

# HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOE, SUSSEX

Miscellaneous reports of the clerk to the council - Apr 1940

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### General

This "document" comprises five letters. I don't know who were they were intended for but they were all signed by John James Newport (Clerk) and all dated 27th April, 1940.

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### Letter 1

#### Hooe Parish Council

#### Income & Expenditure Contrasted

Normal Income (1940)	£108
Expenditure, Income Tax, Land Tax & Fire Insurance	£25
Clerk's Salary	16
Rates & Tithes	10
Establishment Charges	9
Footpaths & Rights of Way	<u>20</u>
	<u>£80</u>

This allows a sum of about £28, equal to a Rate of 4d. in the £ for the "Benefit of the Parish".

#### Note

Until the Rating and Valuation Act of 1925, the Clerk to the Parish Council was paid his salary out of the Poor Rate - not out of the Parish Council's Rents. From 1921 to January 1928, he received £25 a year as a Rating Officer and £15 as Clerk - that is £40 a year. The present Clerk received £98 yr. for more than three years (to April, 1931). In Jan. 1935 it was restored to the £15 it was in 1921. Last year, on the District Auditors suggestion, it was further increased to £16 to cover all travelling expenses.

John James Newport  
Clerk 22nd April 1940

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### Letter 2

#### The Hooe Parish Council & the Coronation Playing Field Financial Position

April 1st 1940	Payments & Losses	£89	8s	1d
Receipts	59	6s	7d	
Balance AGAINST	£30	1s	6d	

ANNUAL LOSS by Rents & TITHE    £5    4s    2d

PAID for Ploughing, Harrowing, Rolling & Mowing --

C. Clifton	£6	10s	
N. Parks	£20	11s	9d
	£27	1s	9d

Hooe Parish Council Responsible for Equipment --

Pavilion	£250
Tennis Courts	£60
	£310

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Revised Grant of £20 was given on the following: --

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Cultivation	£15	7s	9d
Ploughing in	11	18s	9d
Seeds	13		
Gates	9	0s	4d
Mower	7		
Fencing	2	18s	
£50	4s	10d	

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Letter 3

The Hooe Central Sports Committee and the Hooe Parish Council

It is an advisable that the H. C. S. C. shall respect the duty of the H. P. C. to --

- (1) The Parish Meeting, to retain and maintain the Coronation Playing Field for the Parish of Hooe.
- (2) The National Playing Fields Association, to carry out their requirements as to its Layout and Equipment and Maintenance as a National Playing Field.

Suggested Agreement

(1) The H. C. S. C. shall have the use of the Field Rent Free on the following CONDITIONS: --

- (a) That they observe the requirements of the N. P. F. A. as to the Layout and Equipment of the Field.
- (b) That they keep in good order and repair the hedges, fences, and gates.
- (c) That they endeavour to preserve undamaged any & all equipment supplied by the H. P. C.

(2) That the H. P. C. shall continue to play the Ties Annuity levied on the Field, provide new offences and gates when needed, keep in order the ditch along Longdown Lane and Mill Lane; also, shall provide a new Pavilion and Tennis Courts as soon as funds may be obtained

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Letter 4

Parish Council Meetings, Feb 1926 to Jan 1928

April 15th, September 23rd, to November 10th 1927 -- an interval of 13 months, December 22nd 1927.

Mr Heath received £40 a yr plus Travelling Expnss outside the Parish.

And Extraordinary Meeting was held, 14th August 1924, to consider the Condition of the Parish Property. The Council left it to the Clerk to do with the best he could and he did nothing. It fell to the lot of the present Clerk to do something -- that something involved the spending of £130 in four years, of which £87 was for labour.

First Charges upon the Receipts from Parish Property

It is only as that the First Charge upon the Receipts of the Parish Property is the sum required to Maintain the Property in Good Condition and to improve it.

As to the Lanes, this means keeping the road surface "crowned" and free from hollows (which allow puddles that soften and "rot") and "sided" (allowing the surface water to flow off freely) into the "grips". It meaningless, also, the keeping open of all "grips" that director water into the ditches, and the keeping

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open of the ditches. £15 a year should be allowed for labour for this work. It is a false economy to omit caring out this duty.

As to the Cottages, it is abundantly evident that the very best is the condition in which to maintain them.

J. W. N.s Note      There is no signature nor date at the bottom of this letter..

Letter 5

Hooe Parish Council

Disposal of Surplus Receipts

For 15 years ended March 31st, 1915 -- AVERAGE a Year -- Relief of Rates, £56. Repairs of Property, £5    10.

For 12 years ended March, 1928 -- Relief of Rates, £35    15s. Repairs of Property £15    3s

For 13 years ended March, 1940 -- Relief of Rates £0. Repairs etc £54 nrly

(Other)      £11    1s

Total    £65

Payments other than for Repair of Parish property

Hooe Village Hall -- Lighting, Heating, Redecorating,

£63    4s    2d

Fire Equipment for the Parish    31    4s    3d

Coronation Playing Field    30    1s    6d

Clerk's Office, Typewriter, & Shed    19    1s    1d

£143    11s    0d

(As Above) Average      £11    1s

Note the Local Government Act of 1929 gave the Parish Council the opportunity of using their "surplus" Receipts for the "Benefit of the Parish".

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