

# Gloucester Football & Athletic Ground Company

## Minutes of Directors' Regular Meetings; 7th June 1899 to 14th June 1979

(Part IX - 1951-1960)

### 1951

Meeting of Directors on Thursday the 4th day of October 1951, at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.  
Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Kingscott, and Loveridge.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday the 21st September 1950 were read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

Audited Accounts for the two years to 31 August 1950 and 31 August 1951 were laid before the meeting.

The profits for the years were £54 16s. 8d. and £50 7s. 6d. respectively. The decrease in the profit with second year was accounted for by the increased Income Tax payable by the Company by deduction for Rent.

The accounts were approved for submission to the Annual General Meeting.

It was resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Company be held at 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on Thursday the 29th day of November 1951, at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Loveridge reported that he had received application for two sites for advertising on the fence. These were Merrylees, Pugh & Co. Ltd., for sites one on each side of the car park gate.

It was resolved to limit the advertising to 13 spaces only for the time, and Mr. Loveridge was instructed to proceed accordingly.

It was reported that the negotiations to purchase some land from Mr. Pitt had fallen through and it was resolved to let the matter drop for the time.

It was resolved that the Secretary shall transfer to the Deposit Account with the Trustee Savings Bank sufficient to bring the total to £700 (seven hundred pounds) after interest is created to the balance of £631 12s. 0d. in November 1951.

It was reported that the retiring Directors are Mr. Arthur Hudson and Mr. Hubert George Kingscott, who will offer themselves for re-election.

It was resolved that Dr. Alcock and Mr. Hudson shall sign the Balance Sheet on behalf of the Board.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock.

Chairman

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A Meeting of Directors held at 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on Thursday the 29th November 1951, at 11 a.m.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.  
Messrs. Voyce, Kingscott, Loveridge.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 1951 were read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

It was resolved that the fence to the Ground in Worcester Street be repaired and repainted. An estimate to be obtained for the work which will not include the spaces taken by advertisers.

Mr. Rhodes the Unilever [*sic*] had applied for one space.

Mr. Voyce was instructed to enquire into the question of 3rd Party Insurance.

It was reported that the Solicitors of Mr. Pitt had applied for Wayleave for underground pipes on his land at 10/- a year from 1934 to date.

It was resolved that the arrears of the Wayleave be paid at once.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock.

21 / 5 / 1953.

**1952**

[There were no Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors recorded in this Journal during Calendar Year 1952.]

## 1953

A Meeting of Directors held at 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on the 21st day of May, 1953.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.

Messrs. A. Hudson, A. T. Voyce, R. N. Loveridge, and H. G. Kingscott.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 1951 were read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

Mr. Voyce stated he had not taken any action with regard to 3rd Party insurance but he promised to do so.

Mr. Loveridge reported that four advertising sites were now let, two to Merrylees, Pugh Ltd., one to Hough & Whitmore (Gloucester) Ltd., and one to S. C. Rhodes.

It was resolved that the fence on the Worcester Street boundary which has been repaired should be painted, and that estimates be obtained.

Reference was made to the state of the fence on the Deans Walk side of the Ground; the corrugated iron fence was broken in places and was dangerous. Mr. Hudson and the Secretary were asked to make enquiries as to the cheapest way to repair the fence and to report to the next meeting.

It was resolved that the Annual General Meeting be held on Thursday the 23rd day of July 1953, at 10:30 a.m.

Accounts for the year to the 31st August 1952 were laid before the meeting and it was resolved that the accounts be approved for submission to the Annual General Meeting.

Before the meeting terminated the Chairman, Dr. Alcock, was congratulated on his appointment as City High Sheriff and he was wished a very happy year in office.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

23rd July, 1953.

A meeting of the Directors held at No. 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on Thursday the 23rd day of July 1953, following the Annual General Meeting.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.

Messrs. A. Hudson, A. T. Voyce, H. G. Kingscott, R. N. Loveridge (Secretary).

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st May 1953 were read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

It was reported that the repairs to the fence of the Ground on the Worcester St. side had not been completed, and consequently the painting could not be put out to estimate.

The Secretary stated that he had no further enquiries for advertisement spaces.

He also reported that Third Party Insurance including damage or injury for the fencing had been effected and the premium paid.

A discussion took place on the state of the corrugated iron fence at the Deans Walk side of the Ground. It was agreed action should be taken at once to renew the whole fence. Mr. Hudson was asked to obtain estimates for the erection of a concrete wall for the whole length of the Deans Walk boundary with new metal gates.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock.

Chairman

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A Meeting of Directors held at No. 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on Tuesday the 19th October, 1953 [sic] at 11 a.m.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.

Messrs. A. Hudson, A. T. Voyce, H. G. Kingscott, R. N. Loveridge (Secretary).

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 23rd July 1953 were read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

The Secretary reported that the repairs of the fence on the Worcester Street side of the Ground was not completed, and Mr. Hudson stated he had been in contact with the builders asking them to expedite the work.

With regard to the fence on the Deans Walk side an estimate for approximately £860 was received, and the order was given for the work to be done for a concrete wall for the whole length and also for new gates. The Committee of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club have consented to pay for this work to be done.

Arising from the question of the Worcester Street fence repairs, the Secretary was instructed to obtain estimates for the repainting of the fence, other than the spaces let to advertisers, when the repairs were completed. In this connection it was reported that an application had been received from Messrs. Mills & Rockley for permission to use the whole length of the fence for national advertising at £100 a year rental. The signs would be erected above the existing fence. It was resolved to defer any decision on this matter for a year

This concluded the business of the meeting.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

Chairman

18 / 10 / 1954

## 1954

A Meeting of Directors held at No. 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on Tuesday the 19th October 1954, at 11 o'clock.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.

Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Kingscott, R. N. Loveridge (Secretary).

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th October 1953 [*sic*] were read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

Draft accounts for the two years to 31 August 1954 were placed before the Meeting. After a short discussion the accounts were approved and it was resolved that Dr. Alcock and Mr. A. Hudson should sign the Balance Sheets on behalf of the Board.

It was explained that the accounts were at the Auditors, and Mr. Kingscott was instructed to have the statement and accounts and Balance Sheets and the Notice convening the Annual General Meeting printed as soon as Mr. Mundy the auditor had certified the accounts.

It was resolved that the Annual General Meeting be called for Wednesday the 15th December 1954, at 10:30.

It was reported that some estimates were received for painting the Worcester Street fence, but not only were they out of date, they were not consistent as to what coats were required.

It was resolved that the Secretary should ask the following Contractors to give a price for painting the fence, with three coats of good paint, and to give the work to the lowest tender.

The contractors to be asked are Messrs. Pickford Goodwin, Rhodes, and Alder.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock.

Chairman

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A meeting of Directors held at 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on the 15th December 1954, at 11 a.m.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.  
Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Kingscott, R. N. Loveridge.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19th October 1954 were read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

The Secretary reported that he had received the following tenders for the painting of the Worcester Street fence;

Messrs. Rhodes	£140
Messrs. Pickfords	£175
Messrs. Alder	£210
Messrs. F. Goodwin	£250

It was resolved that the lowest tender, that is the one from Messrs. Rhodes, be accepted. The Secretary was instructed to inform Messrs. Rhodes that the paint shall be stone colour, and that the work should be completed by June 1955.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

Chairman

2 June 1955

## 1955

A Meeting of Directors held at No. 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on the 2nd June 1955, at 11 o'clock.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.  
Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Kingscott, R. N. Loveridge.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th December 1954 were read and signed as correct.

Mr. Hudson referred to the advertisements on the roof of the Gymnasium at the Ground. It was decided to contact Messrs. Morelands Ltd. for a renewal of the advertisement if the Club were sympathetic for a re-let.

The Secretary reported that the Borough Billposting Co. Ltd. had offered to rent the advertising spaces on the Worcester St. fence. They would erect a 13-foot fence, and suggested an agreement for 10 years, for the first three of each the rent would be nil and for the remaining seven a rental of £250 per annum.

After discussion it was resolved to refer the offer to the Committee of the Rugby Club.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

Chairman

24 Nov. 1955.

A Meeting of Directors held at No. 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on the 24th day of November 1955, at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.  
Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Kingscott, and Loveridge.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd June 1955 were read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

Matters Arising.

1. The erection of the fence suggested by the Borough Billposting Co. Ltd. was not approved by the Gloucester Corporation and the letting of the advertising spaces could not be entertained, and the Company was informed accordingly.
2. Mr. Hudson reported that the advertising rights for the roof of the Changing Room was let to Foyles Furnishing Co. Ltd. for three years at £50 per annum. The advertisement must be painted out at the end of the tenancy.

Audited accounts for the year to 31 August 1955 were passed for submission to the meeting of Shareholders.

It was resolved that the Annual General Meeting be held on Thursday the 29th December, at 10:30 a.m. The Secretary was instructed to send out the Notices accordingly.

The retiring Directors are Messrs. A. Hudson and Mr. H. G. Kingscott, and notice must be given that Mr. Hudson has reached the age of 70.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock.

Chairman

6 Dec. 1956.

A meeting of Directors held at No. 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on Thursday, 29th December 1955, at 11 a.m.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.  
Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Kingscott.

Mr. Hudson reported that the fence on the St. Mark St. side of the Ground was in a very bad state and was a source of danger. Some portion of the fence at the Deans Walk end had already been renewed but about 50 yards must be renewed as soon as possible.

After consultation with the other Directors he had asked for estimate from Wm. Jones & Son (Kingsholm) Ltd., and from Messrs. S. C. Rhodes & Co., for dismantling the old fence, and the erection of a steel corrugated sheet fencing.

It was resolved that Mr. Hudson and the Secretary should consider the estimates in due course and place the order accordingly.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

Chairman

6 December 1956.

## 1956

A Meeting of Directors held at No. 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on Thursday the 6th December 1956, at 10:30.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.

Messrs. A. Hudson, A. T. Voyce, H. G. Kingscott, R. N. Loveridge.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 29th December 1955 were read and signed as correct.

Audited accounts for the year to 31 August 1956 were considered by the Board.

The result of the years' working showed a profit of £70 12s. 3d., which together with the profit of £724 16s. 3d. from previous years made a total of £795 8s. 6d.

It was resolved that the accounts be approved for submission to the members of the Company, and that it be recommended that the whole of the profit be carried forward.

The date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed for Thursday the 27th December 1956, at 10:30 a.m.

An estimate from W Jones Ltd. for £365 was accepted to erect the new fence required and the order had been placed.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

Chairman

7th November 1957.

## 1957

## 1957

A Meeting of Directors held at No. 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on Thursday the 7th day of November, 1957.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.

Messrs. A. Hudson, A. T. Voyce, H. G. Kingscott, R. N. Loveridge.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th December 1956 were read and signed as correct.

Audited accounts for the year to 31 August 1957 were considered by the Board.

The result of the years' working showed a loss of £294 0s. 9d. due to the heavy charge of £365 for the renewal of fencing.

It was resolved that the accounts be approved for submission to the members of the Company.

The date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed for Thursday the 12th December 1957, at 10:30, and the draft Notice to the Shareholders was approved.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock.

Chairman

25 November 1956

## 1958

A Meeting of Directors held at No. 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on Tuesday the 25th November, 1958.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.  
Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Kingscott, Loveridge.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th November 1957 were read and signed as correct.

Audited accounts for the year to 31 August 1958 were laid before the Meeting. The accounts showed a profit of £55 17s. 9d. for the year, and the accumulated balance on the Profit & Loss Account amounted to £557 5s. 6d.

The accounts were approved for submission to the Annual General Meeting.

It was resolved to hold the Annual General Meeting on Thursday the 18th December, at 10:30 in the forenoon, and the draft Notice to Shareholders was approved.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

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## 1959

A Meeting of Directors held at No. 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on Thursday, 16th July 1959, at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.  
Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Kingscott, Loveridge.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th November 1958 were read and signed as correct.

The transfer of one share from Dr. Arnold Alcock to the Rev. Mervyn Hughes was approved and the Secretary was requested to prepare the new Share Certificate, so that it can be signed and sealed at the next Meeting of Directors. (This is the Rugby Club's Share).

On the proposition of Mr. Loveridge it was resolved that congratulations of the Board be given to Mr. Voyce on the honour conferred on him, and the Club and the City in being elected Vice-President of the Rugby Union.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

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A meeting of Directors held on Thursday 5th November 1959 at 10:30 a.m., at 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.  
Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Kingscott, Loveridge.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th July 1959 were read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

Audited accounts for the year to 31 August 1959 were placed before the Meeting. The accounts showed a profit of £67 14s. 3d. was made, making the total on the Profit & Loss Account £624 19s. 9d. which sum it was resolved to recommend be carried forward.

Messrs. A. Alcock and A. Hudson signed the Balance Sheet on behalf of the Board and the Accounts and Balance Sheet were approved for submission to the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting.

It was resolved that this be held on Thursday 3rd December 1959, at 10:30 a.m. The Secretary was instructed to forward Notices of the Meeting to the Shareholders and the Auditor in due course.

It was resolved that the seal of the Company be affixed to Share Certificate No. 533 made out to Harold Mervyn Hughes for One Share numbered 1145 transferred from Dr. Alcock which share is held on behalf of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock.

Chairman

17 . 11 . 1960

A meeting of Directors following the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 3rd December, 1959.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.

Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Kingscott, Hughes, and Loveridge (Secretary).

The Chairman welcomed Rev. M. Hughes as a Director.

Mr. Hudson drew attention to the state of the front of the Gymnasium, the woodwork of which has become affected with dry rot owing to the building of a protective wall during the War. It was agreed that the damage needed immediate attention and the Secretary was instructed to obtain quotations for the necessary repair and for the removal of the causes of the trouble.

Attention was also drawn to the state of the fencing to the Ground on the St. Mark Side, and it was agreed that repairs would have to be carried out.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock.

Chairman

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## 1960

A Meeting of Directors held at No. 10 Parliament Street, Gloucester, on Thursday, 17th November 1960, at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.

Messrs. A. Hudson, A. T. Voyce, H. G. Kingscott, R. N. Loveridge, Rev. H. M. Hughes.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th March 1959, and 3rd December 1959, were read and signed as correct by the Chairman.

The Audited Accounts for the year to 31 August 1960 were laid before the Meeting. After a short discussion they were approved for submission to the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders.

The Accounts were signed by the Chairman and Mr. A. Hudson on behalf of the Board.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting be called for Thursday the 15th December 1960 at 10:30 a.m., and the Secretary was asked to send out the Notices in due course.

Reports of the work carried out to the Gymnasium and other parts of the Ground were given, and a general discussion took place, but no resolutions were passed.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

Chairman

3 Nov. 1961.

A meeting of Directors following the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 15th December 1960, at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Chairman.

Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Kingscott, Loveridge and Hughes.

The Chairman stated that in view of the illness of Mr. Percy Lloyd, the Company's Solicitor, and his retirement from practice, he had spoken to Mr. Russell Jessop, a partner of the firm of H. H. Vowles, Jessop & Co., to enquire if he would act as the Company's Solicitor, in an Honorary Capacity, if he were so appointed.

As Mr Jessop had readily agreed to the suggestion he moved that Mr. Russell Jessop be appointed Hon. Solicitor to the Company. The resolution was seconded by Mr. Voyce and carried.

The Chairman promised to transfer to Mr. Jessop the papers relating to the Company.

It was resolved that a tribute to the services to the Company by Mr. Lloyd in the past be placed in the Minutes.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

Chairman.

3 Nov. 1961