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STANMER ESTATE COMMITTEE.

7th JULY, 1953.

Present—Alderman Davey (Chairman); Aldermen Cole and Leak; Councillors Kippin, Newman and Mrs. Watson-Miller.

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR CONFIRMATION.

108. The Committee further considered the question of the allocation for use as public walks and pleasure grounds of certain land at Stanmer Park, being part of land purchased under Section 280 of the Brighton Corporation Act, 1931.

The Committee also further considered the following report of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor on the subject:—

15th June, 1953.

The Parks Superintendent and I have considered the question of the allocation of certain land at Stanmer Park for the use of public walks and pleasure grounds and the area which we recommend should be so allocated is shown green on Drawing No 4345/TP, having an area of 269 acres or thereabout.

Broadly speaking, the area comprises the parkland itself and Great Wood. It has been considered advisable to omit a small portion of the latter in order that the land is reserved for the proposed ring road shown in the Development Plan, and also Coldean Wood as this area may, eventually, be used for some other purpose. In the Development Plan the area between Coldean Belt, Coldean Wood and Great Wood has been scheduled for a possible hospital site and this area has also been omitted.

RESOLVED—(1) That the Council hereby allocate for use as public walks and pleasure grounds the land forming part of Stanmer Estate purchased under Section 280 of the Brighton Corporation Act, 1931, having an area of 269 acres, or thereabouts, and shown coloured green on Drawing No. 4345/TP submitted.

(2) That for the purpose of preserving the amenities and of providing adequate space for future playing facilities, an additional area immediately to the east of the land referred to in paragraph (1) be reserved for preservation as a public open space to be formally allocated at some future date.

109. The Town Clerk reported as follows:—

2nd July, 1953.

Gas Main, Stanmer Estate.

1. The Committee on the 6th November, 1951, decided to recommend the Council to grant an easement in perpetuity to the South Eastern Gas Board in respect of the laying of a 12in gas main under land on this estate, subject to the execution of a Deed in a form to be approved by me.

2. The recommendation was not submitted to the Council as it was thought saving provisions should be obtained if future development of the land by the Corpora-

tion was not to be impeded by the existence of the main.

3. Negotiations have been protracted but, subject to your approval, an arrangement has been come to embodying such provisions as I have thought necessary, e.g. as to the liability of the Board for damage, but including the following terms:—

(a) The Corporation to grant rights for 999 years from 24th June, 1952, the Board paying an annual acknowledgment of 1/-.