

# Worthing Pier in War Time

1940's

What happened to the Pier during the 1940's?

War Time

## Rehabilitating Worthing

### WORTHING COUNCIL

#### CLEARING THE FORESHORE

Referring to the rehabilitation of the town, Ald. Luxton, Chairman of the Finance and Law Committee, said at Thursday's meeting of Worthing Town Council that the three principal matters which it would be necessary to deal with before visitors and residents could be expected to be attracted were the de-requisitioning of hotels and houses now occupied by the military and the renovation of such premises; the clearance of mines from the beach and the restoration of the promenade, and the repair of sea defence works. The committee viewed with grave concern the inability of the Council to proceed with this work. The Town Clerk had been in correspondence on the matter with Earl Winterton, M.P., who had been asked to try to arrange for a small committee to wait upon the Ministers concerned. The matter had been before the Government departments for a year, and he thought that it was time the personal attention of the Ministers should be drawn to the situation. The resolution was approved.

The Mayor said he had seen an officer of high rank and had been promised as much assistance as possible in making the beach safe for the public. Councillor Mason said there were still some 600 properties requisitioned. There were hundreds of people waiting to come to Worthing, mainly from the bombed areas of London, and the restoration of properties would serve, therefore, a double purpose.

Following a report by the Town Clerk, the Council decided to become members of various Joint Councils and similar bodies representing employers and employees. Previously by reason of non-membership, it was pointed out, the Council were not in a position to make any representations in respect of wages decisions and awards, although bound by such. The resolution was passed.

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