

A Special meeting of the Council
held at the Town Hall, Surrey Centre B.S.E.
Tuesday March 25th 1890

Present, for Punch Esq^r Reeve and all members of the Council

Mr Reeve in stating the object of the meeting informed the Council that from various causes the dam in the Serpentine river was a failure and hence he considered it advisable there should be a meeting to enable the Council to consider what was best to be done in the matter. He had consulted the legal advisors, and requested the engineer to write a report on the state of the dam, he would also add that the contractor had left the work incomplete and as a result the current of the river was doing considerable damage.

A written opinion from the legal advisors was read showing that the contractors were liable for all damage and that they must make good all waste &c and complete the structure according to plans and specifications.

A report from the engineer was read, in a large measure exonerating the contractor from responsibility and advising the Council as to what should be done to complete and preserve the dam.

After discussing the matter thoroughly, in which a number of gentlemen interested in the scheme took part,

On motion by Coun Parr sec by Coun McCallum that in view of the fact the Council are advised that the contractor is responsible for the defective construction of the Serpentine Dam.

It is resolved that the engineer be requested to notify the contractor to at once proceed with, and complete the works on the dam, without further delay.

Carried

On motion by Coun by Coun McCallum ^{Coun Douglas} ^{reby}
 that the report of the engineer, and the written opinion
 from our legal advisors be received and approved
 Carried

On motion by Coun Armstrong reby Coun McCallum
 that Mr Reev be directed to interview Mr Hill the ^{our}
 engineer, and the legal advisors of the Council, and
 request them to take such action in the dyke and dam
 matter as will fully protect the interests of the subscribers
 to the scheme and ^{of} the Corporation at large.

And in the event of Mr Hill refusing to act, the
 Reev is hereby authorized to engage the services of
 another, and qualified engineer to superintend the
 works and have them carried on to completion

As there was nothing further before the Council
 they adjourned
 Carried

Reev