

GILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

CENTENARY OF PARISH COUNCILS - 1894-1994

NOTES FROM THE MINUTE BOOKS

- 1894 First Parish Council meeting at Old School Room.
- 1895 Four acres of land given by J.G. Kenyon for allotments to be called the Gregorian Allotments. Three Parish Councillors to serve as Parish Constables.
- 1896 Oil lamps to light The Street in winter months. £8.17.0d collected from allotment rents, allowing 66 householders two shillings worth of coal each.
- 1897 Footbridge linking village with Aldeby at Waterloo at a cost of twelve shillings and sixpence.
- 1900 Application from National Telephone Company to erect poles across allotments with payment of three shillings a year in rent.
- 1901 Proposal of light railway from Beccles to Norwich through the village.
- 1903 The Clerk's salary was £9.10.0d per annum.
- 1912 Flooding of Gillingham Dam and marshes.
- 1914 Three danger signs supplied by Automobile Association to be erected near to the School corner.
- 1916 Erection of monument where King George V reviewed troops, commemorating his visit to the village.
- 1917 All males aged 18-61 canvassed to join National Service.
- 1918 Board of Agriculture and Fisheries urge all parishioners to grow potatoes to help food shortage.
- 1920 Drains and gulleys to be inspected and repaired.
- 1925 Application for village postman to have a half day with no collections on Wednesday afternoons.
- 1926 Allotment rents paid out in cash at five shillings per householder.
- 1927 New Rating Committee formed. Flooding of Dam and marshes.
- 1933 Responsibility of War Memorial given to Parish Council.
- 1936 30 m.p.h. signs erected.
- 1937 Street party for the Coronation.
- 1938 Eight air raid wardens appointed.