholas and Day in respect of damaged clothing and it was RESOLVED that the matter be left the hands of the Chairman to settle what sums to be paid to each of the three Rangers.

20. Rate. The Clerk reported that the funds of the Conservancy were now exhausted and having produced an estimate of the expenditure for the ensuing year amounting to £850 of which £420 is to be borne by the Local Authorities it is proposed by Mr. S.J. Marsh duly seconded and unanimously resolved that a rate be made for defraying the expenses of the Conservators in the execution of their duties under the Award made the provision of the Inclosure Act 1845-1878 the Commons Regulations (Ashdown Forest) Provisional Order Confirmation Act



1885 and the Ashdown forest Act 1937 to be levied upon the respective owners of the rights of Common upon the Forest at the rate of Sixpence per acre in respect of the acreage of their respective lands to which such rights attach which owners and their respective acreages and the respective sums payable by them are set out in the Rate Book produced by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

## 21. Finances.

Receipts. The Clerk reported that since the last meeting the following amounts had been received.

Rates	£10.5.8
Acknowledgements	£41.11.6
Local Authorities contributions.	£153.0.0

Bank Accounts. The Bank Pass Book of the General Account was produced showing a credit balance of £285.0.9.

The Pass Book on Wages Account was also produced shewing a credit balance of £5.7.6.

## Amounts for payment

Geo. Martin & Son.	£1.14.0
Martins Garage.	£4.0.2
H.T. Nicholas Petty payments.	£0.9.0
J.M. Tyler & Sons. Byelaw Boards	£14.12.3
Barrett of Battle. Printing.	£1.3.3
R.W. Fovargue. Petty Payments.	£22.0.0
R.W. Fovargue ¼ years salary to	
30th. September.	£50.0.0
Wages account credit.	£100.0.0      -

22. District Auditors Report. The following report from the District Auditor was read:-

Five Oaks  
Brook Street,  
Tonbridge.

3rd July 1940.

Gentlemen,

I have to report the completion of the audit of your accounts and of those of your officers for the year ended at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1939.

No matter arose to which it seems necessary to direct your attention.

It is desired to thank the Clerk and his staff for their ready and courteous attention to requirements at the audit.

I am, Gentlemen.. ,  
Your obedient servant  
E.H.V. Weigall  
District Auditor

23. Fidelity Bonds. The Clerk reported that the Auditor had raised the question of the Fidelity Bonds for himself and the Ranger. It was RESOLVED that a bond for £100 be taken out to cover the Clerk and three Rangers.

24. Form of Accounts. The Clerk reported that he has received a letter from the County Accountant regarding the form of accounts and that he had discussed the matter with the District Auditor. A statement of the Financial position so far as the Local Authorities were concerned was being prepared.

[signed] J.R. Owen  
Chairman

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**A MEETING duly convened and held at the Village Hall, Forest Row on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 1940 at 2.0 p.m.**

J.R. Owen, Esq. J.P. Chairman  
Lt. Col. Miller  
C.E. Haslam Esq.  
F.E. Richards, Esq.  
H.W. Looker, Esq.  
F.E. Richards, Esq.  
John Rowe, Esq.  
S.J. Marsh, Esq.

Apologies for absence were received from Admiral Beamish, Messrs. J. Godwin-King and Harry Waters.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed and signed.

2. WRENS WARREN CAMP WATER SUPPLY. The National Camps Corporation applied for permission to lay the main about 100 yards south of the centre of the existing \*\*\*\* to give an adequate supply of water in case of fire. The \*\*\* sand bag of cement in the bed of the \*\*\* and putting 2 thick planks on edge above. The Chairman stated that after inspection he had given consent to the application. RESOLVED that his action be confirmed and that \*\*\* without further acknowledgment.

3. TOWN PLANNING AGREEMENT (p.349) The Clerk received a letter from Messrs. Hunt & Co. stating that the agreement had been sent for execution by the Lord and his Trustees on 4<sup>th</sup> June and notwithstanding reminders the matter was still outstanding and the delay had been reported to the Clerk of the County Council. It was RESOLVED that Mr. Pusey be asked if he can expedite the matter; further that the action of the Chairman and Clerk in executing the agreement be confirmed.

4. EQUIVALENT AREAS (p.349) The Clerk stated that the Emergency Committee had authorised the Chairman and Clerk to discuss the conveyance when ready. It was RESOLVED that this should be confirmed. The Clerk stated that the Award map should be amended to show the effect of the exchange of areas and that the Ministry of Agriculture be asked to vary the plan and certify the changes so that document would be available for proof of evidence hereafter.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Ministry and arrange for necessary rectifications.

5. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS. The Clerk stated queries were raised by the Legal Department of the County Council on the terms of the Award in regard to execution of documents. The Award states that any document purporting to proceed from the Conservators and to be signed by the Chairman and Countersigned by the Clerk of the Conservators shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts and \*\*\* whatsoever. In order to remove any misapprehensions it was unanimously RESOLVED that any documents under seal shall be executed by the Chairman and Countersigned by the Clerk and they be authorised accordingly.

6. MISS WALTERS. ENCROACHMENT

It was reported that Miss Walters had not removed the fence and it was RESOLVED that if she fails to do so within 14 days after notice from the Clerk the Head Ranger be instructed to remove the same without further notice.

7. MR. C.T. LEHMAN. RIGHT OF WAY (p.350) The Chairman and Clerk reported on the present position from which it appears that no further action was necessary on the part of the Board.

8. ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST GOLF CLUB. RENT (p.352) A letter was read from Messrs. Hunt & Co. stating that they had not yet received any reply from Lord de la Warr and suggesting that this matter be taken up

direct with Mr. Pusey the Agent at Buckhurst. RESOLVED that for the duration of the war the Board accept £60 as the annual rent as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1940 irrespective of any decision which may be arrived at by Lord de la Warr.

9. RANGERS DAMAGED CLOTHING (p.352) The Chairman reported that in accordance with the authority given him by the Board at the last meeting he had settled the claim for clothing and boots as follows

Ranger Kirby £1.5.0.  
Ranger Day £2.10.0.  
Ranger Nicholas £2.5.0.

10. HEAD RANGERS REPORT.

The following report was read.

1 Pixton Lodge Villas  
Forest Row

October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1940

Sir  
Since reporting to you last the rangers have cut fire breaks around the Clumps at the

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11. EVERGLADES HERB FARM. An application was received from the owners of this property requesting permission to take certain roots and herbs which were medicinal with their undertaking that any collection will be carried out by regular collectors authorised by the Proprietors. The Chairman approved the application subject to details being settled with the Ranger. RESOLVED that his action be confirmed.

12. HOME GUARD. GILLS LAP. The Chairman authorised the Home Guard to build a dug out for sleeping purposes at Gills Lap. RESOLVED that his action be confirmed.

13. ANNUAL COMMONERS MEETING. RESOLVED that this be held at the Village Hall, Forest Row, on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1940 at 1.30 p.m.

14. FINANCES. The following statement of adjustment was presented. RESOLVED that the matter be circulated to the Local Authorities and that that they be asked to make the necessary refunds.

CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN FOREST

ADJUSTMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

1938 Conservators normal income

Rates	315.4.0.	
Acknowledgments	<u>135.14.0.</u>	
		450.18.0.

1939

ditto		
Rates	315.14.6	
Acknowledgments	138.5.9	
		454.0.3

Received from Local

Authorities under  
Precept. 640. 18.0.

1744.18.3.

East Sussex County Council 36.4.2  
East Grinstead U.D.C. 7.4.10  
Uckfield R.D.C. 21.14.6.  
Cuckfield R.D.C. 7.6.4.

72.6.4

Total Expenditure 1939 1255.7.11.  
Less balance costs of Bill 230.3.6.

1025.4.6

Expenditure 1939 792.2.2

1817.6.7

Boards normal income 1744.18.3

Balance due from Local  
Authorities 72.8.4

Receipts since last meeting. The Clerk reported that since the last meeting the following had been received.

Forest rates £8.4.0.  
Acknowledgements £2.14.0.

Bank accounts. The Bank Pass Book on the \*\*\* account showed a balance due to the Board of \*\*\*\* Also Wages Account Pass Book showed a balance due to the Board of £14.4.9.

Accounts. The following accounts were \*\*\* RESOLVED that cheques be drawn in payment.

Olivers printing works £2.15.0.  
Sun Insurance Office  
Excess premium on Workers insurance £1.15.4.  
Commissioners of Inland Revenue £1.14.0.  
Schedule D Tax on interest  
T. Martin oil etc. £0.16.1.  
Fovargue, R. Petty payments  
Since last meeting £12.4.3.  
Ranger Account credit £100.0.0.

14. RANGER DAY'S CYCLE. RESOLVED that the application for a new saddle be approved.

15. RANGERS WAGES. An application was received from ranger Day for an increase in his wages. RESOLVED that the Rangers be informed that in view of the reduced income of the Board that are not able to grant the application.

16. MISS GUGGENHEIM. LICENCE. A letter was read from Miss Guggenheim stating that as she was not permitted to have a sign post she did not naturally a post \*\*\* to pay for the licence. RESOLVED that she be informed that so long as the post remains in the ground the acknowledgement will still continue to be payable.

## IN COMMITTEE

18. MILITARY OCCUPATION (p.339). The Chairman reported that differences had arisen in cases where the military had used the Forest and carried out exercises without due notice with the result that it was difficult to follow up damage to the Forest. On his instructions the Clerk had written a letter to the War Office calling attention to the matter. After further discussion it was RESOLVED that Sir Hugh Bruce Williams be asked to take up the matter with the C.O.C. Eastern Command with a view to compensation officers being appointed and reinstatement arrangements put on a proper footing. (b) Camp Sites, The Clerk reported that at the end of the last War the Conservators had as a matter of policy reduced their Financial claim being more concerned with the proper reinstatement of the surface of the Forest. He therefore now asked for instructions as to the present policy of the Board. It was RESOLVED that the Board consider that a nominal rent should be paid for camp sites requisitioned by the military but that the former principle of surface reinstatement be the guiding factor.

[signed] J.R. Owen

Chairman.