

High Littleton Parish Meeting
December 4th 1894.

At the Parish Meeting duly convened by the Overseers, according to law, Mr [Thomas] MELHUISE, one of the overseers, having read the notice convening the meeting, It was proposed that the Rev. A.M. FOSTER should take the chair. As an amendment it was proposed that Col. SCOBELL take the chair.

On a show of hands the Vicar received thirty two votes, Col. SCOBELL thirty one votes.

The Vicar was accordingly **appointed** Chairman of the meeting.

[Election of Parish Councillors]

During the prescribed time, the following nominations were handed in and declared valid by the Chairman, viz:

BLANNING Thomas	Hallatrow	Farmer	
BLINMAN George	High Littleton	Grocer	<i>[Later withdrawn]</i>
BODY Samuel James	do.	Farmer	
CHIVERS Henry	do.	<i>[Coal]</i> miner	
COX James	do.	Farmer	
EVANS Thomas	do.	<i>[Coal]</i> miner	
FREE Alfred Enos	Hallatrow	Stone-mason	
SCOBELL Barton Land John	Kingwell Hall	Gentleman	
WATSON Matthew	High Littleton, <i>[Oakdene]</i>	<i>[Colliery]</i> Manager	
YOUNG Enock	do.	<i>[Coal]</i> miner	
YOUNG James	do.	Shoemaker	

There being only 6 seats to be filled and ten candidates proposed, The chairman proceeded to put the names to the meeting in alphabetical order, with the following result:

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Votes</u>
BLANNING Thomas	34
BODY Samuel James	29
CHIVERS Henry	44
COX James	50
EVANS Thomas	47
FREE Alfred Enos	41
SCOBELL Barton Land John	36
WATSON Matthew	22
YOUNG <i>[George]</i> Enock	31
YOUNG James	20

The following were declared to be duly **elected** by the Chairman, after an interval of ten minutes, viz:

- Mr James COX,
- Mr Thomas EVANS,
- Mr Henry CHIVERS,
- Mr Alfred E. FREE,
- Col. Barton SCOBELL,
- Mr Thomas BLANNING.

A poll was subsequently demanded by Mr George EVANS on behalf of Mr E. YOUNG but he was informed by the Chairman that he was too late.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed and unanimously **carried**, and the meeting closed.

About 70 parochial electors were present.

[Unsigned] (Chairman).

A copy of the above Minutes, with small variations, was also entered in the Vestry Minute Book.

After election, Parish Councillors had to sign a form of declaration, similar to the one reproduced on the opposite page:

High Littleton Parish Council.
December 13th 1894.

At the first Meeting of the above Council held this day, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Meeting (The Rev'd A.M. FOSTER, Vicar), there were present:

Col. SCOBELL, P.C., Mr Tho's BLANNING, P.C., Mr James COX, P.C., Mr Henry CHIVERS, P.C., Mr Thomas EVANS, P.C., Mr Enos FREE, P.C.

Provisional Chairman

The Members of the Council having signed their declarations, Col. SCOBELL proposed, Mr Tho's BLANNING seconded, and it was **carried** unanimously, that Mr COX do take the chair provisionally.

Nomination of Chairman

Mr COX, having taken the Chair, informed the Council that the next business would be to select a Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Mr Henry CHIVERS and seconded by Mr Tho's EVANS, that Mr WATSON be appointed Chairman for the year ensuing

After some discussion, an amendment was proposed by Col. SCOBELL and seconded by Mr BLANNING, that the Rev'd A.M. FOSTER be appointed Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Appointment of Chairman

The Chairman having put the amendment, Col. SCOBELL, Mr Tho's BLANNING, Mr Enos FREE and Mr COX voted in favo[u]r of Mr FOSTER, who was declared by the Chairman to be duly **elected**.

Mr COX, (having) vacated the Chair, which was then occupied by the Rev'd A.M. FOSTER, who expressed his thanks to the Council for the appointment.

Appointment of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Mr COX and seconded by Mr BLANNING, that Col. SCOBELL be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. **Carried** unanimously.

Appointment of Clerk

The Chairman stated that the next business would be to appoint a Clerk to the Council and informed the members that, from their own number, they could select a member, who must act gratuitously; no one having offered, it was unanimously **agreed** that Mr G.E. COWEN, the Assistant Overseer, should be appointed the Clerk of the Council.

Salary

The question of the Clerk's remuneration was allowed to remain over to the Annual Meeting, in order to ascertain the amount paid to Clerks in parishes of a similar area and Rateable Value to this Parish.

Appointment of Treasurer

Proposed by Col. SCOBELL, seconded by Mr Enos FREE, that Mr A.J. HOOPER of Messrs STUCKEY'S Banking Co., Midsomer Norton, be appointed Treasurer of the Council. **Carried** unanimously.

On the motion of Col. SCOBELL, seconded by Mr Tho's EVANS, a Vote of thanks was unanimously **passed** to the Chairman for presiding.

The Council then rose.

(Signed) Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

2nd Meeting, 15th January 1895.

At a Parish Council Meeting held this day, duly convened by the Chairman, there were present:

The Rev'd A.M. FOSTER in the Chair, Messrs James COX, Tho's BLANNING, Henry CHIVERS, Thomas EVANS, Enos FREE, Parish Councillors.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Trustees [*Mary JONES'*] Charity

It was proposed by Mr FREE, seconded by Mr EVANS, and **carried** unanimously that four members of the Council be appointed Trustees to act with the Vicar re "*Mary* JONES' Charity".

It was proposed by Mr COX, seconded by Mr BLANNING, that Col. SCOBELL be appointed a Trustee.

Proposed by Mr FREE, seconded by Mr BLANNING, that Mr Henry CHIVERS and Mr Thomas EVANS be appointed Trustees.

Proposed by Mr COX, seconded by Mr EVANS, that Mr BLANNING be appointed a Trustee.

Proposed by Mr BLANNING, seconded by Mr COX, that Mr Alfred FREE be appointed a Trustee.

Appointment of Trustees re [*Mary*] JONES's Charity

The Chairman, having submitted the names to the Meeting, The following Votes were taken:

For Mr BLANNING - Messrs COX, CHIVERS, EVANS, FREE & Rev'd FOSTER.

do. Mr CHIVERS - Messrs COX, BLANNING, EVANS, FREE & Rev'd FOSTER.

do. Mr EVANS - Messrs COX, BLANNING, CHIVERS, FREE & Rev'd FOSTER.

do. Mr FREE - Messrs COX, BLANNING, EVANS, CHIVERS & Rev'd FOSTER.

do. Col. SCOBELL - No votes recorded.

The first four Members were declared to be **elected** as Trustees.

Waywarden

Proposed by Mr Thomas EVANS, seconded by Mr BLANNING, that Mr COX be elected Waywarden of the Parish. **Carried** unanimously.

Drainage leading from Farmborough Road to Ratcombe

It was proposed by Mr CHIVERS and seconded by Mr EVANS, "That the Clerk of this Council do communicate with the Clerk of the Farmborough Council, with a view to fixing a day, and hour, for meeting the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, to confer as to the best method of abating this nuisance."

Drainage from Timsbury Lane

Mr COX proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, "That this drain, which is at present very defective, be put in order forthwith, by opening up and following the present course." **Carried** unanimously.

Notice of Motion by Mr FREE

Mr FREE gave notice that, at the next Meeting of the Council, he would move the following Resolution - "That the Meetings of this Council shall be held Monthly, on a day and hour to be fixed by the Council."

The Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

3rd Meeting, 22nd March 1895.

At a Parish Council Meeting held this day, duly convened, there were present:

The Rev'd A.M. FOSTER in the Chair, Messrs James COX, Henry CHIVERS, Alfred FREE.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Open Sewer Dividing Farmborough & Littleton, leading to Ratcombe

The Sanitary Inspector's report on this nuisance was read and approved, And the Clerk was directed to write the Clerk of the Farmborough Council, stating it was thought desirable by this Council that the matter should be placed in the hands of the District Council, and requesting to be informed if the Farmborough Council agreed to this plan.

Drainage, Timsbury Lane

Mr COX, Waywarden, reported that the Surveyor had promised to open up this drain, provided the Council will undertake to cover in the same.

1st Precept to Overseers

A Precept for £5, to cover expenses to 31st March, was signed and **ordered** to be forwarded to the Overseers.

The following Cheques were **ordered** to be drawn on the Treasurer:

Cheque £15. 8. 0 - re Blankets, [Mary] JONES' Charity.

do. 2.14. 9 - printer, and Returning Officer's fees.

Treasurer's Bond

The question of the Treasurer's Bond was discussed and it was proposed by Mr FREE, seconded by Mr CHIVERS and **carried** nem. con., that the amount be fixed at £200.

Box for Books etc.

Ordered that the Clerk do procure a strong Japanned Box, to contain the Books and documents of this Council.

Monthly Meetings

Proposed by Mr COX, seconded by Mr FREE, that the Council do meet once a month. **Carried**.

Proposed by Mr CHIVERS, seconded by Mr FREE, that the Council do meet on the first Thursday of each month at 8 o'clock P.M., commencing on Thursday 6th June 1895. **Carried** nem. con.

Hallatrow Pound

Mr FREE gave notice that, at the next meeting, he should bring forward a motion to repair the Parish Pound at Hallatrow.

The Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

16th April 1895, Annual Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held this day, pursuant to due notice,

Present: The Rev'd A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, also Messrs BLANNING, COX, EVANS, CHIVERS & FREE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Chairman re-appointment

The Rev. A.M. FOSTER was unanimously **re-elected** Chairman of the Council for the year ensuing.

Overseers to be two

Proposed by Mr Tho's EVANS, seconded by Mr BLANNING and **carried**, that the number of Overseers appointed for the Parish should be two.

Appointment of Overseers

Proposed by Mr COX, seconded by Mr Tho's EVANS, that Mr George BLINMAN of High Littleton and Mr Robert JAMES of Hallatrow be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year. **Carried** unanimously.

Ass't Overseer's and Clerk's Salary

Mr FREE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded the proposition that the Assistant Overseer's & Clerk's Salary should be £24 for the year ensuing. **Carried** unanimously.

Hallatrow Pound

Proposed by Mr FREE, seconded by Mr CHIVERS, that the Hallatrow Pound be repaired by the Council.

An Amendment was proposed by Mr EVANS and seconded by Mr COX, that, prior to any steps being taken to repair the Pound, enquiries should be made by the Clerk from Mr GORE LANGTON [*Earl Temple*]'s Steward, as to the Ownership thereof. The amendment was put to the Council and **carried**.

High Littleton Pound

Mr CHIVERS moved and Mr COX seconded, that the Clerk do write to Mr Jesse CARTER of Clifton, enquiring from whom he purchased the late pound at Timsbury Lane. **Carried**.

Allotments

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr FREE seconded, that the Clerk should get notices printed and circulated in the Parish, requesting all persons requiring Allotments to send to him, on or before the 1st day of May 1895, in writing, their names and address, together with the amount and nature of the allotment they wish to acquire. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr EVANS gave notice that, at the next meeting of the Council, he will move the discussion of the water and lighting of the Parish. The Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

6th June 1895.

At the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held this day, pursuant to due notice,

Present: The Rev'd A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Col. SCOBELL, Vice Chairman, Messrs James COX, Thomas EVANS, Alfred FREE, Henry CHIVERS.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Hallatrow and High Littleton Pounds

The Clerk, having read the replies to his letters to Mr GORE LANGTON [*Earl Temple*]'s Steward, and Mr Jesse CARTER, as to the ownership of these Pounds, which in each case referred the Council to their respective Solicitors, It was proposed by Mr COX, seconded by Mr CHIVERS, that the letters lie on the table.

On the Chairman putting the motion, the following votes were recorded:

For - Col. SCOBELL, Mr COX, Mr CHIVERS, Mr EVANS.

Against - Mr FREE.

The motion was declared by the Chairman to be **carried**.

Applications for Allotments

The Clerk reported that, in reply to the printed notices, ordered to be circulated in the parish at the last Meeting, he had received the following applications for allotments, viz:

Enoch YOUNG	Garden	30 Perch
Albin MAIDMENT	do.	20 Perch
James TARRANT	do.	say 20 Perch
George WEEKS	do.	20 Perch
Thomas HO/L/VEY	do.	say 20 Perch
Joseph GULLICK	do.	20 Perch
Henry TUCKER	do.	20 Perch
John BROOKS	do.	30 Perch
Frederick EAGLE	do.	30 Perch
Owen EVANS	do.	20 Perch
James SPENCER	Pasture Land	say 4 acres
Frederick CARTER	do.	do. 3 acres
Jacob CURTIS	do.	do. 4 acres
William PAYNE	do.	do. 4 acres

It was proposed by Mr EVANS, seconded by Mr CHIVERS, that the Clerk do write to the undermentioned Landowners, requesting to be informed if they are willing to let to the Council the following or any other pieces of their land, for the purpose of enabling the Council to meet the requirements of the above applicants, viz:

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Name of Field</u>
Col. SCOBELL	Sixpence
The Misses REES-MOGG	Broad Bars
The Earl of WARWICK	The Common
Mrs M.A. MOGG	The Common

Carried unanimously.

Lighting and Water

On the motion of Mr EVANS, seconded by Mr CHIVERS, the question of obtaining water, and of lighting the Parish, was deferred.

The Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

4th July 1895.

At the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held this day, pursuant to due notice,

Present: The Rev'd A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, also Messrs James COX, Thomas EVANS, Thomas BLANNING, Henry CHIVERS, Alfred FREE.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th June last were read and **confirmed**.

Allotments

The Clerk, having read replies from Col. SCOBELL, Messrs REES-MOGG & DAVY, Mr SPACKMAN and Mrs MOGG, to his application for land suitable for allotments, It was proposed by Mr EVANS, seconded by Mr CHIVERS, that the question of allotments be deferred. **Carried** unanimously.

The Council then rose.

[Signed] Barton SCOBELL, Chairman.

1st day of August 1895.

At the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held this day, pursuant to due notice,

Present: Col. SCOBELL, Vice Chairman, Messrs James COX, Henry CHIVERS.

Four Members not being present, no business was transacted.

[Unsigned]

5th day of September 1895.

At the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held this day, pursuant to notice,

Present: The Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Col. SCOBELL, J.P., Vice Chairman, Messrs Tho's EVANS, Henry CHIVERS, Alfred FREE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Allotments

It was proposed by Mr EVANS and seconded by Mr CHIVERS, "that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr Charles POW, asking if he would be willing to give up to the Parish Council, for the purpose of Allotments, the Orchard bordering the south of Ratcombe Lane, or any other suitable piece of land in his occupation."

On the motion being put to the Council, Messrs EVANS, CHIVERS & FREE voted in favour and it was declared **carried**.

Ratcombe Drain

It was proposed by Mr EVANS, seconded by Mr CHIVERS, that a memorial, from the tenants of Cottages adjacent to the outlet of this drain, be forwarded by the Clerk to the Clutton District Council, respectfully praying the Council to abate the existing nuisance by continuing the drain across the road to the opposite field and there constructing a tank to receive the sewage. **Carried** unanimously.

The following amounts were **ordered** to be paid by Cheque on the Treasurer, viz:

Messrs KNIGHT & Co. - Parish Council Box	£1.15. 3
Woman preparing room, 4 meetings	3. 0
Total	£1.18. 3

The Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

3rd October 1895.

At the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held this day, pursuant to due notice,

Present: Rev'd A.M. FOSTER in the chair, Messrs J. COX, T. EVANS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Allotments

The Clerk reported that he had written Mr POW, respecting his giving up the Orchard bordering the South of Ratcombe Lane, or any other suitable piece of land in his occupation, for allotments and, in reply, Mr POW had verbally stated that he did not feel disposed to give up any portion of his Farm for allotments.

Mr COX gave notice that he would move at the next monthly meeting "That the present monthly meetings be abolished and that the Council do meet once in three months." The Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

7th day of November 1895.

At the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held this day, pursuant to notice,
Present: The Rev'd A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Col. SCOBELL, Vice Chairman, Messrs Thomas EVANS, James COX, Henry CHIVERS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

It was proposed by Mr COX and seconded by Mr EVANS, that, in future, the meetings of the Council should be held once in three months. **Carried** unanimously.

Proposed by Col. SCOBELL, seconded by Mr COX and **carried**, "That the first quarterly Meeting of the Council be held on Thursday the 2nd day of January 1896, at 6 o'clock in the evening."

Allotments

Mr CHIVERS proposed and Col. SCOBELL seconded the motion, "That the question of Allotments be further discussed at the next Meeting of the Council." **Carried**.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

2nd day of January 1896.

At the first Quarterly Meeting of the Parish Council held this day, pursuant to notice,

Present: Col. SCOBELL in the chair, Messrs J. COX, T. EVANS, A. FREE, H. CHIVERS.

The minutes of the meeting of the 7th November 1895 were read.

Sanitary Rate

It was resolved that a sum of £5 should be given to Mr COWEN, the Asst. Overseer, for his trouble in making out and collecting the Sanitary Rate and that the said amount be paid out of any balance in the Overseers' hands, appearing due on such Sanitary Rate. **Carried** unanimously.

Allotments

It was proposed by Mr CHIVERS, seconded by Mr T. EVANS and **carried**,

I. That allotments are required by several of the Parish*[i]*oners.

II. That the Parish Council have been unable to hire the land.

III. That the quantity required is about 6 acres.

IIII. That the Acreage [*sic*] of the Field considered most suitable is about 5 acres & the name of the Owners is The Misses REES-MOGG & the tenant Mr S.J. BODY.

V. That the hiring is required for 14 years,

and finally, That A Parish Meeting be called for Thursday the 2nd day of April 1896 [*Meeting held on 31st March*], at 6 o'clock P.M., to discuss the question, with a view to the matter being represented to the County

Council, in order that the[y] may cause enquiry to be made into this representation.

The Council then rose.

[Signed] Barton SCOBELL, Chairman.

Parish Meeting

March 9th 1896

At the Parish Meeting, convened by the Local Government Board to be held this day, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman and 26 parochial electors.

Election of Councillors

The following nominations were handed in:

CHARD Charles	High Littleton	Bootmaker
CHIVERS Henry	Mearns	Miner
EVANS Thomas	High Littleton	Miner
FREE Alfred Enos	Hallatrow	Stone mason
SCOBELL Barton L.J.(S.)	Kingwell Hall	Gentleman
WATSON Matthew	Oakdean	Colliery manager
YOUNG Geo. Enock	High Littleton	miner

Mr A.E. FREE having withdrawn, the following were declared **elected** Parish Councillors:

CHARD Charles

CHIVERS Henry

EVANS Thomas

SCOBELL B.L.J.(S.)

WATSON Matthew

YOUNG Enos [*Enoch*]

[Unsigned] (Chairman)

March 31st 1896.

At the annual meeting held this day, pursuant to due notice, there were present:
Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, and 28 electors.

Allotment

The question of allotments was discussed.

Mr WATSON stated that there should be provided near the Cherry Tree Ground, allotments for those men who were employed at the Grayfield Collieries, provided that the land is suitable for their purpose and that the same should be a private arrangement between the Earl of WARWICK and the proposed applicants.

It was proposed by Mr EVANS, seconded by Mr EAGLE, that the question of allotments be deferred until negotiations can be entered into with Mr WATSON and Col. SCOBELL, as to land offered by them for the purpose. **Carried** unanimously.

[Mary] JONES' Charity

The chairman produced a list of the recipients of [Mary] JONES' Charity.

Some discussion having ensued, the list was **approved**.

The Relief of the Poor List was read and **approved**.

Water Supply

A report from the Sanitary Inspector to the District Council was read - in respect of the Water Supply in Hallatrow and High Littleton, for consideration of the parish council, recommending:

- I. That Mr Henry POLLETT be called upon to provide water for the cottages called West Houses.
- II. A public well be sunk near Mr John VENTIN's.
- III. That a water storage be constructed at Ratcombe Bottom.
- IV. That a suitable footway be made to the new well at Mearns.

After some discussion, the matter was referred to the new Parish Council.

Path to Paulton

A letter from Mr James WATTS, with reference to the path leading from Paulton to High Littleton, [was read].
After some discussion, this was also referred to the next Council.

The Sanitary Rates and the Overseers' accounts for the past half year were presented, examined and **approved**.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

[Unsigned] (Chairman).

9th April 1896.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Parish Council of High Littleton held this day, pursuant to notice,

Present: The Rev'd A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Col. SCOBELL, Vice Chairman, Messrs J. COX, Thomas EVANS, Henry CHIVERS & Alfred FREE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

re [Mary] JONES' Blanket Charity

A Cheque for £14.12. 6 in favour of Messrs HEAL & Son of Paulton was **ordered** to be drawn, in payment of the Blankets distributed under the above Charity in December 1895, and received the signatures of three members of the Council.

The council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

April 17th 1896.

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held this day pursuant to notice,

Present: Rev'd A.M. FOSTER in the Chair, Col. SCOBELL, Vice Chairman, Messrs M. WATSON, Charles CHARD, Thomas EVANS, Enoch YOUNG.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Moved by Mr WATSON, seconded by Mr Thomas EVANS and **carried**, That Col. SCOBELL do take the Chair pro tem.

Col. SCOBELL having taken the Chair, Mr WATSON proposed and Mr EVANS seconded the proposition, That The Rev. A.M. FOSTER be elected Chairman of the Council for the year ensuing. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr FOSTER, having thanked the Council for appointing him Chairman for the second year, The appointment of Overseers was next considered.

Mr EVANS proposed and Enoch YOUNG seconded, that Mr Alfred Enos FREE of Hallatrow be appointed one of the Overseers for the year ensuing. **Carried**.

Proposed by Mr WATSON, seconded by Col. SCOBELL, that Mr Rob't JAMES of Hallatrow be appointed Overseer for the year ensuing. **Carried**. Mr Enoch YOUNG did not vote on this proposition.

Proposed by Col. SCOBELL, seconded by Mr Tho's EVANS, That the Asst. Overseer's Salary, who is also Clerk to the Council, be fixed at the sum of £24 for the ensuing year (Being £16 as Assistant Overseer & £8 as Clerk to the Parish Council - *inserted later and initialed AMF*). **Carried** unanimously.

Mr Henry CHIVERS, one of the Councillors, being absent, It was proposed by Col. SCOBELL, seconded by Mr WATSON and **carried**, "That Mr CHIVERS be permitted to sign his declaration at the next meeting of the Council."

Moved by Mr WATSON, seconded by Mr EVANS, that Col. SCOBELL be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for this year. **Carried** unanimously.

Proposed by Mr YOUNG, seconded by Mr CHARD and **carried**, That a detailed report of the proceedings of the Council be sent at the end of each meeting to a local reporter (Mrs ADAMS of Paulton), with a view to publication in the Newspaper or, that Mrs ADAMS be requested to attend the meetings personally, to report the proceedings herself.

It was proposed by Mr EVANS and seconded by Mr YOUNG, that the next meeting of the Council do take place on Wednesday the 6th day of May 1896, at 8 o'clock in the evening. **Carried** unanimously.

The Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

May 6th 1896.

At a Meeting of the Council held this 6th day of May 1896, pursuant to notice,

Present: Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Lt. Col. SCOBELL, Vice Chairman, Messrs C. CHARD, Hy. CHIVERS, Tho's EVANS, M. WATSON, E. YOUNG.

Illness prevented the Clerk [*G.E. COWEN*] from being present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**, after the addition of a note explaining the entry as to the Assistant Overseer's salary.

Guaranteeing a stated sum for a Telegraph Office for High Littleton

This was considered outside the powers of the Council but Mr WATSON proposed & Col. SCOBELL seconded, "The [*That*] the Parish Council petition the Post Office Authorities for improved Postal Service & the establishment of a Telegraph Office at High Littleton." **Carried** unanimously.

Mr WATSON reported that, in case a Telegraph Office were established, the Earl of WARWICK would undertake to pay half the loss which the guarantors might be called upon to meet; and Colonel SCOBELL promised to transfer his telegraph business from Timsbury to High Littleton.

Water Supply

Proposed by Mr WATSON & seconded by Mr CHIVERS, "That the Report of the Sanitary Inspector, Mr H.H. PURNELL, be produced & considered at the next Meeting." **Carried** unanimously.

Footpath from High Littleton to Paulton

No resolution.

Allotments

No resolution.

Aged Poor

Mr CHIVERS called attention to the advantage to old people, where the District Council give money rather than bread to the aged poor, who are not able to consume much bread, and he moved "That the Guardian be requested to vote that relief be given to the Aged Poor in money rather than bread." This was seconded by Mr CHARD & **carried** unanimously.

Ratcombe Drain

It was proposed by Colonel SCOBELL & seconded by Mr EVANS, "That the District Councillor be requested to bring the matter of the completion of the Ratcombe Drain before the District Council." **Carried** unanimously.

The Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

June 15th 1896.

At a Meeting of the Parish Council held this 15th day of June 1896, Pursuant to notice,

Present: Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs T. EVANS, M. WATSON, E. YOUNG.

Minutes

In consequence of the illness of the Clerk [*George E. COWEN*], who was again unable to be present, the minutes were not yet written into this book but were read in the rough.

Telegraph Office etc.

The Chairman reported that Mr WATSON and himself had had an interview with the Postmaster of Bristol.

A telegraph office could be established, if the sum of £27 were guaranteed. Also a second delivery as far as the post office, and a later despatch of letters, could be arranged, but a Money Order Office could not be promised.

It was also explained that the Parish Council had been under a misapprehension at their last meeting, for the "Post Office Amendment Act 1895" empowers a Parish Council to guarantee the Postmaster general against loss. It was proposed by Mr Enoch YOUNG & seconded by Mr Tho's EVANS, "That the Parish Council do undertake to pay the Postmaster General any loss he may sustain by reason of the establishment of a Postal Telegraph Office at High Littleton." **Carried** unanimously.

It was understood that this resolution was passed on the understanding that the Earl of WARWICK had promised to pay one half of any loss & that others in the Parish were prepared to guarantee a share.

It was proposed by Mr WATSON & seconded by Mr EVANS, "That the Postmaster of Bristol be written to, for the purpose of impressing upon him the importance of establishing a Money Order Office at High Littleton." **Carried** unanimously.

Ratcombe Drain

Mr WATSON reported that a sub-committee, consisting of the District Councillors of High Littleton & Farmborough & of Colonel SCOBELL & himself, had been commissioned to meet on the spot & consider what could be done to abate the nuisance in connection with Ratcombe Drain, but a date for such meeting had not yet been agreed upon.

Water Supply

The Report of Mr H.H. PURNELL on the Water Supply of the Parish was produced, read & considered.

Mr WATSON proposed & Mr EVANS seconded, "That Mr Alfred Enos FREE be requested to inform the Council what quantity of water his well will supply, and also for what consideration he would allow the well to be made public use of." **Carried** unanimously.

Proposed by Mr WATSON & seconded by Mr YOUNG, "That Mr POLLETT be asked what steps he proposes to take for the supply of water to the Cottages called Westhouses, as the Sanitary Inspector reports that the present supply is quite inadequate." **Carried** unanimously.

Resolution of Clutton Rural District Council

A Copy of the following Resolution of Clutton Rural District Council had been received and was read: "That, for each Parish in this Council's District, for which there is a Parish Council, the members of that Council and the Rural District Councillor or Councillors for that Parish be appointed the Parochial Committee."

The Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman, July 7 1896.

July 7 1896.

At a Parish Council meeting held this day, duly convened, there were present:

Rev'd A. FOSTER in the Chair, Messrs Barton SCOBELL, M. WATSON, H. CHIVERS, T. EVANS, E. YOUNG.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and **confirmed**.

Proposed by Col. SCOBELL & seconded by Mr WATSON, "That the Parish Council, at its first meeting after the loss they have sustained by the death of their Clerk [*George Emmanuel COWEN died 26 Jun 1896, aged 45*], desire to express to Mrs [*Mary*] COWEN and her family their sincere sympathy in their bereavement." **Carried** unanimously.

Telegraph Office

The Draft indenture between the Parish Council and the General Post Office was read.

A guar(r)antee list was made by the following, of their share of the loss incurred (if any), up to the following amounts: Mr WATSON, on behalf of Lord WARWICK, one half, viz. £13.10/-, Col. SCOBELL £5, Mr FOSTER £3, Mr T. EVANS 10/-, Mr Henry CHIVERS 10/-, Mr E. YOUNG 5/-, leaving for other guar(r)antors or, failing them, for the Parish, the sum of £4. 5/- to be guar(r)anteed.

Therefore, it was Proposed by Mr WATSON, seconded by Mr EVANS, "That the Draft agreement be accepted." **Carried**.

Water Supply

Letter from Mr FREE. The consideration of the letter was postponed for private interview between Mr FREE & Mr EVANS.

Letters from Mr POLLETT were read. This matter was also postponed.

Assistant Overseer

Proposed by Mr WATSON, seconded by Mr EVANS, That notice be issued for Applications to fill the Appointment of Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council, at a salary of £21 (twenty one pounds). **Carried** unanimously.

Small holdings

Mr YOUNG mentioned the subject but proposed no resolution.

Recreation ground

Mr CHARD, in whose name this matter stood, was not present.

Next meeting

The next meeting was fixed for Monday 27 July.

The Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

27 July 1896.

At a Parish Council meeting held this day, duly convened, there were present:

Rev'd A. FOSTER in the Chair, Lt. Col. SCOBELL, Acting Clerk, Messrs M. WATSON, T. EVANS, H. CHIVERS, C. CHARD, E. YOUNG.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Council

A letter from Mr John GREGORY Jun'r was read, applying for this Post for a limited period.

Mr WATSON proposed & Mr CHIVERS seconded the resolution, "That Mr GREGORY's proposal be not entertained." **Carried** unanimously.

Applications were read, with accompanying testimonials, from Mr W.H. MARTIN and Mr H. POLLETT and Mr W. MELHUISE.

Proposed by Mr WATSON, seconded by Mr CHARD, "That Mr MARTIN be appointed Assistant overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council for the Parish of High Littleton." **Carried**, The following voting:

For - Lt. Col. SCOBELL, Messrs WATSON, EVANS, CHARD and YOUNG.

Against - Mr CHIVERS.

Telegraph Office

The Acting Clerk produced and read correspondence with the General Post Office, and laid on the table the Deed of Agreement for a telegraph Office at High Littleton

The Deed was duly signed by the Chairman and two members of the Council, and countersigned by the Acting Clerk as witness.

Water supply

Proposed by Mr YOUNG, seconded by Mr CHARD, "That, with the consent of the District Council, a well be sunk for the benefit of the Public, in or near the Road stone Depot opposite the Yard of the Southover Club, and that Estimates be prepared for the same." **Carried** unanimously.

Mr WATSON undertook to prepare an Estimate.

Signed Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

23rd October 1896.

At the Meeting of the Parish Council held this day, pursuant to notice,

Present: The Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Col. SCOBELL, Vice Chairman, Messrs M. WATSON, T. EVANS, E. YOUNG, C. CHARD.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Ratcombe Sewer

The plan for the extension of this sewer was laid on the table by Mr WATSON.

It was proposed by Mr T. EVANS and seconded by Mr E. YOUNG, that the plan and specification, with the addition of proper ventilation as suggested by the Committee, be accepted. **Carried** unanimously.

Water Supply

It was proposed by Mr WATSON and seconded by Col. SCOBELL, that the District Council be asked to give us definite permission to sink a well in the stone depot opposite to the Southover yard. **Carried** unanimously.

Postal Telegraph

Mr CHARD wished his name to be added to the list of guarantors, for the sum of five shillings.

Electric Lighting

It was proposed by Mr T. EVANS and seconded by Col. SCOBELL, that the Earl of WARWICK be asked to give a rough estimate of the cost of lighting the village. **Carried** unanimously.

A cheque for 7/- was drawn in favour of Mr [James Sumner] DURY.

The Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

18th November 1896.

At the Meeting of the Parish Council, pursuant to notice,

Present: Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Col. B.L. SCOBELL, Vice Chairman, Messrs M. WATSON, T. EVANS, C. CHARD.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Mary JONES's Charity

In accordance with the Local Government Act Sec. 14 Par. 2, Two of the 4 Trustees of this charity, Mr Thomas EVANS and Mr Alfred Enos FREE, were determined by lot to cease to be trustees.

It was proposed by Mr WATSON and seconded by Col. SCOBELL, that Mr T. EVANS be re-elected and Mr CHARD be elected trustees. **Carried** unanimously.

Trustees are:- Messrs BLANNING, CHIVERS, EVANS & CHARD.

Next Meeting

It was proposed by Mr T. EVANS and seconded by Mr C. CHARD, that the next meeting be held on Wednesday Jan'y 6th 1897 at 7.45 p.m. **Carried** unanimously.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

January 6th 1897.

At a Meeting of the Parish Council, pursuant to notice, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs EVANS, CHIVERS, YOUNG, CHARD [*& WATSON added in pencil*].

The minutes of the last meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Ratcombe Sewer

No resolution

Lighting

No resolution

Ratcombe Road & Mearns Hill

Mr CHIVERS proposed and Mr CHARD seconded, "That the attention of the Waywarden be called to the state of Ratcombe Road and Mearns Hill." **Carried** unanimously.

Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

March 4th 1897.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held this day, pursuant to notice, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs WATSON, T. EVANS, H. CHIVERS, C. CHARD, E. YOUNG.

Minutes of last meeting read & **confirmed**.

A letter was read from the Vice Chairman (Col. SCOBELL) expressing regret that he would be unable to attend.

Ratcombe Sewer

Mr CHIVERS mentioned that he had seen the work, which appeared to be going on satisfactorily.

Lighting

Mr WATSON gave a rough estimate of cost of lighting the village at £180 and proposed that matter be referred to Parish Meeting. Mr CHIVERS seconded. **Carried** unanimously.

Precept to Overseers

A precept for £5 was signed and ordered to be forwarded to Overseers.

A cheque was drawn on the Treasurer for £14.10/-, Mrs [*Mary*] JONES Charity.

Petition to G.W.R.

A petition to G.W. R'ly was read.

It was proposed by Mr WATSON and seconded by Mr E. YOUNG, "That petition should be signed." **Carried** unanimously. The petition was then signed.

It was **agreed** that Parish Meeting for Election of new councillors be held on March 18th at 7.30 p.m. and that Annual Parish Meeting be held on March 26th at 7.30 p.m.

Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

March 18th 1897.

At the Parish Meeting for the election of new councillors, convened by the Local Government Board, held this day, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman and 51 parochial electors.

The following nominations were handed in:

Charles CHARD	High Littleton	Bootmaker	14 [<i>votes</i>]
Henry CHIVERS	Mearns	Miner	27
James COX	High Littleton	Farmer	16
George BLINMAN	do.	Grocer etc.	18
Samuel J. BODY	do.	Farmer	26
George EVANS Sr.	do.	Miner	14

Thomas EVANS	do.	Miner	22
Henry JEFFERIES	Hallatrow	Station Master	20
John MELHUIISH	High Littleton	[blank]	25
William P. MONCKTON	Hallatrow	Colonel	22
Henry POLLETT	do.	Stone mason	21
SCOBELL Barton	Kingwell Hall	Gentleman	15
WATSON Matthew	High Littleton	Manager	29
YOUNG Geo. Enock	do.	Miner	

Mr YOUNG having withdrawn, hands were shown, with the result that the following were declared duly **elected**:

Samuel J. BODY	High Littleton	Farmer
Henry CHIVERS	Mearns	Miner
Thomas EVANS	High Littleton	Miner
John MELHUIISH	do.	[blank]
William P. MONCKTON	Hallatrow	Colonel
Matthew WATSON	High Littleton	Manager

Meeting was then dissolved.
 [Unsigned] (Chairman).

**Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting
 March 26th 1897.**

At the annual meeting held this day, pursuant to due notice, there were present:
 Rev. A.M. FOSTER (Chairman), Councillors M. WATSON & C. CHARD and 8 parochial electors.

Lighting

Mr WATSON explained what Parish Council had done with regard to lighting the village. Mr CHARD thought that a light of some kind was greatly needed. Col. MONCKTON, speaking for Hallatrow, thought that light was not required and that it was a bad precedent to part the parish for any purpose.
 No resolution was proposed.

[Mary] JONES' Charity

The Rev. A.M. FOSTER, as Chairman of Charity Trustees, read the list of recipients and balance sheet, which were **approved**.

Roads etc.

Mr J. MELHUIISH complained of the state of the roads, thought there ought to be better supervision and mentioned the following roads: Gooseherd Lane to Bridge, Timsbury Lane, Langford's Lane and between the Turnpike and the station.

Mr J. MELHUIISH moved and Mr S.J. BODY seconded the following resolution, which was **carried** unanimously:

"That this parish meeting records its dissatisfaction with the state of the roads in the parish and district, and the great lack of supervision, and respectfully requests the attention of the Rural District Council to the matter."

Meeting was then dissolved.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER (Chairman).

April 15th 1897.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened by the chairman of the Parish Meeting, held this day, there were present:

Councillors MONCKTON, BODY, EVANS, MELHUIISH & CHIVERS,

Provisional Chairman

Councillors having signed their declarations, Mr J. MELHUIISH proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that Col. MONCKTON take the chair.

A letter was read from Mr WATSON, expressing regret that he was unable to attend.

Col. MONCKTON proposed and Mr BODY seconded, "That Mr WATSON be permitted to sign his declaration at the next meeting." **Carried** unanimously.

Chairman

Col. MONCKTON proposed that the vicar, Rev. A.M. FOSTER, be the chairman for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Mr T. EVANS and **carried** unanimously.

Col. MONCKTON having vacated the chair, it was taken by the Vicar, who returned thanks for the honour.

Vice Chairman

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr J. MELHUIISH seconded, that Col. W.P. MONCKTON be the Vice chairman for the ensuing year. **Carried** unanimously.

Overseers

Mr H. CHIVERS proposed and Mr J. MELHUIISH seconded, that Mr S.J. BODY be one of the overseers for the ensuing year.

Mr EVANS proposed as an amendment that Mr J. MELHUIISH be overseer. This was seconded by Mr S.J. BODY. On this being put to the meeting the following councillors voted:

For Mr J. MELHUIISH - Mr EVANS & Mr BODY.

For Mr S.J. BODY - Col. MONCKTON, Mr J. MELHUIISH & Mr H. CHIVERS.

Mr S.J. BODY was therefore declared **elected**.

Col. MONCKTON proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that Mr Alfred Enos FREE be the other overseer for the ensuing year.

The following voted for this resolution: Mr CHIVERS, Mr EVANS & Mr J. MELHUIISH. Mr FREE was declared duly **elected**.

A Cheque for 6/- was drawn in favour of Mr [J.S.] DURY, as Returning officer, and signed.

Mr BODY gave notice that at the next meeting he would move a resolution re Charges for fire & light.

Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

September 17th 1897.

At a Parish Council meeting held this day, duly convened, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Col. MONCKTON, Messrs WATSON, BODY, MELHUIISH, EVANS, CHIVERS.

Minutes of last meeting were read & **confirmed**.

Mr WATSON signed his declaration.

Fire, Lighting & setting room for Council

In accordance with notice given at last meeting, Mr BODY proposed and Mr WATSON seconded, that two shillings per meeting be paid for fire, lighting & cleaning of room used by council. **Carried** unanimously.

Public Sewer near school.

Col. MONCKTON proposed and T. EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to the District Council explaining that, "In the opinion of this council, a nuisance exists in a public sewer near the school and that District Council take means to abate it." **Carried** unanimously.

Foot Bridge leading to Paulton

The Vicar, as chairman, reported that, since last meeting and in a case of emergency, he had given an order that bridge be repaired.

Mr J. MELHUIISH proposed and T. EVANS seconded, that action of the Chairman be approved.

This was put to the meeting, the following voting for it: Messrs MONCKTON, BODY, MELHUIISH, EVANS & CHIVERS. Mr WATSON did not vote.

Mr J. MELHUIISH proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, "That Paulton Parish Council be written to, explaining action and asking them to bear half the expense." **Carried**. The following voting:

For - Messrs MONCKTON, BODY, MELHUIISH, EVANS & CHIVERS. Mr WATSON did not vote.

Mary JONES' Charity

Mr WATSON proposed & Mr BODY seconded, that the balance of £7. 7.11, now in our accounts, be handed over to the Charity Trustees. **Carried** unanimously.

Cheque was therefore drawn & signed.

Sanitary Rate

Col. MONCKTON proposed and Mr WATSON seconded, that Assistant Overseer be paid £4. 5. 8 balance on Special Sanitary Rate, for making and collecting same. This payment is not to be regarded as a precedent.

Carried. The following voting:

for - Col. MONCKTON, Mr WATSON & Mr EVANS. Mr J. MELHUIISH & Mr CHIVERS did not vote.

Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

December 8th 1897.

At a Parish Council meeting held this day, duly convened, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Col. MONCKTON, Messrs WATSON, J. MELHUIISH, T. EVANS.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Public Sewer near school

It was mentioned that this work had been satisfactorily completed.

Foot bridge leading to Paulton

Clerk stated that a cheque for £1. 7. 6 had been received from Paulton Parish Council and paid in to Council Account.

Mr MELHUIH proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that cheque for £2.15/-, payment for repairs to bridge, be drawn & signed. **Carried** unanimously.

Sanitary Rate

Some doubt being expressed at the last meeting, as to legality of paying Assistant Overseer for collecting a special rate, Col. MONCKTON consulted his brother, who is a barrister, and clerk read 38 & 39 Vict. Cap. 55 Section 230, which states that collector shall receive, out of such separate rate, such remuneration as the Overseers, with the consent of the Parish Council, may determine. This doubt was therefore cleared up.

Guarantee to Postal Authorities

Statement from Postmaster General was read, showing a deficiency of £2.14. 8.

This sum is made up by the Guarantors as follows:

Earl of WARWICK	£1. 7. 4
Col. SCOBELL	10. 2
Rev. A.M. FOSTER	6. 1
Mr T. EVANS	1. 1
Mr H. CHIVERS	1. 1
Mr E. YOUNG	7
Mr C. CHARD	7
Parish Council	<u>7. 9</u>
	£2.14. 8

Mr WATSON moved and Col. MONCKTON seconded, that cheque for £2.14. 8 be drawn and signed. **Carried** unanimously. Cheque was therefore drawn & signed.

Path across fields to Paulton

Several complaints having been received as to the state of this path, Mr WATSON proposed that a small committee, composed of Mr BODY, Mr MELHUIH & Mr WATSON, be appointed to carry work out. Mr EVANS seconded. **Carried** unanimously.

Bye-roads of Parish

Col. MONCKTON proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to the R.D.C., complaining of the bad state of the following roads: Gooseherd Lane, From High Littleton House to Timsbury, Hallatrow Bridge to Montvale House and bye-roads of the parish generally. **Carried** unanimously.

Council then rose.

[Signed] A.M. FOSTER, Chairman.

February 16th 1898.

At a Parish Council meeting held this day, duly convened, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Col. MONCKTON, Vice Chairman, Messrs WATSON, MELHUIH, BODY, CHIVERS, EVANS.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Path to Paulton

Mr BODY, on behalf of sub-committee, reported that work had been carried out in satisfactory manner.

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that cheque for £5.10/- be signed. This was for carting & spreading of cinders. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr BODY proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that the thanks of the parish be given to Mr WATSON for his kindness in providing cinders for path. **Carried** unanimously.

Water Supply

Mr BODY proposed and Mr H. CHIVERS seconded, "That letter be written to R.D.C., to the effect that this council has no application for water but, should it get any, Parish will consider it."

Col. MONCKTON proposed as an amendment and Mr EVANS seconded, "That, as no communication has been received by this council from R.D.C. re Water Supply, no notice be taken of the matter."

The amendment being put to the meeting, the following voted: Col. MONCKTON, Mr WATSON, T. EVANS. For original proposition - Messrs BODY, CHIVERS, MELHUIH & Vicar.

Original proposition declared **carried**.

Nuisance

Letter was read from Mr G. BLINMAN respecting a drain at the rear of his premises.

Col. MONCKTON moved and H. CHIVERS seconded, that Sanitary Inspector's attention be called to alleged nuisance at the rear of Mr BLINMAN's premises & that he report to R.D.C.

The following voted: Col. MONCKTON, BODY, CHIVERS & EVANS.

Mr WATSON & Mr MELHUIISH did not vote.

Precept for £10

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr MELHUIISH seconded, that precept for £10 be drawn and signed. **Carried** unanimously.

Council examined Pass Book and signed voucher.

Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

February 28th 1898.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held this day, duly convened, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs WATSON, BODY, MELHUIISH, CHIVERS & EVANS.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Water Supply

Letter was read from Rural District Council.

Nuisance

Letter was read from Sanitary Insp'tr.

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that letter be written to Rural Dis'ct Council explaining the matter. **Carried** unanimously.

It was decided that meeting for the election of councillors commence at 7.30 p.m.

Parish Meeting

Mr T. EVANS proposed that meeting be held on March 28th at 7.30 p.m. **Carried** unanimously.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

March 15th 1898.

At the Parish Meeting, convened by the Local Government Board to be held this day, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman and 70 electors.

Election of Councillors

The following nominations were handed in:

RYMAN Frederick	Gardener	High Littleton	2 votes
COX James	Farmer	do.	41
SCOBELL Barton	Gentleman	Kingwell Hall	47
BODY Samuel J.	Farmer	High Littleton	27
CHIVERS Henry	Miner	Mearns	45
JEFFERIES Henry	Station master	Hallatrow	25
MELHUIISH John	Clerk	High Littleton	32
POLLETT Henry	Farmer	Hallatrow	28
CLARE Joshua	Farmer	do.	24
CROSS Fred'k	Grocer	High Littleton	1
EVANS George	Miner	do.	35
BROOKS John	do.	do.	20

The following electors demand a poll:

Mr A.E. FREE

Mr HAYES

Mr BLANNING

Mr HUNT

Mr H. POLLETT

Mr F. RYMAN

Poll will therefore be held.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

[Messrs BODY, CHIVERS, MELHUIISH, POLLETT, CLARE & EVANS were subsequently elected.]

March 28th 1898.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held this day, duly convened, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Col. MONCKTON, S.J. BODY, J. MELHUIISH, H. CHIVERS & T. EVANS.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Nuisance

A letter was read from the clerk to the Rural District Council, referring to the nuisance at the rear of Mr G. BLINMAN's premises, and stating that it was abated.

Cheque for £1.14. 7

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr H. CHIVERS seconded, that a cheque for £1.14. 7 for printing, copies of register, fire & lighting and postage & audit stamps be signed. **Carried** unanimously.

Cheque was therefore signed.

Accounts

The parish council accounts were inspected and found correct.

Mr J. MELHUIH proposed and Col. MONCKTON seconded, that accounts be signed. **Carried** unanimously.

Accounts were therefore signed.

Council then rose.

[Signed] John MELHUIH, Chairman.

March 28th 1898.

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, and Councillors MONCKTON, BODY, MELHUIH, EVANS, CHIVERS and 34 electors.

Accounts

The Parish Accounts were presented and Parish Council Accounts read, Councillor BODY explaining to the meeting that, although the total - £13. 0. 3 - expended appeared a large one, yet, in reality, it only amounted to £9. 6. 0, as part of payment of repairs to Paulton Bridge had been received from Paulton Parish Council, and the guarantors of the Post & Telegraph office deficit had paid £2. 6.11 out of £2.14. 8.

Mary JONES' Charity

The Vicar, as Chairman of the Charity Trustees, read the annual statement of account and produced list of recipients, which was **approved**.

Guardian's Report

Mr James COX, as Guardian, produced his report, which was read.

Some discussion ensued as to why the old people could not receive money in lieu of weekly allowance of bread.

Speaking on the state of the roads in the parish, Mr J. MELHUIH explained that, although not intending any reflection on the Guardian, still he must say roads are certainly in a bad condition.

Mr H. CHIVERS read extracts from a half yearly statement of some recent year & thought that salaries in the Union, given out of the poor rate, were excessive and ran away with a great deal of the money, before the poor received anything.

Mr E. YOUNG was of the opinion that 20% should be taken off the salaries, 10% to go to lessen rate and 10% to go to the poor.

Path through village

Councillor BODY drew attention to the great need of a path from the Star Inn to the Church. Mr A. CHIVERS proposed that a path is required. In order to test the feeling of the electors, it was put to the vote and 19 out of 34 were in favour of it.

Meeting then closed.

[Unsigned] Chairman.

April 15th 1898.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Meeting (Rev. A.M. FOSTER), there were present:

Messrs S.J. BODY, H. CHIVERS, J. CLARE, G. EVANS, J. MELHUIH & H. POLLETT,

Provisional Chairman

The members of the Parish Council having signed declarations, Mr S.J. BODY proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, that Mr J. MELHUIH do take the chair. **Carried** unanimously.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr S.J. BODY proposed and Mr H. CHIVERS seconded, that the Vicar (Rev. A.M. FOSTER) be the Chairman during the ensuing year. **Carried** unanimously.

Overseers

Mr H. CHIVERS moved and Mr S.J. BODY seconded, that there be four overseers during the ensuing year. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr BODY proposed and Mr H. CHIVERS seconded, that Mr J. MELHUIH be one of the four overseers. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr CHIVERS proposed and Mr G. EVANS seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be another of the overseers. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr CLARE proposed & Mr POLLETT seconded, that Mr A.E. FREE be another.

This was put to the meeting, Messrs CLARE, POLLETT & BODY voting for, and Messrs CHIVERS & EVANS against. Mr FREE was declared duly **elected**.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr CLARE seconded, that Mr S.J. BODY be the fourth. **Carried** unanimously.

Overseers are therefore Messrs MELHUIH, POLLETT, FREE & BODY.

Mr CHIVERS proposed and Mr G. EVANS seconded, that Overseers be asked to consult this council before any new assessment or reassessment is made. **Carried** unanimously.

Vice Chairman

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr CLARE seconded, that Mr J. MELHUIH be Vice Chairman for ensuing year. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr MELHUIH returned thanks for the honour, would do all in his power, but hoped that Chairman would be able to be present.

Clerk's Salary

Mr CHIVERS proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that clerk write a letter to clerk to Rural Dis'ct Council, asking why Assistant Overseer's salary is returned in Half Yearly statement at £24 when it is only £21. **Carried**.

Mr BODY proposed that salary of Clerk be reduced from £5 to £3, although he expressed himself as quite satisfied with the way in which work is done. This was seconded by Mr H. CHIVERS.

On being put to the meeting, the following voted:

For - Messrs BODY, CHIVERS & EVANS. Messrs MELHUIH, CLARE & POLLETT did not vote.

Proposition declared **carried**.

Any other business

Mr POLLETT proposed that, in future, no business, other than specially mentioned in the agenda, be dealt with, but that notice be given of any other business for a future meeting. As there was no seconder, proposition was not put.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr CHIVERS seconded, a vote of thanks to the provisional chairman. **Carried** unanimously.

Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

May 6th 1898.

Overseers

Mr POLLETT, FREE, MELHUIH & BODY. [Assistant Overseer - William Henry MARTIN.]

At the first meeting of the Overseers held this day there were present:

Messrs BODY, MELHUIH, FREE & POLLETT.

Chairman

Mr BODY proposed and Mr J. MELHUIH seconded, that Mr Henry POLLETT be the chairman for the ensuing year. **Carried** unanimously.

The Chairman read a letter from the Parish Council, asking that that council may be consulted before any new assessment or re-assessment be made.

Mr FREE proposed that letter lie on the table. This proposition, finding no seconder, fell through.

Mr MELHUIH proposed that, letter from Parish Council having been read, Overseers agree to consult them when necessary or desirable; seconded by Mr S.J. BODY. **Carried** unanimously.

Supplemental Valuation List

Mr MELHUIH proposed that Mr FREE's house be assessed at £7.10/- per [annum]. This was seconded by Mr POLLETT.

On being put to the meeting, the following voted for: Messrs POLLETT, MELHUIH & FREE. Mr BODY did not vote.

Mr MELHUIH wished this note to be entered in the minutes: "In accepting £7.10/- as the Gross Estimated Rental of Mr FREE's house, I do not bind myself to that value in the future."

List was then signed.

Meeting then closed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

June 22nd 1898.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held this day, duly convened, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs J. MELHUIH, H. POLLETT, S.J. BODY, H. CHIVERS & G. EVANS.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Re-assessment of Property

Letter was read from the Overseers, to the effect that, when they thought it necessary or desirable, this council would be consulted.

Precept

Mr BODY proposed and Mr CHIVERS seconded, that a precept for £3 be drawn and signed. **Carried** unanimously. Precept was therefore drawn and signed.

£4.16/- Cheque

Cheque was also signed for £4.16/-, part of election expenses.

Causeway

Mr CHIVERS proposed and Mr G. EVANS seconded, "That, in the opinion of this council, it is desirable that the causeway be extended from the Vicarage Gate to the Wesleyan Chapel and that application be made to the Rural District Council to carry out the first section of the work from the Vicarage Gate to the Gate of High Littleton House."

On being put to the meeting, the following voted:

For - Messrs MELHUIISH, BODY, CHIVERS & EVANS.

Mr POLLETT did not vote. **Carried.**

Council then rose.

[Signed] John MELHUIISH, Chairman.

20th July 1898.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Messrs H. POLLETT, Chairman, S.J. BODY, Jno. MELHUIISH, A.E. FREE.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Occupiers' Lists

Some discussion arose as to right of all occupiers to be placed on the list. Assistant Overseer read instructions to Overseers & matter terminated.

Owners' List

The Overseers received two claims from owners, who had paid no rates on their property.

Mr BODY proposed & Jno. MELHUIISH seconded, that a note of objection be made on List, to the effect that no rates have been paid.

List of claims was then signed.

Division 3

Some discussion arose as to legality of placing a number of lady owners, who do not reside in the parish, on Div. 3. Assistant Overseer to try & find out.

All Lists were duly signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Sept. 20th 1898.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Messrs S.J. BODY, A.E. FREE, Jno. MELHUIISH.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Re-assessment of Property

Mr S. PAYNE & Mr T. CURTIS having each built a house on their plot of ground, Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr FREE seconded, that each be rated at £10 gross estimated rental. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr WATSON having taken some land out of the Common rented by Mr COX, part being attached to his house & part made into allotments, Mr BODY proposed that Mr WATSON's gross on house be raised £3 and that allotments be rated at £1; seconded by J. MELHUIISH and **carried** unanimously.

Mr BODY proposed that gross estimated rental of the Common be decreased £4; sec. by J. MELHUIISH. **Carried** unanimously.

Supplemental Valuation List was then signed.

Special Sanitary Rate

Mr POLLETT proposed that Parish Council be recommended to allow the Assistant Overseer £4 [*altered from £4.10/- & initialed*] for making and collecting this special rate. Mr FREE seconded.

Mr BODY proposed, as an amendment, the Assistant Overseer receive £2. This was seconded by Mr J. MELHUIISH. On being put to the vote, the following voted :

For the amendment - Mr BODY & Mr MELHUIISH.

Against - Mr POLLETT & Mr FREE.

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment. Original Proposition declared **carried.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Sept. 20th 1898.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held this day, there were present:
Mr J. MELHUISH, Vice Chairman, Messrs CLARE, POLLETT, BODY, CHIVERS & EVANS.
Minutes of previous meeting were read & **confirmed**.

A letter was read from Clerk to District Council, stating why Assistant Overseer's salary was put into Half Yearly Statement of Clutton Union at £24, when it was only £21.

Special Sanitary Rate

A recommendation from Overseers, that Assistant Overseer be paid £4 for making and collecting a Special Sanitary Rate, was read.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr CLARE seconded, that Assistant Overseer receive £4.

Mr BODY proposed as an amendment that Assistant Overseer receive £2. The amendment being put, the following voted:

For - Messrs BODY, CHIVERS, EVANS, MELHUISH.

Against - Messrs CLARE & POLLETT.

Amendment declared **carried**.

Assistant Overseer having thanked council, meeting closed.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

Sep. 26th 1898.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Messrs S.J. BODY, A.E. FREE, J. MELHUISH.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Balance of Sanitary Rate

Mr BODY proposed that the balance from Sanitary Rate be paid to Treasurer of the Union, and placed to the ordinary account of the Overseers. This was seconded by Mr J. MELHUISH. **Carried** unanimously.

[Cheque] £2.11. 6

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that cheque for £2.11. 6, for books and collecting special Rate, be signed. **Carried** unanimously.

[Cheque] £18.18/-

Mr BODY proposed and Mr FREE seconded, that cheque for £18.18/-, in payment of Overseers' Account, be signed. **Carried** unanimously

Mr BODY mentioned that next calls would be higher, owing to District Council having used as much of their surplus at the bank as was thought desirable.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

October 12th 1898.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Messrs H. POLLETT, Chairman, Jno. MELHUISH, S.J. BODY, A.E. FREE.

Minutes of last meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Accounts for half year examined and signed.

Assessment of Property

The figures given as acreage, for the part taken out of the Common, being incorrect, the right figures were substituted and the property assessed, on the motion of S.J. BODY, sec. by J. MELHUISH, as follows:

1 rd. 6 per. being put on to Mr WATSON's house was assessed at 10/-, making total £33.10/-.

Allotment of 2 rd. 39 per. was assessed at £1.10/-.

Field 1 ac. 3 rd. 4 per. was assessed at £3.10/-.

These three items were **Carried** unanimously.

Overseer to attend audit

Mr BODY proposed & A.E. FREE seconded, that Mr POLLETT attend audit, to be held on Oct. 19th at 12.15. **Carried** unanimously.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Nov. 9th 1898.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Messrs H. POLLETT, Chairman, John MELHUISH, A.E. FREE.

Minutes of last meeting were read and **confirmed**.

In answer to Chairman, Assistant Overseer explained that Assessment Committee had lowered Mr WATSON's Gross Estimated rental to £25 and Mr CURTIS & Mr PAYNE's to £8.

Rate

Assistant Overseer advised that half yearly Rate be 1/6 in £ for buildings and 9d. for Agricultural Land. Mr J. MELHUIH proposed and Mr FREE seconded, that rate of 1/6 in £ be signed. Rate was therefore signed.
[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

November 16th 1898.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held the above date, the following were present: Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs POLLETT, CLARE, BODY, MELHUIH, CHIVERS. Minutes of the last meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Water Supply

Letter was read from the District Council, asking for observations on an enclosed copy of a Report by the Medical Officer of Health.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr J. MELHUIH and seconded by Mr CLARE: "That, in the opinion of this Parish Council, the report of the Sanitary Insp'r and Medical officer of health shows that there is no general want of water in this Parish and, where in special cases there is an insufficient supply, provision should be made by the owners." On being put to the meeting, the following voted:

For - Messrs BODY, MELHUIH, POLLETT & CLARE.

Against - Mr CHIVERS.

Trustees

Two of the Trustees of Mary JONES' Charity, having served their allotted term, retired from office.

The following were proposed:

Mr POLLETT proposed by	Mr BODY seconded by	CHIVERS.
Mr MELHUIH do.	Mr CHIVERS do.	BODY.
Mr CHIVERS do.	Mr MELHUIH do.	POLLETT.
Mr FREE do.	Mr POLLETT do.	CLARE.

On being put to the Meeting in alphabetical order, the following voted:

For Mr CHIVERS - Messrs MELHUIH, POLLETT, CLARE.

do. Mr FREE - Messrs POLLETT & CLARE.

do. Mr MELHUIH - Messrs CHIVERS, BODY, Rev. FOSTER.

do. Mr POLLETT - Messrs CHIVERS, BODY, MELHUIH, Vicar.

Messrs CHIVERS and MELHUIH being equal, Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr MELHUIH. Messrs POLLETT and MELHUIH were therefore declared **elected**.

Trustees are now: Messrs Thomas EVANS, Charles CHARD, Henry POLLETT & John MELHUIH.

Paths

Mr CHIVERS reported that he had received numerous complaints from residents at Mearns and persons visiting the locality, of the state of the path leading from Mearns to Amesbury, and he proposed that a committee of four be appointed with power to act. This was seconded by Mr BODY and **carried** unanimously.

Mr MELHUIH proposed that Messrs BODY, CHIVERS, CLARE & POLLETT form the committee. This was seconded by the Chairman and **carried** unanimously.

Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

January 4th 1899.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Me'rs H. POLLETT, Chairman, J. MELHUIH & S.J. BODY.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Assessment of School House

A circular was read from the District Council, with regard to the rating of School Houses.

Mr MELHUIH proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that School House be rated at £12. **Carried** unanimously.

Supplemental Valuation List signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

January 4th 1899.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held this day, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs CLARE, MELHUIH, BODY & POLLETT.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Guarantee of Telegraph Office

A letter was read from the Accountant General of the Post Office, to the effect that, as the revenue has exceeded the amount guaranteed, guarantors will not be called upon to make any payment this year.

Footpath at Mearns

Mr BODY reported that Mr WATSON had promised to give from 20 to 30 loads of cinders and Mr POW had agreed to haul and spread same at 1/6 per load.

Correspondence between Mr BODY (for Committee) and Col. SCOBELL was read, The Colonel giving permission to repair path and use wicket gate if necessary.

Mr POLLETT proposed that, as there have been no complaints re stile, the matter be allowed to drop. There being no seconder, this proposition fell through.

Mr BODY proposed the *[that]* the price of a wicket *[gate]* be ascertained. There being no seconder to Mr BODY's resolution, that also fell through.

Mr POLLETT gave notice that, at the next meeting he would call attention to the state of Red House Lane and Coombe Lane.

Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

Feb. 15th 1899.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held this day, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs BODY, J. MELHUISH, J. CLARE, H. POLLETT, H. CHIVERS & G. EVANS.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Red House Lane

Mr POLLETT reported that this lane was in a very bad state, being full of ruts with water standing in places a foot deep, and suggested that stones be hauled for filling up ruts. He also mentioned that stones and spreading would cost 1/9 per load.

Mr J. MELHUISH proposed that a sum not exceeding £5 be voted for the repair of this lane. Mr H. CHIVERS seconded. **Carried** unanimously.

Coombe Lane

Mr CLARE bore testimony as to the bad state of this lane.

Mr BODY proposed that £1 be voted to repair this lane, seconded by G. EVANS. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr BODY proposed and J. MELHUISH seconded, "That Messrs POLLETT & CLARE be asked to superintend the work of repairing the two lanes." **Carried** unanimously.

Sewage near Hallatrow Lane

A letter was read from the District Council, enclosing the Report of the Sanitary Inspector on this matter, and asking for council's observations thereon.

The District Councillor (Mr S.J. BODY) stated that he had seen the place & nuisance and Mr J. MELHUISH proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, "That, in the opinion of this council, the Parish of High Littleton is not responsible for the dealing with the sewage from Paulton, emptying into a field in Hallatrow Lane, but that this is a question between the District Council and the district of Paulton, which is benefit(t)ed by having an outlet for their sewage, and that the District Council should call upon the said district to contribute the whole expense for any scheme that the R.D.C. should devise." **Carried** unanimously.

This proposition was embodied in a letter and sent to the District Council.

Wicket Gate at Mearns

Mr CHIVERS spoke as to the state of this path and stile and also of the inconvenience to the people carrying water from the well in an adjoining field, and proposed, "That a wicket gate be put in the place of the existing awkward stile." This proposition was seconded by Mr G. EVANS and **carried** unanimously.

Causeway at High Littleton

A letter was read from the County Council, to the effect that they are unable to accede to the application of this council, for the extension of a causeway between the Church and Mr HAYES' gate.

Returning Officer

Notice, that he would act as returning officer for this year, was received from the clerk to the District Council *[J.S. DURY]*.

Pass Book & Voucher

Council examined Pass Book and signed voucher as to correctness up to Dec. 31st 1898.

Precept

Mr BODY proposed and *[blank]* seconded, that a precept for £14 be drawn. **Carried** unanimously.

Precept drawn and signed.

Notice

Mr POLLETT gave notice that, at the next meeting he would move a resolution on "Election of Parish Councillors". Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

March 6th 1899.

At the Parish Meeting held this day for the election of parish councillors, and convened by the Local Government Board, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, and 49 parochial electors.

The following nominations were handed in:

BODY Samuel James	36 votes
CHARD Charles	9
CHIVERS Henry	36
CLARE Joshua	30
EVANS George	35
JEFFERIES Henry	15
KEMBLE Charles	10
MELHUIISH John	38
POLLETT Henry	28
WATSON Matthew	14

Mr Claude WATSON, Mr Henry JAMES and Charles CHARD, Enock YOUNG and Mr T. DOWLING demanded a poll, but Mr Charles CHARD withdrew his demand, as well as Mr C.L. WATSON.

The Chairman then declared the following electors [*councillors*] **elected**:

John MELHUIISH
 Samuel James BODY
 Henry CHIVERS
 George EVANS
 Joshua CLARE
 Henry POLLETT

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

March 20th 1899.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Messrs H. POLLETT, Chairman, J. MELHUIISH, S.J. BODY.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & **confirmed**.

Mr J. MELHUIISH proposed and S.J. BODY seconded, that a/cs and cheques be signed. **Carried** unanimously.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 24th 1899.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held this day, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs J. MELHUIISH, G. EVANS, H. CHIVERS, S.J. BODY, H. POLLETT & J. CLARE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Accounts

The extra expenditure of 6/6 on Mearns path, for stones to make small retaining wall, was duly **authorized**.

Cheque £6. 6. 6

Mr J. MELHUIISH proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that cheque for £6. 6. 6, for stones and carting of same for Red House Lane, Coombe Lane & Mearns path, be drawn in favour of Mr Alfred BOWDITCH. **Carried** unanimously.

Cheque £2.13. 0

Mr POLLETT proposed and G. EVANS seconded, that cheque for £2.13/-, for wicket gate at Mearns, be drawn in favour of Mr Austin JAMES. **Carried** unanimously.

Cheque £2. 3. 1

Mr BODY proposed that cheque for £2. 3. 1, for printing, fire lighting etc. & postage, be drawn in favour of the Clerk [*W.H. MARTIN*]. Mr H. CHIVERS seconded. **Carried** unanimously.

The foregoing cheques were therefore drawn and signed.

Cheque for £2. 5. 0

A cheque already agreed to for £2. 5. 0, for carting and spreading cinders at Mearns, was drawn in favour of Mr Chas. POW and signed.

Parish Council accounts were then **passed** and signed.

Ratcombe Bridge

The Chairman, having received a communication from the owner of the adjoining property (Col. SCOBELL), explained that it was in connection with the boundary wall of the road, a retaining wall, which was falling down. Mr H. CHIVERS, who is an old inhabitant, informed the council that, to the best of his remembrance, wall was built by the parish & he proposed that the attention of the R.D.C. be called to the condition of the said wall. This was seconded by Mr G. EVANS and **Carried** unanimously.

Sewage at High Littleton

Letter was read from the R.D.C. re sewage from property of Messrs FREE, CLEAVES & PARFITT, enclosing a letter from Messrs [REES-]MOGG & DAVY, to the effect that their clients would give permission to R.D.C. to make drain & cesspool on their premises, providing small annual payment was made for the easement.

Parish Council Election for 3 years

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr J. CLARE seconded, That a letter be written to our representative E.H. LLEWELLYN Esq., M.P., asking him to support the bill of Mr LAMBERT, re election of Parish Councils for 3 years.

For - Messrs J. MELHUIISH, S.J. BODY, H. CHIVERS, J. CLARE & H. POLLETT.

Against - Mr G. EVANS.

Motion declared **carried**.

Council then rose.

[Signed] Jno. MELHUIISH, Chairman.

March 24th 1899.

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, and (&) 15 electors.

Parish Accounts

The Parish Accounts were laid on the table and some little discussion arose as to the legality and justice of certain charges made by the overseers, but no resolution was proposed.

Mary JONES' Charity

The Vicar, as chairman of the Charity Trustees, read the balance sheet for the year.

No comment was made or resolution proposed.

Guardian's Report

Guardian's Report was read.

Mr T. DOWLING asked why old people could not have money in place of the bread, as in the case of an old woman living by herself, it was very hard at the end of the week and she was unable to eat it.

The Guardian said that, as a rule, old people got it.

Mr KEMBLE (Chairman of the Board of Guardians), who was present, said that application should be made and that, if there was any reason in it, application was generally granted.

Village Causeway

Mr COX explained that this causeway had been brought before the authority for a great number of years but that the County Council would not advance the money.

Mr BODY was of the opinion that the bend near the Church, where the road was very narrow, was the chief drawback but that, when the new church path was constructed, it would not be required to pass the bend.

Mr POLLETT moved and Mr CLARE seconded, "That, in the opinion of this Parish Meeting, it is desirable that a causeway be made from the Wesleyan Chapel to the Church and from the Cross Roads, Hallatrow to the Railway station." **Carried**.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

April 19th 1899.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Meeting (Rev. A.M. FOSTER), there were present:

Mr J. MELHUIISH, S.J. BODY, H. POLLETT, J. CLARE.

Mr J. MELHUIISH was **elected** provisional chairman.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**,

Members having signed their declarations, Mr S.J. BODY proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that Messrs H. CHIVERS & G. EVANS be permitted to sign their declarations at their first meeting. **Carried** unanimously.

Chairman

Mr S.J. BODY proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that Rev. A.M. FOSTER be chairman for the ensuing year. **Carried** unanimously.

Vice Chairman

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that Mr John MELHUIISH be vice chairman for ensuing year. **Carried** unanimously.

Overseers

Mr J. CLARE proposed that the same Overseers [*John MELHUIISH, Henry POLLETT, Alfred Enos FREE & Samuel James BODY*] be elected; this was seconded by Mr BODY and **carried** unanimously.

Cheque for 6/4

Mr BODY proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that cheque for 6/4 be drawn in favour of Mr J.S. DURY (Returning Officer).

Election of P.C. for 3 yrs.

Letter was read from E.H. LEWELLYN, M.P., to the effect that he would assist Mr LAMBERT in the passing of his Election of Parish Councils Bill.

The Vicar came in and Mr MELHUIISH vacated the chair. The Chairman returned thanks for the honour which had been done him.

Assistant Overseer's Salary

Mr BODY drew attention to the question of the Assistant Overseer being paid for taking money to bank, with a view to altering the salary, and proposed that the salary £19 be inclusive.

Mr J. MELHUIISH was of the opinion that the Assistant Overseer was not too well paid. Mr CLARE quite agreed with Mr MELHUIISH. There being no seconder, this proposition fell through.

Notice

Mr POLLETT gave notice that, at the next meeting he would bring forward a resolution with regard to village paths. Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

May 1st 1899.

At the first meeting of the Overseers held this day the following were present:

Messrs H. POLLETT, S.J. BODY, J. MELHUIISH & A.E. FREE.

Chairman

Mr J. MELHUIISH moved and Mr S.J. BODY seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be Chairman for the ensuing year. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr H. POLLETT having taken the chair and returned thanks, the minutes of the last meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Rate

The Assistant Overseer asked for a rate of 1/6 in the £.

Mr J. MELHUIISH proposed and Mr FREE seconded, that rate be 1/6 in the £.

Assessment

Mr MACDONALD of Hallatrow Court, being charged full rate on 10 ac., it was thought desirable to alter it.

Mr BODY proposed and Mr J. MELHUIISH seconded, that Hallatrow Court be apportioned 2 ac. 0 rd. 10 pls. and that the other 8 ac. be treated as Agricultural Land at £2.10. 0 per acre.

Railway

Mr BODY proposed that the (the) Gross Estimated Rental of the Main Line and Camerton Branch belonging to the G.W.R. Co. be increased by 25% on existing figures. Mr J. MELHUIISH seconded. **Carried** unanimously.

The above items were entered in a Supplemental Valuation List and signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 15th 1899.

At a meeting of the Overseers held this day the following were present:

Messrs H. POLLETT, J. MELHUIISH, S.J. BODY, A.E. FREE.

Minutes read & **confirmed**.

Assessment Comm.

Mr BODY proposed & Mr FREE sec., that an overseer attend meeting on May 19th 1899.

Mr FREE proposed & Mr J. MELHUIISH seconded, that Mr POLLETT attend meeting.

Rate Book signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

July 19th 1899.

At a meeting of the overseers held this day the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Messrs J. MELHUIISH & S.J. BODY.

Minutes of last meeting read & **confirmed**.

Assessment of G.W.R. Co.

The Union Assessment Committee sent re-assessment of G.W.R. to be published as a Supplemental Valuation List.

Mr BODY proposed and Mr MELHUIH seconded, that a letter be written to the Clerk to the Assessment Committee, asking if Camerton Branch is dealt with in increased assessment. **Carried.**

Splitting up of prop.

Col. SCOBELL having taken part of land formerly occupied by Mr J. VENTIN, Mr J. MELHUIH proposed that the rating be apportioned as follows:

J. VENTIN	7 ac.	£10.10/- gross.
Col. SCOBELL	3	4.10/- gross.

Seconded by Mr BODY. **Carried.**

Mr S.J. BODY proposed, *[no seconder named]*, that Mr W. HEAL be rated at £1 gross. **Carried.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

July 31st 1899.

At a meeting of the Overseers held this day the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, J. MELHUIH, A.E. FREE, S.J. BODY *[added in pencil]*.

Minutes of last meeting were read & **confirmed.**

Voters' Lists

Mr FREE proposed that Lists be signed. Mr POLLETT seconded. **Carried** unanimously.

Letter from Assessment Committee re G.W.R.

Letter was read from the Clerk to the Assessment Committee, to the effect that the Camerton Branch was dealt with in the re-assessment and that it remained unaltered.

Overseers thought that figures given were satisfactory.

Cheques

Mr FREE proposed & Mr J. MELHUIH seconded, that cheques for calls be signed. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr MELHUIH proposed & Mr FREE seconded, that Mr POLLETT attend audit. **Carried.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

August 4th 1899.

At a meeting of the parish council, duly convened, held this day, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs J. MELHUIH, H. POLLETT, J. CLARE, S.J. BODY, H. CHIVERS, G. EVANS.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Messrs G. EVANS & H. CHIVERS signed their declarations.

Village Paths

In accordance with notice, Mr POLLETT proposed that a letter be written to the R.D.C., asking that a path be made from the Railway Bridge to Messrs DOMAN, Hallatrow on the N. side, and from the Church Gate to Wesleyan Chapel, High Littleton on the S. & E. side. Seconded by Mr H. CHIVERS. **Carried** unanimously.

Water Supply

Mr J. MELHUIH proposed and H. CHIVERS seconded, "That a committee, consisting of Messrs BODY, EVANS & CLARE, be appointed to ascertain to whom the stone depot belongs; if that, or any other suitable site, is available for purposes of a parish well; To obtain the opinion of an expert as to depth of water and total cost of providing well and pump; To endeavour to obtain the opinion of a contractor, who is prepared to back his opinion and, if not successful, to receive no pay."

After a short discussion, this proposition was **carried** unanimously.

Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

Aug'st 4th 1899.

Committee on Water supply

As per resolution of Parish Council, this committee is composed of Messrs BODY, EVANS and CLARE.

Mr G. EVANS proposed, Mr CLARE seconded, that Mr BODY be chairman of this committee.

Mr BODY proposed & Mr G. EVANS seconded, "That a letter be written to Mr CHESTERMAN (Water Finder), with a view to finding a spring of water for this parish council. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr G. EVANS proposed and Mr CLARE seconded, "That a letter be written to the R.D.C., to ascertain to whom stone depot belongs and if it is available for the purposes of a parish well. **Carried** unanimously.

[Unsigned].

Sept. 27th 1899.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr BODY, Mr J. MELHUISH.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **signed**.

Cheque for £19. 2. 8 signed; Mr POLLETT proposed, Mr BODY seconded. **Carried** unanimously.

The accounts for the half year ending Sep. 29th 1899 were examined.

Mr J. MELHUISH proposed & Mr BODY seconded, that a/cs be signed. **Unanimously**.

Accounts were therefore signed

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

October 6th 1899.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held this day, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER (Chairman), Mr J. MELHUISH, S.J. BODY, J. CLARE, H. POLLETT & H. CHIVERS.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Water Supply

Minutes of Committee on Water Supply were read.

Mr BODY proposed that Committee on Water Supply be disbanded. This was seconded by Mr J. MELHUISH and **Carried** unanimously.

Mr H. CHIVERS proposed and Mr BODY seconded, "That letter be written to Mr CHESTERMAN, asking him to meet council, with a view to finding a spring of water."

Mr POLLETT proposed as an amendment that Mr A.E. FREE be asked for what sum per annum he will allow the parish to erect a pump and use his well. There being no seconder, this amendment fell through.

Mr J. MELHUISH proposed as an amendment "That Mr A.E. FREE be asked if he will erect pump at his own cost and for what sum he will allow the parish the use of it, subject to due notice (annually or other period). Mr CLARE seconded. On the amendment being put to the meeting, the following voted:

For - Mr CLARE, Mr MELHUISH & Chairman.

Against - Mr CHIVERS & Mr BODY.

Mr POLLETT did not vote. Amendment declared **carried**.

Paths

Mr BODY proposed and Mr CHIVERS seconded, that the paths leading from High Littleton to Paulton, through the Mead and Long ground, be improved as soon as possible. **Carried** unanimously.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

December 4th 1899.

At a meeting of the parish council, duly convened, held this day, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs J. MELHUISH, H. POLLETT, J. CLARE, S.J. BODY.

Minutes of last meeting read and **confirmed**.

Water Supply

Letter read from Mr FREE, to the effect that he could not erect a pump but would allow the parish the use of his well for the nominal charge of £1 per annum.

Mr FREE was present and answered questions during discussion which ensued.

Mr J. MELHUISH proposed and Mr CLARE seconded, "That, subject to a satisfactory agreement being come to, and water passing satisfactory analysis, Mr FREE's terms be accepted." **Carried** unanimously.

Mr BODY proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, "That chairman and Mr J. MELHUISH be appointed a Committee to meet Mr FREE and prepare a draft agreement."

For - Mr BODY, POLLETT & CLARE.

Mr BODY proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, That letter be written to the R.D.C., asking them to instruct their Medical Officer to give an analysis of water of Mr FREE's well. **Unanimously**.

Main Roads

Letter read from Yeovil R.D.C., embodying the following resolution, "That this Council has heard with extreme regret that it is the intention of the Somerset County Council to re-open the vexed question of the management of the Main Roads and, while willing to consider any proposal to improve the present system, is still of opinion that the method of management by the District Councils is by far the most economical and satisfactory that can be adopted."

Mr BODY proposed and Mr J. MELHUISH seconded, "That letter be written to our member of the County Council (E. STRACHEY Esq., M.P.), asking him to support the arrangement of controlling the maintenance of Main Roads under District Councils." **Carried** unanimously.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BODY seconded, "That a letter be written to Yeovil R.D.C., acknowledging their letter and sending a copy of the resolution to our County Councillor." **Carried** unanimously.

Paths £5

Mr J. MELHUISH proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, "That a sum of £5 be voted towards improving paths through the Mead & Long-ground and that Messrs BODY and CLARE be appointed a Committee to carry out the work." **Carried** unanimously.

Hallatrow Post Office

Mr POLLETT drew attention to the state of the lighting arrangements at the Hallatrow Post Office, and proposed "That a letter be written to the Postmaster of Bristol (R.C. TOMBS Esq.), asking him to make better lighting arrangements at Hallatrow Post Office." This was seconded by Mr BODY and **Carried** unanimously.

Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

Jan'y 30th 1900.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held this day, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs J. MELHUISH, H. CHIVERS, S.J. BODY, J. CLARE, H. POLLETT.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Circular was read from the Local Govern't Board, re Tenure of office of Parish Councillors.

Main Roads

Letter was read from the County Councillor, E. STRACHEY Esq., M.P., thanking council for their views on this question.

Hallatrow Post Office

Letter was read from R.C. TOMBS Esq., Postmaster, Bristol, asking whether the light at this post office was insufficient inside or outside.

Mr J. MELHUISH proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that a reply be sent to Mr TOMBS, saying that the better light is required outside the Post Office at Hallatrow and suggesting that a lamp and post be provided and placed in a suitable position to light the steps and letter box. **Carried** unanimously.

Water Supply

Letter was read from the R.D.C., to the effect that the water in Mr A.E. FREE's well was fit for dietetic purposes. Draft agreement between Council and Mr FREE, re use of water in his well, was read.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that the draft agreement be submitted to Mr FREE and, if he consents, the agreement as drafted to be accepted. **Carried** unanimously.

Post Office Guarantee

Letter was read from Postmaster General, to the effect that, as the revenue has exceeded the amount guaranteed, the guarantors will not be called upon to make any payment this year.

Roads

Mr J. CLARE reported that he had received complaints from people walking and riding, as to the state of the road between Montvale pond and Corn Close Gate, and proposed that a letter be written to the R.D.C., asking them to consider the state of the road at Hallatrow from Montvale Pond Bridge to Corn Close Gate, to remove the stone depot, widen the road and continue the stone drain from Corn Close Gate to Pond Bridge. This was seconded by Mr CHIVERS and **carried** unanimously.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

Feb'y 14th 1900.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Messrs H. POLLETT, J. MELHUISH, A.E. FREE, S.J. BODY.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Assessment

Mr BODY proposed and Mr MELHUISH seconded, that Mr W. HEAL's two new houses be assessed at £11 each gross. **Unanimously**.

Mr BODY proposed that field, belonging to R.V. SHERRING and occupied by Henry LUMBER, be rated at £4. This was seconded by Mr MELHUISH & **carried** unanimously.

Mr BODY proposed that land belonging to the Primitive Methodist Trustees be assessed at £1, seconded by H. POLLETT. **Unanimously**.

Mr BODY proposed & Mr FREE seconded, that Supplementary Valuation List be signed. **Carried** Unanimously.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

February 14th 1900.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held this day, the following were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Mr J. MELHUISH, Vice chairman, Messrs H. POLLETT, S.J. BODY & J. CLARE [*and apparently H. CHIVERS*].

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Footpath, High Littleton

Letter was read from the R.D.C. re Footpath at High Littleton, to the effect that the County Council could not grant the petition.

Resignation of Mr G. EVANS

Letter was read from Mr George EVANS to the Chairman, resigning as a member of this council.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr CHIVERS seconded, that Charles Adams KEMBLE Esq. be elected to fill the vacancy. **Carried** unanimously.

Water Supply

The draft agreement drawn up by the council was not accepted by Mr FREE, who provided another, which was read.

Mr J. MELHUISH proposed and Mr CHIVERS seconded, that this agreement be accepted. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr POLLETT proposed and the Chairman seconded, that Messrs J. MELHUISH, S.J. BODY and H. CHIVERS constitute a committee to meet Mr FREE and carry out the work.

On being put to the meeting, the following voted:

For - Messrs BODY, POLLETT, MELHUISH and CLARE.

Against - Mr CHIVERS.

Hallatrow Post Office

Letter was read from R.C. TOMBS Esq., to the effect that the Parish Council must provide the better lighting required near Hallatrow Post Office.

Mr BODY proposed and Mr CHIVERS seconded, "That a letter be written to Mr TOMBS, stating that an accident has happened at Hallatrow Post Office and, if any further accident occurs, this council will hold the Postal Authorities responsible." **Carried** unanimously.

Sliding on the roads

Mr BODY proposed and Mr MELHUISH seconded, that a letter be written to Sergeant REDWOOD, drawing his attention to the sliding in the streets of this parish and hoping he will do his best to prevent it. **Carried** unanimously.

Council then rose.

[*Signed*] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

March 23rd 1900.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr BODY, Mr A.E. FREE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Mr BODY proposed and Mr FREE seconded, that cheques for £1. 2/- and £11.16. 6 be signed. **Carried**.

Accounts were examined.

Mr FREE proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that a/cs be signed. Accounts were therefore signed.

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 30th 1900.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held this day, the following were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Mr J. MELHUISH, Vice Chairman, Messrs H. POLLETT, J. CLARE, S.J. BODY, C.A. KEMBLE, H. CHIVERS.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Charles Adams KEMBLE Esq. having signed his declaration, letters were read from R.C. TOMBS Esq., to the effect that neither the Sub-Postmistress [*Celia BROOKS*] nor himself had any knowledge of an accident at Hallatrow Post Office.

Mr MELHUISH proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that a further letter be written to Mr TOMBS, saying that Mr J. CLARE, one of the Parish Councillors, met with a fall at Hallatrow Post Office, through insufficient lighting, not being able to see the steps and urging that the matter has attention. **Carried** unanimously.

.... and from Sergeant REDWOOD, re sliding in the streets of the Parish, to the effect that every endeavour would be made to put down the nuisance.

Precept for £5

Mr BODY proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that a precept for £5 be drawn on the Overseers. **Carried** unanimously.

Precept drawn and signed.

Cheques £3.15/-, £1. 5/-, £1. 4. 9

Mr BODY proposed and Chairman seconded, the *[that]* the following cheques be signed:

Mr W. MELHUIISH £3.15/-, carting and spreading ashes.

Greyfield Colliery Co. £1. 5/-, 50 loads rough ashes.

W.H. MARTIN £1. 4. 9, Printer, Stamps, Fuel & light.

Carried unanimously.

Mr BODY proposed and Mr MELHUIISH seconded, that a sum not exceeding 5/- be voted for repairs to path leading from High Littleton to Paulton. **Carried** unanimously.

Water Supply

Mr CLARE proposed that agreement between Parish Council and Mr A.E. FREE, as to the use of his well, be signed. Mr BODY seconded. **Carried** unanimously.

The agreement was therefore signed by the Chairman and the whole of the Parish Councillors.

Council then rose.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

March 30th 1900.

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, and 10 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Accounts

The Overseers' accounts were read.

The Parish Council a/cs were read.

Mary JONES' Charity

The Vicar, as chairman of the Trustees of the Mary JONES' Charity, read the accounts.

Guardian's report was read.

Water Supply

The Chairman informed the meeting that the agreement between Mr A.E. FREE and the Parish Council had been signed.

Roads

Mr H. CHIVERS complained of the state of several roads in the parish and proposed "That a letter be written to the Rural District Council, calling attention to the state of Langford's Lane (Timsbury End), Timsbury Lane (opposite Mr POW's gate) & Mearns Hill." This was seconded by Mr C.A. KEMBLE and **carried** unanimously.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

April 17th 1900.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Rev. A.M. FOSTER, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Mr J. MELHUIISH, Vice Chairman, C.A. KEMBLE Esq., Messrs H. POLLETT, S.J. BODY, J. CLARE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

C.A. KEMBLE Esq. proposed and Mr S.J. BODY seconded, that the Rev. A.M. FOSTER be the Chairman for the ensuing year. **Carried** unanimously.

Vice Chairman

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr J. CLARE seconded, that Mr John MELHUIISH be Vice Chairman. **Carried** unanimously.

Overseers

Mr J. CLARE proposed and Mr C.A. KEMBLE seconded, that the existing Overseers *[John MELHUIISH, Henry POLLETT, Alfred Enos FREE & Samuel James BODY]* be re-appointed.

Mr S.J. BODY proposed that Mr W. MELHUIISH be an overseer. This proposition found no seconder.

The proposition was **carried** unanimously.

Hallatrow Post Office

Letter was read from R.C. TOMBS Esq. in acknowledg[e]ment of letter of 2nd Inst.

Ratcombe Sewer

Letter was read from R.D.C. re Ratcombe Sewer, to the effect that the drain would be continued another 300 yards.

Mr S.J. BODY proposed and Mr C.A. KEMBLE seconded, "That a letter be written to the R.D.C., acknowledging their letter of 12th Inst. and suggesting that the additional piping be of not less than 12 in. diameter."

For - Mr S.J. BODY & C.A. KEMBLE.

Mr H. POLLETT, J. CLARE & J. MELHUISH did not vote.

Letter was read from Mr C. POW, Rugborne Farm, complaining of the state of the road at his entrance gate. C.A. KEMBLE proposed and H. POLLETT seconded, "That copy of Mr POW's letter be sent to R.D.C."

Carried unanimously.

Duplicate copy of Agreement between Mr A.E. FREE and Parish Council, re use of well, signed.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

May 14th 1900.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Messrs H. POLLETT, Chairman, J. MELHUISH, A.E. FREE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Rate

Mr A.E. FREE proposed and Mr J. MELHUISH seconded, that Rate be deferred until after the meeting of the Assessment Committee on June 15th. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr MELHUISH proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, That Mr D. DAGGER 8 ac. 3 rd. 8 per. and Col SCOBELL 5 ac. 2 rd. be assessed at DAGGER £20.12. 6, Col. [SCOBELL] £13. **Carried**.

Freeshare

Mr MELHUISH proposed that freeshare of Earl WARWICK's colliery be assessed at £224. 1/-. Mr POLLETT seconded. **Carried**.

Mr J. MELHUISH proposed that site of old cottage, occupied by Col. SCOBELL, be rated at £1. There being no seconder, this prop. fell thro'.

Mr A.E. FREE proposed and Mr J. MELHUISH seconded, that cottage belonging to Mrs SPEED, and in the occupation of E. FORD, be assessed at £6. 0. 0 gross.

Mr J. MELHUISH proposed and Mr FREE seconded, That special Sanitary Rate of 6d. in £ be made. **Carried**.

Rate

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr FREE seconded, that the Rate be 1/4 in the £ for the ensuing half year. **Carried**.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

July 25th 1900.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held this day, the following were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs J. MELHUISH, S.J. BODY, H. POLLETT, H. CHIVERS.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

£12. 0. 0 Parish Pump

Mr S.J. BODY proposed and Mr CHIVERS seconded, that cheque for £12 in favour of Mr GRIST be signed and held until the working of the pump be eased. **Unanimously**.

£15 Precept

Rev. A.M. FOSTER proposed and Mr CHIVERS seconded, that a precept for £15 be drawn on the Overseers. **Unanimously**.

3/- Repairing path

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that a cheque for 3/- be drawn in favour of Mr W. MELHUISH, for repairing path.

High Littleton Inn

Mr H. CHIVERS proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that a letter be written to Mr J. SPENCER, asking him if he could remove the urinal, in front of his house, to the back, several complaints having been received.

Unanimously.

Mr FREE's well

Letter was read from Mr FREE, to the effect that several persons had been carting away the water for other than dietetic purposes, contrary to the agreement.

Mr J. MELHUISH proposed that a letter be written to Mr FREE, saying that, in the opinion of the council, there has been no breach of the agreement. Mr CHIVERS seconded.

The Chairman proposed as an amendment, that a letter be written to Mr FREE, acknowledging his letter, which was read to the council, Mr BODY being present, and stating that the tenants (Parish Council) will do their best to ensure that the agreement be observed. On the amendment being put, the following voted:

For - Chairman, Mr BODY & Mr POLLETT.

Against - Mr J. MELHUIISH and Mr H. CHIVERS.

Amendment declared **carried**.

Council then rose.

[Signed] A.M. FOSTER, Chairman.

30th July [1900].

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Messrs H. POLLETT, Chairman, J. MELHUIISH, S.J. BODY.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Lists

Mr MELHUIISH proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that the name of Edgar THORNE be put upon the Occupiers' List of Voters. **Unanimously**.

Cheques were signed for the 2nd Instalment of calls.

Letter was read from R.H. SAUNDERS, Assistant Rating Agent, Great Western Railway, to the effect that Welton station, platforms etc., in this union, had been assessed in the same manner as proposed by him.

Mr MELHUIISH proposed that a letter be written to G.W.R., agreeing on this occasion to accept their suggested proportion of assessment of Hallatrow Station; sec. by Mr BODY. **Carried**.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Sept. 27th 1900.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Messrs H. POLLETT, J. MELHUIISH, S.J. BODY.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Cheques £5. 4. 3, £1.18. 6, £11. 6. 0

Mr MELHUIISH proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that cheques be signed. **Unanimously**.

Assessment

Mr BODY proposed and Mr MELHUIISH seconded, that Mr W. HEAL's house be assessed at £10 gross, to start from Sept. 29th. **Unanimously**.

Special Rate

Mr MELHUIISH proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that remuneration to Assistant Overseer [*W.H. MARTIN*] for making and collecting Special Rate, be left to the Parish Council. **Unanimously**.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

October 26th 1900.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held this day, the following were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs C.A. KEMBLE, J. MELHUIISH, J. CLARE, S.J. BODY & H. POLLETT.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

High Littleton Inn

Mr BODY proposed and Mr KEMBLE seconded, that a letter be written to Mr J. SPENCER, stating that, if he did not accede to the request of letter of July 26th, the attention of the Inspector of Nuisances would be drawn to the matter. **Carried** unanimously.

Parish Pump

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr CLARE seconded, that a trough be provided to the Parish Pump and drain connected, to carry off waste water, this matter to be arranged by the Committee. **Carried** unanimously.

Trustees Mary JONES' Charity

Mr J. MELHUIISH proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that Mr H. JEFFERIES, Hallatrow and Mr H. CHIVERS, Mearns, be asked to act as Administering Trustees. **Carried** unanimously.

Special Sanitary Rate £2. 0. 0

Mr MELHUIISH proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that the Assistant Overseer be paid the same amount for making and collecting Special Sanitary Rate, as on the last occasion.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr J. CLARE seconded as an amendment, that Ass't Overseer be paid £4.

On amendment being put, the following voted:

For - Mr POLLETT & Mr CLARE.

Against - Mr MELHUIISH, Mr BODY & Vicar.

Original Prop: For - Mr BODY, Mr MELHUIISH.

Amendment was declared lost. Mr KEMBLE did not vote.

Bridge over brook, Greyfield to Hallatrow

Mr CLARE proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that a letter be written to Mr WATSON, as agent of the Earl of WARWICK, calling his attention to the dilapidated state of the bridge in the path leading from Hallatrow to Greyfield and asking if he could put it in repair. **Unanimously.**

Path, Long ground

Mr KEMBLE proposed and Vicar seconded, that Mr BODY & Mr CLARE act as Committee to continue path through Long Ground and be empowered to spend a sum not exceeding £6. **Unanimously.**

Mr J. CLARE gave notice that he would move a resolution at next meeting, re Paths at Hallatrow.

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

November 2nd 1900.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Messrs H. POLLETT, J. MELHUIISH, A.E. FREE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Rate 1/6 [in] £

Mr J. MELHUIISH proposed and Mr FREE seconded, that rate be 1/6 in the £ on buildings and 9d. on land. **Carried** unanimously.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

January 17th 1901.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Messrs H. POLLETT, J. MELHUIISH, A.E. FREE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Supplemental Valuation List

Mr FREE proposed and Mr MELHUIISH seconded, that List be signed. **Carried.**

Public Houses

Letter was read from Assessment Com. of Clutton, asking for Overseers' observations in reference to a list of Public Houses' Assessments in the Union.

Mr MELHUIISH proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that a letter be written to the Assessment Committee, to the effect that we consider licensed house in this parish are sufficiently rated. **Carried.**

Overseers' a/c, half year ending Sep. 29th 1900

Mr MELHUIISH proposed and Mr FREE seconded, that accounts be signed. **Carried.**

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr FREE seconded, that accounts of Special Sanitary Rate be signed. **Carried.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

February 20th 1901.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs J. MELHUIISH, C.A. KEMBLE, H. POLLETT, S.J. BODY, J. CLARE & H. CHIVERS.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

High Littleton Inn

Mr KEMBLE moved and Mr BODY seconded, that a letter be written to the Sanitary Inspector, drawing his attention to the position of the urinal at High Littleton Inn. **Carried** unanimously.

Trustees Mary JONES' Charity

Mr J. MELHUIISH proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that Trustees Mr JEFFERIES and Mr H. CHIVERS, having agreed to accept office, appointment be confirmed. **Carried** unanimously.

Path over brook at Hallatrow

Mr J. MELHUIISH proposed and Mr KEMBLE seconded, That a reply be sent to letter from Messrs SPACKMAN & Son, pointing out that parish has not repaired bridge hitherto and that it is largely used by workmen going to Greyfield Colliery and therefore, respectfully suggest, that it should be repaired by the Clutton Estate or Colliery, such repairs being a very small matter for estate or Colliery workmen, only a couple of sleepers and handrail being required. **Carried** unanimously.

Path thro' Long ground

Mr CLARE proposed & Mr POLLETT seconded, that a further 20 loads of ashes be obtained for this path. **Carried.**

Path at Hallatrow

Mr CLARE proposed and Mr KEMBLE seconded, that a letter be written to Earl TEMPLE's Agent, calling attention to steps leading from road into Home Ground, opposite Tennis Court Farm. **Unanimously.**

Precept for £9

Mr BODY proposed and Mr CHIVERS seconded, that a precept for £9 on Overseers be drawn. **Unanimously.**

Cheque for £4.10/-

Mr KEMBLE proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that cheque for £4.10/-, for carting and spreading cinders, be drawn in favour of Mr W. MELHUIH. **Unanimously.**

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

March 4th 1901.

At the Parish Meeting held this day for the election of parish [councillors] and convened by the Local Government Board, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER and 44 electors.

The following nominations were handed in:

1. BODY Samuel James	11 [votes]
2. BRICE William	30
3. CHIVERS Henry	7
4. CLARE Joshua	22
5. EVANS Tom	36
6. KEMBLE C.A.	21
7. MELHUIH John	10
8. POLLETT H.	23
9. WALTERS T.	29
10. WATSON M.	32

No poll being demanded, the following gentlemen were declared **elected**:

EVANS Thomas
WATSON Matthew
BRICE William
WALTERS Thomas
POLLETT Henry
CLARE Joshua

[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

March 19th [1901].

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, Messrs C.A. KEMBLE, J. MELHUIH, J. CLARE, S.J. BODY & H. POLLETT, H. CHIVERS.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

High Littleton Inn

Letter was read from the Sanitary Inspector, to the effect that the Public Health Acts do not provide against indecencies.

Mr KEMBLE moves and Mr BODY seconds, "That Mr SPENCER be written to, calling attention to the present position of the urinal and asking him to kindly remove it to a more suitable site." **Carried** unanimously.

Bridge over brook, Greyfield Wood

Letter was read from Messrs SPACKMAN & Son, to effect that he would look at it the next time he was in the neighbourhood.

Steps at Hallatrow

Letter was read from Mr H. St. J. MAUL, agent to Earl TEMPLE but, on motion of Mr H. POLLETT, this was deferred till next meeting.

Cheques £1, £1.10/-, £1.19/-, £1. 8.11

Cheques for £1, for Rent of use of well, in favour A.E. FREE, £1.10/-, Carting Cinders, in favour of Mr W. MELHUIH, £1.19/-, 78 loads cinders, 6d. pr. load, in favour of Greyfield Colliery Co., £1. 8.11 for stationery 7/3, Stamps 7/7, Fire etc. 6 times at 2/-, 2 copies of Voters' register 2/1, in favour of W.H. MARTIN, were drawn on the motion of Mr H. POLLETT, seconded by Mr C.A. KEMBLE.

Accounts were examined and signed.

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

March 19th 1901.

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Rev. A.M. FOSTER, Chairman, and 5 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Accounts

Overseers' Accounts were presented.

Parish Council Accounts do.

Mary JONES' Charity

The Vicar, as Chairman of the Trustees of the Mary JONES' Charity, read the Accounts.

Guardian's report was presented.

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

April 15th 1901.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the above date, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Mr M. WATSON, H. POLLETT, J. CLARE, T. EVANS, W. BRICE, T. WALTERS.

Provisional Chairman

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that the Clerk, W.H. MARTIN, be provisional chairman.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**,

Chairman

Members having signed their declarations, Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr J. CLARE seconded, that the Rev. A.M. FOSTER be the chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr W. BRICE proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded as an amendment, that Mr M. WATSON be chairman.

On being put to the meeting, the following voted:

For the amendment - Mr T. EVANS, Mr T. WALTERS, Mr BRICE.

Mr POLLETT and Mr CLARE & Mr WATSON did not vote.

Mr WATSON was declared duly **elected** and returned thanks.

Vice Chairman

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr W. BRICE seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be Vice chairman. **(Unanimously)**.

Overseers

Mr W. BRICE proposed and T. WALTERS seconded, that Mr T. EVANS be an Overseer. **Unanimously**.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and T. EVANS [*seconded*], that Mr A.E. FREE be an Overseer. **Unanimously**.

Mr T. EVANS proposed and T. WALTERS seconded, that Mr Arthur YOUNG be an overseer. **Unanimously**.

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr J. CLARE seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be an overseer. **Unanimously**.

Clerk's Salary £3 to £5

Mr W. BRICE proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that the clerk's salary be increased from £3 to £5. **Unanimously**.

Hallatrow Post Office

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to the Postmaster of Bristol (R.C. TOMBS Esq.), asking him to make arrangements, if possible, that P.O. & notes may be cashed at Hallatrow Post Office, as the inhabitants find it very inconvenient under the existing regulations. **Unanimously**.

Path at Hallatrow

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that Mr S.J. MAUL's letter be deferred till next meeting.

Any other business

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that the business of each meeting be definitely stated, the term "any other business" being omitted on the agenda. **Unanimously**.

Cheque for 19/6

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr CLARE seconded, that cheque for 19/6 be drawn in favour of Mr FREE for pump trough & drain. **(Unan.)**.

Vote of thanks to Chairman

Mr M. WATSON proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that a vote of thanks be given to the late chairman (Rev. A.M. FOSTER) for the manner in which he had discharged his duties, while chairman of the council. **Unanimously**.

Council then rose.

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

May 13th 1901.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr A. YOUNG, Mr A.E. FREE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr A. YOUNG seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman. **Unanimously.**

Special Rate

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that question of Special Sanitary Rate remain until we get official call. In the meantime Mr YOUNG and Mr EVANS will endeavour to ascertain what has been done with regard to Sanitary work in the parish. **Unanimously.**

Greyfield Freeshare

Mr YOUNG proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, "That freeshare of Greyfield Colliery be put into Supplemental Valuation List at £130. 6. 1 instead of £224. 1/-."

Mr FREE proposed that freeshare stand at £224. There being no seconder, this proposition fell thro'.

For - Mr POLLETT & Mr YOUNG.

Against - Mr FREE. Mr T. EVANS did not vote.

Rate

Mr FREE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Rate be 1/6 [*altered to 1/7 at next meeting*] in the £. **Unanimously.**

Mr FREE gave notice that he would move a proposition re Freeshare of Greyfield Colliery at the next meeting. [*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

June 19th 1901.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr A. YOUNG.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Letter was read from Clerk to R.D.C. re Special Expenses, to the effect that, of £31. 2. 5 at first charged to the parish, £25. 0. 1 would be put to the Main Road a/c, while £6 would have to be paid by this parish.

Rate

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr FREE's proposition of 1/6 in the £ be rescinded. **Unanimously.**

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr YOUNG seconded, that Rate be 1/7 in the £. **Unanimously.**

Letters

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to the Postmaster of Hallatrow, to the effect that letters addressed to Overseers be left at the Assistant Overseer's. **Unanimously.**

Assessment

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that Messrs BRICE's houses be rated at £7.10/- each. **Unanimously.**

Ownership Lists signed.

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

July 9th 1901.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr W. BRICE, Mr T. WALTERS.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Hallatrow Post Office

Letter was read from the Postmaster of Bristol (R.C. TOMBS Esq.), to the effect that he is precluded by Treasury Regulations from sanctioning extension except under guarantee.

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that Parish Council guarantee half of expenses, if inhabitants of Hallatrow guarantee the other half. **Unanimously.**

Paths

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr WALTERS seconded, that steps at Hallatrow and bridge at Greyfield wood be deferred until next meeting and, in the meantime, steps be taken to see the owners. **Unanimously.**

Parish Pump

Mr T. EVANS reported that the water from this pump is not fit to drink.

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr WALTERS seconded, that Mr WATSON and Mr EVANS constitute a Committee, to see that pump be put into working order. **Unanimously.**

Any other business

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that any urgent business not on the agenda be taken, if council is unanimous. **Unanimously.**

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

September 26th 1901.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr A. YOUNG.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Acreage

Letter was read from the Assessment Committee, together with 3 enclosures from Mr BUSH, objecting to the acreage of land rented by Mr J. EVANS.

Land in Valuation List - 11 ac. 0 rds. 27 pls.

Land in Tithe Schedule - 8. 1. 16.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to the Assessment Committee.

Cheques for [blank]

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr A. YOUNG seconded, that cheques be signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

October 30th 1901.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice chairman, Mr W. BRICE, Mr J. CLARE, Mr T. EVANS.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Paths

Mr WATSON reported that bridge over brook in Greyfield Wood was completed.

Mr T. EVANS reported that a bridge over the gully on Mr POW's farm, and belonging to Col. B.L. SCOBELL, was in a bad state of repair.

Mr W. BRICE proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that letter be written to Colonel SCOBELL, calling his attention to the matter. **Unanimously.**

Pump

Mr WATSON reported that pump had been repaired, but that it was left in a bad condition when first put in and that suction is too small for the pipe, also that the drinking cup had been affixed.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr BRICE seconded a vote of thanks to the committee (Mr WATSON and Mr EVANS) for the trouble they had taken in the matter. **Unanimously.**

Sewage

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr J. CLARE seconded, that the attention of the R.D.C. be called to the state of the pump in the tank at Rotcombe. **Unanimously.**

[High Littleton Inn]

It was reported that Mr SPENCER had moved the urinal, in front of his house, farther from the window.

Old Market Tavern urinal

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that a letter be written to Mr CARTER, drawing his attention to the state and position of this urinal. **Unanimously.**

Postal Arrangements at Hallatrow

The following gentlemen having guaranteed the following sums: Mr C.A. KEMBLE 10/-, Capt. LORAINE-GREWS 10/-, Mr T. BLANNING 5/-, Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that this council guarantee to the Postal Authorities the sum of £2.10/- per annum for two years, if receipts do not equal expenses. **Unanimously.**

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

November 25th 1901.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr W. BRICE, Mr T. WALTERS.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Sewage

Mr WATSON reported that the pump in the tank at Rotcombe was to be put into repair.

Water Supply

Letter was read from Mr HAYES, complaining of the scarcity of water in the parish and, complaints having been received by most of the councillors, Mr BRICE proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, "That a letter be written

to the R.D.C. and the District Councillor, stating that serious complaints have been received of the scarcity of water and asking them to devise means of procuring a supply." **Unanimously.**

Hallatrow Post Office, Postal Orders etc.

The Agreement between the Postal Authorities and this council having been received and read, Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr WALTERS seconded, that it be signed. The Agreement was therefore signed.

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

January 15th 1902.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr T. WALTERS, Mr W. BRICE, Mr J. CLARE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Water Supply

Letter was read from the R.D.C., referring council to the report on the Water Supply dated Oct. 1898.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to the R.D.C., asking them to make a further report, as the council do not consider that the old report is applicable to present circumstances.

Unanimously.

Hallatrow Post Office

Mr CLARE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to the Postmaster General, acknowledging receipt of copy of agreement and mentioning that council would be glad if additions could be put into force at once. **Unanimously.**

Paths

Letter was read from Mr St. J. MAUL re stile & steps at Hallatrow.

Mr WATSON moved and Mr BRICE seconded, that Messrs POLLETT & CLARE constitute a Committee to get tenders and see that work is done. **Unanimously.**

Letter was read from Col. B.L. SCOBELL re culvert on his estate.

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, That a letter be written to Col. SCOBELL, stating that this council is of the opinion that the culvert in question is an old water course and should be repaired by the owner.

Unanimously.

Mr CLARE proposed and Mr T. WALTERS seconded, that a letter be written to the G.W.R., stating that, in the opinion of this council, the level crossing in the yard at Hallatrow is a danger to the public, and complaining of the custom of obstructing the path by leaving trucks etc. standing across it. **Unanimously.**

Roads

Mr WALTERS proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that a letter be written to the R.D.C., calling their attention to the breakage of a grating, near High Littleton Inn, by a traction engine and also to the bad state of the road at the junction of Greyfield Road and the Main Road, and from White Cross to Hallatrow Station.

Unanimously.

Ord(i)nance Survey Map

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that an Ord(i)nance Survey Map be purchased, price not to exceed 50/-. **Unanimously.**

Precept £8

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that a precept for £8 be drawn on Overseers. **Unanimously.**

Cheque 9/6

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr WALTERS seconded, that a cheque for 9/6 in favour of J.S. DURY, Returning Officer, be signed. **Unanimously.**

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

Jan'y 21st 1902.

At a meeting of the Overseers the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr A. YOUNG.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed.**

Mr T. EVANS proposed & Mr YOUNG seconded, that Supplemental Valuation List property of Mr T. BUSH Nos. 13 to 15 be altered from 11 ac. 0 rd. 29 pls. to 8 ac. 1 rd. 16 per.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 13th 1902.

At a meeting of the parish council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr T. WALTERS.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed.**

Paths

Mr WATSON moved and Mr EVANS seconded, that tender [from A. BOWDITCH] of £2.12/- for work at Hallatrow, be accepted and Committee reported that work was done satisfactorily. **Unanimously.**

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that the attention of the R.D.C. be called to the bad state of Rotcombe Road and of the road & path opposite Greyfield Road. **Unan'y.**

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr WATSON seconded, that Chairman, Mr EVANS and Mr WALTERS constitute a Committee to examine path over the Gully leading to Kingwell Hall. **Unan'y.**

Water Supply

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr WALTERS seconded, that this question come before the parish Meeting.

Cheques 10/6, £2. 6. 6, £2.12/-, 1.13. 3, £1

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr WALTERS seconded, that the following cheques be signed:

G. GRIST - mending Parish Pump - 10/6.

LAVIER & Co. - Ord(i)nance Survey Map - £2. 6. 6.

A. BOWDITCH - steps at Hallatrow - £2.12/-.

W.H. MARTIN - Printer 11/3, Stamps 10/-, Fire etc. - £1.13. 3.

Mr A.E. FREE - Rent of water - £1.

Unanimously. Cheques were therefore signed.

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

March 27th 1902.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice chairman, Mr J. CLARE, Mr W. BRICE, Mr T. EVANS.

Minutes of previous meeting was [were] read and **confirmed.**

Paths

Mr T. EVANS reported for small committee, appointed to view path over Gully to Kingwell Hall, that it was not now dangerous and, if gate was repaired on the High Littleton side, it would be in a very good condition.

Accounts

The Parish Accounts were examined.

Water Supply

The report of the M.O.H. on the water Supply, made this month, was read.

[Signed] W.H. MARTIN, Chairman.

March 27th 1902.

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, and 18 electors.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Accounts

The Parish Council accounts were read by the Clerk.

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that they be adopted. **Unanimously.**

The Overseers' Accounts were read by the Assistant Overseer.

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr SAGE seconded, that they be adopted. **Unanimously.**

Mary JONES' Charity

The minutes of meetings held by the administering trustees were read, as well as the Balance sheet.

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr A. CHIVERS seconded, that accounts, as read, be adopted. **Unanimously.**

Guardians report was read.

Water Supply

The chairman explained that, owing to the Parish Council receiving so many complaints of the scarcity of water, a report had been made by the Medical Officer of Health, the summary of which was that practically half of the village was without water.

For the benefit of the meeting, the chairman had draughted [drafted] two schemes, one of which was to pump water from a spring in (St) Stephen's Hill to a reservoir, and the other was to utilize water pumped from Greyfield Colliery to a reservoir at Zion's Place.

Some little discussion on the question was ended by Rev. A.M. FOSTER proposing "That R.D.C. devise some means of obtaining an adequate supply of water for the parish." This was seconded by Mr T. DOWLING and, on being put to the meeting, 15 voted for & 3 against.

Guardian's Report

The Guardian read his report.

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

April 15th 1902.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, The following were present:

M. WATSON, T. EVANS, H. POLLETT, J. CLARE, W. BRICE.

Provisional Chairman

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that the clerk, W.H. MARTIN, be provisional chairman. **Carried** unanimously.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr W. BRICE seconded, that Mr WATSON be chairman of the council for the ensuing year. **Unanimously**.

Mr WATSON returned thanks for the honour and took the chair.

Overseers

Mr BRICE proposed [*no seconder named*] that Messrs T. EVANS, A. YOUNG, J. CLARE & H. POLLETT be the overseers for the ensuing year. **Unanimously**.

Water Supply

Letter was read from the R.D.C., to the effect that this matter had been referred to a Committee.

Paths

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, That Mr WATSON see Mr HOPE, Bailiff to Col. SCOBELL, re path over the Gully. **Unanimously**.

Coronation

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that bills be printed, calling public meeting on April 29th, to consider what steps shall be taken to celebrate the coronation of the king. **Unanimously**.

[*Signed*] M. WATSON, Chairman.

June 16th 1902.

At a meeting of the parish council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr J. CLARE, Mr T. WALTERS.

Light Railway

Mr T. WALTERS proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, "That council approve the making of a Light Railway to Bath." **Unanimously**.

Water Supply

The Chairman reported that the Engineer [*altered in pencil from Surveyor*] to the District Council had been instructed to prepare plans.

[*Signed*] M. WATSON, Chairman.

November 10th 1902.

At a meeting of the parish council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr J. CLARE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Trustees of [*Mary JONES'*] Charity

Two of the Trustees having served the allotted term, retired from office.

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be re-elected.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr W. BRICE be a trustee in place of Mr J. MELHUISH. **Unanimously**.

Paths

Letter was read from Col. SCOBELL, repudiating liability with regard to the culvert over the gully.

Mr EVANS reported the bad state of the Drang.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr CLARE seconded, "That the chairman, Mr BRICE and Mr EVANS form a sub-committee, to carry out work and report on the Drang."

Water Supply

The chairman reported that Engineer of the District Council has been ill, so the question of water supply has not been attended to.

Mr POLLETT gives notice of resolution re "Isolation Hospital".

[*Signed*] M. WATSON, Chairman.

March 2nd 1903.

At a meeting of the parish council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present: Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice chairman, Mr W. BRICE, Mr T. EVANS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Water Supply

The chairman reported that nothing definite had been settled.

Mr T. EVANS reported that the parish pump having been out of order, he examined it and found that someone had put a large stone down the barrel; this he removed and pump is now working satisfactorily.

Paths

The sub-committee appointed at last meeting reported that they had examined the culvert over the gully and found that it would have to be reconstructed or a small wooden bridge put in its place, and that the drang would require coating with ashes.

Several complaints having been received as to the state of the path across the fields going to Paulton, Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr W. BRICE seconded, that the sub-committee be empowered to see that these paths be put into proper order. **Carried** unanimously.

Isolation Hospital

In accordance with notice, Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, the following resolution: "That application be made by this council to the District Council of the Clutton Union, for the procuring of some building suitable for the isolation of infectious diseases, and also that proper appliances be provided for the disinfection of clothing, bedding etc., under the control of the Medical Officer of Health, and that adjoining Parish Councils be asked to move a similar resolution." **Unanimously**.

Precept for £5

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that a precept for £5 be drawn on the Overseers. **Unanimously**.

Telegraph Office, High Littleton. Warrant for £2.14. 8

Letter was read from the Postmaster General, to the effect that the revenue for the year ending 10th Nov'r 1902 exceeded the amount guaranteed, and that there is a sufficient sum available to cover the amount of the guarantee for the year ending 10th Nov'r 1903, the last year of the guarantee period, and also to cover the deficiency of £2.14. 8 paid by the guarantors in a previous year, and a warrant for £2.14. 8 in favour of the High Littleton Parish Council was enclosed.

Mr BRICE moved that sums paid by the guarantors, for deficit in working Telegraph Office the first year, be returned to them. **Carried** unanimously.

The following gentlemen received their guaranteed amount:

Earl of WARWICK	£1. 7. 4
Col. B.L. SCOBELL	10. 2
Rev. A.M. FOSTER	6. 1
Mr T. EVANS	1. 1
Mr H. CHIVERS	1. 1
Mr E. YOUNG	7
Mr C. CHARD	7
Parish Council a/c	<u>7. 9</u>
	£2.14. 8

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

March 30th 1903.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice chairman, Mr J. CLARE, Mr T. EVANS, Mr T. WALTERS.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Paths

On behalf of Paths Committee, Mr EVANS reported that water flowing down the path had caused the damage and that it might be easily rectified.

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr CLARE seconded, that Committee inspect place where drain is supposed to exist. **Unanimously**.

Two estimates for a wooden bridge over Gully were read.

Mr EVANS moved and Mr WALTERS seconded, that Mr W.J. HEAL's estimate of £1. 7. 6 be accepted. **Unanimously**.

Cheques £1, £1. 1. 8

Mr POLLETT Proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that cheque for £1 in favour of Mr FREE for rent of water, and one in favour of W.H. MARTIN for printer 5/-, stamps 6/8, Fire & light 5 times @ 2/- = 10/-, = £1. 1. 8, be signed. **Unanimously.**

Letter was read from Mr J.J. BROWN, re boundary to his field in Hallatrow Hill, and he was referred to the Rural District Council.

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

March 30th 1903.

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council and held on the above date, there were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, and 12 electors.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Mary JONES' Charity

The minutes of the meetings held by the Administering Trustees and the balance sheet were read.

Mr KEMBLE asked if charity was necessarily a blanket charity. The Vicar read the Trust Deed and, after a little discussion, it was left to the discretion of the Trustees.

Parish Accounts

The Parish Council Accounts for the year were read.

Mr KEMBLE proposed and Mr T. DOWLING seconded, that a/cs, as read, be adopted. **Unanimously.**

Overseers' a/cs

Overseers' Accounts were read.

Rev. A.M. FOSTER proposed and Mr KEMBLE seconded, that a/cs, as read, be adopted. **Unanimously.**

Water Supply

The chairman informed the meeting that the R.D.C. were in communication with several companies, but that nothing definite had been settled, and that parish meeting would have to be called to approve of any scheme before it was passed.

Roads

Several electors having complained of the bad state of the roads in the parish, Mr J. MELHUISE moved and Mr W. MELHUISE seconded, "That letter be written to the R.D.C., complaining of the bad state of the roads in the parish and especially of Timsbury Bottom, Rotcombe and near Old Market Tavern." **Unanimously.**

Drainage

Mr A. CHIVERS [*proposed*] and Mr T. EVANS seconded, "That a letter be written to the R.D.C., complaining of the bad state of the drain from Southover yard, the nuisance running over the road and in front of the houses on the Batch." **Unanimously.**

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

April 20th 1903.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the above date, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice chairman, Mr W. BRICE, Mr T. WALTERS, Mr T. EVANS.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Provisional Chairman

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that the clerk (W.H. MARTIN) be provisional chairman. **Unanimously.**

Chairman

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that Mr WATSON be chairman for the ensuing year. **Unanimously.**

Vice Chairman

Mr WATSON proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be vice chairman. **Unanimously.**

Overseers

Mr BRICE proposed and T. WALTERS seconded, that the four overseers, Messrs EVANS, YOUNG, POLLETT & CLARE, be re-elected. **Unanimously.**

Paths

On behalf of the sub-committee, Mr T. EVANS reported that bridge over the gully was finished, that the ditch in Lang(s)ford Lane was opened, so that now, water which went down the Long-ground path, would take its proper course.

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr WALTERS seconded, that a letter be written to the R.D.C., complaining of the state of Rotcombe Road opposite Maggs' Folly. **Unanimously.**

Isolation Hospital

Latter was read from the clerk to the R.D.C. in answer to a resolution sent to R.D.C.

Mr BRICE moved and Mr WATSON seconded, that letter lie on the table. **Unanimously.**

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

May 27th 1903.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr W. BRICE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Manager Elementary School

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that Mr Gilbert Beacham LANGLEY, Manager of the Branch Stores, Radstock Co-operative Stores, be appointed a manager of the National School. **Unan.**

Council's representative Local Manager

Mr WATSON proposed and T. EVANS seconded, that Mr George BRICE, a parent of children attending the schools, should be suggested as a suitable candidate to be County Council's representative Local Manager.

Unanimously.

Hallatrow Post Office, Deficiency 11/1

Letter was read from the Accountant General of the General Post Office, to the effect that the deficiency for the year ending Feb. 28th 1903 was £1. 2. 2, of which council, through private individuals, agreed to pay one half, viz. 11/1. **Unan.**

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that amount be paid & that guarantors pay according to promise. **Unan.**

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

July 27th 1903.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr T. WALTERS.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed.**

Paths & Drains

Mr WALTERS complained that the road at the junction of Greyfield Road was flooded five or six times during the year, owing to the pipes (9 in.) in the drain not being large enough to take off the quantity of water, and moved that the attention of the R.D.C. be called to the matter, as well as the stopping of the drains opposite Mr HAYES' gate and the Star Inn. Mr T. EVANS seconded and it was unanimously **carried.**

Water Supply

Copies of the reports of MARTEN and BIRD were placed before council.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that question of water supply be deferred for further consideration. **Unanimously.**

£1. 7. 6, 18. 6, 5. 6

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that the following cheques be signed:

Mr W.J. HEAL £1. 7. 6 - bridge, Mr W. MELHUIISH 18/6 - repairing paths, W.H. MARTIN 5/6 - Parish Council's share of post office deficit. **Unanimously.**

Chairman having expressed a wish to resign, consented to the unanimous wish of the council that he would not do so.

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

Nov'r 2nd 1903.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice-chairman, Mr J. CLARE, Mr T. EVANS, Mr T. WALTERS.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Water Supply

Letter was read from R.D.C. re purchase of water from Chilcompton.

Mr POLLETT moved and Mr EVANS seconded, That a letter be written to the R.D.C., to the effect that High Littleton requires water but that this council are not prepared to commit themselves to any scheme which does not give an analysis of the water, its guaranteed supply and at a reasonable cost. **Unanimously.**

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

December 22nd 1903.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present: Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Vice chairman, Mr J. CLARE, Mr T. EVANS, Mr W. BRICE. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

G.W.R. railway

Plans of proposed new branch of the G.W.R. to join Camerton Branch were inspected and Mr WATSON proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, That this council assents, providing that the public's rights with regard to footpaths and roads are respected and that, where the railway crosses, such bridges or subways be provided; no level crossings. **Unanimously**.

[Signed] M. WATSON, Chairman.

Feb'y 22nd 1904.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present: Mr M. WATSON, Chairman, Mr J. CLARE, Mr T. WALTERS, Mr W. BRICE, Mr T. EVANS. Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Greyfield Road

Letter was read from Clutton Parish Council re "Taking over of Greyfield Road by the Clutton Rural District Council".

Mr W. BRICE proposed and Mr WALTERS seconded, that the following resolution be sent to the District Council: "That this council has heard with deep regret that the New Road, leading from Greyfield to Clutton, has been closed, on account of Lord WARWICK and the Clutton District Council being unable to come to terms in relation to the taking over of such road by the District Council and, in view of the grave and serious inconvenience to the public at large, occasioned by the stoppage of such road, this council would respectfully urge the District Council to consider the propriety of re-opening negotiations with Lord WARWICK and endeavour to come to terms with him for taking over the road." **Carried** unanimously.

Paths

Two letters, complaining of the state of paths, were read but Council decided to let the matter stand over for the new council.

[Precept £2]

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr WALTERS seconded, that a precept for £2 be drawn on the Overseers. **Unanimously**.

Cheques £1, £1. 8. 0

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that cheques for £1 (Mr FREE water rent) and £1. 8. 0 (Mr MARTIN for Printer 9/-, Stamps 7/- and fire & light for 6 nights @ 2/- per night 12/-) be drawn. **Carried** unanimously.

Cheques were then signed.

Yearly Accounts

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that accounts, as presented, be accepted. **Carried** unanimously.

Councillors then signed the yearly accounts.

Annual Meeting

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Tuesday March 8th at 6.45 p.m. **Carried** unanimously.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 7th 1904.

At the Parish Meeting held this day for the election of Parish Council, and convened by the Local Government Board, there were present:

Mr M. WATSON and 35 electors.

The following nominations were handed in:

1. BRICE William
2. CLARE Joshua
3. CLEAVES Gilbert Brice
4. EVANS Thomas
5. PAYNE Samuel
6. POLLETT Henry

There being only six candidates to fill six seats, Chairman declared them duly **elected**.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 7th 1904.

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Mr M. WATSON and 45 electors.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Parish Accounts

These accounts were read.

Mr Gilbert CLEAVES proposed and Mr J. BROOKS seconded, that accounts, as read, be adopted. **Carried**.

Guardian's Report

Mr C.A. KEMBLE, the Guardian, read the list of recipients of Parish Relief.

Several electors wished to know why one widow received 1/- and a loaf, as against others receiving 2/6 & a loaf. Guardian made a note of the name.

Mary JONES' Charity

The Vicar, as Chairman of the Administering Trustees of this charity, gave a statement of Account.

Water Supply

The Chairman explained what had been done in relation to this supply by the R.D.C.

Mr KEMBLE explained that a supply of water would cost an immense sum of money and asked that a show of hands be taken, as to whether electors present were in favour or not.

On being put to the meeting 2 voted for and about 20 against.

Paths

Mr A. CHIVERS complained of the bad state of the Drang leading to Rugborne Farm and moved that a coating of small stones be put on. Mr J. EVANS seconded.

Mr T. EVANS, Parish Councillor, explained that matter was before the Parish Council, but that it had been left over for the new council to deal with it. **Carried**.

Mr G. CLEAVES called attention to the state of Rotcombe Lane opposite Maggs' Folly.

The R.D. Councillor having the matter in hand, the subject dropped.

Drains

Mr J. BROOKS complained of the Nuisance arising from the sewage tank at the bottom of Rotcombe.

The R.D. Councillor took a note of the fact.

Mr C.A. KEMBLE proposed and Mr G. CLEAVES seconded a vote of thanks to Chairman for presiding. **Carried**.

Meeting then terminated.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 15th 1904.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr W. BRICE, Mr T. EVANS, Mr J. CLARE, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr S. PAYNE.

Provisional Chairman

Members having signed their declarations, Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr W. BRICE seconded, that the clerk (Mr W.H. MARTIN) be provisional chairman.

Chairman

Minutes of previous meeting being read and **confirmed**, Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr W. BRICE seconded, that Mr Henry POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year. **Unanimously**.

Vice chairman

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr G. CLEAVES seconded, that Mr W. BRICE be vice-chairman.

Overseers

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed & Mr W. BRICE seconded, that 4 overseers be appointed. **Unanimously**.

Mr CLARE proposed & Mr BRICE seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be one of the overseers.

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed & Mr POLLETT seconded, that Mr T. EVANS be another of the overseers.

Mr POLLETT proposed and S. PAYNE seconded, that Mr J. CLARE be another overseer.

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that G. BRICE be another of Overseers.

Unanimously.

The Overseers are therefore Mr H. POLLETT, Mr J. CLARE, Mr T. EVANS & Mr G. BRICE.

Paths

The drang - Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that this path be repaired. **Unanimously**.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr G. CLEAVES seconded, that a sub-committee on Paths be appointed and that repairs to Drang do not exceed £2. **Unanimously**.

The following constitute Paths Committee:

Mr H. POLLETT	proposed by	Mr CLARE	sec. by	Mr BRICE
Mr G. CLEAVES	do.	Mr T. EVANS	do.	Mr POLLETT
Mr S. PAYNE	do.	Mr BRICE	do.	Mr T. EVANS
Mr T. EVANS	do.	Mr POLLETT	do.	Mr G. CLEAVES

Unanimously.

Mearns Path

Mr BRICE moved and Mr EVANS seconded, "That letter be written to Mr POW in answer, to the effect that it is useless to repair path until water is prevented from flowing down it &, if he would see to drain, council would take matter of repairs in hand."

Mr CLARE gave notice that he would bring matter of Coombe Lane & Paulton path forward next meeting.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 4th 1904.

At a meeting of the parish council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr W. BRICE, Vice chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr S. PAYNE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Paths

Sub-Committee on paths reported that small gravel was too expensive for covering the Drang but that chippings from quarry had been bought at 2/- per load, Six loads being delivered.

Council were of the opinion that this material was more suitable for requirement than either small gravel or cinders.

Local Manager of National School

Letter was read from the County Council, asking this council to appoint one manager of the National School.

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that Mr G.B. LANGLEY be re-elected. **Unanimously.**

Deficit on Hallatrow Post Office

Notice was read from the Postmaster General, that this council was responsible for half the deficit on Hallatrow Post Office, amount due nine shillings and ten pence.

Paths

Mr H. POLLETT, for Mr CLARE, decided to let the matter of Coombe Lane be dropped for the time being.

Returning Officer 8/-

Bill for 8/- from Mr J.S. DURY was presented.

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr PAYNE seconded, that cheque for 8/- in favour of Mr J.S. DURY be drawn.

Unanimously.

Precept £5

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that precept for £5 be drawn on the Overseers. **Unanimously.**

Train Service, Hallatrow

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that a letter be written to Mr KISLINGBURY, District Superintendent, G.W.R., asking that the train service, Bristol 8.40 a.m. Clutton 9.8, might be continued to Hallatrow, as the return service would be of great benefit to surrounding villages, especially on Market days.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

October 4th 1904.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr W. BRICE, Vice chairman, Mr J. CLARE, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr T. EVANS, Mr S. PAYNE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Paths - Drang

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that gravel left over from the Drang be cracked up and put on to complete work. **Unanimously.**

To Paulton

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr G. CLEAVES seconded, that path leading to Paulton be repaired, that Sub-Committee carry out work and that they be empowered to expend a sum not exceeding £3.10/-.

Unanimously.

Water Supply

Letter was read from Mrs HAYES to R.D.C., who forwarded same for remarks of this council.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that letter be sent to R.D.C., calling attention to resolution passed on Nov. 2nd 1903, to the effect that High Littleton needed water but that the council were not

prepared to commit themselves to any scheme which did not give an analysis of the water, its guaranteed supply and at a reasonable cost. **Unanimously.**

Letter was read from Mrs HAYES to this council re want of Water Supply.

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that letter be written to Mrs HAYES, informing her that a resolution in favour of a water supply had been forwarded to R.D.C. **Unanimously.**

Cheques 15/-, 12/-, 4/11

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that a cheque for 15/-, for cracking and spreading stones for the Drang, be drawn in favour of Mr F. SMITH. **Unan'ly.**

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr PAYNE seconded, that a cheque for 12/-, for 3 wag(g)on loads of chippings for use in Drang, be drawn in favour of Mr Alfred BOWDITCH. **Unan'ly.**

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr PAYNE seconded, that cheque for 4/11, half of deficit on Hallatrow Post Office for year 1903, be drawn in favour of W.H. MARTIN. **Unanimously.**

Hallatrow Post Office

Letter was read from the Postmaster General, to say that he had decided to dispense with the guarantee given by the High Littleton Parish Council in respect of the Money Order Office at Hallatrow.

Trustees of Mary JONES' Charity

Mr JEFFERIES and Mr Henry CHIVERS having served their term of office as Trustees of this Charity, Mr EVANS proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that Mr Henry JEFFERIES and Mr Gilbert CLEAVES be appointed Trustees for the ensuing four years. **Unanimously.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Feb'y 27th 1905.

At a meeting of Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. BRICE.

Non-Payment of Rates

Assistant Overseer *[W.H. MARTIN]* reported that Mr R.V. SHERRING of Hallatrow had not paid his Rates for half year ending March 31st 1905.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that a summons against Mr R.V. SHERRING be applied for. **Unanimously.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Feb'y 27th 1905.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. CLEAVES.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Paths

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that a further sum of £5 be granted for repairing path to Paulton. **(Unan.)**

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr F. CARTER be asked to tidy up the sides of the path. **Unanimously.**

Allotments

Letter was read from 13 householders at Hallatrow, asking this council to provide them with allotments, averaging 20 perch.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to Mr J. CLARE, asking him if he is willing to let the present allotment to the Parish Council from March 25th next and on what terms.

Unanimously.

Precept £8

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that a precept for £8 be drawn on the Overseers. **Unanimously.**

Cheques £3. 5. 9, 4.19. 0, 1. 0. 0, 1. 9. 0

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr G. CLEAVES seconded, that the following 4 cheques be signed:-

£3. 5. 9 in favour of Greyfield Coll'y Co., £4.19/- in favour of Mr F. CARTER, hauling 66 tons @ 1/6 per ton, £1 in favour of Mr FREE, Water rent, £1. 9. 0 in favour of W.H. MARTIN.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 28th 1905.

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Mr H. POLLETT and 6 electors.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Parish Accounts

These accounts were read.

Mr C.A. KEMBLE proposed and Rev. A.M. FOSTER seconded, that accounts, as read, be adopted. **Carried**.

Mary JONES' Charity

The Accounts relating to this charity were presented.

Guardian's Report

Mr C.A. KEMBLE, as Guardian, read the list of recipients of Parish relief.

After a little discussion, Mr EVANS proposed and Mr G. CLEAVES seconded, that Mr KEMBLE be thanked for the way in which he had carried out his duties. **Unanimously**.

Mr KEMBLE proposed and Mr DOWLING seconded a vote of thanks to Mr POLLETT for presiding. **Unanimously**.

Meeting then terminated.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 18th 1905.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the above date, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr W. BRICE.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be the chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr W. BRICE be Vice chairman for the ensuing year.

Overseers

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that the four Overseers, Messrs POLLETT, EVANS, CLARE & G. BRICE, be re-elected. **Unan'y**.

Allotments

There being no reply from Mr CLARE, Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to Mr H. WYATT, stating that the council had written to Mr CLARE, asking if he was willing to let the present allotment to the Parish Council from Mar. 25th 1905 & on what terms, that no reply had been received from him but that council will endeavour to procure other land for the purpose. **Unan'y**.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 5th 1905.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS.

Rate 2/- in the £

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that the Rate for half year ending Sept. 30th be 2/- in the £. **Carried**.

Mr R.V. SHERRING, cottage

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that the other cottage belonging to this gentleman be rated at £5 gross. **Carried**.

Bloomfield, Hallatrow

These buildings having been sold to two owners, Mr POLLETT proposes and Mr EVANS seconds, that Mr BLACKER's 3 cottages be rated @ £3.10/- gross, that Mr Henry ROGERS' 3 cottages be rated as at present, £3.10/- gross.

Mr W.J. HEAL, shop let to Mr T. WALTERS

Mr W.J. HEAL having built a new house on his land, Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that it be rated at £10 gross. **Carried**.

Supplemental Valuation List was made out and signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 25th 1905.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr J. CLARE, Mr G. BRICE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Overseers to Rate Owners of small hereditaments

Communication having been received from the Parish Council, to the effect that they had adopted Sect. 3 & 4 of the Poor Rate Assessment and Collection Act 1869, Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr G. BRICE seconded, that Sects. 3 & 4, as adopted by Parish Council, be carried out. **Unanimously.**

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr CLARE seconded, that owners, who have already compounded, be asked to fill up another form dated May 25 1905 and that their signatures be duly witnessed. **Unanimously.**

Re R.V. SHERRING

Letter having been read from Mr DAVY, to the effect that Justices had consented to state a case and that Rate books etc. produced in court be forwarded, Mr CLARE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Rate Books etc., as requested, be forwarded. **Unanimously.**

Advice

Mr CLARE proposed and Mr Geo. BRICE seconded, that advice be asked from Messrs REES-MOGG & DAVY, respecting sale of clock seized for Rates & also as to letter re Stating of Case by Justices. **Unan'y.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 25th 1905.

At the Parish Council Meeting held on the above date, duly convened, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr W. BRICE, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr S. PAYNE, Mr J. CLARE.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed.**

Overseers to Rate Owners

Proposed by Mr G. CLEAVES, seconded by Mr W. BRICE, that, under Section 4 of the Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1869, all owners of hereditaments, of £8 or under Rateable Value, be assessed to the Poor Rate and that 15% be allowed off the Rate by the Overseers and that, if the owner of one or more such rateable hereditaments shall give notice to the Overseers in writing that he is willing to be rated for any term, not being less than one year, in respect of all such rateable hereditaments of which he is the owner, whether the same be occupied or not, the Overseers shall rate such owner accordingly and allow to him a further abatement or deduction, not exceeding 15%, from the amount of the rate during the time he is so rated. **Unanimously.**

Allotments

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that a letter be written to Earl TEMPLE's agent, stating that application has been made by 13 inhabitants of Hallatrow, asking for allotments of, in all, 2 acres, and to know if he is willing to let any land for the purpose. **Unanimously.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 30th 1905.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr J. CLARE, Mr G. BRICE.

Letter was read from Mr DAVY re Non-payment of Rates by Mr SHERRING.

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr DAVY's advice be followed. **Unanimously.**

Sale of clock of R.V. SHERRING

It was proposed by Mr CLARE and seconded by Mr EVANS, acting on advice of Mr DAVY, that the Overseers ask Mr SHERRING to take the clock back, seized for Rates, pending the decision of the King's Bench & that notice to that effect, signed by the Overseers, be given him.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

July 18th 1905.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Voters' Lists

Lists of Voters were examined.

Mr POLLETT proposed & Mr EVANS seconded, that Lists be printed. **Carried.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

July 18th 1905.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr W. BRICE, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. CLEAVES.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Allotments

Letter was read from Earl TEMPLE's agent, stating that, if a rough sketch or the title number of a suitable piece of land was sent, he would take the matter up & see if Earl TEMPLE would let it or not.

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr POLLETT be empowered to see Mr H. WYATT and ascertain if the piece of land near Farrington road would be acceptable to applicants for allotments, if terms could be arranged and, if so, clerk be instructed to write asking terms. **Unanimously.**

School Manager

Letter was read from Mr G.B. LANGLEY, resigning his position as school Manager.

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be school Manager in place of Mr LANGLEY. **Unanimously.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

October 6th 1905.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr J. CLARE.

Accounts

Several copies of accounts were signed, as well as Compounding Notes.

Warrant, R.V. SHERRING

Mr CLARE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr POLLETT and the Assistant Overseer *[W.H. MARTIN]* do hire a conveyance and execute warrant on Mr R.V. SHERRING as soon as possible.

Unanimously.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT.

October 6th 1905.

At the Parish Council *[Meeting]*, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr J. CLARE, Mr T. EVANS, Mr S. PAYNE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Allotments

Mr POLLETT reported that he had seen Mr H. WYATT re Land on Farrington Road and that the applicants were not agreeable to hiring this piece, but that only two pieces, part of Home Ground or part of plough ground opposite White Cross would be accepted.

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that a letter be written to Earl TEMPLE's agent, stating that the only piece of land suitable for allotments would be part of No. 69 on Ord(i)nance Survey Map and asking if he is willing to let it to Parish Council and on what terms. **Unanimously.**

Water Supply

In answer to a letter from clerk of R.D.C., stating that about 30 hydrants at a cost of £75, together with cost of copper standpipes, rubber hose etc., would be required in the Parish, if the Council desired hydrants to be fixed to the Water Mains, Mr CLARE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that no hydrants are required and that clerk write to that effect. **Unanimously.**

Trustee Mary JONES' Charity

Letter was read from Mr JEFFERIES, tendering his resignation as Trustee.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that Mr John HAYES be appointed Trustee in Mr JEFFERIES' stead for the remainder of his term of office, three years. **Unanimously.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 19th 1906.

At the Parish Council *[meeting]*, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr J. CLARE, Mr T. EVANS, Mr W. BRICE, Mr S. PAYNE, Mr G. CLEAVES.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed.**

Rotcombe Sewer

Mr C. POW of Rotcombe Farm complained to the Council that his cows had been drinking the water from this sewer and that, owing to this, his goods were damaged and he had lost his contract for milk & butter.

Complaint of stench arising therefrom was made by a resident at Rotcombe.

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that letter be written to the R.D.C., stating that complaints of the state of Rotcombe sewer have been received from the residents of Rotcombe and also from the farmer, Mr C. POW, whose goods are damaged & that this council is of opinion that the sewer is detrimental to the health of the village and that the last two epidemics probably arose from it, and asking R.D.C. to remedy defects. **Unanimously.**

Allotments

Letter was read from the agent of the Earl TEMPLE, to the effect that land known as Grindstone, 1 ac. 3 rds. 22 per., could be let to the Council at a cost of £2 per acre.

Mr POLLETT reported that he had interviewed applicants and that they were prepared to hire.

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that letter be written to the agent of Earl TEMPLE, stating that council are willing to take piece of land at rate stated and asking for draft agreement. **Unanimously.**

Parish Pump

The Parish pump being out of order, Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that Mr Arthur SAUNDERS repair same. **Unanimously.**

Bridge over stream at Hallatrow

Complaint having been received that the state of the footbridge across stream between Hallatrow and Farrington Gurney was a public danger, Mr BRICE proposed and Mr G. CLEAVES seconded, that Mr POLLETT and Mr CLARE constitute a committee to view same, and obtain estimate as to cost of repairs & carry out work.

Precept for £3. 0. 0

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr PAYNE seconded that a precept for £3 be drawn on Overseers. **Unanimously.**

[Cheques] £1. 0. 0, £1.10. 9

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that cheque be drawn in favour of Mr FREE for £1 (water rent to March 31st 1906). **Unan.**

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that cheque for £1.10. 9 be drawn in favour of W.H. MARTIN.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 27th 1906.

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Mr H. POLLETT and 7 electors.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Parish Accounts

These accounts were read.

Mr C.A. KEMBLE proposed and Rev. A.M. FOSTER seconded, that a/cs, as read, be adopted. **Carried.**

Mary JONES' Charity

Vicar read accounts of this charity.

Some little discussion arose, as to terms of bequest and manner of administering same but no resolution was proposed.

Guardian's Report

Mr KEMBLE read Guardian's Report [&] List of recipients of Parish relief.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr KEMBLE be thanked for the way in which he had carried out his duties. **Carried.**

Mr KEMBLE proposed and Mr HAYES seconded a vote of thanks to Mr POLLETT for presiding. **Carried.**

Meeting then terminated.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 18th 1906.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr W. BRICE, Mr J. CLARE, Mr T. EVANS, Mr S. PAYNE, Mr G. CLEAVES.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Provisional Chairman

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that the clerk [*W.H. MARTIN*] be provisional chairman. **Unanimously.**

Chairman

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year. **Unanimously.**

Vice Chairman

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr W. BRICE be vice chairman for the ensuing year. **Unanimously.**

Overseers

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that the four Overseers, Mr POLLETT, Mr CLARE, Mr EVANS and Mr G. BRICE, be re-elected. **Unanimously.**

Water Supply

Letter was read from the R.D.C., giving formal notice that plans had been adopted for providing the parish with a public Water Supply. Letter was acknowledged.

Letter was read from the Clerk of R.D.C., asking for date of Council Meeting at which it was decided that fire hydrants were not necessary for the parish. Answer was made giving date.

Letter was read from Mr A.E. FREE, asking if council was prepared to extend the lease of the water for another period of 7 years.

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that a letter be written to Mr FREE, to the effect that council are not inclined to extend the agreement for another 7 years. **Unanimously.**

Bridge over stream at Hallatrow, Cheque £3. 5. 0

Mr POLLETT reported that estimate for putting rails to this bridge was £3. 5/- and that work was satisfactorily completed.

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr PAYNE seconded, that cheque for £3. 5/- be drawn in favour of Mr E.J. HAYES. **Unanimously.**

Mr CLARE reported that Mr BLANNING complained that rails to bridge mentioned above were likely to cause injury to cattle and that he had erected a stile at a cost of 11/-, bill for which he forwarded to council for payment.

Mr PAYNE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that account from Mr BLANNING be not paid. **Unanimously.**

Rotcombe Sewer

Letter was read from the clerk of the R.D.C., asking if letter of this council dated March 20th meant sewer or tank.

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that letter be written to the R.D.C., to the effect that this council considers that nuisance arises from the tank not being cleaned out and, as a consequence, overflow is a nuisance, and drawing attention of R.D.C. to their letter of April 12th 1900, which states that they propose to extend sewer a further distance of about 300 yards, and complaining that this extension has not been finished. **Unanimously.**

Letters complaining of the nuisance arising from Rotcombe Sewer were read from Col. SCOBELL and the residents of Rotcombe.

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that letters be acknowledged and forwarded to the R.D.C. **Unanimously.**

Precept for £5

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that a precept for £5 be drawn on Overseers. **Unanimously.**

Polling Station in Parish

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that clerk be instructed to obtain information as to number of votes required in order to get a polling station in the parish, and mode of procedure. **Unanimously.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 30th 1906.

At the Parish Council Meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr S. PAYNE, Mr G. CLEAVES.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Bridge over stream at Hallatrow

Mr POLLETT reported that he had seen Mr BLANNING re bill forwarded to council, and that he was satisfied that council could not pay bills incurred by private persons.

Allotments

Letter containing draft agreement was read from the agent of Earl TEMPLE; after some discussion, Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that agreement, subject to alterations including £5 to Mr WILTSHIRE for manorial rights, be accepted.

Polling Station

Letter was read from Mr A.K. SIMPSON in answer to question re Polling Station.

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, "That the County Council be respectfully requested to provide a separate polling station for High Littleton, as, in the opinion of this council, the distance, in some cases four miles, is too great for persons to go to record their votes. The number of voters in H. Littleton is 166 and there are about 100 on the Clutton and Farmborough registers, who would probably take advantage of a polling station at High Littleton."

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that a copy of the above resolution be sent to W.H.B. HOPE Esq., M.P. and to Sir Edward STRACHEY, M.P. and asking them to support it.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

October 25th 1906.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr J. CLARE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Allotments

Letter was read from Mr Hugh WELSH, agent to Lord TEMPLE, enclosing Draft Agreement to be signed.

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr CLARE seconded, that lease be signed. **Carried** unanimously.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, That a Notice be posted at Hallatrow, stating that the Parish Council are prepared to accept applications for allotments and that particulars can be obtained from W.H. MARTIN, clerk to the council.

Mary JONES' Charity

Messrs POLLETT & W. BRICE having served their term of office as Trustees of this charity, Mr CLARE proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that they be re-elected. **Unanimously**.

The Trustees now are Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr HAYES, Mr POLLETT & Mr BRICE.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

January 14th 1907.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr J. CLARE, T. EVANS, G.B. CLEAVES, S. PAYNE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Allotments

There being only two applicants for allotment ground, Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr G. CLEAVES seconded, that a letter be written to H. WELSH Esq., Earl TEMPLE's Agent, stating that council cannot take the land for allotments as they have only received two bona fide applications for same, which shows that those who seemed so anxious to obtain allotments do not now require them. The council would also like to add that their chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, has had a consultation with the tenant, Mr WILTSHIRE, who has expressed his willingness to keep on the land, in fact he has commenced ploughing it and getting it ready for planting. The council very much regret having given the agent so much trouble but trusts he will allow the matter to fall through.

Unanimously.

Paths

Complaint having been received as to the state of the path leading to Paulton, Mr EVANS proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that a letter be written to the R.D.C., stating that the drain in Langford's Lane, which should take off the overflow of a pond in a field called the Mead, in the occupation of Mr S.J. BODY, is blocked and water flows into a field called Long Ground and does considerable damage to the path, which has been continually repaired by the Parish Council, and asking them to take steps to abate the nuisance. **Unanimously.**

Polling Station

Letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council in answer to an application for a Polling Station at High Littleton, asking for further information.

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed that clerk purchase the required 6" Ord(i)nance Survey Map at a price not exceeding ten shillings. Mr EVANS seconded. **Unan.**

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, That a letter be written to Farmborough Parish Council, asking for observations on the proposal.

Parish Pump

The Parish Pump being out of order, Mr CLARE proposed and S. PAYNE seconded, That Mr T. EVANS get someone to mend it. **Unan.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

February 27th 1907.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Mr J. CLARE, G. CLEAVES, S. PAYNE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Allotments

Letter was read from Mr H. WELSH, agent of Earl TEMPLE, agreeing to let the matter of allotments fall through.

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that a letter be written to Mr WELSH, thanking him for his courtesy in the matter. **Unan.**

Paths

Letter was read from the clerk to the R.D.C., stating that drain in Langford's Lane was repaired.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr CLARE seconded, that Mr T. EVANS & Mr S. PAYNE constitute a sub-committee to see that R.D.C. have done their work satisfactorily. **Unan.**

Polling Station

Letter was read from the Farmborough Council, to the effect that they quite agree that a polling station is required at High Littleton.

Parish Pump

Still under repair.

Cheques £1 & £1. 6/-

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr PAYNE seconded, that cheques in favour of Mr A.E. FREE £1 (water rent) & Mr W.H. MARTIN £1. 6/- (printer etc.) be signed.

£1 precept

Mr CLEAVES proposed, Mr EVANS seconded, that a precept for £1 be drawn on Overseers.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 4th 1907.

At the Parish Meeting held this day for the election of the parish council, and convened by the Local Government Board, there were present:

Mr H. POLLETT and 36 electors.

The following nominations were handed in:

Mr J. CLARE
Mr G.B. CLEAVES
Mr T. EVANS
Mr A. ELFORD
Mr H. POLLETT
Mr T. JAMES
Mr W. SAGE
Mr H. WYATT
Mr T. DOWLING

Mr DOWLING having withdrawn and Mr POLLETT being nominated, Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr T. CURTIS seconded, that Mr BRICE take the chair. **Unanimously**

Mr BRICE having taken the chair and the time having expired, the following votes were taken:

Mr CLARE	5
Mr CLEAVES	30
Mr T. EVANS	30
Mr A. ELFORD	29
Mr H. POLLETT	22
Mr T. JAMES	27
Mr W. SAGE	9
Mr H. WYATT	27

No poll being demanded, the chairman declared Mr CLEAVES, Mr EVANS, Mr ELFORD, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. JAMES & Mr H. WYATT to be duly **elected**.

[Unsigned] Chairman.

March 4th 1907

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Mr H. POLLETT and 36 electors.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Parish Accounts

These accounts were read.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr DOWLING seconded, that accounts, as read, be adopted. **Unanimously.**

Mary JONES' Charity

The Vicar read a/cs of this charity.

Mr KEMBLE proposed & Mr CLEAVES seconded, that a/cs, as read, be adopted.

Guardian's Report

Mr KEMBLE read list of recipients of Parish relief.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BODY seconded, that a vote of thanks be given to Mr KEMBLE for the manner in which he had carried out his duties. **Carried.**

Vote of thanks to Chairman closed the meeting.
[Signed] Ambrose M. FOSTER, Chairman.

March 25th [1907].

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:
Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr W. BRICE, [Mr J. CLARE's name struck through].
Minutes of previous meeting were read & **confirmed**.

Allotments

As the allotments were in danger of being taken from some of the parish[i]oners, Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that a letter be written to Messrs GOULD & SWAYNE, the solicitors of Mrs GREENHILL, asking if allotments could be re-taken by old tenants &, if not, stating that Parish Council would be quite willing to take them. **Unan.**

1s./1d.

Mr CLEAVES proposed & Mr BRICE seconded, that a cheque for 1s./1d., for Register of Voters, be signed. **Unan.**

Paths

Path from Still Ground to Long Ground - The bridge between these fields being out of repair, Mr BRICE proposed & Mr POLLETT seconded, that Mr EVANS & Mr CLEAVES form a committee to see that bridge be repaired.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 15th 1907.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr A. ELFORD, Mr T. JAMES, Mr H. WYATT,

Provisional Chairman

Members having signed their declarations, Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that the clerk [W.H. MARTIN] be provisional chairman.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year. **Unan'y.**

Vice Chairman

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that Mr T. EVANS be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. **Unan'y.**

Overseers

Mr POLLETT proposed & Mr WYATT seconded, that Mr J. CLARE be an Overseer. **Unan.**

Mr EVANS proposed & Mr CLEAVES seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be an Overseer. **Unan.**

Mr POLLETT proposed & Mr T. JAMES seconded, that Mr T. EVANS be an Overseer. **Unan'y.**

Mr T. EVANS proposed & Mr H. WYATT seconded, that Mr Geo. BRICE be an Overseer. **Unanimously.**

Overseers are therefore Mr H. POLLETT, Mr J. CLARE, Mr T. EVANS & Mr Geo. BRICE.

School Manager

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be school manager. **Unan.**

Allotments

Letter was read from Messrs GOULD & SWAYNE, to the effect that the agent, Mr S. BODY, was arranging with the old tenants.

Paths

Mr CLEAVES reported that sub-committee had received 2 tenders for the repair of bridge at the bottom of Long-ground and that Mr DURBIN was doing the work.

After discussion re path to Paulton, Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that Mr T. EVANS and Mr JAMES constitute a sub-committee to examine path and to get ashes if required. **Unan.**

Path at Hallatrow

Mr WYATT reported that complaints had been made as to safety of a footbridge over a brook between the property of Mr CLARE & Mrs FENTON.

Mr ELFORD proposed that a letter, drawing attention to the state of this bridge, be written to the owners. There being no seconder, this proposition fell thro'. Mr G. CLEAVES proposed & Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr POLLETT & Mr WYATT constitute a sub-committee to carry out the work. **Unan.**

Polling Station

Mr ELFORD proposed & Mr CLEAVES seconded, that the clerk be empowered to buy the required maps.
Unan.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 2nd 1907.

At the Parish Council Meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Vice Chairman, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr T. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Paths

Sub-Committee, Mr H. POLLETT and Mr H. WYATT, reported that they had a specification from Mr E. J. HAYES, for mending bridge leading over brook between Hallatrow & Farrington Gurney, for £3. 8. 0 and that work was proceeding.

New Road, Clutton, taking over by District Council

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed & Mr EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to the District Councillor for the Parish (Mr C.A. KEMBLE), to the effect that the members of this council, having been requested by a large number of Ratepayers & Parishioners, ask him to support the resolution to be brought forward by Mr BULL, Clutton, for the taking over of the New Road between High Littleton and Clutton and think it a necessary acquisition for the inhabitants and public generally &, at the same time, would respectfully point out to the District Council a resolution passed by the Parish Council on Feb. 22nd 1904, stating that they were grieved to think that the R.D.C. had been unable to come to terms with Lord WARWICK for the taking over of this road.

Unanimously.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

June 20th 1907.

At the Parish Council Meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Vice Chairman, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr H. WYATT, Mr T. JAMES, Mr A. ELFORD.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Polling Station

Clerk having purchased map as requested, Mr EVANS proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that a letter be written to the clerk of the County Council, apologizing [*apologising*] for delay and enclosing map and remarks of Farmborough Council. **Unanimously.**

Parish Pump

It being reported that Waterworks contractor had been using water for testing purposes, contrary to agreement, Mr EVANS proposed and Mr WYATT seconded, that a letter be written to the contractor, drawing his attention to the fact that he has no right to use the Parish Pump to obtain water for the purpose of testing pipes, without having obtained the sanction of the council. **Unanimously.**

£5 precept

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that a precept for £5 be drawn on Overseers. **Unan.**

Bill £3. 8. 0, 10. 0

Proposed by Mr EVANS & seconded by Mr WYATT, that cheque for £3. 8. 0 in favour of E.J. HAYES & one for 10/- in favour of A. DURBIN, be drawn.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

December 10th 1907.

At the Parish Council Meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Vice chairman, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr H. WYATT, Mr T. JAMES, Mr A. ELFORD.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Polling Station

Letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council, to the effect that application was to be placed before the General Purposes Committee.

Parish Pump

Sub-Committee reported that pump had been repaired but that it did not work satisfactorily.

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, "That clerk write to Mr SMITH, asking him if it is possible to repair the pump." **Unanimously.**

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, "That council give Mr A.E. FREE 12 months notice, from March next, to terminate contract re lease of water."

Paths

Complaints having been received of thorns overhanging paths, Mr H. WYATT proposed and Mr JAMES seconded, That letter be written to Mr A. COX, asking him to cut back hedge in path leading from Stephen's Hill to Greyfield. **Unanimously.**

Path to Paulton

Mr T. EVANS reported that drain across Langford's Lane was finished.

Mr T. JAMES proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that path leading to Paulton be repaired. **Unanimously.**

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that a Committee, consisting of Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. CLEAVES and Mr T. JAMES, be formed to carry out the work. **Unanimously.**

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that Paths Committee do not spend more than £12.

Unanimously.

Small Holdings and Allotment Act, 1907

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, That notice be printed and posted throughout the Parish, stating that applications under this Act would be received by the Council. **Unanimously.**

Cheque 8/6

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr JAMES seconded, that a cheque for 8/6 be drawn in favour of Mr J.S. DURY (Returning Officer). **Unanimously.**

[Signed] Tho's EVANS, Chairman.

February 6th 1908.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr Thomas EVANS, Vice chairman, Mr Thomas JAMES, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr H. WYATT, Mr A. ELFORD.

Mr EVANS proposed a vote of sympathy be passed to the Chairman (Mr H. POLLETT) in his illness. (**Unan.**)

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Allotments

Owing to allotments being taken away from holders in December, Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. ELFORD seconded "That a letter be written to the Agent (Messrs GOULD & SWAYNE), asking if he is willing to let to this council and, if for sale, would he inform council if public or private sale and any other particulars of the same." **Unanimously.**

Several applications for allotments at Hallatrow having been handed in, Mr H. WYATT proposed and Mr A. ELFORD seconded, that a letter be written to Mr J. CLARE, asking him if he was agreeable to let Quaker's Ground to this council. **Unanimously.**

Paths

Mr EVANS reported that, owing to bad weather, nothing had been done in this matter.

[Signed] Tho's EVANS, Chairman.

March 16th 1908.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr Thomas EVANS (Vice Chairman), Mr Thomas JAMES, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr H. WYATT, Mr A. ELFORD.

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr G. CLEAVES seconded a vote of sympathy to the Chairman (Mr H. POLLETT) in his continued illness.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Allotments

Letter was read from Messrs GOULD & SWAYNE, to the effect that the old allotment ground was to be sold for building purposes.

Mr J. CLARE sent no answer. After discussion it was decided to wait until after March 31st and that clerk interview Mr CLARE.

Letter was read from the Clutton Parish Council, asking this council to request their District Councillor to support the motion for the taking over of the New Road.

Mr T. JAMES proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that Mr T. EVANS & Mr G. CLEAVES interview the District Councillor (Mr C.A. KEMBLE) on the subject.

[Cheques] £1, 12/4

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that cheques for £1 in favour of Mr A.E. FREE for water rent & one for 12/4 for repairs to Parish Pump, in favour of Mr A. SMITH, be drawn. **Unan.**

£2 precept, Cheque £1.18. 7

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that a precept for £2 be drawn on the Overseers and a cheque for £1.18. 7 in favour of W.H. MARTIN. **Unanimously.**

Paths

Mr EVANS reported that, as the weather was finer, Committee were attending to this matter.
[Signed] Tho's EVANS, Chairman.

March 31st 1908.

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present 20 electors.

The Chairman of the Council being absent ill, Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that Rev. A.M. FOSTER take the chair. **Unanimously.**

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Parish Accounts

Clerk read Overseers' & Parish Council Accounts.

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. EVANS [*seconded*], that accounts, as read, be adopted. **Unanimously.**

Mary JONES' Charity

Vicar read Account of Mary JONES' Charity.

Mr G. BRICE proposed and Mr CRANK seconded, that account, as read, be adopted. **Unanimously.**

Guardian's Report

The Guardian, C.A. KEMBLE Esq., being absent through illness, Clerk read the report.

After some discussion, Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. JAMES seconded, "That Guardian be requested to furnish a list of names of those sons who contribute to the support of their parents, together with the amounts."

Unanimously.

Road dirt

Some discussion arose as to scraping of roads and leaving deposit under people's doorways, but no resolution was proposed.

New Road to Clutton

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that the Guardian be requested to further, by any means in his power, the taking over by the District Council of the New Road to Clutton.

Allotments

Some discussion arose but meeting was satisfied that everything had been done that could be done.

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded a vote of thanks to the chairman.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 15th 1908.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the above date, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Mr Thomas EVANS, Vice Chairman, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr A. ELFORD, Mr T. JAMES, Mr H. WYATT,
Provisional Chairman

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that the clerk [*W.H. MARTIN*] be provisional Chairman.
Unan.

Chairman

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year.
Unanimously.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Vice Chairman

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that Mr T. EVANS be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. **Unan'y.**

Overseers

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that the present Overseers, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. BRICE and Mr J. CLARE, be re-appointed. **Unan'y.**

Allotments

Owing to the several owners of the High Littleton Field Gardens being willing to let privately, there is now no need of allotments.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. JAMES seconded, that Mr T. EVANS & Mr H. WYATT, together with the clerk, interview Mr CLARE re Allotments at Hallatrow. **Unan.**

Precept £12

Mr ELFORD proposed & Mr T. JAMES seconded, that precept for £12 be drawn on the Overseers. **Unan'y.**

Cheques for £1. 4. 9, 3. 6. 0, 3. 8. 6

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that the following cheques be signed:

In favour of Greyfield Coll'y Co. £1. 4. 9, for 33 tons of ashes @ 9d. per load.

In favour of Alfred BOWDITCH, 22 cartloads of stone @ 3/- per load, £3. 6. 0.

In favour of Fred'k CARTER, hauling ashes, £3. 8. 6. **Unan'y.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 1st 1908.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. BRICE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Assessment

Mr F. BLINMAN having taken over some land from Mr J. MELHUIISH, it was **agreed** that land be assessed at £35 & that remainder, which is in occupation of Mr W. MELHUIISH, be assessed at - house £26.10/-, Land 6 ac. £15.

Field Gardens

The Field gardens having been sold for building sites & allotments, the following figures were **agreed** to:

1.	58 per.	Mr J. JAMES	£1. 5. 0
2.	73 do.	Mr W. SAGE	1.10. 0
3.	143 do.	CARTER Bros.	3. 0. 0
4.	87 do.	EVANS Thos.	1. 5. 0
5.	21	FREE A.E.	10. 0
6.	57	STACEY F.	1. 0. 0
7.	85	CURTIS E.	1. 5. 0
8.	29	W. DIX	15. 0
9.	67	HEMMINGS	1.10. 0

Greyfield Freeshare

The freeshare on the pit being returned Nil.

The foregoing items were entered on a Supplemental Valuation List & signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

July 30th 1908.

At the Parish Council [*Meeting*], duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr Henry POLLETT, Chairman, Mr Tho's EVANS, Vice Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr T. JAMES, Mr H. WYATT.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Allotments

The sub-committee, Mr T. EVANS and Mr H. WYATT, being unsuccessful with Mr CLARE, Mr WYATT proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that letters be written to Mrs FENTON and Mr COSSHAM, asking if they have any land suitable for allotments and if they would be willing to let about 3 acres. **Unan'y.**

Water Supply

Letter was read from Farmborough Parish Council, asking this Council to appoint two of its number to meet the Parish Councillors of the 3 other parishes served by the reservoir on the Slate Farm.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed that two members be appointed to meet the other councillors and to hear their views; seconded by Mr T. EVANS.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. JAMES seconded, that a letter be written to Farmborough Parish Council, stating that this council thinks it is worse than useless to try to interfere with the arrangements of the District Council, as the scheme has been sanctioned by the Local Government Board and the work completed and they cannot appoint anyone as deputy to attend the proposed meeting.

The amendment being put, Messrs JAMES & POLLETT voted for it. The original proposition was declared **carried**.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr WYATT seconded, that Mr EVANS be one of the members appointed to meet the other councillors. **Unan.**

Mr T. EVANS proposed and T. JAMES seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be the other. **Unan'y.**

Proposed Drain at Southover

Letter and plan of proposed sewer at Batch were received from the R.D.C. for remarks of council.

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that letter be written to R.D.C., to the effect that the proposed scheme is quite unnecessary if the existing drain is repaired. **Unan'y.**

Polling Station

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, That letter be written to County Council, calling their attention to a letter acknowledging plans and asking them to push the business forward as early as possible. **Unan'y.**

Paths

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr EVANS seconds, that letter be written to Paulton P.C., asking them to carry out work to bridge.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

September 28th 1908.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G. BRICE, Mr T. EVANS.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

A part of the field called Broad Bars having been sold and bought by six different persons, it was unanimously **agreed** that each should be assessed at £1 gross.

Mr EVANS proposed & Mr BRICE seconded, that Mr BODY's assessment be now £120. 9. 6. **Unan.**

Mr BRICE having erected two new houses on his plot of land No. 218a., Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that the houses be rated at £8 gross each.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

September 28th 1908.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Vice chairman, Mr A. ELFORD, Mr H. WYATT, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr T. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Allotments

Letter was read from S.G.C. COSSHAM Esq., to the effect that Mr J. CLARE would let council know what land he rented from Mr COSSHAM's clients.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to Mr COSSHAM, stating that the field opposite White Cross and facing Green Lane is suitable for a field garden and that Council would be willing to rent it. **Unan'y.**

Water Supply

Mr EVANS & Mr CLEAVES, the two members deputed to meet the representatives of Parishes supplied by the Slate reservoir, reported that they had received no notice of a meeting.

Polling Station

Letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council, to the effect that application for a Polling Station at High Littleton was refused.

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that a letter be written to the County Council, acknowledging their letter and regretting that they were unable to accede to the request and asking for the return of maps. **Unan'y.**

Post Office at Hallatrow

Letter was read from the Postmaster of Bristol, stating that Sub-Postmistress of Hallatrow [*Celia BROOKS*] had made an application to close her office at 2.0 p.m. on Thursdays.

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr T. JAMES seconded, that letter be acknowledged and stating that the council cannot recommend the closing of Hallatrow Post Office at 2 p.m. on Thursdays, in view of the inadequate delivery at present and asking for an extension of the Evening delivery to the whole of the village. **Unan'y.**

Special Rate, £5

The Overseers made a suggestion that Parish Council pay the Assistant Overseer £5 for making and collecting Special Water Rate.

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr WYATT seconded, that suggestion of Overseers be carried out. **Unan'y.**

Paths, £2. 1. 3

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that cheque for £2. 1. 3 be drawn in favour of E. CURTIS, for spreading cinders and stones, 110 hours @ 4½d. per hour. **Unan'y.**

Bridge, Paulton

Letter was read from Paulton Parish Council re Bridge over Brook.

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that a letter be written to the Paulton Parish [*Council*], to the effect that the members of this council are surprised to know that the cost of repairing the bridge would be £7.15. 0 for part of the work and, before giving sanction to the outlay, they think it necessary that specifications should be sent to them, showing the amount of work to be done and, in any case, they see no reason why they should depart from the precedent of paying half the cost. **Unan'y.**

Mr WYATT reported that path near Mr CLARE's at Hallatrow was in a very bad state.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr POLLETT and Mr WYATT constitute a sub-committee to examine path and see to repairing it. **Unan'y.**

Rotcombe Sewer

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that a letter, complaining of the state of the drain leading into the cesspool, should be written to the R.D.C. and asking that matter should have immediate attention.

Unan'y.

Mary JONES' Charity

Mr HAYES and Mr CLEAVES having served their term of office as Trustees of this charity, Mr EVANS proposed and Mr T. JAMES seconded, that Mr CLEAVES be re-elected and that Mr H. WYATT take the place of Mr HAYES. **Unan'y.**

The Trustees now are: Mr POLLETT, Mr BRICE, Mr CLEAVES and Mr H. WYATT.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Oct. 28th 1908.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr Geo. BRICE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Poor Rate, Special Exs. Rate

Mr H. POLLETT moved & Mr T. EVANS seconded, that Poor Rate be 2/- in the £ and that Special Exs. Rate be 1/- in the £. **Unan'y.**

Grant to Ass't Overseer

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr G. BRICE seconded, that Parish Council be asked to grant £5 to Ass't Overseer [W.H. MARTIN] for making & collecting Spl. Exs. Rate. **Unan'y.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Oct. 28th 1908.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Vice chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr T. JAMES, Mr H. WYATT.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Allotments

Letter was read from Mr S.G.C. COSSHAM, to the effect that piece of land mentioned was let to Mr Joshua CLARE and that neither he or the landlord would be willing to let it for a Field Garden, unless the Council have compulsory power to take it.

Polling Station

Acknowledg[em]ent, together with maps, was received from Clerk to the County Council.

Post Office

Letter was read from the Post master of Bristol, to the effect that the closing of Hallatrow Post Office on Thursday afternoons and the opening of the offices at High Littleton and Hallatrow from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. would not effect [affect] the mails and that extension of the evening delivery at High Littleton could not be granted at present but that letters for Rotcombe etc. would be left by the postman at High Littleton Post Office, where they may be called for up to 8.0 p.m.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that a letter be written to the Postmaster, stating that this council have no objection to either of the proposals, always providing that the delivery of the letters is not interfered with. **Unan'y.**

Rotcombe Sewer

Letter was read from the R.D.C., to the effect that this council's letter had been read and the Inspector directed to report thereon.

Paulton Bridge

Letter was read from the Paulton Parish Council, enclosing specification.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that letter be written to Paulton Parish Council, stating that the High Littleton Council had inspected the bridge and had come to the conclusion that it is out of the question to think of renovating it until the trees near have been removed. **Unan'y.**

The specification was returned.

Special Rate, £5

The Overseers suggested that this council pay the Assistant Overseer £5 for making and collecting Special Expenses Rate.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that the suggestion of the Overseers be carried out. **(Unan'y).**

Sub-Committee (Paths) reported that path through fields to Paulton was now thoroughly repaired.

Cheques 5/3, 15/-, 8/-, 4/-, Path leading to Paulton

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that cheque for 5/3 be drawn in favor of J. FORD, 3 loads of broken stone @ 1/9 = 5/3, path at Hallatrow. (**Unan.**)

H. WYATT proposed and T. JAMES seconded, that cheque for 15/- be drawn in favour of H. PERRY, 40 hrs. labour @ 4½d. = 15/-.

H. POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that cheque for 8/- (hauling 4 loads of ashes) be drawn in favour of A. BOWDITCH. **Unan.**

H. POLLETT proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that cheque for 4/- (4 loads of ashes) be drawn in favour of the Greyfield Coll'y Co. **Unan.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

December 7th 1908.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Vice chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. WYATT, Mr T. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Ratcombe Sewer

Letter was read from the R.D.C., to the effect that this Sewer was repaired.

Paulton Bridge

Mr EVANS having reported that the tree on the Paulton side of the brook was going to be removed, Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to Messrs GOULD & SWAYNE, asking them to remove a tree, the roots of which are interfering with the buttresses of the bridge over the brook, in the path leading to Paulton. **Unan'y.**

Allotments Act

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Clerk purchase a copy of the Allotment Act, for the use of the Council. **Unan'y.**

Widening of road at Batch, High Littleton

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr T. JAMES seconded, that a letter be written to the County, to the effect that this council, having received complaints of the dangerous state of a corner at the Batch, High Littleton, respectfully request County Surveyor to take the necessary steps to remove the danger by widening the road. **Unan'y.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 18th 1909.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Vice Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. WYATT, Mr A.E. ELFORD.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Paulton Bridge

Letter was read from Paulton Council re Bridge over brook.

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that a letter be written to Paulton Parish Council, to the effect that this Council is awaiting a reply from Messrs GOULD & SWAYNE re removal of tree and, meanwhile, if their Council see fit to renovate Paulton side, this Council would deal with High Littleton side in due course. **Unan'y.**

Widening of road at Batch, High Littleton

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to the County Surveyor, to the effect that they had received no reply to a letter sent on Dec. 7th 1908, re widening of road, that they hope it will receive attention and also asking if it would be possible to make a footpath from the National School to the Wesleyan Chapel. **Unan'y.**

Closing of path at Hallatrow Station

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, That a letter be written to J.C. INGLIS Esq., General Manager, G.W.R. Paddington, stating that the Council strongly protests against the action of the G.W.R. Co. in obstructing the footpath, which crosses the line at Hallatrow, near the station and respectfully asks that the obstruction be at once removed and the exact facilities be returned to the public as heretofore and, further, the Council would wish to draw the attention of the Company to their correspondence dated Jan. 13th 1902 and Dec'r 22nd 1903, with reference to the erection of a footbridge over the said path, as they think it is quite expedient and necessary to consider the safety of the public, as the present arrangements for crossing the line are very unsatisfactory and dangerous. **Unan'y.**

Post Office, Bank Holidays

Letter was read from the Post Master of Bristol, asking if the Council had any objection to the Telegraph Office at High Littleton being closed on Bank Holidays.

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr WYATT seconded, that a letter be sent to the Post Master of Bristol, stating that this Council has no objection to the closing of the office on Bank Holidays. **Unan'y.**

Parish Pump

As the agreement with Mr A.E. FREE for the rent of water has been ended, it was proposed by Mr CLEAVES and seconded by Mr POLLETT, that Mr SMITH, plumber etc. of Timsbury, be asked to give a quotation price for pump and piping attached. **Unan'y.**

Wall round Parish Pump

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES and the Clerk interview Mr W. SAGE and Mr OSMAN and ascertain their several charges for building wall straight, as it was before the existence of the Parish Pump. **Unan'y.**

Mr ELFORD gave notice that at next meeting he would move a resolution re Numbering of houses in the village.

Cheque £1.17.10

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr G. CLEAVES seconded, that cheque for £1.17.10 be drawn [*in favour of W.H. MARTIN for*] Printer 15/10, Stamps 8/-, [*Fire & light*] 7 times @ 2/- = 14/-. **Unan'y.**

[*Signed*] Tho's EVANS, Chairman.

March 24th 1909.

The Annual Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT and 9 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Parish a/cs

The Parish Council a/cs were read.

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr PAYNE seconded, that a/cs, as read, be adopted. **Carried unan'y.**

After the Parish Council a/cs were read & passed, two late arrivals wished the a/cs to be read again, but the Chairman objected, as this was, in his opinion, out of order.

Special Rate

Mr BODY asked what amount had been paid to the Ass't Overseer for extra work in making and collecting a Special Rate.

Mary JONES' Charity

The a/cs of this charity were read by Mr G.B. CLEAVES, one of the Trustees, in the absence of the Chairman, the Vicar.

Mr BODY proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that a/cs, as read, be passed. **Unan'y.**

Mr BODY proposed & Mr PAYNE seconded, "That in future it shall be the duties of Trustees to consider the best way to administer this charity to the necessitous poor. **Carried.**

Guardian's Report

Mr S. PAYNE (Guardian & District Councillor) read his report.

After some discussion as to amounts granted as relief, Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that Mr A. FORD's name be brought forward to get extra relief to that already granted.

On being put to the meeting, 2 voted for & 0 against. Chairman declared proposition **carried.**

Mr H. POLLETT moved and Mr EVANS seconded a vote of thanks to Mr PAYNE for the way in which he had carried out his duties. **Carried.**

Water Supply

Mr BODY moved and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that, although no application had been made, water was required at Langford's Lane, and asking District Councillor to bring the matter forward. **Unan'y.**

New Road, Clutton

The probable taking over of this road by the District Council was discussed but no resolution was passed.

[*Signed*] William MELHUISH, Chairman.

April 19th 1909.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, the following were present:

Mr T. EVANS, Vice chairman, Mr A. ELFORD, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr T. JAMES, Mr H. WYATT,

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Provisional Chairman

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that Clerk [*W.H. MARTIN*] be provisional chairman.

Chairman

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year. **Unan'y.**

Vice Chairman

Mr T. JAMES proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that Mr T. EVANS be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. **Unan'y.**

Overseers

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that the four Overseers, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. BRICE and Mr J. CLARE, be re-appointed. **Unan'y.**

Assistant Overseer, Salary £31 per annum

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr T. JAMES seconded, that the Assistant Overseer [*W.H. MARTIN*] be re-appointed.

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr T. JAMES seconded, that the Assistant Overseer's salary be £31 per annum, as follows: £5 Parish Council, £26 Ass't Overseer.

Parish Pump

Letter was read from Mr A. SMITH, plumber, Timsbury, to the effect that he would be willing to build wall and leave all straight, on condition of receiving pump and fittings.

Mr CLEAVES reported that he & clerk had interviewed Mr W. SAGE and his answer was the same as Mr SMITH's.

Letter was read from Mr John G. OSMAN, offering to do necessary building and straightening and to give the Council £1, on condition of receiving pump and fittings.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that the landlord, Mr A.E. FREE, be offered the same terms as offered by Mr OSMAN. **Unan'y.**

Dangerous Corner at Batch

Letter was read from the County Surveyor, to the effect that a formal application and resolution of the Parish Council must be forwarded to the Clerk of the County Council before any steps could be taken in this matter.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, "That a letter be written to the Clerk of the County Council, making a formal application that the road at Batch, High Littleton be widened and also that a footpath be made from the National School to the Wesleyan Chapel." **Unan'y.**

Closing of path near Hallatrow Station

Letter was read from J.C. INGLIS Esq., General Manager, G.W.R., Paddington Station, to the effect that the question of the footbridge at Hallatrow Station is now under consideration and that a further communication would be sent as soon as possible.

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that a letter be written to the G.W.R. Co., pointing out that no reply had been given to the first part of their letter of Mar. 18th 1909. **Unan'y.**

Numbering of houses

No resolution.

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 10th 1909.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Vice Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr T. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Parish Pump

Letter was read from Mr FREE, declining to pay £1 for pump and fittings and informing Council that they must keep off his property.

Mr EVANS proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that a letter be written to Mr FREE, to the effect that, on further consideration, the Council were prepared to agree to his terms of March 29th, viz. that he take pump and fittings and relieve Council of all responsibility in the matter. **Unan'y.**

Path at Hallatrow

Letter was read from C. KISLINGBURY Esq. re this path.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that letter be sent to C. KISLINGBURY, to the effect that Council would send a deputation of two members to meet him at Hallatrow Station at 1 p.m. on Saturday May 15th 1909.

Mr JAMES proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT & Mr G.B. CLEAVES be the two members to meet Mr KISLINGBURY. **Unan'y.**

Numbering of houses

No resolution.

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

December 15th 1909.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:
Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Vice Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. ELFORD, Mr T. JAMES, Mr H. WYATT.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Postal Arrangements

Letter was read from T.H.R. WINWOOD Esq. of High Littleton house, re Sunday delivery of letters.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that this council, on the evidence given, do not think they are entitled to favour a Sunday delivery of letters. **Unanimously**.

Letter was read from the Postmaster of Bristol, to the effect that authorities propose that the Hallatrow Post Office be opened on Bank Holidays from 8.30 to 10.0 a.m. & from 3 to 3.30 p.m. in future.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. JAMES seconded, that Council have no objection to the alterations and think that the attendance from 3 to 3.30 might be dispensed with. **Unanimously**.

Recreation Ground

No resolution.

Path at Hallatrow

Mr POLLETT reported that the deputation met Mr GRIFFITHS, Mr KISLINGBURY's assistant, at Hallatrow on May 15th 1909 and he agreed to put a definite proposal before the council in due course.

Mr H. WYATT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that a letter be written to Mr KISLINGBURY, to the effect that the general public are making enquiries as to the stopping of the path & the Council now feel that the time has come for some definite scheme to be put forward as to the re-opening of the same. **Unan'y**.

Coombe Lane

Mr H. POLLETT reported that this lane is in a very bad state of repair.

Mr G. CLEAVES moved and Mr ELFORD seconded, that a sub-committee, consisting of Mr H. POLLETT and Mr H. WYATT, be appointed and empowered to spend a sum not exceeding £5.

Path in wood, Stephen's Hill

Mr H. WYATT reported that there was a very dangerous place in the path, in Stephen's Hill wood, leading to Greyfield Colliery.

Mr ELFORD moved and Mr T. JAMES seconded, that a letter be written to Mr A. COX, asking him if he could put up some rails as a protection. **Unan'y**.

Dangerous Corner at Batch

Letter was read from County Council, to the effect that council's letter of 19th April had been considered but that, as the Clutton R.D.C. were not willing to contribute to the cost of the improvements, the application could not be acceded to.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 9th 1910.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr T. EVANS, Vice Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. ELFORD, Mr T. JAMES, Mr H. WYATT.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Coombe Lane

Mr POLLETT reported that Coombe Lane had been repaired but that sub-Committee could have spent more money on it.

Path at Hallatrow

Letter was read from C. KISLINGBURY Esq., to the effect that a communication, stating the position of the Railway Co., had been sent to this Council by the General Manager.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that a letter be written, informing Mr KISLINGBURY that no communication has been received from the General Manager since Mr GRIFFITHS met the Council at Hallatrow and enquiring what steps are being taken with regard to the re-opening of the path. **Unan'y**.

Path in Stephen's wood

Letter was read from Mr A. COX, stating that he had put up some rails in this path.

Fire Appliances

Letter was read from the Paulton Parish Council, asking this Council to purchase fire appliances of the same sort & size as those purchased by them.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that a reply be sent, stating that, as there are no hydrants in this parish, the suggested appliances would be useless. **Unan'y**.

[Precept] £6

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that a precept for £6 be drawn on the Overseers. **Unan'y**.

[Cheques] £5. 3. 9, £1. 4. 0

Mr T. EVANS proposed and Mr T. JAMES seconded, that cheques for £5. 3. 9 and £1. 4. 0 be drawn in favour of Mr A. BOWDITCH, for gravel etc. and W.H. MARTIN, for printer, stamps & use of room.

The Chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, expressed his gratitude for the courteous and kindly manner in which he had been treated by his fellow councillors during the term of office.

Mr EVANS pointed out what a pleasure it was to work with the Chairman. Mr ELFORD & Mr CLEAVES concurred.

[Unsigned] Chairman.

March 14th 1910.

At the Parish Meeting held this day for the Election of the Parish Council, and convened by the Local Government Board, there were present:

Mr H. POLLETT and 36 electors.

7 Nomination papers were handed in, containing the following names:

As Mr POLLETT was nominated, Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr CHARD seconded, that Mr W. MELHUISE take the chair.

BLINMAN Frank	33 [votes]
CLEAVES Gilbert Brice	34
CHARD Charles	9
DOWLING Thomas	32
ELFORD Albert	16
POLLETT Henry	31
WYATT Harry	34

On being put to the meeting, the following were, by show of hands, **elected**, no poll being demanded:

Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr T. DOWLING, Mr A. ELFORD, Mr H. POLLETT & Mr H. WYATT.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 14th 1910.

The Annual Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT & 36 electors.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Parish a/cs

The Clerk read the Overseers' a/c and the Parish Council a/c.

It was unanimously agreed that a/cs, as read, be **passed**.

Mary JONES' Charity

There was some discussion as to distribution of this charity.

Mr J. CARTER proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that a special meeting be called, to consider the matter.

On being put to the meeting, 8 voted for & 10 against.

Guardian's Report

Mr S. PAYNE read his report.

Path over line

This matter was brought forward but, as it was in the hands of the R.D.C., it was allowed to drop.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded a vote of thanks to Mr [Wm.] MELHUISE for presiding

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 20th 1910.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman, held on the above date, there were present:

Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr A. ELFORD, Mr T. DOWLING, Mr H. WYATT,

Declarations were signed.

Provisional Chairman

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that the Clerk [W.H. MARTIN] be provisional Chairman.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. ELFORD seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr DOWLING seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice Chairman.

Overseer

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS & Mr G. BRICE be re-appointed and that Mr F. BLINMAN be added to the number.

Ass't Overseer

Mr A. ELFORD proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that the Ass't Overseer [*W.H. MARTIN*] be re-appointed.

School Manager

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr T. DOWLING seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be re-appointed Parish representative on the School Committee.

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr T. DOWLING seconded and it was unanimously **carried**, that clerk write a letter of sympathy to Chairman.

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

June 15th 1910.

At a meeting of the Overseers held on the above date the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr G. BRICE.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that the following new & altered buildings be assessed as follows:

Tenant	Owner	Gross Rateable Value
Mr G. BRICE	Mr G. BRICE	£8
Mr T. DOWLING	Trustees Wesleyan Chapel	£8
Mr Geo. PRICE	Mr W.J. HEAL	£8
Mr J. HATHWAY	do.	£8
Mr C. BLANNING	Mr C. BLANNING	£20

Mr John GREGORY's assessment being divided between Mr Isaac CURTIS and Mr Fred NORRIS, it was unanimously **agreed** that they be assessed at £2 per acre.

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

June 15th 1910.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Vice Chairman, Mr H. WYATT, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr T. DOWLING, Mr A.E. ELFORD.

The Chairman signed his declaration.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Paths

It was reported that a bridge in the path, leading from Rugborne farm & Mearns, was needing repair, also the bridge in Path leading to Paulton.

Mr H. WYATT proposed and Mr T. DOWLING seconded, that a sub-committee, consisting of Mr CLEAVES & Mr BLINMAN, see that first bridge be repaired and report to the Council the state of the second. **Unan'y.**

Drains, Batch

Several complaints having been received of a stone drain on the Batch bursting and sewage coming from it, Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that a letter be written to the R.D.C., to the effect that, if the sewage was kept out of this drain, it would do the work it was originally intended to do.

Dirty condition of street

Complaints having been received of mud scrapings being left for long periods in the principal street, Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that a letter be written, drawing the attention of the R.D.C. to the fact and stating that the time has come when the main street should be cleaned up on Saturdays. **Unan.**

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Sept. 14th 1910.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Vice Chairman, Mr A.E. ELFORD, Mr H. WYATT, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr T. DOWLING.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Paths

The sub-committee reported that the bridge leading to Paulton had been inspected and that it was a danger to the public.

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr WYATT seconded, that sub-committee see that bridge be repaired.

Mr DOWLING reported that the path leading to Paulton, in Long Ground, was in a bad state of repair, owing to the rains having washed away the material used in its construction.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that letter be written to the R.D.C., asking them to devise some means of preventing water flowing from Langford's Lane down this path and drawing attention to its continual cost to the Council.

Dr REECE's Report

Letter was read from the clerk to R.D.C., enclosing copies of the report of the Committee appointed to consider Dr REECE's Report, and asking for Council's observations on the same.

The report was read and, after some discussion, Mr CLEAVES moved and Mr ELFORD seconded, that no observations be sent.

Returning Officer 8/6

Mr ELFORD proposed & Mr BLINMAN seconded, that cheque for 8/6 be signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

November 18th 1910.

At the Parish Council Meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr H. WYATT, Mr T. DOWLING.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Trustees Mary JONES' Charity

The retiring Trustees, Messrs H. POLLETT & W. BRICE, were unanimously **re-elected**, Mr CLEAVES moving the resolution and Mr WYATT seconding.

Paths

Letter was read from the Clerk to R.D.C., saying that Surveyor had been instructed to remedy defect re roadwater in Langford['s] Lane.

The paths committee reported that path in field, leading to Paulton, required repairing.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES & Mr T. DOWLING seconded, that rough ashes be purchased from Greyfield Coll'y at 1/- per load.

Mr BLINMAN proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that the price given by Mr BODY, viz. hauling from Greyfield 1/- per load, From Hallatrow 1/3 per load and spreading @ 4½[d.] per hour be accepted.

Precept

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that a precept for £12 be drawn on the Overseers.

[Cheque] £1.10. 0

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that cheque for £1.10. 0 be drawn in favour of Mr A. DURBIN.

Mr CLEAVES proposed & Mr H. WYATT seconded, that Mr T. DOWLING, Mr F. BLINMAN & Mr H. POLLETT form sub-committee to see path in Long Ground repaired.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

February 1st 1911.

Meeting of the Overseers held on the above date at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. BRICE, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & **confirmed**.

Assessment

The Rosewell Estate having been sold to different persons, it was unanimously **agreed** that they be assessed as follows:

Name	Acreage	Gross Rental
PANES Henry	House & Bdgs.	£41
	127. 3. 25	£247
PAYNE William	9. 0. 13	£24
HOPPER Benj.	1. 1. 30	£4
PURNELL Bert.	2. 2. 4	£6
STACEY Frank	7. 2. 28	£19
do.	4. 2. 24	£11
CLEAVES James	House	£6
do.	8. 2. 36	£19

MELHUIISH John	2. 5	£1
do.	2. 3. 14	£5
SAGE Wm.	2. 3	£1
POLLETT H.	7. 2. 25	£17
POLLETT Ellen	3. 2. 30	£9

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 28th 1911.

At the Parish Council Meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr H. WYATT, Mr T. DOWLING.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & **confirmed**.

Paths

The Sub-Committee reported that the path leading to Paulton, although supposed to be repaired, would be the better for another 20 or 25 loads of cinders.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that path be completed.

[Cheques] 6/-, £4.15. 0, £1. 4. 6, £6.10. 2, 10. 0

Mr CLEAVES proposed & Mr DOWLING seconded, that the following cheques be drawn:

Cheque for 6/- in favour of C. PAYNE, mending bridge leading to Mearns.

Cheque for Greyfield Coll'y, 95 lds. ashes @ 1/- per load [= £4.15. 0].

Cheque in favour of W.H. MARTIN, Printer 6/6, 5 meetings @ 2/- = 10/-, Stamps 8/-, £1. 4. 6.

Cheque in favour of S.J. BODY, hauling & spreading cinders £6.10. 2.

Cheque in favour of United Stone Firms, 10 tons stone @ 1/- = 10/-.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 28th 1911.

The Annual Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT and 20 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Parish a/c

The Clerk read the Parish Accounts.

Mr KEMBLE proposed and Mr ROBERTS seconded, that Accounts, as read, be accepted.

Mary JONES' Charity

In the absence of the Vicar, Mr CLEAVES, one of the Trustees, read the Account of this charity.

Guardian's Report

Mr S. PAYNE read his report.

The Guardian's attention was called to the state of the roads in the village, mud being scraped to the sides of the road and allowed to remain for a considerable time, & also to the nuisance of smells from gratings in several places.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr KEMBLE seconded a vote of thanks to Mr PAYNE for his report.

Mr KEMBLE proposed the following resolution, which was **passed** unanimously: "That this meeting desires to record a most emphatic protest against the unnecessary and extravagant waste of money, as proposed by the provision of an Infectious Hospital for the joint districts of Midsomer Norton & Radstock Urban and Clutton Rural District Council, and that a copy of this protest be sent to the Chairman of the County Council and to the Chairman of each of the Parish Councils in the Clutton Union District, in view of some united action being taken to secure the adoption of a modified scheme, in lieu of that now under consideration and, that the respective Parish Councils be requested to give this matter their early attention and support."

Vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 19th 1911.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A. ELFORD, Mr T. DOWLING, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr G.B. CLEAVES.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr A. ELFORD proposed and Mr DOWLING seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr T. DOWLING proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice Chairman.

Overseers

Mr DOWLING moved and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that the four Overseers, Mr H. POLLETT, T. EVANS, G. BRICE & F. BLINMAN be re-elected.

Ass't Overseer, £32.16. 0

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that Ass't Overseer [*W.H. MARTIN*] be re-appointed, and that the salary be increased to £32.16. 0 per annum.

Infectious Hospital

Letter was read from Cameley Parish Council, asking this council not to support resolution passed at Parish Meeting.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. ELFORD seconded, that letter be acknowledged and that letter be sent to R.D.C., to the effect that this council still adhere to the views expressed at the Parish Meeting.

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

February 21st 1912.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr T. DOWLING, Mr H. WYATT, Mr A.E. ELFORD.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Paths, Mearns

It was reported that the path leading from Mearns to Amesbury was in a bad state of repair.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr DOWLING seconded, that Messrs CLEAVES, ELFORD & DOWLING form a committee to deal with this matter. **Unan'y.**

Mr WYATT proposed, Mr POLLETT seconded, that a letter be written to Timsbury Parish Council, asking if some of their members would meet the sub-committee at Mearns, to view and consider state of culvert on the boundary of the two parishes. **Unan'y.**

Red House Lane

This lane was reported to be in a very bad state of repair.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that Messrs WYATT & POLLETT form a committee to deal with this path.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr ELFORD seconded, that the sum of £10 be allowed for repairs and that the tender of Mr STOCK for stones at 1/8 per load be accepted.

Mr ELFORD proposed, Mr DOWLING seconded, that a man be employed to spread the stones and that he be paid at the rate of 5d. per hour. **Unan'y.**

Dirty State of streets

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that letter be written to Mr ORCHARD, drawing his attention to letter to R.D.C. of June 15th 1910 on this subject, and again complaining of the scraping of mud to the front of private and business houses and asking if its remaining for a day or so could possibly be avoided.

Light

Mr CLEAVES brought forward the matter of better light at the approach to the Post Office; after some discussion the subject dropped.

Precept £12

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr WYATT seconded, that a precept for £12 be drawn on the Overseers.

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 22nd 1912.

At the Parish Council Meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr T. DOWLING, Mr H. WYATT.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Path at Mearns

Mr DOWLING reported that nothing had been done in this matter.

Letter

Letter was read from Timsbury Parish Council, to the effect that R.D.C. has been doing work of this kind in other parishes.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr DOWLING seconded, that a letter containing the following resolution be sent to Timsbury Parish Council: "This council is unanimously of the opinion that Parish Councils should not shelve these matters on to another body and would be pleased to meet your council to view this place at their earliest convenience." **Unan'y.**

Red House Lane

Mr POLLETT reported that Red House Lane had been repaired but that money, £10, was not enough.

Mr BLINMAN proposed and Mr DOWLING seconded, that this lane be completed by Sub-Committee, Mr H. WYATT & Mr H. POLLETT.

[Cheques] £7.10. 0, £2.10. 0, £1. 1. 0

Mr BLINMAN proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that cheques for £7.10. 0 be drawn in favour of Sidney STOCK, £2.10. 0 in favour of H. PERRY and £1. 1. 0 in favour of W.H. MARTIN.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 29th 1912.

The Annual Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT and 28 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Mary JONES' Charity

The Accounts of this Charity were read.

Mr BODY proposed and Mr PAYNE seconded, that a/cs, as read, be passed.

Some discussion arose as to administration.

Mr DOWLING proposed and Mr CHARD seconded, That charity be administered as before.

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr W. CARTER seconded, that a committee of 6 be appointed to discuss the matter with the Trustees.

On being put to the meeting, 21 voted for the amendment and 5 for the original proposition.

Amendment that Com. of 6 be appointed declared **carried**.

The following were nominated as members of the committee; these names were put to the meeting with the following result:

Mr Geo. EVANS Sen.	14 votes
Mr S.J. BODY	10
Mr A. JAMES	16
Mr G. BRICE	17
Mr A. ELFORD	16
Mr C. CHARD	6
Mr W. CARTER	15
Mr C. SMART	8

The following were declared members of Committee: Mr Geo. BRICE, Mr A. JAMES, Mr A. ELFORD, Mr W. CARTER, [Geo. EVANS], Mr BODY.

Mr EVANS proposed & Mr J. CARTER seconded, that Vicar publish a copy of the Will in the Parish Magazine.

Guardian's Report

Mr S. PAYNE, the Guardian, presented his list and observed that in most parishes it was not customary to read the names.

Mr DOWLING proposed & Mr T. CURTIS seconded, that list be not read.

Mr T. TAVINER proposed & Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that list be read.

Amendment was **carried** and Mr PAYNE read the list, and was thanked for his report.

Accounts

The clerk read the Overseers' & Parish Council a/cs.

Mr T. CURTIS proposed that a/cs, as read, be adopted. Mr J. CARTER seconded.

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr W. CARTER seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman. **Carried**.

[Signed] William MELHUISH, Chairman.

April 17th 1912.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. DOWLING, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr H. WYATT, Mr A.E. ELFORD.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr ELFORD moved and Mr T. DOWLING seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be re-elected.

Vice Chairman

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be re-elected.

Overseers

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr T. DOWLING seconded, that Overseers, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr Geo. BRICE and Mr F. BLINMAN be re-elected.

Ass't Overseer

Mr ELFORD proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that Assistant Overseer [W.H. MARTIN] be re-appointed at same salary.

Red House Lane

Mr H. POLLETT reported that the work had been discontinued owing to the Coal Strike, but that it would be finished as soon as possible.

Mearns Path

The paths sub-committee reported that nothing had been done in this matter.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 23rd 1912.

At the Parish Council Meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr T. DOWLING, Mr H. WYATT.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Red House Path

Mr POLLETT reported that this path had not yet been completed.

Mearns Path

Mr G.B. CLEAVES, for sub-committee, reported that this path was completed.

[Cheques] £4. 7.11, £1.10. 0

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that cheque for labour, 211 hrs. @ 5d., be drawn in favour of J. CARTER £4. 7.11 and that one for £1.10. 0, for hauling, be drawn in favour of E. CURTIS.

Allotments

Application from 12 parishioners for 230 per. of allotments was received and, as Earl TEMPLE is disposing of his Hallatrow Estate in lots, Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. DOWLING seconded, that letter be written to the County Council, asking if it would be possible to purchase some land during the forthcoming sale and pointing out that Lots 4, 5 & 6 or 12 & 13 would be most suitable but, failing either of these, Lot 9, which is a long way away, would have to suffice.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

June 6th 1912.

At the Parish Council Meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr H. WYATT, Mr T. DOWLING.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Small Holding

Letter was read from Norman OLDFIELD Esq., Solicitor to the Small Holdings Committee, to the effect that the County Council have no funds to make loans to Parish Councils for this purpose. In the event of the Parish Council purchasing at the Hallatrow Sale and requesting a loan, they must obtain the sanction of the County Council.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr DOWLING seconded, that Mr POLLETT and Mr BLINMAN attend the sale and bid, if they can see a way for council to recoup themselves and that, if required, a precept for £15 be drawn on the Overseers. (**Carried** Unanimously [sic]).

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

July 31st 1912.

Meeting of the Overseers held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. BRICE, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Assessment

It was **agreed** that house of Mr OSMAN be assessed at £14 gross & that land remain at £2.

Voters' List was **approved** and agreed to be signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

September 11th 1912.

Meeting of the Overseers held on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. BRICE, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Owing to the sale of two estates, Earl TEMPLE's and Mrs SCOBELL, Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr EVANS seconded, that Supplementary Valuation List be made as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>description</u>	<u>ac. rd. pls.</u>	<u>Gross Rat. Value</u>
STOCK Albert J.	Farmhouse & Bdgs.		
do.	Land	19 acres	£38
BLACKER Frank	do.	1. 20	1

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THATCHER Lim.	do.	2. 29	1
Mrs S. BLANNING	do.	3. 13	2
BLACKER Edwin	do.	2. 25	1
GAY C.B.	do.	1. 2. 8	3
CHARD W.F.	do.	2. 3. 10	5
GAIT Mary	do.	3. 1. 30	5
OSMAN J.G.	do.	4. 1. 31	8
STYLES Arthur	do.	32. 1. 13	52
CLARE Joshua	do.	18. 2. 0	28
PURNELL Bert.	do.	1. 3. 17	4
ABBOT James	do.	26. 2. 24	43
STACEY Frank	do.	9. 3. 15	12
OSMOND J.G.	do.	3. 3. 15	8
STYLES Arthur	do.	15. 3. 12	30
STACEY Frank	do.	16. 1. 11	30
GAY C.B.	do.	11. 1. 20	21
POLLETT Henry	do.	7. 1. 13	13
G.W.R.	do.	2. 28	1
STYLES Arthur	Land	17. 2. 10	£32

Supplementary Valuation List was made and signed by the 4 overseers.

Accounts for the last half year were examined & signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

October 4th 1912.

Meeting of the Overseers held on the above date at 6.45 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr T. EVANS, Mr G. BRICE, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Valuation

Letter was read from Mr PANES, asking Overseers to put field, lately in occupation of Mr W. PAYNE(S), on to his farm, as he did not buy for building purposes.

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that land should be put upon Rosewell Farm but that assessment would remain the same. **Carried Unan'y.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

October 4th 1912.

At the Parish Council Meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr H. WYATT, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr G.B. CLEAVES.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Small Holdings

Mr POLLETT reported that Mr BLINMAN and himself attended sale, bid for several of the pieces of land but could not purchase owing to price.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that letter be written to Messrs BLACKER, THATCHER & BLANNING, asking if they would be willing to let their land to the council for the purpose of allotments and, if so, at what price. **Unan'y.**

Culvert at Mearns

Letter was read from Mr W. REES-MOGG Esq., one of the owners, to the effect that the different owners had met, agreed to repair culvert and that work was in hand.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that letter be written to Mr W. REES-MOGG Esq., acknowledging his letter, expressing thanks of Council and congratulating owners on the way in which work is being carried out.

Damage to Council work

Mr CLEAVES reported that the covering stones over drain in Mearns path had been broken & council **agreed** that, if any person was caught damaging Council property, action should be taken.

Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Council, A.J. HOOPER Esq., having severed his connection with STUCKEY's Banking Co., it was proposed by Mr BLINMAN and seconded by Mr H. WYATT, that H.G. CHAMBERS Esq., Manager of STUCKEY's Bank, Midsomer Norton, be appointed Treasurer in his place. **Unan'y.**

£10 precept

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr WYATT seconded, that precept be drawn on the Overseers for £10. **Unan'y.**

[Cheques] 11/6, 3/-, 4/6, £1.18. 4, 13/4

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that the following cheques be drawn:

- Clutton Collieries, for ashes, 11/6.
- A. BOWDITCH, covering stones, 3/-.
- E. BRODRIBB, stone & lime, 4/6.
- S. STOCK & Son, stone, path to Litton, £1.18. 4.
- H. PERRY, labour 32 hrs. @ 5d., 13/4.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

November 29th 1912.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. WYATT, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & **confirmed**.

Allotments

Letters were read from Mr E. BLACKER, to the effect that he had let his piece of land to his cottage tenants at Hallatrow, and from Welton Breweries Ltd., to the effect that the land was bought for their tenant and that he must be considered before offering it to the Council.

Mary JONES' Charity

Messrs G.B. CLEAVES & Mr H. WYATT having served their term of office, Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that Mr Albert JAMES become Trustee in place of Mr G.B. CLEAVES.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that Mr Charles BLANNING become Trustee in place of Mr H. WYATT.

Trustees now are: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr W. BRICE, Mr C. BLANNING & Mr Albert JAMES.

[Cheque] 2/6

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that small bill for hauling cinders, 2 lds. @ 1/- & 6d. labour, be paid.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 4th 1913.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr H. WYATT, Mr T. DOWLING.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Allotments

It was reported that the piece of land at Hallatrow, belonging to the Welton Breweries, was let to the tenant of Hallatrow *[Station]* Hotel.

Hatches leading to Paulton

Letter was read from Timsbury Council, pointing out that a small piece of the path, leading to the Hatches, was in this parish and asking Council to co-operate with Timsbury & Paulton Councils in their endeavour to get R.D.C. to do something for the benefit of public using this path.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that, as this Council would soon be out of office, the matter be deferred. **Unan.**

[Cheque] £1.10. 2

Mr DOWLING proposed and Mr WYATT seconded, that cheque for £1.10. 2, in favour of clerk *[W.H. MARTIN]*, be signed. **Unan.**

Accounts

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. WYATT seconded, that accounts, as presented, be passed & signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 17th 1913.

At the Parish Meeting held this day for the Election *[of Councillors]* and convened by the Local Government Board, there were present 30 electors.

The Chairman of the Parish Council being absent ill, Mr T. CURTIS proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that Mr W. MELHUIISH be chairman of the meeting.

Six nomination papers were handed in, containing the following names:

- BLANNING Arthur
- BLINMAN Frank
- CLEAVES Gilbert Brice
- DANDO Harry
- JAMES Albert

POLLETT Henry

As there were only six nominations, the Chairman declared the above to be duly elected.
[Unsigned] Chairman.

March 17th 1913.

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting was held on the above date.

Present: Mr W. MELHUIISH in the chair and 30 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Parish Accounts

The clerk read the Overseers' a/cs.

Mr T. EVANS proposed And Mr T. DOWLING seconded, that a/cs, as read, be passed.

The Parish Council a/cs were read.

Mr S. PAYNE proposed and Mr Geo. BRICE seconded, that a/cs, as read, be passed.

Guardian's Report

Mr S. PAYNE, the Guardian, read his report.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that the Guardian be thanked for his report.

Mary JONES' Charity

In the absence of the Vicar, Chairman of Trustees, Mr C. BLANNING, one of the Trustees, read the Balance Sheet.

After some discussion as to administering this charity, Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that accounts, as read, be passed. On being put to the meeting, Mr DOWLING voted against. **Carried**.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded a vote of thanks to Chairman for presiding.

Meeting then rose.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 15th 1913.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr H. DANDO, Mr A. JAMES.
Mr H. POLLETT proposed that Clerk [W.H. MARTIN] be provisional chairman.

Chairman

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year. **Carried**.

Vice Chairman

Mr POLLETT proposed, Mr BLANNING seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice-chairman for ensuing year.

Overseers

Mr BLINMAN proposed and Mr JAMES seconded, that 4 overseers be appointed.

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that Mr Samuel PAYNE be an Overseer. (**Carried**).

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that Mr A.T. BLANNING be an Overseer. (**Carried**).

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that Mr F. BLINMAN be an Overseer. (**Carried**).

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be an Overseer. (**Carried**).

Overseers: Mr S. PAYNE, Mr A.T. BLANNING, Mr F. BLINMAN & Mr H. POLLETT.

Ass't Overseer

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be re-appointed at the same salary. (**Carried**).

Paths, Long Ground & Mead

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that Messrs BLINMAN and JAMES form a Committee to deal with this matter.

Hatches to Paulton

This matter was adjourned.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 1st 1913.

At the Parish Council [Meeting], duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Vice Chairman, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr A. JAMES, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Scavenging

This matter, the scavenging of the village, was discussed, the District Councillor, Mr G. BRICE, being present; no resolution was formed, the council awaiting further information from the District Councillor and, on receiving same, to call a Parish meeting if necessary.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 9th 1913.

Meeting of the Overseers on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr S. PAYNE, Mr F. BLINMAN.

This being the 1st meeting of the Overseers for this year, Mr BLINMAN proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be the Chairman of the Overseers.

Rate

The [Poor] Rate at 2/5 & [Special Expenses Rate] 6d. [in the £] was signed.

Assessment

Mr BLANNING's House & garden, Hallatrow, was, on the proposition of Mr BLINMAN, seconded by Mr PAYNE, rated at £21 gross.

Mr STYLES' new house, occupied by Mr G. HUNT, was rated at £16 gross; Mr PAYNE pro., Mr F. BLINMAN seconded.

The Supplementary Valuation List was signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 19th 1913.

A Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT and [a large number of - added in pencil] electors.

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting and explained that the parishioners were called together to consider a proposal under the Public Health Act, 1875, to hold an Inquiry into whether there was cause to issue an order requiring the R.D.C. of Clutton to remove house refuse from premises, cleanse earth closets, privies, ash pits and cess pools in this and the parishes of Timsbury, Chew Magna & Paulton.

After some discussion, Mr W. MELHUIISH proposed and Mr CHARD seconded, that scavenging is not necessary in this parish and that a member, besides the Rural District Councillor, be asked to attend the adjourned Inquiry on Tuesday May 27th 1913.

Mr T. EVANS moved and Mr ROBERTS seconded, that Mr W. MELHUIISH attend the Inquiry, in conjunction with the R.D. Councillor.

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman of the Parish Council, also attend.

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr T. EVANS seconded, that Mr C.C. ROBERTS also attend.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr CHARD seconded, that Mr F. BLINMAN attend.

Mr JAMES proposed and Mr CHARD seconded, that Mr T. EVANS attend.

The gentlemen selected by the Meeting to attend the Inquiry are, besides the R.D. Councillor, Mr G. BRICE, Mr W. MELHUIISH, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr C.C. ROBERTS, Mr F. BLINMAN & Mr T. EVANS.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr G. BRICE seconded, that the following resolution be sent to the Clerk of the R.D.C.: "That, in the opinion of this meeting of the parishioners of High Littleton, scavenging is unnecessary, there being nothing to remove and, in view of the fact that the population is decreasing, through the closing of the local colliery and the existing high rates, the imposition of a scavenging scheme would have a very serious effect upon the ratepayers of the Parish. We would also like to point out that the general health of the Parish is good and that the inhabitants generally have good gardens, so that the disposal of any refuse made is a very easy matter." **Unanimously.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

June 18th 1913.

Meeting of the Overseers on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr A. BLANNING.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed.**

Supplementary Valuation List

(Ass't Overseer) It was reported that List was altered by the Assessment Com., Mr BLANNING's house being made £25 gross and [for] Mr G. HUNT's house the deduction was made 10% instead of 15% allowed.

Owners' List, Ownership Claims

The Old Owners' List was signed, also List No. 1 as to Ownership Claims.

Notices re Supplementary List & receipt for money from Late Overseers were also signed.

Cheques

F. BLINMAN proposed and A. BLANNING seconded, that the 5 cheques for calls be signed. **Unan'y.**

Payment for use of Schools

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that 2/- per meeting be paid for the use of the schools for meetings. **Unan'y.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

July 29th 1913.

Meeting of the Overseers on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr S. PAYNE.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Voters' Lists

The Voters' List was presented, examined and duly signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Sept. 12th 1913.

Meeting of the Overseers on the above date at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr S. PAYNE, Mr A. BLANNING.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed.**

Arrears in Rates

The Assistant Overseer reported that several ratepayers had not paid up to date.

Mr A. BLANNING proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, "That final form for recovery of Rates be issued to defaulters as per list submitted to Overseers and, if not paid by time stated Sept. 19th, the Ass't Overseer *[W.H. MARTIN]* take legal proceedings to recover." **Unan'y.**

Assessment

Mr BLINMAN proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that house owned and occupied by Mr J.G. OSMAN be rated at £16 gross. **Unan'y.**

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that cottage at White Cross, owned by Mr A. STYLES, be rated at £5 gross.

Mr A. BLANNING proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that Cottage & shop, occupied by Mr F. HARRISON and owned by Mr F. STACEY, be rated at £7 gross.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Nov'r 7th 1913.

Meeting of the Overseers on the above date at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed.**

Accounts for half year ending Sept. 30th were examined and signed.

Rate

It was **agreed** that Poor Rate be 2/5 in £ and Special Expenses Rate be 6d. do.

Final Notices

Mr BLANNING proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that in future these notices should be issued on March 1st & Sept. 1st in each year. **Carried unan'y.**

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

November 7th 1913.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr A. JAMES, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr H. DANDO.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed.**

Sewerage

Letter was read from Timsbury Parish Council, asking if it is possible to arrange a combined meeting of the councils concerned in the proposed Sewerage scheme.

G.B. CLEAVES proposed and H. DANDO seconded, that letter be written to Timsbury, stating that a Parish meeting would shortly be held and then, if possible, the council would meet the other councils concerned.

Unan'y.

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr JAMES seconded, "That a Parish Meeting be held on Friday, 14th November, to consider Sewerage Scheme proposed."

School Manager

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES represent this council on the Committee of the School. **Unan'y.**

Paths

This matter was deferred.

[Cheque] 8/6

Mr BLINMAN proposed and Mr JAMES seconded, that cheque for 8/6 in favour of Mr J.S. DURY, returning officer, be signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

November 14th 1913.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr H. DANDO, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr A. JAMES. Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Sewerage

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that letter be written to Timsbury Council, to the effect that, as all parishes concerned are holding their own meetings, this council considers that no good would result from a combined meeting of Councillors. **Unan'y.**

Paths

Deferred.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

November 14th 1913.

At a Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Mr H. POLLETT and 35 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Report on proposed Sewage [Scheme]

The report of the Engineer of the R.D.C. on the proposed Sewage Scheme for Paulton, Timsbury, High Littleton and Farmborough was read.

After some discussion, Mr C.C. ROBERTS proposed and Mr COX seconded, "That, at a duly convened and largely attended Parish meeting of the Parish of High Littleton, it was unanimously resolved to petition the R.D.C. to oppose, by every means in their power, the proposal under consideration at the present time, for the construction of Sewage works for this and neighbouring parishes and for the following reasons:

I. The health statistics of this Parish are eminently satisfactory and compare very favourably with other Rural Parishes in Somerset.

II. That the population of the Parish consists almost entirely of the working classes, whose incomes are quite inadequate to meet the additional expenses such a scheme would entail.

III. That a few isolated cases exist, where the present system of drainage is not satisfactory, is not denied but it is suggested and asserted that all such could and should be dealt with by the R.D.C., who are already clothed with plenary powers to abate nuisances."

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

December 16th 1913.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. DANDO.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed.**

Sewerage

The Clerk [*W.H. MARTIN*] reported that Clerk to Farmborough Parish Council had officially informed him that Lord STRACHIE [*STRACHEY*], the County Councillor, would be pleased to meet two representatives of the Parish Councils in his County area, to discuss Sewerage Scheme petitioned against in the parishes.

Mr DANDO proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT represent the Council before Lord STRACHIE [*STRACHEY*].

Mr H. POLLETT proposed & H. DANDO seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES represent the Council and that letter be written to Farmborough, stating that Mr H. POLLETT & Mr G.B. CLEAVES would represent High Littleton and asking for at least 3 days notice as to time & place.

Paths

Deferred.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 27th 1914.

At the Parish Council meeting, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr H. DANDO, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Hallatrow Post Office

Letter was read from the Postmaster of Bristol re application of Messrs T. BLANNING & Sons to have office opened from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that a letter be written to the Post Master of Bristol, to the effect that the council is of the opinion that the Hallatrow Post Office should be opened at the time stated, viz. 7 - 8 p.m. on Thursdays and that an evening delivery should be granted and, further, they think that the delivery of letters, both at High Littleton and Hallatrow, wants re-arranging, business men complaining that they do not get their letters before 9 a.m.

Paths, Red House & Litton

Letter was read from BLINMAN & MILES, as to the state of this path.

Mr BLINMAN proposed and Mr DANDO seconded, that a committee, composed of Mr POLLETT & Mr BLANNING, meet Mr H.T. BLINMAN and ascertain what steps should be taken to repair this path.

Drang

Letter was read from the parishioners living near this path, re its bad state of repair.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that Mr DANDO and Mr F. BLINMAN form a committee to repair this path.

Cheque £2. 0. 3

Mr BLANNING proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that cheque for £2. 0. 3 be signed in favour of W.H. MARTIN.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 30th 1914.

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting was held on the above date.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, chairman of Parish Council and 25 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Parish Accounts

The clerk read the Overseers' a/c.

Mr ORCHARD proposed and Mr G. BRICE seconded, that accounts, as read, be accepted.

The clerk read the Parish Council a/cs.

Mr G. BRICE proposed and Mr DOWLING seconded, that accounts, as read, be accepted.

Mary JONES' Charity

These accounts were read with list of recipients.

Mr ORCHARD proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that accounts be passed.

On being put to the meeting, Mr DOWLING voted against; proposition declared **carried**.

Guardian's Report

The Guardian, Mr G. BRICE, read his report.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr C. BLANNING seconded, that Guardian be thanked for his report and for his careful attention to his work. **Carried**.

Sewerage

The meeting expressed approval that the costly Sewerage Scheme had been postponed for a year.

Dr. BREW, M.O.H./'s/ report, which is as follows, was read:

High Littleton: This is a particularly clean mining village, lying well on high ground, with a number of really good working class houses; there are of course some old and ill constructed ones but quite a lot of work has been done in getting these put into decent repair. The village is well supplied with pure water, so there is now no risk of drinking from polluted wells. All that need be done is to reconstruct the Tank at the bottom of Rotcombe, providing for the purification of the overflow in the way already recommended. Most of the houses drain into their own cess-pits or have pail closets. There is plenty of garden ground available and there is no reason why, with proper inspection, these should not be kept in quite a satisfactory state. Population 1,001 not increasing, owing to closing of pit.

Mr G. BRICE (D.C.) explained that when weak spots mentioned had been put in order, the County Council would probably be satisfied.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr C.A. KEMBLE seconded, that letter be written to the R.D.C., thanking them for the steps taken with regard to the Sewerage of the village and asking them to hurry forward and complete necessary works as soon as possible.

Mr G. BRICE proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that letters be written to Baron STRACHIE [*STRACHEY*] and F.B. BEAUCHAMP Esq., two of the County Councillors, thanking them for the interest they had taken in the Sewage Scheme.

Mr C.A. KEMBLE proposed vote of thanks to Chairman.

Meeting then terminated.

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 20th 1914.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr A. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed that clerk [*W.H. MARTIN*] be provisional Chairman.

Chairman

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice chairman.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. JAMES seconded, that Mr F. BLINMAN be Vice Chairman.

On the amendment being put, the following voted for Mr G.B. CLEAVES - Mr A. JAMES & Mr A. BLANNING; amendment declared **carried**.

Overseers

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. JAMES seconded, that the Overseers, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr F. BLINMAN & Mr S. PAYNE, be re-elected. **Carried** unan'y.

Assistant Overseer

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be re-appointed Assistant Overseer.

[Salary] £37.16. 0

Mr BLANNING proposed and Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that Assistant Overseer's salary be increased £5 per annum. **Carried** unan'y.

Drang

Mr F. BLINMAN reported that he had inspected this path and, in his opinion, it was in very fair order.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. JAMES seconded, that this matter be allowed to stand over for the present. **Carried**.

Red House path to Litton

Mr POLLETT reported that sub-committee had met Mr H.T. BLINMAN and that letter from him would be sent to the council.

An estimate from A. STOCK, for stones to be delivered and spread at 2/- per load, was read,

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that a letter be written to Mr H.T. BLINMAN, to the effect that, if owners would clear ditch and keep water off the path, Council would repair it and, in the event of that being done, that Council accept STOCK's estimate and that Committee proceed with the work.

Long Ground Path

Mr A. JAMES reported that he had interviewed the tenant, Mr S.J. BODY, who considers that it is too late to do anything to this path this season.

Path, Mearns

Mr G.B. CLEAVES reported that some of the covering stones over drain, at the entrance to this path, had been destroyed and that at present it is a source of danger to the public.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that Mr CLEAVES and Mr A. JAMES form a sub-committee, to see to the repairs at this place.

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 5th 1914.

Meeting of the Overseers on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Rate

Mr BLINMAN proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that *Po/o*r Rate be 2/10 in the £.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that the Special Expenses Rate be 7d. in the £.

Assessment

Letter was read from Mr F. NOTLEY, to the effect that he had let his house to Mr R. DAVY and the stables to Mr BEAVIS, he having to pay the Rates.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that house be assessed at £15 gross and stables at £5 gross.

Mr A. BLANNING having sold a field 11¼ acres to Mr A. STYLES, leaving 4½ acres of orchard attached to the house, Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that the 11¼ [acres] be [assessed at] £18 gross and that the 4½ acres be £14 gross.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

December 16th 1914.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr F. BLINMAN, Vice Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr A. JAMES, Mr H. DANDO.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Paths To Litton

Mr POLLETT reported that work, agreed to be done by owners with regard to this path, had not been completed and that, in consequence, work by council cannot be commenced.

Long Ground Path

Mr JAMES reported that nothing had been done up to the present but that sub-committee would see tenant in the near future.

Timsbury Bottom Path

Letter was read from Timsbury Council re path to Paulton Halt.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. JAMES seconded, that letter be sent to Timsbury, asking them to carry out the work and agreeing to share the expense.

Path in Wood

Mr A. BLANNING reported that bridge over the brook in Greyfield Wood, was in a dangerous condition.

Mr A. BLANNING proposed and Mr A. JAMES seconded, that letter be written to Clutton Council, drawing their attention to the same and asking if they are prepared to join us in putting up rail, in order to make things safe.

Postal Arrangements

Letter was read complaining of bad delivery of letters in the parish. After some discussion it was decided to bring this matter forward at the next meeting.

Cheques 8/-, 15/-

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that cheque for 8/- in favour of Jesse ASHMAN, for work done at Mearns path, and one for 15/- in favour of Alfred BOWDITCH, for materials, same place, be drawn.

Precept £5

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that precept for £5 be drawn on the Overseers.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

February 19th 1915.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. DANDO.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Path to Litton

Same remarks as made last meeting still apply.

Long Ground Path

No report having been received from Sub-committee, Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that attention of Sub-committee be drawn to this matter.

Postal Delivery

Several letters having been received on this matter, Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that clerk write to the Postmaster of Bristol, complaining of the inadequate delivery of letters in this parish, forward letters received from the public and asking him to give the matter his immediate attention.

Train Service to Bath

Complaint having been received as to train service to Bath, Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that letter be written to Mr GRIFFITHS, Divisional Superintendent, stating that market tickets are issued to Bath on Tuesdays, when there is no market, and not on Wednesdays, when market is held, and asking

that, if possible, a later return train, say about 6 p.m., be put on.
[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 1st 1915.

At a parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, held on the above date, there were present:

Mr H. POLLETT & 9 electors.

H.R.H. Prince of Wales' Fund

The Chairman gave a general outline of the scheme and the suggestions of the last meeting of the Committee of this fund.

The Treasurer, Mr A. COX, presented his report and Balance Sheet:

Total Collected	£71. 0. 0	Printing etc	8. 6
Lantern Service	2. 1. 4	Forwarded	50. 0. 0
Fine for apple stealing per Mr W. MELHUIISH	<u>5. 0</u>	To be forwarded	22.17.10
	£73. 6. 4		<u>£73. 6. 4</u>

Audited and found correct by W.H. MARTIN & R.S. DAVY.

It was stated that the whole fund had now reached over Four million pounds and, after some discussion, Mr R.S. DAVY proposed and Mr W.H. MARTIN seconded, that the collection in this parish be discontinued. **Carried.** Comments were made on the admirable way in which the collecting had been carried out and the substantial amount realized and it was decided that Messrs JAMES & WICKS be thanked for their valuable services in this respect.

Mr R.S. DAVY proposed & Mr W.H. MARTIN seconded a vote of thanks to the Committee for their services and the Secretary was asked to convey the same to all members of the Committee.

Belgian Refugees

The Chairman read the Board of Trade circular dated Jan. 12th 1915, respecting the providing for, and housing, of Belgian refugees in local districts.

The Matter was discussed at some length, the greatest difficulty appearing to be the procuring of a suitable cottage for a family and, on Mr DAVY's proposition, seconded by Mr C.C. ROBERTS, the matter was deferred until more favourable circumstances arose.

The meeting rose at 8.30 p.m., at the close of which, the Treasurer's Balance sheet was audited by Messrs DAVY & MARTIN.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 31st 1915.

At the Parish Council meeting, duly convened and held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. DANDO, Mr A. JAMES, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed.**

Parish Council a/cs

The accounts were presented and signed.

Path, Litton

Mr H. POLLETT reported that, as owners adjoining this path had not fulfilled their obligations, nothing had been done.

Long Ground

Letter was read from the tenant, stating that this path was in a bad state and asking that, if any thing was done, it be done as soon as possible.

An estimate was presented from Mr A. STOCK, offering to haul & spread cinders at 2/6 per ton.

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr DANDO seconded, that Mr A. STOCK be employed.

It was **agreed** that Mr G.B. CLEAVES see the Colliery Co., get price of cinders and report to Sub-Committee.

Path, bottom of Highbury

Letter was read from the Clutton Parish Council, stating that they are endeavouring to get the R.D.C. to attend to this matter and asking this council to get their District Councillor to support application.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded that letter lie on the table.

Postal Delivery

G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that letter on this matter be written to the Postmaster of Bristol.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 31st 1915.

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting was held on the above date.

Present: Mr Henry POLLETT and 8 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Overseers' a/c, Parish Council a/cs

The clerk read the Parish Accounts, Overseers' & Parish Council.

Mr A. BLANNING proposed & G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that a/cs, as read, be adopted.

Sewerage at Rotcombe

After some discussion on this matter, Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that letter be written to the Clutton R.D.C., expressing disapproval that they had not proceeded with work of sewerage at Rotcombe, as requested by minute of last Parish meeting, March 1914.

Mary JONES' Charity

The accounts of this charity, together with a list of recipients, was read.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that accounts, as read, be adopted.

On being put to the meeting, Mr T. DOWLING voted against.

Guardian's Report

Mr Geo. BRICE, the Guardian, read his report of persons receiving Parish relief; The smallest list for many years.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that Guardian be thanked for his report and for his careful attention to his work.

H.R.H. Fund

Minute of the last meeting re this fund was read.

Mr CLEAVES proposed & Mr DANDO seconded, that minute be adopted.

Belgian Refugees

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr DANDO sec., that minute on Belgian Refugees be adopted.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 13th 1915.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. DANDO.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr A. BLANNING proposed and Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that Mr F. BLINMAN be Vice chairman for the ensuing year.

Overseers

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that Messrs POLLETT, BLANNING & S. PAYNE, be re-elected.

Mr H. DANDO proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be an overseer for the ensuing year.

Ass't Overseer

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be re-appointed at the same salary.

School Manager

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be School Manager for the ensuing year.

Long Ground Path

Letter was read from the tenant of Long Ground, asking that new path should be rolled.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that Mr STOCK be asked to roll path.

Postal delivery

Letter was read from the Postmaster of Bristol, acknowledging Council's letter of March 31st and promising attention to same.

Circular, Paulton P.C.

Circular was read from Paulton Parish Council, protesting against the spending of large sums of money by the Clutton District Council and the Somerset County Council, specially mentioning the Workhouse, Children's House, the Isolation Hospital and the Sewage Schemes.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that letter be written to Paulton Parish Council, to the effect that, as most of the work mentioned in the circular had been postponed, this Council had no remarks to make.

Circular from R.D.C.

Letter was read from the R.D.C. re Paulton Parish Circular.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and H. POLLETT seconded, that circular be acknowledged, with the remark that the last few sentences would have been better omitted.

[Cheques] £3.10. 0, £1. 1. 0

Mr BLANNING proposed and Mr DANDO seconded, that cheque for £3.10. 0 in favour of Mr A. STOCK(S) and one for £1. 1. 0 in favour of Greyfield Coll'y Co. be signed.

Precept £5

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that precept for £5 be drawn on the Overseers.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman, 16 Feb 1916.

May 5th 1915.

Meeting of the Overseers held on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr S. PAYNE, Mr G.B. CLEAVES.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Rate

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr PAYNE seconded, that Poor Rate be 2/8 in £ and Special Expenses Rat[*e*] 6d. in £.

Arrears

Ass't Overseer [*W.H. MARTIN*] reported that amount of arrears owing was £3.15.11 from Mrs SPEED.

Mr S. PAYNE proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that final notice be given and proceedings taken, if rate be not paid within next 3 weeks.

Assessment

G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr PAYNE seconded, that Mr POLLETT be assessed at £10.10. 0 gross and church Council at 15/- gross, for field originally 5 ac. 2 rd. 4 pls., Mr POLLETT retaining 5 a. 1 r. 4 p. and Church Council having ¼ ac.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT.

August 23rd 1915.

At a parish meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT and 11 electors.

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting and explained the contents of circular received from the nominee of the R.D.C., who had received same from the Marquis of Bath.

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that a committee be formed and a collection made.

Chairman

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr KEMBLE seconded, that the Vicar be chairman of the Committee.

Secretary

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr G. BRICE seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be secretary.

Treasurer

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr CURTIS seconded, that Mr G. BRICE be Treasurer.

It was unanimously **agreed** that the following gentlemen form the Committee: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr C. BLANNING, Mr F.S. POLLETT, Mr E. BROOM, Mr G. CLEAVES, Mr A. COX, Mr W. BRICE, Mr H. JAMES, Mr T. WICKS.

Secretary was instructed to write to members of Committee not present, informing them that the next meeting would be on Sep. 1st at 7.0 p.m.

Savings Committee

The Chairman of the Parish Council read several letters from the North Somerset Parliamentary Recruiting & War Savings Committee and stated that he had fixed the date of meeting, Sep. 10th, and that C.A. KEMBLE Esq. had consented to preside.

The meeting fully **approved** the action taken by the Chairman.

C.A. KEMBLE Esq. proposed & Mr A. JAMES seconded, that the Committee, appointed for the Relief of Belgians, act as committee for this business also, & that 1st meeting be held on Sept. 1st at 7.0 p.m.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Sept'r 1st 1915.

Meeting of the Committee for Collection for Belgians in Belgium.

Present: Vicar, Chairman, Messrs COX, CLEAVES, POLLETT, C. BLANNING, BROOM, Mr T. WICKS, G. BRICE, MARTIN.

The following collectors, with their districts, were chosed:

Mr H. POLLETT	}	
Mr C. BLANNING	}	Hallatrow.
Mr E. BROOM	}	
Mr COX		Both side of road to High Littleton Lodge.
Mr CLEAVES		Rotcombe & Mearns.
Mr H. JAMES	}	Village & New Rd.
Mr T. WICKS	}	
Mr BRICE		Timsbury Rd. & Bungay's Hill.

It was **agreed** that 6 memorandum books be purchased, [*&*] that Vicar write and sign suitable heading.

[*Unsigned*]

Sept. 10th 1915.

Recruiting Meeting

A recruiting meeting was held in the School Yard, between 50 & 60 persons being present.

Speeches were made by two gentlemen sent by Recruiting Committee, North Somerset.

Mr C.A. KEMBLE presided.

[*Unsigned*]

Oct. 29th 1915.

At the Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, there were present:

Mr H. POLLETT & 10 electors.

Minutes of last meeting read & **confirmed**.

Belgian Fund

Mr G. BRICE reported that £20. 3. 2 was collected for this fund.

Office

It was **agreed** that the School be used as Recruiting Office from 6 to 9 p.m. each evening (if required).

The following gentlemen were **elected** the Recruiting Committee for this Parish:

Rev. G.H. LAWRENCE		Vicarage
Mr H. POLLETT		Hallatrow
Mr G.B. CLEAVES		Ratcombe
Mr T. ORCHARD		Hallatrow
Mr A. COX		High Littleton
Mr G. JAMES		High Littleton
Mr W.H. MARTIN	Hon. Sec.	do.

[*Unsigned*] Chairman.

Nov'r 17th 1915.

Meeting of the Recruiting Committee was held in the School on above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Vicar, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A. COX, Mr ORCHARD, Mr G. JAMES, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr MARTIN.

Chairman

Mr COX proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that Vicar be chairman. **Unan'y.**

It was decided that persons whose names are on the cards should be personally canvassed.

The cards were divided as follows:

Hallatrow cards	Mr ORCHARD, Mr POLLETT, Mr COX.
High Littleton & New Road	Vicar, G. JAMES, G.B. CLEAVES, MARTIN.

It was also decided that part of the Church House be used as a Recruiting Station & be open from 7.0 p.m. to 9.0 p.m. each evening.

[*Unsigned*] Chairman.

Feb'y 16th 1916.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. DANDO, Mr A. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Path, Hallatrow to Farrington Gurney

This path was reported to be in a very bad state.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that Mr POLLETT and Mr A. BLANNING constitute a sub-committee to carry out work.

Estimate for stones received from A. STOCK, each load to be 3/6.

Over Cam

Letter was read from the Paulton P.C. re bridge over the brook; it was **agreed** that existing sub-committee view this bridge and report to next meeting.

Paths Committees

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that in future the paths committees be each empowered to spend on repairs a sum not exceeding £1 and report to Council.

Litton Path

Mr DANDO proposed and Mr JAMES seconded, that resolution of March 27th 1914 re this path, be rescinded.

Sale of potatoes

Circular from County Council re Seed potatoes was read.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that Circular lie on the table.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 29th 1916.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. DANDO.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Path, Hallatrow Farrington

Mr POLLETT reported that this path was under orders to be repaired but that contractor could not proceed owing to the bad weather.

Over Cam

Mr DANDO reported that sub-committee had viewed the bridge and were of the opinion that the boards would last a long time yet.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that a letter to this effect be sent to Paulton P.C.

[Cheque] £1. 0. 4

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr DANDO seconded, that cheque *[to W.H. MARTIN]* for £1. 0. 4, for printer, stamps & meetings, be signed.

Council Accounts

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that these accounts be signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 29th 1916.

The Annual Parish meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT and 7 electors.

Minutes of last Parish meeting (Annual) read and **confirmed**.

Sewer at Rotcombe

The District Councillor, Mr G. BRICE, reported that a scheme had been prepared but that it had fallen through, owing to the difficulty in obtaining the required land.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that a letter be sent to the R.D.C., to the effect "That this meeting regrets that nothing has been done with regard to this sewer and hopes that the R.D.C. will take up the matter at the first favourable opportunity.

Overseers' Accounts

These accounts were read.

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that accounts, as read, be adopted.

Parish Council a/cs

These accounts were read.

Rev. G.H. LAWRENCE proposed, Mr G. BRICE seconded, that accounts be passed.

Mary JONES' Charity a/cs

List of recipients of this charity for last year & Balance Sheet were read.

Mr G. BRICE proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that a/cs be passed.

Guardian's report

Mr G. BRICE, the Guardian, read his report, the list being a very short one.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr DANDO seconded a vote of thanks to the Guardian, for the manner in which he

had carried out his work.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 14th 1916.

At the Annual Parish [*Council*] Meeting held on the above date, the following were present:
Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. DANDO, Mr A. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr DANDO proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that Mr F. BLINMAN be Vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

Overseers

Mr H. DANDO proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, that the four overseers, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr S. PAYNE, Mr A. BLANNING and Mr G.B. CLEAVES, be re-elected.

Assistant Overseer

Mr JAMES proposed that Mr MARTIN be Assistant Overseer and that salary be £45, to include preparing Registration List.

School Manager

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and A. BLANNING seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be the School Manager appointed by the Council.

Paths, Hallatrow

Mr H. POLLETT reported that contractor could not get on with the work.

[Cheque] 6/-

Cheque in favour of Mr P. DIX, for labour connected with path leading to Paulton, was drawn, on the motion of Mr CLEAVES, seconded by Mr H. DANDO.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Jan'y 22nd 1917.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr A. JAMES.

The minutes of last meeting were not signed, owing to Minute book being at Clutton Union.

Seed Potatoes

Circular re Seed Potatoes was read.

It was proposed that extension of time be asked for, that clerk post notices in parish, receive orders and cash, and post to J.H. BURTON Esq., Agricultural Secretary for the County.

Plots under 2 ac. not cropped

Circular was read from Somerset Education Com. re plots under 2 acres not cultivated.

It was unanimously **agreed** that the following answer be sent: "There is no vacant land (not cropped) in this parish."

[Cheque] 10/6

Mr G.B. CLEAVES [*proposed*] and Mr A. JAMES seconded, that cheque for 10/6, for hauling & spreading stones at Hallatrow, be drawn in favour of Mr A.J. STOCK.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 27th 1917.

The Annual Parish meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date.

Present: Mr POLLETT and 14 electors.

Minutes of last meeting were read & **confirmed**.

Overseers' Accounts

The Overseers' accounts were read.

The Vicar proposed and Mr G. BRICE seconded, that the accounts, as read, be adopted.

Parish Council a/cs

These accounts were read.

Mr G. BRICE proposed and Mr C. BLANNING seconded, that these accounts be passed [*passed*].

Mary JONES' Charity a/cs

List of recipients of this charity for last year and balance sheet were read.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr T. WICKS seconded, that these a/cs be passed.

Guardian's Report

Mr George BRICE read the list of recipients of Parish relief.

After some discussion, Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and the Vicar seconded, that this meeting of the parishioners of High Littleton are of the opinion that the present amounts are totally inadequate, during the present time of high prices, and request the Guardians to take the necessary steps to increase the same, without waiting for further applications from the recipients.

Mr G. BRICE promised to support the resolution.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr T. WICKS seconded a vote of thanks to Mr G. BRICE, for the manner in which he had carried out his duties.

National Service

The Vicar reported that he had attended a meeting at Clutton Union and had agreed to help forward this movement.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 16th 1917.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. DANDO.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that Mr F. BLINMAN be vice chairman for the ensuing year.

Overseers

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that the four Overseers (Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr G.B. CLEAVES and Mr S. PAYNE), be Overseers for the ensuing year.

Ass't Overseer

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, that the Assistant Overseer [W.H. MARTIN] be re-appointed at the same salary.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 17th 1917.

Meeting of the Overseers was held on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr S. PAYNE.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Kingwell Hall

It was unanimously **agreed** that the partition of the Kingwell estate should be as follows:

F. JAMES	25 acres @ £2	= £50.
A.W. HULL	58 acres @ £[blank]	= £106.
G.B. SCOBELL	20 ac. @ £[blank]	= £40.

Rosewell Farm

Also that the division of this estate should be:

H. PANES	100 ac. 1 rd. 38 pls.	for £180.
A. JAMES	36 [ac.] 2 [rds.]	do. £76.

Church Farm

It was unanimously **agreed** that the division of this farm should be:

Mr William C. WAREHAM	43 ac. @	= £97.
Mr S.J. BODY	12 ac. 3. 27 (ac.) @	= £27.

[Unsigned] Chairman.

August 23rd 1917.

At the Parish Council meeting held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Public Telephone Call Office

A communication (copy) from the L.G.B. to the Clutton R.D.C., stating that no sanction on the part of the L.G.B. is required, to enable the Parish Council to give a guarantee as provided by Sec. 49(3) of the Post Office Act 1908.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. JAMES seconded, that matter be adjourned until next meeting.

Red House Lane

A communication re Red House Lane was read from the North Somerset Agricultural Co-operative Asso.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. JAMES seconded, that a letter be written to the Society, stating that this council have no power over this road as regards vehicular traffic.

Long Ground Path

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. JAMES seconded, that the attention of the Sub-Committee, Messrs F. BLINMAN, H. DANDO & A. JAMES, be called to the state of this path and asking them to report.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

September 5th 1917.

At the Parish Council Meeting held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr H. DANDO, Mr A. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Public Telephone Call Office

Some discussion arose.

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that this matter lie on the table.

Path to Paulton

Sub-Committee on paths, Messrs F. BLINMAN, H. DANDO and A. JAMES, reported that this path was in a bad state of repair and that something should be done as soon as possible.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that sub-Committee be empowered to spend £6 on the repair of this path.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Oct. 25th 1917.

At the Parish Council Meeting held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. DANDO.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Long Ground Path

Mr H. DANDO reported that path through Long Ground was satisfactory.

Precept £4.16. 4

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that precept for £4.16. 4 be drawn on the Overseers.

[Cheque] £6

Mr POLLETT moved and Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that bill for £6, due to G. JAMES, be paid.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 25th 1918.

At the Parish Council meeting held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Precept £1. 7.10

A precept for £1. 7.10 was issued on Overseers.

Rodd 6/-, Printer 5/10, Stamps etc. 16/-

(Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposing and Mr A. JAMES seconding - *should have been deleted*) Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. JAMES seconded, that the following bills be paid: B. RODD 6/-, Printer 5/10, Stamps & meetings 16/-.

Accounts for year were then read.

Mr JAMES proposed & Mr CLEAVES seconded, that Accounts be signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 28th 1918.

The Annual Parish meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT and 10 electors.

Minutes of last meeting were read & **confirmed**.

Overseers' a/cs

These accounts were read.

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that the accounts, as read, be adopted.

Parish Council a/cs

These accounts were read.

Mr T. DOWLING proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that accounts be adopted.

Some discussion arose as to the state of the path to Paulton, which is being continually washed out.

Mr DOWLING proposed and Mr G. EVANS seconded, "That Parish Council be requested to put the path into good order." **Carried.**

Mary JONES' Charity

List of recipients for last year was read, also balance sheet.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BRIMBLE seconded, that accounts be passed.

Discussion arose as to people, living near boundary of parish, being recipients.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr S. PAYNE seconded, that the name of Mr FILER, Post Office cottages, be given to Trustees.

Guardian's Report

Letter was read from the Guardian (Mr G. BRICE), expressing his regret at inability to attend, owing to illness. The report was read by the clerk.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr T. DOWLING seconded, that letter be sent to Mr BRICE, expressing regret that he is ill.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr G. JAMES seconded, that Guardian be asked why distinction was made between Mr J. HOOKE & wife and Mr H. JAMES & wife, in the matter of weekly payments.

Question was asked if the R.D.C., who allow payment to officials who have joined the forces, also allow payment to the men in their employ, who have also joined.

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr G. EVANS seconded, "That, if not, allowance should be made."

[Unsigned] Chairman.

April 22nd 1918.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. DANDO, Mr A. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed that Mr F. BLINMAN be re-elected. There being no seconder to the amendment, the original proposition was declared **carried**.

Overseers

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr DANDO seconded, that the four Overseers, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr S. PAYNE & Mr G.B. CLEAVES, be re-elected.

Assistant Overseer

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be Assistant Overseer at a salary of £45 and to be paid extra remuneration allowed for preparing Voters' register.

Path to Paulton

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, that clerk be asked to get an estimate as to cost of ashfelting [*asphalting*] the path leading from High Littleton to Paulton.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 1st 1918.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Vice Chairman, Mr A. JAMES, Mr H. DANDO, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Allotments

Applications from 15 people in the village were read. After some discussion as to land suitable, it was agreed that Little Butlas [*Butler's*], about 3 acres, belonging to G.B. SCOBELL, was a suitable place.

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that letter be written to owner, stating that applications have been received and asking that the field be let to the Council.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that bills be put in shop windows, inviting applications for allotments.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, that parishioners should be considered first.
[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 10th 1918.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date, the following were present:
Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Vice chairman, Mr A. JAMES, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr H. DANDO.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Allotments

Mr CLEAVES and the Clerk reported that they had interviewed the owner of Little Butlas and that he was willing that this field should be used as an allotment garden. The sub-tenant Mr J. JAMES was also agreeable. Letter was read from the tenant, Welton Breweries, stating that they would be pleased to join in a general consent.

Sub-Committee

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and it was unanimously **agreed**, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr A. JAMES and Mr H. DANDO constitute an Allotment Committee and that they meet on the field at 6 p.m. on Monday the 13th Inst.

It was unanimously **agreed** that letter be written to G.B. SCOBELL Esq. and to his lawyer, informing them that the Council had taken over the field for allotment gardens and asking them to forward Agreement for the signature of the Council.

Mr J. JAMES was also officially informed by the Clerk.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

June 18th 1918.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. JAMES, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Allotments, High Littleton

Letter was read from Messrs BEVAN, HANCOCK & Co., to the effect that they think the rent of Little Butlas, the field taken over as allotments, should be £6 per acre.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, That letter be written to J.H. BURTON Esq., putting case of allotments and asking his advice.

Allotments, Hallatrow

Letters of application for allotments at Hallatrow, 180 perches, were read from 11 parishioners.

Mr POLLETT reported that the plough field at White Cross would be vacant in March next.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT & Mr BLANNING open negotiation with Mr OSMAN, as to rent of field at White Cross.

Paths

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that letter be written to R.D.C., asking for sanction to divert path across allotments at High Littleton.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

October 15th 1918.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr H. DANDO, Mr A. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Allotments, High Littleton

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, "That this council having met and considered your letter re rent of field known as Little Butlas, now taken as allotment by council, are unanimously of the opinion that the amount asked is exorbitant, in view of the fact that other land in the village is let generally at half the sum named, and consider that £3 per acre is a fair charge."

Letter was read from J.H. BURTON, stating that rent of allotments in villages was generally 6d. per perch and that, if County Council had taken over the land, they would probably have let it at £4 per acre.

Allotments, Hallatrow

Mr POLLETT reported that Mr OSMAN had been approached as to rent of field at White Cross.

Mr OSMAN, at first, verbally agreed upon a rent but afterwards sent a communication to Mr POLLETT, to the effect that he could not let the land to the Council.

Mr POLLETT also reported that he had seen several landowners at Hallatrow but had been unable to secure a piece for allotments.

Mr A. BLANNING agreed to see the eleven applicants for allotments, to explain the situation and ask if the applications still held good.

Paths

Mr A. JAMES proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that resolution passed at last meeting, re diverting path, be rescinded.

Long Ground

Mr JAMES reported that trees on path (lately felled) were an obstruction and should be moved.

Mr JAMES proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that letter be written to the owner of the timber, asking that it be taken off path.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

21st January 1919.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date at 7.0 p.m., the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. DANDO, Mr A. BLANNING.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Long Ground

Mr H. DANDO reported that the trees on this path were still a source of danger and should be removed.

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr H. DANDO seconded, that a letter be written to Messrs Geo. RANDLE & Son, Bridgwater, stating that trees were still a source of danger to persons using the path. **Carried Unan'y.**

Hallatrow Allotment

Mr A. BLANNING reported that all the applications stood, so that the amount of allotment applied for is now 220 perch.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that letter be written to Mr J.H. BURTON, Secretary to Allotments, explaining the case and asking him to take proceedings. **Carried.**

Housing Question

Letter was read from the R.D.C. re Housing.

Mr A. BLANNING proposed that a Parish Meeting be called for Jan'y 29th at 7.0 p.m., to consider this question. Mr *[blank]* seconded.

Seed Potatoes

Circular was read from the Somerset Fruit & Vegetable Society Ltd. re Seed Potatoes.

It was **agreed** that bills be issued and that Clerk to Parish Council *[W.H. MARTIN]* be responsible.

Path, Hallatrow - Paulton

Mr H. DANDO reported that a stile in this path had been removed and that cattle were using opening in hedge, causing path to be unusable.

Mr H. DANDO proposed and Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that letter be written to Mr J. ABBOTT, asking him to replace stile. **Carried.**

[Unsigned] Chairman.

Jan'y 29th 1919.

Meeting of the Parish Council on above date at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A. JAMES.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Long Ground

Letter was read from G. RANDALL *[RANDLE]* & Co., to the effect that their haulier, Messrs STOCK & Son, would attend to the matter.

Hallatrow Allotment

In answer, a post card was received from the allotment and Garden sub-committee, stating that matter should receive early attention.

High Littleton Allotment

Letter was received from W.G. EYRES (Kingwell's lawyer), saying that he would discuss matter with G.B. SCOBELL Esq.

Postal Service

Letter was read from Rev. G.H. LAWRENCE re later post out each day.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr A. JAMES seconded, that letter be sent to Postmaster, Bristol, stating that they unanimously agree that there should be a later collection at High Littleton.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Jan'y 29th 1919.

A Parish meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held at 7.0 p.m. on the above date.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT & 20 electors.

Chairman read the notice of meeting.

Housing Question

The scheme, as put forward by the R.D.C. and all correspondence relating thereto, were read by clerk and explained by Mr Geo. BRICE, the R.D. Councillor of the Parish.

After some discussion, in which the state of present houses took a prominent part, it was **agreed** that the following questions asked by the R.D.C. should be answered.

1. Name of Parish - High Littleton.
 2. No. of houses required at once - 20
 3. Sites suggested -

a. Elm Hayes & Holly Bush.	d. Near Brook Farm.
b. Lodge Paddock.	e. South Over Yard.
c. Slade Acre, next Penn's	f. Pye Corner, near White Cross..
 4. Owner of Site -

a. H. PANES.	d. Messrs HOPPER.
b. Mrs GREENHILL.	e. G.B. SCOBELL.
c. Mr A. STYLES.	f. H. POLLETT.
 5. Name of Occupier -

a. Mr H. PANES.	d. H.C. COLES.
b. Mrs GREENHILL.	e. E. DANDO.
c. Mr A. STYLES.	f. H. POLLETT.
 6. Number on Map - Ord(i)nance

a. 380 & 210.	d. 173.
b. 352.	e. 302 part of.
c. 51.	f. 42.
 7. Do you consider houses should have 3 rooms up, with kitchen, parlour, and scullery with fixed bath downstairs?
- Yes, with the omission of the bath.
 8. What is the highest rent tenants could afford to pay for the accommodation mentioned?
- No suggestion.
 9. Observations -
The Parish meeting considers that scheme is bad, that the Government should build and that cost should come from Imperial Taxation.
- Other Sites -
- | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Near Hallatrow Station | George's Brewery | 55 part of. |
| White Cross | J.G. OSMAN | 69. |
| White Cross | A. STYLES | 68. |
| do. | J.G. OSMAN | 39. |
| do. | A. STYLES | 38 part of. |

[Unsigned] Chairman.

March 17th 1919.

The Annual Parish meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT and 35 electors.

Election of Councillors

7 Nomination papers were handed in; as Mr H. POLLETT was nominated, Mr ORCHARD proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that Mr G.B. SCOBELL take the chair.

Mr G.B. SCOBELL having taken the chair and the time having expired, the following votes were taken:

Mr J.A. ANDREWS	21
Mr A.T. BLANNING	10
Mr F. BLINMAN	21
Mr W.F. CARTER	22
Mr G.B. CLEAVES	31
Mr F.J. MOUNTY	22
Mr H. POLLETT	20

No poll being demanded, the chairman declared Mr J.A. ANDREWS, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr W.F. CARTER, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F.J. MOUNTY & Mr H. POLLETT to be duly **elected**.

Overseers' a/cs

These accounts were read.

Rev. G.H. LAWRENCE proposed and W.F. CARTER seconded, that accounts, as read, be passed.

Parish Council a/cs

The Parish Council a/cs were read.

Mr W. CARTER proposed and Mr MOUNTY seconded, that a/cs, as read, be passed.

Mary JONES' Charity

[There was] Some discussion as to using capital of Charity for a recreation ground.

Accounts were read and **passed**, there being 3 dissentients.

Guardian's Report

Mr BRICE, the Guardian, read his report.

There was some discussion as to relief to various persons but the Guardian explained that the cases were each thoroughly investigated and dealt with on their merits.

Mr H. POLLETT moved and Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that Mr G. BRICE be thanked for the manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Recreation Ground and memorial

Mr ORCHARD proposed and Mr LAWRENCE seconded, that a Parish meeting be called to consider Memorial and Recreation Ground.

A small committee, consisting of Mr G.B. SCOBELL, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr T. ORCHARD, Rev. G.H. LAWRENCE and Mr W. CARTER, was chosen to make preliminary arrangements.

Drainage

Some discussion took place as to drainage of certain parts of the parish but no resolution was passed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 24th 1919.

Meeting of the Parish Council was held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr H. DANDO.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Hallatrow Allotment

Mr H. POLLETT reported that he had seen the County Council representative at Hallatrow, that they had viewed the land of all farmers, and representative had promised to write to council.

Letter was read from Mr L.E. SNELGROVE, to the effect that he had made arrangements with Mr J.G. OSMAN, under which he was prepared to let to the Parish Council, for use of allotments, 1½ acres of the portion of his field near the crossroads, at £4 per acre but that, if applicants did not see their way to accept this offer, he would be prepared to recommend the acquisition of 1½ acres of Mr HUNT's field, No. 51. He, however, pointed out that, to meet compensation and rent, the Committee would probably be unable to let the land at less than £4 per acre, the Parish Council to pay rates and fencing, which would have to be recovered in the form of rent.

The Council met representatives of the applicants for allotments, explained the position to them, and they were unanimously in favour of taking a part of field No. 51.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that letter be written to Mr SNELGROVE, to the effect that Council would agree to the taking of 1½ acres from field No. 51 as an allotment.

High Littleton Allotment

The clerk *[W.H. MARTIN]* reported that, at 9d. per perch, the allotment would pay its way.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, that allotment charge be 9d. per perch and that Clerk collect rents and pays bills. **Unanimously**.

Pending the adoption of rules for allotments, Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that no fowls be kept in the allotment field.

Precept £1.14. 6

Mr DANDO proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that precept for £1.14. 6 be drawn on the Overseers.

Postal Arrangements

Letter was read from the postmaster of Bristol, to the effect that, at present, no alteration could be made but that the request of the Council should not be lost sight of and stating that there is reason to hope that the service would be improved.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 7th 1919.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Hallatrow Allotments

Letter was read from Mr L.E. SNELGROVE, to the effect that Mr STYLES offered a site for allotments near White Cross Cottages and asking if applicants were willing to take it.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that a letter be written to Mr SNELGROVE, stating that site proposed was unsuitable to applicants.

Letter was also read from Mr STYLES re allotments.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that letter, as read, lie on the table.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 15th 1919.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr A.J. ANDREWS, Mr W.F. CARTER, Mr F. MOUNTY.

Declarations having been signed, the clerk *[W.H. MARTIN]* acted as provisional chairman.

Chairman

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A.J. ANDREWS seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr W.F. CARTER seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice chairman for the ensuing year.

Overseers

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that the four Overseers, Messrs H. POLLETT, A. BLANNING, G.B. CLEAVES and S. PAYNE, be re-elected.

Trustees Mary JONES' Charity

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. MOUNTY seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT, Mr C. BLANNING, Mr W. BRICE and Mr W.F. CARTER be the Trustees.

School Manager

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr A.J. ANDREWS seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be School Manager.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. MOUNTY seconded, that, in case of County Council asking for recommendation of a manager, Mr G. BRICE be recommended.

Assistant Overseer

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr F. MOUNTY seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be Assistant Overseer at a salary of £50 and that question of remuneration for allotments be proposed.

Hallatrow Allotment

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. MOUNTY seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT and Mr A.J. ANDREWS be sub-committee for Hallatrow allotments.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr A.J. ANDREWS seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be added to sub-committee. Sub-committee: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A.J. ANDREWS, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, with full power to fence allotment and do any necessary work attached thereto.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

May 2nd 1919.

Meeting of the Overseers was held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr S. PAYNE, Mr A. BLANNING.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

No. 17 *[in]* Valuation List, owned by W. BLINMAN, sold to Mr F. STACEY; it was **agreed** that name be altered but that assessment remain the same.

Rosewell Farm

Mr A. JAMES having left 150a, This land was replaced and assessment was made the same as before the sub-division, viz:

149. A. PANES A. PANES & 3 others 133 ac. 3. 12 Gross £251 Rateable £225.

Small field 2 ac. 2 rd. 28 pls. having been sold to Mr B. PURNELL, it was **agreed** that the gross be £5 (gross), £4.10. 0 Rateable.

No. 179, Part of this field 1½ ac. having been taken over by the County for parish allotments, it was **agreed** that it now read:

179.	HUNT	A. STYLES	6 a. 0. 25	£11	£10.10. 0.
179a.	P.C.	do.	1. 2. 0	3	£2. 5. 0.

Rate

It was **agreed** that the rate be 3/- [*in the £*] Ordinary and 8d. Special.
 [*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

July 7th 1919.

A Parish meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 8.0 p.m.
 Present: Mr H. POLLETT & 30 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Recreation Ground

Mr G.B. CLEAVES reported that the Recreation sub-Committee had interviewed owners but that no one was agreeable to give up a field for that purpose.

Peace Celebration

Rev. G.H. LAWRENCE proposed and Mr T. WICKS seconded, that we celebrate peace.

Mr F. MOUNTY moved, as an amendment, that, as peace is not yet, we do not celebrate. Mr J. ANDREWS supports.

On being put to the meeting, 13 voted for celebration and 1 against.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES [*proposed*] that children and persons over 60 years of age be given a tea, that sports be open to all parishioners and, in the event of sufficient funds being forthcoming, all should have tea. Mr A. BLANNING seconded.

Committee

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr C. BLANNING seconded, that Rev. G.H. LAWRENCE be Chairman of Celebration Committee.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, that W.H. MARTIN be secretary.

Mr W. CARTER proposed and Mr C.C. ROBERTS seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be Treasurer.

The following, with power to bring one lady, and also to add to their number, were **chosen** as committee:

Admiral JONES, G.B. SCOBELL, H.B. SCOBELL, Mr BURGE, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F. MOUNTY, Mr C. BLANNING, A. BLANNING, C.C. ROBERTS, Mr C. BOLWELL, Mr W. CARTER, Mr T. WICKS, Mr G. HAYES, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr G. DANDO, Mr A. COX, Mr B. CARTER, Mr J.A. ANDREWS, Mr ORCHARD, Mr L. BRICE, Mr J. CLARE, Mr T. EVANS, Mr O. HILLMAN, Mr E. HOOKE, Mr S. POLLETT, Mrs POW, Miss O. CARTER, Mrs J. PERRY, Mrs PARSONS, Miss BODY, Mrs J. EVANS, Mrs W. BRICE, Mrs E. BRIMBLE, Mrs SIMS, Mrs F. BAKER, Mrs M. FILER, Miss BLANNING, Mrs GARRETT.

[*Unsigned*] Chairman.

August 19th 1919.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

[*Present:*] Mr H. POLLETT, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr J. ANDREWS, Mr W.F. CARTER, Mr F. MOUNTY, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Bridge over brook

Mr G. CLEAVES proposed and Mr W. CARTER seconded, that Paulton be asked to complete work and that this Council would pay half the cost.

Allotments

Sub-Committee reported that allotment at Hallatrow had been fenced.

Letter was read from Mr G. JAMES re timber on path leading to Paulton and also as to goats kept in allotment.

Mr W. CARTER proposed and F. MOUNTY seconded, that letter be written to Messrs G. RANDAL, to the effect that the Council would hold him responsible if anything happened owing to trees being on the path and that Clerk be instructed to see Mr W. DIX re keeping goats in the roadway of the allotments.

Paths

Complaint was received re path to Farrington & Paulton Rd. from Tennis Court Farm & letter to be sent (to) to Mr ABBOTT, drawing his attention to same.

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

December 9th 1919.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr J. ANDREWS, Mr W.F. CARTER, Mr F. MOUNTY, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Post Office

Letter was read from the Postmaster of Bristol, asking if the Council had any objection to the night mails being despatched from Hallatrow by the 7.12 p.m. train, instead of the 8.45 p.m. train. This would necessitate the Hallatrow letter box being cleared at 6.45 p.m. instead of 8.0 p.m. as at present.

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that this Council agrees to the suggestion re despatching letters from Hallatrow. **Carried**.

Ambulance

Letter was read from Mr Leo W. BOTTOMLEY, as to Parish forming a committee to obtain voluntary subscriptions towards cost of upkeep of Car stationed at Midsomer Norton.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that Mr W.F. CARTER and the clerk be asked to obtain further particulars of the scheme.

Path leading to Paulton

Mr G.B. CLEAVES moved and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that clerk be instructed to remove the obstruction in the path (a tree) and to send the account to Messrs RANDLE & Co., the owners of the same; also to draw the attention of Mr W. HUTTON to the inconvenient stile in the path.

Precept £10

Mr F. MOUNTY proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that a precept for £10 be drawn on the Overseers.

[Cheques] £6. 4. 8. £2.11. 0

Mr MOUNTY proposed, Mr CARTER seconded, that a cheque for £6. 4. 8 be drawn in favour of Mr J.G. OSMAN, and the Paulton Parish Council £2.11. 0, being half of expense of renovating bridge over Cam.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

February 23rd 1920.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date, the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr J.A. ANDREWS, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Ambulance

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that question of ambulance be deferred.

Hallatrow Allotment

Letter was read from the Somerset Agricultural Executive, containing agreement and asking if, in the event of Council being unable to agree with landlord, what rent would they be prepared to pay.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that Chairman & Clerk see the owner (Mr STYLES) as to terms and, if no agreement can be arrived at, that letter be answered; in the meantime a letter be sent to Executive Com., stating that agreement was under consideration and would be returned in due course.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that applications for allotments should be in writing and addressed to the clerk.

Long Ground Path

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr A.J. ANDREWS seconded, that Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr G.B. CLEAVES and the Clerk inspect this path and do their best to put it into some kind of repair.

[Cheques] £12, £5. 6. 3

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that cheque for £12 be drawn in favo[u]r of George's Brewery as rent for High Littleton Allotment and one for £5. 6. 3 in favo[u]r of the Somerset Executive Committee, rent of Hallatrow Allotment to December 1919.

Cheques were drawn and signed.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 9th 1920.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date; the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr J.A. ANDREWS, Mr W.F. CARTER, Mr F. MOUNTY.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Ambulance

There being nothing definite to put before the council, Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr CARTER seconded, that question of ambulance be referred to Parish meeting, that letter be written to Mr Leo BOTTOMLEY, asking what sum would be required from the parish and the manner in which the mileage counted.

Long Ground Path

No report

Hallatrow Allotment

Mr POLLETT interviewed the owner, Mr STYLES, who agreed to let the allotment to the Council at £6 per annum from March 25th next.

Mr F. MOUNTY proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, That letter be sent to the Somerset Executive Com., to the effect that this Council have agreed with the owner, and asking the liability of the Council to March 25th 1920.

Allotment Rules

Mr MOUNTY proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconds that 3 members constitute a sub-committee to draw up rules and present to the council.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr POLLETT seconded, that the following form the sub-committee: Mr CARTER, Mr MOUNTY, Mr ANDREWS.

[Cheque] £5. 3.10

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr CARTER seconded, that cheque for £5. 3.10 be drawn in favour of the Clerk [W.H. MARTIN].

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 30th 1920.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date; the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr W.F. CARTER, Mr F. MOUNTY, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Hallatrow Allotment, £1.17. 6

Letter was read from Norman OLDFIELD Esq., stating that £1.17. 6, ¼ rent, was due on allotments.

Mr CARTER proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that cheque for £1.17. 6 be drawn in favour of N. OLDFIELD Esq.

Letter was read from E.B. WHISH, to the effect that Parish Council were the tenants of the Agricultural Executive Committee until March 25th 1922.

Mr CARTER proposed and Mr CLEAVES seconded, that a letter be sent to Norman OLDFIELD, enclosing cheque and pointing out that, in answer to letter from him, this council had agreed with the owner, the tenancy commencing March 25th 1920.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 30th 1920.

The Annual Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT and 14 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Overseers' a/cs

These accounts were read.

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr J. EVANS seconded, that accounts, as read, be passed.

Parish Council a/cs

Mr BRICE proposed and Mr DOBSON seconded, that accounts, as read, be passed.

Mary JONES' Charity

These accounts, together with a list of recipients were read. Some discussion arose as to amounts given to certain persons. Mr H. POLLETT, on behalf of the Trustees, invited applications, which should be addressed to the clerk, and promised that cases should be considered on their merits.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that accounts be passed.

Guardian's Report

Mr George BRICE, the Guardian, read his report re persons receiving relief, which was very short.

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr MOUNTY seconded a vote of thanks to the Guardian, for the manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Ambulance

The question of a motor ambulance, stationed at Midsomer Norton and open to the use of parishes within a district of 15 miles of garage - The upkeep to be met by Voluntary Contributions from the parishes joining. Charges to be 1/3 per mile out and home from garage.

After some discussion, it was **agreed** that matter be allowed to drop.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 22nd 1920.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting, held on the above date at 7.30 p.m., the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A.J. ANDREWS, Mr F. MOUNTY, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr W.F. CARTER.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr A.J. ANDREWS seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman for the ensuing year. **Carried** unanimously.

Vice Chairman

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr MOUNTY seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Overseers

Mr A.J. ANDREWS proposed and Mr MOUNTY seconded, that the four overseers, Messrs H. POLLETT, A. BLANNING, S. PAYNE and G.B. CLEAVES, be re-elected.

Ass't Overseer

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. MOUNTY seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be the Assistant Overseer, the question of remuneration being deferred to the next meeting.

Allotments

Mr F. MOUNTY reported that, owing to the gatepost in the High Littleton allotment being down, cattle had been able to get in.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. MOUNTY seconded, that clerk request Messrs HAYES Bros. to give a price for putting another gate post and rails. **Carried**.

Hallatrow

Letter was read from Norman OLDFIELD, acknowledging receipt of £1.17. 6 rent due and promising to answer question re tenancy at a future date.

Motor Ambulance

Letter was read from Midsomer Norton Urban District Council re meeting of representatives from Local Committees.

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr F. MOUNTY seconded, that letter be written to the Midsomer Norton Urban District Council, to the effect that their former correspondence had been read at the Annual Parish Meeting and that a resolution was passed, declining to entertain proposals. **Unanimously**.

School Manager

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be school manager for the ensuing year.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

Hallatrow Allotments [1919 - 1920]

Received Rent:		Fence	6. 4. 8
238 perch @ 1/-	£11.18. 0	Rates	13. 5
Balance Against	<u>2. 3.10</u>	Rent	<u>7. 3. 9</u>
	£14. 1.10		£14. 1.10

High Littleton Allotments [1919 - 1920]

Balances	6	Rent	£12. 0. 0
443 perch. @ 9d.	£16.12. 3	Rates	2.15.11
19 @ 3d	<u>4. 9</u>	Balance	<u>2. 1. 7</u>
	£16.17. 6		£16.17. 6

Sept'r 24th 1920.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr J.A. ANDREWS.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Paths - Highbury

Letter read from the Clutton Parish Council, asking if this Council would agree to pay half the cost of repairs to bridge over stream at Hallatrow.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that this Council pay half the cost.

Long Ground

The clerk reported that the tenant of Long Ground had expressed the opinion that something should be done towards repairing this path.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that letter be sent to Mr RHYMES, asking if he would throw up the ditch, which carries part of the water now going down the path.

Down, Hallatrow

Letter from Mr F. NORRIS, re providing a wicket gate in a footpath, was allowed to lie on the table.

Allotment

Agreement between Mr A. STYLES of Paulton and this Council, re Hallatrow allotment, was read.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that agreement be signed.

Agreement was therefore signed.

An application was received from the Football Club to be allowed to use the cartroad in the High Littleton Allotment as a path to their field.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that permission be given and that a charge of one shilling per year be charged for the privilege.

Resignation of Mr F. MOUNTY

Letter was read from Mr F. MOUNTY resigning his seat on the Council, owing to his removal to Keynsham.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that Mr Arthur BLANNING be elected to fill the vacancy.

Assistant Overseer's Salary £75

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that the Assistant Overseer [*W.H. MARTIN*]'s salary should be £75 per year, to date from April 1st.

[Cheque] £2. 5. 0

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, that cheque be drawn in favour of A.G. HAYES. [*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

February 1st 1921.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr W.F. CARTER, Mr A.T. BLANNING.

Mr A.T. BLANNING signed his declaration.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Paths

Letter was read re blocking of path over G.W.R. line at Hallatrow.

Mr BLANNING proposed and Mr W.F. CARTER seconded, that copy of letter of complaint be sent to District Superintendent, G.W.R.

Letter read re obstructions (wire & stones) in path leading from Hallatrow to Stephen's Hill.

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that attention of Mr F. STACEY, the owner, be called to the obstructions, also to the width of the path.

Highbury

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr BLANNING seconded, that letter be sent to Clutton Parish Council, asking how repairs to bridge in this path were progressing.

Nursing

Letter was read from Farmborough Parish Council, re Forming of Nursing Association, Combination of High Littleton and Farmborough.

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that clerk obtain more information as to probable cost.

[Cheques] £4. 0. 6, £9.12. 0, £12.10. 0

W.F. CARTER proposed, Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that following cheques be signed:

In favour of C. BOULTON, 69 hours spreading cinders and making path High Littleton to Paulton, [*£4. 0. 6*].

In favour of Mr F. CARTER, hauling cinders and hire of man & horse, £9.12. 0.

Greyfield Coll'y Co., cinders & hauling, £12.10. 0.

Long Ground Path

Mr BLINMAN, for sub-committee, reported that committee had done their best with regard to this path.

Precept £30

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr W.F. CARTER seconded, that precept for £30 be drawn on the Overseers.

Letter was read from Mr W.B. SCOBELL, re purchasing Allotment field, at present rented from Messrs GEORGE's Brewery Co.

Clerk was instructed to see Mr SCOBELL and point out difficulties of the Council in relation to this ground.

Allotment - High Littleton 9d., Hallatrow 1/-

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed, Mr BLANNING seconded, that allotment rent be 9d. & 1/- per perch.

[*Signed*] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 1st 1921.

Meeting of the Overseers on above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A.T. BLANNING.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Assessment

[Nothing more minuted]

March 30th 1921.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on above date at 6.45 p.m.

[Present]: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F. BLINMAN.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Paths, Hallatrow

Letter was read from G.W.R., to the effect that Mr GRIFFITHS, Divisional Superintendent, would go into the matter and communicate with Council.

Letter was read from Mr F. STACEY, stating that the path in its narrowest part was 5 ft. wide, there was no obstruction, he also invited members of council to view the same.

Highbury

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr BLINMAN seconded, that letter be written to Clutton Council, asking how work was progressing and offering to meet paths Committee.

Nursing Association

Letter read from Farmborough Parish Council, stating that the Association would be run by a combined Committee selected from both parishes and that the estimated cost would be about £150.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed, Mr CLEAVES seconded, that matter be referred to the Parish Meeting.

Allotments

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed and Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that rent £6 be paid to Mr A. STYLES, as per previous resolution.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that notice be given to allotment holders as follows:

1. Allotment holders must not sublet.
2. Allotments must be cultivated to the satisfaction of the Council.
3. Rent must be paid by Sept. 1st of each year.

[Cheques] £6, £12, £6.11.11

Mr POLLETT proposed, Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that the following cheques be signed:

£6 in favour of Mr A. STYLES, rent of Hallatrow Allotment.

£12 in favour of Messrs GEORGE, rent of High Littleton Allotment.

£6.11.11 in favour of W.H. MARTIN (clerk).

9d. perch

Mr BLINMAN Proposed, Mr POLLETT seconded, that rent per perch of allotments, for ensuing year, be 9d.

High Littleton Allotments 1920 - 1921

Balance in hand	£2. 1. 7	Rent - GEORGE's	£12. 0. 0
Rents	16.17. 0	Rates	3.13. 9
		Repairs	2. 5. 0
		Balance	<u>19.10</u>
	<u>£18.18. 7</u>		<u>£18.18. 7</u>

Hallatrow Allotments 1920 - 1921

Rents	£11.18. 0	Balance against	2. 3. 10
		Rates	17. 8
		Rent	6. 0. 0
		Balance	<u>2.16. 6</u>
	<u>£11.18. 0</u>		<u>£11.18. 0</u>

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

April 1st 1921.

The Annual Parish meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT and 19 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Overseers a/cs

These accounts were read.

Mr G. BRICE proposed and Rev. G.H. LAWRENCE seconded, that accounts, as read, be passed.

Parish Council a/cs

Mr CARTER (W.F.) proposed and Mr E. CARTER seconded, that a/cs be passed.

Some discussion took place with regard to allotments.

Mr G. BRICE moved and Mr E. CARTER seconded, that Parish Council have agreement with allotment holders.

Mary JONES' Charity

The list of recipients and the balance sheet of Trustees of this charity were read.

After a little discussion, Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr E. CARTER seconded, that accounts be passed.

Guardian's Report

Mr G. BRICE read his report, which was very short.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed & Mr HUTTON seconded a vote of thanks to the Guardian, for the manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Nursing Association

This matter, which was referred from the Parish Council, was introduced by the Chairman; after discussion, Mr TAVINER proposed and Mr BRICE seconded, that Clerk obtain more information to lay before another Parish Meeting, to be held on April 16th.

[Signed] G. Henry LAWRENCE, Chairman, March 13th 1922.

April 16th 1921.

A Parish meeting, convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present:

[Nothing further written and it seems doubtful that a meeting was held.]

April 18th 1921.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date, the following were present:

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A. BLANNING, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr J. ANDREWS, Mr W.F. CARTER.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr A. BLANNING proposed, Mr W.F. CARTER seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT be Chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr A. BLANNING proposed, Mr ANDREWS seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice chairman.

Overseers

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed, Mr W.F. CARTER seconded, that the four Overseers, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A.T. BLANNING and Mr S. PAYNE, be re-elected.

Ass't Overseer

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed, Mr F. BLINMAN seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be Ass't Overseer at same salary, £75.

School Manager

Mr H. POLLETT proposed, Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be School Manager for ensuing year and that he be asked to furnish a yearly report.

Paths

Verbal message was conveyed by the clerk from Mr GRIFFITHS, Divisional Superintendent, G.W.R., to the effect that path over line would be kept clear of trucks as much as possible.

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded, that verbal message be accepted.

Highbury

Mr CARTER proposed, Mr BLANNING seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES and the Clerk meet Paths Committee, Clutton Council, re bridge over brook.

Allotments

It was **agreed** that clerk obtain the signatures to the following agreement of all allotment holders.

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr A. BLANNING seconded the following rules:

1. That all tenancies begin and terminate on March 25th of each year, subject to 3 months notice on either side.
2. That no allotment be sublet without the consent in writing of the Parish Council.
3. That each allotment be cultivated to the satisfaction of the Council.
4. That rent be paid by Sept'r 1st of each year.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 13th 1922.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A.T. BLANNING, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr F. BLINMAN, Mr A.J. ANDREWS, Mr W.F. CARTER.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Highbury

Mr G.B. CLEAVES reported that repairs to bridge over the stream at this place had been carried out.

Allotment

Letter was read from the owner, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL, to the effect that, as Council did not desire to purchase, the allotment was being put up for sale by auction.

The chairman and clerk promised to attend the sale.

[Signed] Henry POLLETT, Chairman.

March 13th 1922.

The Annual Parish meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT and 60 electors.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Election of Councillors

Ten nomination papers were handed in; as Mr POLLETT was nominated, Mr BRICE proposed and Mr J. CARTER seconded, that Rev. G.H. LAWRENCE take the chair.

Rev. G.H. LAWRENCE having taken the chair and the time having expired, the following votes were taken:

Mr J.A. ANDREWS	30
Mr A.T. BLANNING	33
Mr A.N. BEACHAM	18
Mr F. BLINMAN	15
Mr E. CARTER	18
Mr W.F. CARTER	37
Mr G.B. CLEAVES	29
Mr G.P. DANDO	16
Mr H. POLLETT	25
Mr W.B. SCOBELL	29

No poll being demanded, the chairman declared Messrs J.A. ANDREWS, A.T. BLANNING, Mr W.F. CARTER, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr H. POLLETT and Capt. W.B. SCOBELL to be duly **elected**.

Overseers' a/cs

These accounts were read.

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr G. BRICE seconded, that accounts, as read, be passed.

Parish Council a/cs

The Parish Council a/cs were read.

Mr ORCHARD proposed, Mr DURY seconded, that a/cs, as read, be passed.

Mary JONES' Charity

List of recipients and balance sheet of this a/c were read.

Mr C.C. ROBERTS proposed and Mr HUTTON seconded, that these accounts be passed. **Carried** unanimously.

Guardian's Report

Mr G. BRICE read his report, which he explained did not include a list of people unemployed, who had obtained a loan from the Guardians. The report was very short.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr C. BLANNING seconded a vote of thanks to the Guardian, Mr G. BRICE, for the manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Allotment, High Littleton

Some discussion arose as to the advisability of purchasing these allotments but no resolution was proposed, so matter dropped.

School Manager

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that the Parish Council representative on the School Com. should present a report at the Annual P.C. Meeting.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

March 29th 1922.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr J.A. ANDREWS, Mr W.F. CARTER.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Public Telephone

Letter was read from District Manager re Telephone Facilities at High Littleton Post Office; Guarantee to be £8 per annum.

After some discussion on the subject, Mr CLEAVES moved and Mr W.F. CARTER seconded, that proposal could not be entertained.

Allotment, High Littleton

Clerk reported that five of the allotment holders were giving up and that there were 7 applicants.

It was **agreed** that allotments should be split up among the applicants.

Path over stream, Highbury, £4. 5. 5

Bill was presented from Clutton Parish Council, claiming half cost of repairs, £4. 5. 5.

Mr ANDREWS moved, Mr W.F. CARTER seconded, that cheque for £4. 5. 5 be drawn in favour of Clutton Parish Council.

[The following hand written letter has been preserved].

Overseers of Clutton

G.F. MAGGS, Assistant Overseer.

Clutton, Bristol,

18 March 1922.

Dear Sir

It was agreed that the repairs of Bridge at Cloud Hill should be borne equally by your Council & my Council. The work has been completed some months ago & bill paid. Amount £8.10.11.

Please send cheque for your share so that it can be brought into this year's A/cs.

Yours faithfully, G.F. MAGGS.

Mr W.H. MARTIN, High Littleton Parish Council.

High Littleton Allotment £12

Mr CLEAVES proposed, Mr ANDREWS seconded, that cheque for £12 be drawn in favour of Messrs GEORGE's Brewery Co., rent of allotment.

Hallatrow Allotment £6

Mr CARTER moved, Mr ANDREWS seconded, that cheque for £6, rent of Hallatrow allotment, be drawn in favour of Mr A. STYLES.

[Cheque] £7.19. 1

Mr CLEAVES moved, Mr CARTER seconded, that cheque for £7.19. 1, made up as follows: Rates on High Littleton Allotment £4. 7. 2½, Hallatrow Allotment £1. 0.11, Printer £1. 0. 6, Meetings 8/-, Stamps £1. 2. 6, be drawn in favour of W.H. MARTIN (clerk).

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

April 20th 1922.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date at 7.30 p.m., the following were present:

Mr H. POLLETT, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr W.F. CARTER, Mr A.J. ANDREWS, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL.

Declarations having been signed, the clerk acted as provisional chairman.

Chairman

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed that Mr H. POLLETT be chairman.

Capt. W.B. SCOBELL proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that Mr W.F. CARTER be chairman.

There being no seconder to Mr CLEAVES' proposition, Mr W.F. CARTER took the chair.

Vice Chairman

Mr ANDREWS proposed, Mr POLLETT seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice chairman.

Overseers

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr W.F. CARTER seconded, that the following gentlemen be Overseers for the ensuing year: Mr C. BLANNING, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr S. PAYNE & Mr G.P. DANDO.

Ass't Overseer(s)

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be re-appointed assistant overseer at a salary of £75, with the addition of charges for journeys to bank and attendance at Assessment meetings.

School Manager

Mr H. POLLETT proposed, Mr ANDREWS seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be school manager for the ensuing year.

Mary JONES' Charity

Mr CLEAVES proposed, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT, Mr C. BLANNING, Mr W. BRICE and Mr W.F. CARTER be appointed Trustees of this charity.

[Signed] G.B. CLEAVES, Chairman, May 24th.

May 24th 1922.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Vice Chairman, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr J. ANDREWS, Mr A.T. BLANNING.

Mr A.T. BLANNING signed his declaration.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Path to Litton

Letter was read from Mr F. STACEY, complaining about the state of this path.

Mr W.B. SCOBELL proposed, Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconds, that a sub-committee consisting of 4 members be appointed to view path and report.

The following were appointed sub-committee: Capt. W.B. SCOBELL, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A.T. BLANNING and Mr J. ANDREWS.

Path to Timsbury

Complaint was received of the dangerous state of this path on the boundary of Farmborough and High Littleton.

Mr POLLETT proposed, Mr BLANNING seconded, that Capt. SCOBELL, Mr CLEAVES and Mr ANDREWS constitute a sub-committee to view and report.

Hallatrow Allotment 6d. per perch

A complaint being received from an allotment holder at Hallatrow, a tree being included in his measurement, Mr POLLETT proposed and Capt. SCOBELL seconded, that he be allowed 2 perch.

Mr POLLETT proposed and Mr ANDREWS seconded, that the rent of the Hallatrow allotment be 6d. per perch for the ensuing year.

High Littleton Allotment 9d. per perch

Capt. SCOBELL proposed and Mr H. POLLETT seconded, that the rent of these allotments be 9d. per perch for the ensuing year.

[Cheque] £0.15. 0

Mr H. POLLETT proposed, Mr SCOBELL seconded, that a cheque for 15/- be drawn in favour of J.S. DURY Esq., Returning Officer.

[Signed] G.B. CLEAVES, Chairman, July 17th 1922.

July 17th 1922.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Vice Chairman, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL, Mr J.A. ANDREWS, Mr H. POLLETT.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Path to Litton

Sub-Committee reported that path badly needed repair and quotations as to prices of stones and haulage were received from the following:

BOWDITCH - 4/- per load hauled.

E. FREE - 5/6 per load hauled, 4/- at quarry.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed, Mr A.J. ANDREWS seconded, that the following owners be written to, as to opening of drains and help:- STACEY, ABBOTT, SHERRING.

Path over Gully between H. Littleton & Farmborough

Sub-Committee reported that the culvert was in a bad state and wanted repairing.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed, Mr A.J. ANDREWS seconded, that Farmborough Parish Council be asked to meet sub-committee on spot.

Path in Barnes Close

Letter was read from Miners' Welfare Committee re path in the Miners' Welfare Field.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed, Mr W.B. SCOBELL seconded, that letter be written, to the effect that Parish Council have no objection to the alteration of path in this field.

Right of Way through Allotments

Letter was read from Miners' Welfare Committee, asking that a right of way be granted through the allotments.

Mr CLEAVES proposed, Mr H. POLLETT seconded, that right of way be granted for 1/- per annum, on condition that rights of allotment holders are respected.

[Signed] Wm. F. CARTER, Chairman.

December 6th 1922.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Vice chairman, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL, Mr J.A. ANDREWS.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Path to Litton

Letters read from Mr F. STACEY & R.V. SHERRING promising help.

Mr J.A. ANDREWS proposed and Capt. W.B. SCOBELL seconded, that clerk see Mr J.J. ABBOTT and explain matters.

Path over Gully between High Littleton & Farmborough

Mr G.B. CLEAVES reported that sub-committee met Farmborough sub-committee on the spot on Sept. 29th and it was agreed that High Littleton Council get work completed, Farmborough Council agreeing to pay half the expenses. He also stated that work was nearly completed.

Path between High Littleton & Farmborough

Letter was read from Farmborough Council, calling attention to the stopping of a path across one of Capt. SCOBELL's fields.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that letter be written to Farmborough Council, asking for exact position, as owner could not locate it.

Provision of meals for School Children

Letter was read from Paulton Council re "Feeding of School Children".

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed and Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that no action be taken at present.

Rats

Circular from Board of Health read.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

March 26th 1923.

Meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER, Chairman, A.T. BLANNING, A.J. ANDREWS, G.B. CLEAVES.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Path to Litton

Clerk reported having see[n] Mr ABBOTT re path but that he declined to have anything to do with it.

Clerk was instructed to find out powers of Council.

Path over Gully

Sub-Committee reported that work was completed.

Hallatrow Allotment

Complaint having been received of cattle putting their heads between wires and eating crops, Mr CLEAVES proposed, Mr A.T. BLANNING seconded, that some netting be purchased and that Mr J.A. ANDREWS purchase same and carry out work.

It was **agreed** that Mr W. DANDO & ELMS be let two pieces of allotment at Hallatrow.

High Littleton Allotment

It was **agreed** that four pieces of allotment be let to Mr B. CLEAVES, WOODHOUSE, C. CURTIS and Gilbert EVANS.

[Cheques] £12, £6, £1. 5. 0, 16. 6, £1, £8.10.11, £1.13. 9

Mr A.T. BLANNING proposed, Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that the following cheques be signed:

£12 in favour of GEORGE's Brewery, rent High Littleton allotment.

£6 in favour of Mr A. STYLES, rent Hallatrow allotment.

£1. 5. 0 Mr E. FREE, cover stones, path over Gully.

16. 6 Mr F. CARTER, lime, ashes, hauling.

£1 Mr W. PERRY, Oak posts, pipes and labour.

£8.10.11 W.H. MARTIN, Rates £4. 1.11 & 19. 6, Printer £1.15. 0, 6 meetings 12/-, Stamps £1. 2. 6.

[£1.13. 9] In favour of B. ELMS, 27 hrs. @ 1/3.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

High Littleton Allotment 1922 - 1923

Balance in hand	£1. 9. 7½	GEORGE's Brewery	£12. 0. 0
Rent	16.17. 0	Rates	4. 1.11
		Balance	2. 4. 8½
	£18. 6. 7½		£18. 6. 7½

Hallatrow Allotment 1922 - 1923

Balance in hand	£4.14. 1	STYLES - Rent	£6. 0. 0
Rents	5.18. 0	Rates	19. 6
	<u> </u>	Balance	<u>3.12. 7</u>
	£10.12. 1		£10.12. 1

April 9th 1923.

The Annual Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER & 20 parishioners.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Overseers' a/cs

These accounts were read.

Mr BRICE proposed, Mr ORCHARD seconded, that accounts, as read, be accepted.

Parish Council a/cs

Rev. G.H. LAWRENCE proposed, Mr G.P. DANDO seconded, that a/cs, as read, be passed.

Discussion arose as to trespass on allotments by footballers.

Mr DOWLING proposed, Mr G. BRICE seconded, that notice warning trespassers be put up.

Mr T. TAVINER proposed, Mr ORCHARD seconded, that matter of trespass be left in hands of Parish Council.

Mr SALMON proposed, Mr DOWLING seconded, that gate, which is not required as an entrance to allotments, be blocked. On being put to the meeting, 10 voted for Mr SALMON's motion that gate be blocked.

Mary JONES' Charity

List of recipients and balance sheet read.

Mr F. BLINMAN proposed, Mr T. ORCHARD seconded, that accounts be accepted.

School Manager

The School Manager appointed by the Parish Council being unable to attend, some discussion took place, questions were answered by clerk, to the best of his ability.

Mr SALMON moved, Mr G. EVANS seconded, that clerk ascertain the difference between Elementary Council Schools & Elementary Church Schools, staffing etc.

Guardian's Report

The Guardian, Mr G. BRICE, read his list, which was a very short one. He mentioned that people who had borrowed from Guardians were gradually paying back.

Mr ANDREWS moved, Mr Ernest CARTER seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr G. BRICE, for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties.

[Signed] William F. CARTER.

April 23rd 1923.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date at 7.0 p.m., the following were present:

Mr W.F. CARTER, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Vice chairman, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr J.A. ANDREWS, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr ANDREWS proposed, Capt. SCOBELL seconded, that Mr W.F. CARTER be chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr ANDREWS proposed, Capt. SCOBELL seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice chairman for ensuing year.

Overseers

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that Messrs C. BLANNING, G.P. DANDO, H. POLLETT and Capt. W.B. SCOBELL be Overseers.

Ass't Overseer

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be re-appointed assistant [overseer] at a salary of £75, with the addition of charges for journeys to bank and attendance at Assessment meetings.

School Manager

Mr H. POLLETT proposed, Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be School Manager for the ensuing year.

Hallatrow Allotment

After discussion as to use of wire netting to keep cattle from eating tenants' crops, it was **agreed** that barbed wire be substituted.

Mr CLEAVES proposed and Capt. SCOBELL seconded, that Mr J.A. ANDREWS carry out the work.

Path over Gully

Letter was read from the Farmborough Council, asking for details of the bill, as they thought charge was exorbitant. Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Capt. SCOBELL seconded, that details of the work be sent to Farmborough Council.

Path, Mearns

Mr G.B. CLEAVES reported that this path had been considerably damaged by the rain.

Mr H. POLLETT proposed, Capt. SCOBELL seconded, that path be repaired.

Path to Farrington

Mr ANDREWS drew attention to the unsuitability of a stile in a field, belonging to Mr A. STYLES, in the occupation of Mrs HUNT.

Mr J.A. ANDREWS proposed, Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that letter be written to Mr STYLES, complaining.

Path to Litton

This matter was allowed to stand over till next meeting.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

Oct. 30th 1923.

Meeting of the Parish Council in Schoolroom on above date at 7.30 p.m.

[Present]: Mr W.F. CARTER, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Vice chairman, Mr J.A. ANDREWS, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Hallatrow Allotment

Mr ANDREWS reported that barbed wire had been placed round allotment and that it was satisfactory.

Bridge over Gully

Farmborough P.C. having sent no reply to letter re above, Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr W.B. SCOBELL seconded, that letter be written, reminding them of their obligation.

Path, Mearns

Mr G.B. CLEAVES reported that this path had been repaired.

Farrington Path

Capt. SCOBELL proposed, Mr CLEAVES seconded, that letter be written to Mr A. STYLES re Stile.

Path to Litton

This matter was deferred.

Mails later

Letter read from Paulton Parish Council, asking that this council support their application.

Clerk explained that he had acquainted Paulton P.C. with Council's opinion.

Capt. SCOBELL proposed, Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that clerk's action be confirmed.

Housing

Letter was read from R.D.C., asking if houses were still required and number.

Capt. W.B. SCOBELL proposed, Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that letter be sent, stating that situation had not altered since last letter.

Application from Mr RENDEL

Application for a piece of allotment at Hallatrow received from Mr RENDEL.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr ANDREWS seconded, that application be accepted.

Mearns path

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Capt. SCOBELL seconded, that £4.12. 0 be paid for procuring & spreading material.

[Cheques] £1.11. 0, £4.12. 0

J.A. ANDREWS proposed, Capt. SCOBELL seconded, that cheque for £1.11. 0 be drawn in favour of J. WATTS and that one for £4.12. 0 be drawn in favour of E. DIX.

£7 Precept

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that precept of £7 be drawn on Overseers.

Stall Ground

Complaints having been received as to stile, Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that attention of Mr W. POW be drawn to same.

Agricultural Rates Act

Mr J.A. ANDREWS proposed, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL seconded, that letter be written to Guardians, supporting their resolution re above.

[Signed] Wm. F. CARTER, Chairman.

March 5th 1924.

Meeting of the Parish Council in schoolroom on above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER, G.B. CLEAVES, J.A. ANDREWS.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

[Received] £2. 7. 7½

Clerk reported that sum of £2. 7. 7½, half of cost of repairs to path, paid by Farmborough Parish Council.

Stall Ground

Mr G.B. CLEAVES reported that this stile had been attended to.

Farrington Gurney

Mr J.A. ANDREWS reported that nothing had been done with regard to stile leading from Hallatrow to Farrington Gurney.

Path, Hallatrow to Clutton

Application received from Mr F. STACEY, as to diverting this path.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr ANDREWS seconded, that matter be brought before Parish meeting.

Path to Paulton

Letter was read from Mr RHYMES, complaining of state of path in his field.

After some discussion it was **agreed** that clerk ascertain if deposit in lane could be used by council, also if surveyor could assist as to surface water coming from road.

Allotments

Clerk reported number of pieces of allotment to let; it was **agreed** that clerk apportion among applicants.

High Littleton 9d. per perch, Hallatrow 6d. per perch

It was agreed the High Littleton allotments be 9d. per perch and Hallatrow 6d. per perch.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

March 31st 1924.

Meeting of the Parish Council in Schoolroom on above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: W.F. CARTER, Chairman, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL, J.A. ANDREWS, G.B. CLEAVES, T.A. BLANNING.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Stile, Farrington Gurney

Letter read from Mrs HUNT, to effect that stile had been repaired.

Path in Long Ground

Clerk reported that he had seen Surveyor, Mr ORCHARD, re deposit in Langford's Lane and was informed that Council might use part, which is of no use to R.D.C.

Allotment Holders

Clerk reported that vacant allotments had been apportioned.

[Cheques] £12, £6, £4. 5.11½

Mr J.A. ANDREWS proposed, Capt. SCOBELL seconded, that cheques be signed:

£12 in favour of GEORGE's Brewery.

£6 in favour of Mr A. STYLES.

£4. 5.11½ in favour of W.H. MARTIN.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

High Littleton Allotment 1923-4

Balance in hand	2. 4. 8½	Rent	£12. 0. 0
Rent	14.17. 3	Rates	2. 3. 1½
		Bal.	<u>2.18.10</u>
	<u>17. 1.11½</u>		<u>17. 1.11½</u>

Hallatrow

Balance in hand	3.12. 7	Rent	6. 0. 0
Rent	5. 4. 0	Rates	10. 4
		Fence	1.11. 0
		Balance	<u>15. 3</u>
	<u>£8.16. 7</u>		<u>£8.16. 7</u>

April 7th 1924.

The Annual Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER & 30 parishioners.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Overseers' a/cs

These accounts were read.

Mr G. BRICE proposed, Mr A. SALMON seconded, that accounts, as read, be passed.

Parish Council a/cs

These accounts were read.

Mr ORCHARD proposed, Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that accounts be passed.

Mary JONES' Charity

Balance Sheet for year 1923 read.

Mr SALMON proposed, Mr CLEAVES seconded, that accounts be accepted but names of recipients be not read.

[School] Manager's Report

Mr G.B. CLEAVES gave his report on the working of the school.

After some discussion Clerk was instructed to find out what proportion of the cost would fall upon the parishioners in the event of a Council School being erected in the parish.

Mr SALMON proposed, Mr G. BRICE seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr G.B. CLEAVES, for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Guardian's Report

Mr G. BRICE presented his report.

Mr SALMON proposed, Mr CLEAVES seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr G. BRICE & that the list of recipients should not be read.

Diversion of path at Hallatrow

Letter was read from Mr F. STACEY re proposed diverting of the path, which leads from Hallatrow to Stephen's Hill & Greyfield Wood, also continuation, which leads through fields to Paulton.

After a little discussion, Mr DOBSON moved the following resolution: "That we protest against the alteration of the path at Hallatrow." This was declared duly **carried**.

Warning Signs

Mr DOBSON moved, Mr HOLVEY seconded, that warning boards be applied for, to be placed at Railway Bridge & Brook Bridge, Hallatrow.

Postal Delivery

It was thought that later postal facilities would be a boon to the parish.

Mr BOLWELL moved "That Parish Council endeavour to obtain later postal facilities, as well as an earlier delivery." **Carried** unan'y.

Paths

Attention was drawn to two paths, which had been ploughed up, one in a field occupied by W.A. PANES and one in field at Gooseherd, occupied by J. CLEAVES.

Some discussion arose as to men employed by Council walking to Litton, when there is work closer at home.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

April 22nd 1924.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date at 7.30 p.m., the following were present:

Mr W.F. CARTER, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr A.T. BLANNING, Mr J.A. ANDREWS.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr ANDREWS proposed, Mr BLANNING seconded, that Mr W.F. CARTER be chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice chairman

Mr POLLETT proposed, Mr ANDREWS seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice chairman.

Overseers

Mr BLANNING proposed, Mr POLLETT seconded, that Mr W.A. PANES be an Overseer.

Mr ANDREWS proposed, Mr W.F. CARTER seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT, Mr C. BLANNING & Capt. W.B. SCOBELL be re-elected.

Overseers are as follows: Mr H. POLLETT, C. BLANNING, W.B. SCOBELL, W.A. PANES.

Ass't Overseer

Mr A.T. BLANNING proposed, Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be re-appointed Assistant Overseer at a salary of £75, with the addition of charges for journeys to bank and attendance at Assessment meetings.

School Manager

Mr A.T. BLANNING proposed, Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be School Manager for the ensuing year.

Paths

Mr ANDREWS proposed, Mr BLANNING seconded, that attention of Mr PANES be called to ploughing of path in field off Hallatrow Hill.

Postal Facilities

Mr POLLETT proposed, Mr BLANNING seconded, that letter be written to Post Master of Bristol, asking that letters be collected at 6.30 p.m. instead of at about 4.30 as at present.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

June 13th 1924.

A Parish meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7.0 p.m. Notice read.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER and thirteen electors.

The Chairman having explained that the object of the meeting was whether a Council School should be provided for the parish, invited discussion.

After Clerk had read a letter from C.H. BOTHAMLEY, to the effect that, in the case of the provision of new Council Schools, the County Council's usual custom was to charge three quarters of the cost on the locality served by the school.

A lengthy discussion took place and Mr SALMON moved and Capt. W.B. SCOBELL seconded, "That Parish Council be asked to take the usual steps for the provision of a Council School."

Upon being put to the meeting, 6 voted for and 7 against. The resolution was declared lost.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

September 24th 1924.

Meeting of the Parish Council in Schoolroom on above date at 7.30 p.m.

Present: W.F. CARTER, Chairman, G.B. CLEAVES, J.A. ANDREWS.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Postal Facilities

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that letter be written to Postmaster of Bristol, complaining of the late delivery of letters in the morning and the early collection in the afternoon, and requesting that High Littleton be made a post office instead of a sub to Hallatrow.

Paths

Mr J.A. ANDREWS proposed, Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that letter be sent to Mr W.A. PANES re path in field off Hallatrow Hill.

Long Ground

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr W.F. CARTER seconded, that clerk ascertain if the tenant of the field would undertake the repair of this path and at what price.

Allotment

It was **agreed** that part of hedge be cut and that MILVERTON have No. 10 free, to clean it.

[Signed] Wm. F. CARTER, Chairman.

February 4th 1925.

Meeting of the Parish Council in Schoolroom on above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: W.F. CARTER, Chairman, G.B. CLEAVES, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL, J.A. ANDREWS.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Postal Facilities

Acknowledg[e]ment received and read from Postmaster of Bristol, promising that matter complained of should receive attention.

Mr CLEAVES proposed, Mr W.F. CARTER seconded, that letter be written to Postmaster of Bristol, reminding him that last communication from him was dated Oct. 17th 1924 and asking for a mid day delivery and answer to previous letter.

Pathway in Hallatrow Hill

Letter read from Mr W.A. PANES re path off Hallatrow Hill.

A.J. ANDREWS proposed, Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that letter be written, explaining that ploughing up path was an interfering with people's rights and requesting him to leave path unploughed.

Long Ground

Mr CLEAVES reported that Mr RHYMES offers to cart & spread material for the sum of £5.

Mr W.B. SCOBELL proposed, Mr ANDREWS seconded, that offer of Mr RHYMES be accepted.

Allotments

Several applications for allotments at Hallatrow received.

Mr CLEAVES proposed, Mr ANDREWS seconded, that applicants receive allotment (if any to let) in order of written application.

Councillors were of opinion that there should be some system of giving up allotments.

[Precept] £6

Precept on Overseers £6.

W.F. CARTER proposed, Mr CLEAVES seconded.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

March 16th 1925.

Meeting of Parish Council in Schoolroom on above date at 6.30 p.m.

Present: W.F. CARTER, Chairman, G.B. CLEAVES, J.A. ANDREWS, W.B. SCOBELL.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Long Ground

Several councillors reported that work was in a forward condition.

Delivery, Postal

Letter was read from Postmaster at Bristol, stating that arrangements could be made to commence the afternoon delivery one hour later than at present, with a collection from the Sub-Office for the Night Mail at 5.30 p.m. instead of 4.30 p.m. as at present.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr J.A. ANDREWS seconded, that letter be written expressing thanks but, that Council is still of the opinion that a later collection could be (adopted) managed.

[Cheques] GEORGE's £12, STYLES £6, HAYES 8/4, MARTIN 8. 6. 0

Mr J.A. ANDREWS proposed, Mr CLEAVES seconded, that cheques be drawn in favour of the following: GEORGE's £12, STYLES £6, HAYES 8/4, MARTIN £8. 6. 0.

Allotments

It was **agreed** that High Littleton allotments be 9d. per perch, Hallatrow 6d. per perch.

[Signed] Wm. F. CARTER, Chairman.

High Littleton Allotment [1924 -25]

Balance	2.18.10	Rent	£12. 0. 0
Rent	16.17. 9	Rates	1.19. 3½
		Hedge	2. 9. 7
		Allowed	9. 9
		Repairs - Gate	8. 4
		Balance	<u>2. 9. 7½</u>
	<u>£19.16. 7</u>		<u>£19.16. 7</u>

Hallatrow Allotments

Balance	15. 3	Rent	6. 0. 0
Rent	6. 5. 0	Rates	9. 4½
		Balance	<u>10.10½</u>
	<u>£7. 0. 3</u>		<u>£7. 0. 3</u>

March 16th 1925.

The Annual Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Notice of meeting being read, Chairman (Mr W.F. CARTER) received Nomination Papers.

As Mr W.F. CARTER was nominated, Mr SALMON proposed, Mr E. DIX seconded, that Mr Geo. BRICE take the Chair.

The following nominations were handed in:

4 BEACHAM Alfred Nash	34 [votes]
3 CAREY Albert Victor	37
1 CARTER William Fred'k	43

6 CLEAVES Gilbert Brice	26
5 DOBSON Walter	31
SALMON Alfred George	23
2 SCOBELL Walter Barton	40

No poll being demanded, the Chairman declared Mr W.F. CARTER, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL, Mr A.V. CAREY, Mr A.N. BEACHAM, Mr W. DOBSON and Mr G.B. CLEAVES to be duly **elected**.

Mr W.F. CARTER having resumed the chairmanship, Minutes of the last Annual meeting were read.

Overseers' a/cs

Mr T. ORCHARD proposed, Mr G. BRICE seconded, that accounts, as read, be accepted.

Parish Council a/cs

Mr A. SALMON proposed, Mr E. CARTER seconded, that a/cs, as read, be accepted.

Mr PIKE made a complaint of allotment holders and others filling his ditch with rubbish.

The Chairman promised that this matter should have the attention of the new Council.

Mary JONES' Charity

Balance Sheet of this a/c read.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr BURRY seconded, that a/cs, as read, be adopted.

Some discussion arose after list of recipients was read but no resolution passed.

Guardian's Report

Mr Geo. BRICE, the Guardian, read his report.

Mr SALMON proposed, Mr TAVINER seconded, that list of recipients be not read.

Mr SALMON proposed, Mr SLADE seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr BRICE, for manner in which he had carried out his duties.

School Manager's Report

Mr G.B. CLEAVES, the Parish representative School Manager, read his report.

Mr J. EVANS proposed, Mr SLADE seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr CLEAVES.

Rev. FITZPATRICK proposed, Mr ORCHARD seconded, a Vote of thanks to the Chairman Mr W.F. CARTER. [Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

April 15th 1925.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date at 7.0 p.m., the following were present:

W.F. CARTER, G.B. CLEAVES, A.N. BEACHAM, A.V. CAREY, W. DOBSON.

Chairman

Members having signed their declarations, Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr W. DOBSON seconded, that Mr W.F. CARTER be chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr W. DOBSON proposed, Mr A.N. BEACHAM seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice Chairman.

Overseers

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr W. DOBSON seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT, Mr C. BLANNING, Mr W.F. CARTER and Mr H. RHYMES be the Overseers for the following year.

Assistant Overseer

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr A.N. BEACHAM seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be re-appointed Assistant Overseer at a salary of £75, with the addition of charges for journeys to bank and attendance at Assessment meetings.

School Manager

Mr W. DOBSON proposed, Mr CAREY seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be School Manager for the ensuing year.

Mary JONES' Charity

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr CAREY seconded, that the four trustees of this charity, Mr H. POLLETT, Mr C. BLANNING, Mr W. BRICE and Mr W.F. CARTER, be re-appointed.

Allotments

Mr W. DOBSON proposed, Mr A. CAREY seconded, that rules be printed and signed by allotment holders.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr CAREY seconded, that ditch in High Littleton allotment be cleared and notices posted, to the effect that persons using the allotments as an ash-tip will be prosecuted.

Sites for Council houses

Letter read from R.D.C., asking for sites for Council houses.

[Agreed] That letter be written to the Clerk to the Guardians, giving the following sites:

No. 352 Ord(i)nance Survey

No. 385 do.

Part 55 do.

Land advertised by Mrs POW, Rugborne.
[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

June 22nd 1925.

A parish meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.
Notice of meeting was read.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER and 30 parishioners.

The chairman, having explained the object of the meeting, which was to find out if the parishioners were in favour of extending the present Church Yard Extension, invited discussion.

During a rather lengthy discussion, Vicar explained that New Road, Greyfield & Scumbrum would have the same privileges as parishioners, that drainage would be carried out, if necessary, but that land must be enclosed before any earth could be removed from old part.

Question was raised as to whether drainage was imperative, and it was promised that Church Council would ascertain.

The chairman put the following question: "Are parishioners willing to back up Church Council or not?" The chairman and Mr BRICE pledged their support.

Mr T. DOWLING proposed and Mr G. FORD seconded "That this meeting pledges its moral and financial support to the undertaking." This was **carried** without contradiction.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

Jan'y 12th 1926.

Meeting of the Council in Schoolroom on above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER, G.B. CLEAVES, W.B. SCOBELL, A.N. BEACHAM, A.V. CAREY, W. DOBSON.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Mr SCOBELL signed his declaration.

Allotment Rules

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL seconded, that these rules be obtained as soon as possible.

Church yard Extension

Letter read from the Church Council, to the effect that, as no financial support had been promised by other than church people, they could not go on with the scheme.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr DOBSON seconded, that letter be written to Church Council, expressing surprise, as no appeal had been made to parishioners.

Hallatrow Allotment

Complaint having been received from a tenant, Mr CLEAVES proposed, Mr BEACHAM seconded, that Mr DOBSON & Mr CAREY constitute a sub-committee to carry out work of repairing fence.

Precept £6

Capt. W.B. SCOBELL proposed, Mr CAREY seconded, that precept for £6 be drawn on Overseers.

J.S. DURY 16/9, Mr RHYMES £5

Bill for 16/9 from Mr J.S. DURY, Returning Officer and one of £5 from Mr H. RHYMES, hauling and spreading cinders, presented.

Mr CAREY proposed, Mr BEACHAM seconded, that accounts be paid.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

March 30th 1926.

Meeting of the Council in Schoolroom on above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Vice Chairman, Mr A.V. CAREY, Mr W. DOBSON.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Allotments

Mr CAREY explained that cost to put allotment fence in order would be too large, and proposed that Hallatrow allotment holders be asked to meet council on allotment, to consider question, & that Clerk and Mr W. DOBSON make best arrangement.

High Littleton Allotment

Clerk reported that all allotments, except one piece, were let.

Mr CLEAVES moved, Mr CARTER seconded, that Mr J. HEATHCOTT have No. 14 for year 1925 - 1926 free of cost, to clean it.

[Cheques] £12 GEORGE's, £6 STYLES, £3.18. 3 [MARTIN]

Mr CAREY proposed, Mr CLEAVES seconded, that the following a/cs be paid: £12 GEORGE's Brewery, rent of High Littleton allotment, £6 Mr STYLES for rent of Hallatrow allotment, £3.18. 3 for Clerk, Printer 7/6, Rates £2. 9. 3, 4 meetings @ 2/3 = 9/-, Stamps 12/6.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

14th April 1926.

The Annual Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER and 20 parishioners.

Minutes of last meeting read & **confirmed**.

Overseers' a/cs

These accounts were read.

Mr G. BRICE moved, Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that a/cs, as read, be adopted.

Parish Council a/cs

The Parish Council a/cs were read.

Mr A. BEACHAM moved that a/cs, as read, be accepted. Mr G. BRICE seconded.

Mary JONES' Charity

The Balance Sheet of this charity was given and list of recipients read.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES moved, Mr DOBSON seconded, that a/cs be accepted.

Guardian's Report

Mr G. BRICE gave his report.

Mr SALMON moved, Mr O. HILLMAN seconded, that list be not read.

Some discussion arose as to the housing question, Mr DOBSON asking for houses for Hallatrow.

Mr SLADE proposed, Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr G. BRICE, for the manner in which he had carried out his duties.

School Manager's Report

Mr G.B. CLEAVES, the School Manager appointed by the Parish Council, gave his report and protested against action of S.C.E.D. in reducing staff for the sake of economy.

Burial Ground

A discussion took place on the question of support from religious bodies. Mr G. BRICE explained that the churches, as churches, cannot promise support but that the people were willing, & moved that steps be taken to secure knowledge of how [to] adopt the Burial Act. Mr F. BLINMAN seconded.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

April 15th 1926.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the above date at 7.30 p.m., the following were present:

Mr W.F. CARTER, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL, Mr A.N. BEACHAM, Mr W. DOBSON, Mr A. CAREY.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Chairman

Mr CLEAVES proposed, Mr DOBSON seconded, that Mr W.F. CARTER be chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

Mr W. DOBSON proposed, Mr W.B. SCOBELL seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be Vice Chairman for year.

Overseers

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr CAREY seconded, that Mr H. POLLETT, Mr C. BLANNING, Mr H. RHYMES & Mr W.F. CARTER be Overseers for the ensuing year.

Assistant Overseer

Mr W. DOBSON proposed, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL seconded, that Mr W.H. MARTIN be Ass't Overseer at a salary of £75, with the addition of charges for journeys to Bank and attending Assessment Committees.

School Manager

Capt. W.B. SCOBELL proposed, Mr DOBSON seconded, that Mr G.B. CLEAVES be School Manager for year.

Housing

Letter read from the R.D.C., to the effect that 6 new cottages would be erected in the parish and asking for sites.

Letter to be written, forwarding the following sites:

No. 1. From allotment to White Cross (STYLES).

2. Between cottage occupied by J. WYATT & Railway (STACEY).

3. Between Churchyard & hedge (POLLETT).
[Signed] William F. CARTER.

April 20th 1926.

Meeting of the Overseers held at Ass't Overseer [W.H. MARTIN]'s house on above date at 7.0 p.m.
[Nothing minuted]

March 8th 1927.

Minutes, Meeting of the Council in Schoolroom on above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: W.F. CARTER, P./[A.V.] CAREY, A.N. BEACHAM, G.B. CLEAVES.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Stone over stream, Timsbury

Letter read from Timsbury re stone over stream near J. CLEAVES' farm.

Mr BEACHAM proposed, Mr CLEAVES seconded, asking Timsbury Council to send a/c if work is completed.

Letter from Clutton re bridge over stream in Greyfield Wood.

Mr CLEAVES proposed, Mr CAREY seconded, that Council would meet Clutton Council on spot, at their convenience.

Allotment

Letter read from GEORGE's Brewery, terminating tenancy of High Littleton allotment.

Mr CARTER proposed, Mr BEACHAM seconded, that, if possible, we continue our tenancy from owner, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL.

Mearns Path

Path leading from Mearns to Timsbury reported in bad condition.

Mr CLEAVES was empowered to get path repaired.

Long ground

Mr CLEAVES proposed, Mr CAREY seconded, that Mr CARTER, Mr BEACHAM & clerk (view) inspect Long ground path.

Allotment, Hallatrow

Mr CARTER proposed, Mr CLEAVES seconded, that Mr CAREY & clerk interview allotment holders with regard to fencing.

Mearns Path

It was proposed that letter be written to D. BROOKS, asking him to clean ditch on his holding.

Rating Com.

Mr CLEAVES proposed, Mr BEACHAM seconded, that the matter of choosing 2 representatives for the parish be left to Parish meeting.

Precept £20

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr CAREY seconded, that precept for £20 be drawn on the Overseers.

Burial Ground

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr BEACHAM seconded, that the matter of Burial Ground be left for Parish meeting.

[Signed] Wm. F. CARTER, Chairman.

March 30th 1927.

Meeting of the Parish Council in the National School on above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER, Chairman, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Vice Chairman, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL.

Minutes of previous meeting read and **confirmed**.

Footpath, Longlands Bridge

Letter read from Clutton Council, to the effect that their Committee would meet our Com. on site at 7.30 p.m. on April 11th.

Mr G.B. CLEAVES moved that Mr W.F. CARTER, Capt. SCOBELL & Mr CAREY form a committee to meet as suggested.

Mearns Path

Mr G.B. CLEAVES reported that this path had been completed at a cost of £5. 4. 9.

Long Ground Path

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr SCOBELL seconded, that Committee as appointed, Mr W.F. CARTER and Mr BEACHAM, carry on.

Hallatrow Allotments

Clerk [W.H. MARTIN] reported that Hallatrow Allotment holders held a meeting on the allotment and agreed that cement posts and suitable wire should be purchased, to enclose the allotment and agreed to pay 9d. per perch until debt was paid.

Mr W.F. CARTER proposed, Capt. SCOBELL seconded, that order be given to Surveyor to obtain necessary articles.

It was **agreed** that High Littleton and Hallatrow allotments be at a rent of 9d. per perch.

G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Capt. SCOBELL seconded, that payment, for cleaning and carting rubbish from ditch in allotment, be made £2.

Resignation of Mr W. DOBSON

Resignation of Mr W. DOBSON, who has left neighbourhood, was read.

[Cheques] £12, £6, £7. 3.11, 5. 4. 9

Capt. W.B. SCOBELL proposed and Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded that the following cheques be drawn:

Cheque for £12, GEORGE's Brewery, rent of High Littleton allotment.

Mr A. STYLES, rent of Hallatrow allotment, £6.

In favour of W.H. MARTIN, made up as follows: Rates on allotments £2.15. 2½, Printer £1. 5. 0, 5 Meetings of Council @ 2/3 = 11/3, Stamps 12/6, Work in allotments £2. 0. 0 = £7. 3.11.

Cheque in favour of A. SMITH, work in connection with Mearns path, £5. 4. 9.

Notice to give up High Littleton allotment received from GEORGE's Brewery. Notice to terminate Sept. 1927.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

April 12th 1927.

Meeting of the Parish Council in National School on above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER, Mr G.B. CLEAVES, Mr A.N. BEACHAM, Capt. W.B. SCOBELL, Mr A. CAREY.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

The yearly accounts of the Council were read and signed.

Allotments

Complaints were received of the theft of vegetables from the allotments.

During discussion on the subject, it was **agreed** that Council would back up any tenant who prosecuted & that clerk put up a notice, to the effect that £1 would be given for any information which would lead to a prosecution.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman.

April 12th 1927.

The Annual Parish Meeting, duly convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on the above date at 7.0 p.m.

Present: Mr W.F. CARTER and 21 parishioners.

Minutes of previous meeting read & **confirmed**.

Overseers' a/cs

These a/cs were read.

Mr G. BRICE proposed, Mr G.B. CLEAVES seconded, that a/cs, as read, be adopted.

Parish Council a/cs

The Parish Council a/cs were read.

Mr G. BRICE proposed, Mr CAREY seconded, that accounts, as read, be adopted.

Mary JONES' Charity

The Balance sheet of this Charity was given and list of recipients read.

Mr CAREY proposed, Mr J. WYATT seconded, that accounts be passed.

Guardian's Report

Mr G. BRICE, the Guardian, read his report, there being 25 recipients, whose names, on the motion of Mr G. CLEAVES, seconded by Mr A. SALMON, were not read.

In the course of his remarks, Mr BRICE drew attention to the smallness of the list, considering state of trade.

In answer to questions of building, Mr BRICE asked "Is it wise to continue building, when loss to ratepayers is £9 per annum on each house."

Mr G.B. CLEAVES proposed, Mr SLADE seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr Geo. BRICE for the manner in which he had carried out his duties.

School Manager's Report

Mr G.B. CLEAVES, the school manager (Parish), gave his report: That school was satisfactory, the staff had been strengthened, being now Head Teacher, 2 Certificated teachers & 3 Uncertificated teachers, new furniture

had been provided & £40 spent by Managers (who had no means of raising money) on the buildings (except by subscription).

Mr SLADE proposed, Mr J. WYATT seconded, a vote of thanks to the School Manager for his report.

Rating Committee

Letter read from Rating Committee, asking Parish to appoint 2 persons to act on Committee to represent High Littleton.

Mr H. POLLETT & Mr W.H. MARTIN were **appointed**.

Burial Board

During discussion, it was **agreed** that the matter had passed into the hands of the Church Council.

[Signed] William F. CARTER, Chairman, March 12 1928.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

The minimum number of Councillors comprising a rural Parish Council was five, as stipulated in the Local Government Act, 1894. High Littleton elected six on 4th December 1894. The first Councillors held office until 15th April 1896, when they retired and newly elected Councillors replaced them. These Councillors then held office for one year until the following 15th April, when they in turn were replaced. The Parish Council consisted of the Elected Councillors and the Chairman (if elected from outside of the Elected Councillors). Thus Rev. Ambrose Millett FOSTER, as Chairman, was also a member of the Council from 1894 until the end of 1900/1.

The Parish Councillors Election Order of 1901 laid down rules for the conduct of election of Councillors, from which time their period of office was extended to three years. No elections were held in 1916 because of the War. High Littleton continued to elect six Councillors until 1946, when the number was increased to nine.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Elected Councillors</u>
pt. 1894/5 & 1895/6	Thomas BLANNING, Henry CHIVERS, James COX, Thomas EVANS, Alfred Enos FREE & Col. Barton Land John SCOBELL.
1896/7	Charles CHARD, Henry CHIVERS, Thomas EVANS, Col Barton Land John SCOBELL, Matthew WATSON & Enoch YOUNG.
1897/8	Samuel James BODY, Henry CHIVERS, Thomas EVANS, John MELHUIISH, Col. William Parry MONCKTON & Matthew WATSON.
1898/9	Samuel James BODY, Henry CHIVERS, Joshua CLARE, George EVANS, John MELHUIISH & Henry POLLETT.
1899/1900 to 1900/1	Samuel James BODY, Henry CHIVERS, Joshua CLARE, George EVANS (resigned 14 Feb 1900 & Charles Adams KEMBLE elected in his stead), John MELHUIISH & Henry POLLETT.
1901/2 to 1903/4	William BRICE, Joshua CLARE, Thomas EVANS, Henry POLLETT, Thomas WALTERS & Matthew WATSON.
1904/5 to 1906/7	William BRICE, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Joshua CLARE, Thomas EVANS, Samuel PAYNE & Henry POLLETT.
1907/8 to 1909/10	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Albert ELFORD, Thomas EVANS, Thomas JAMES, Henry POLLETT & Harry WYATT.
1910/1 to 1912/3	Frank BLINMAN, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Thomas DOWLING, Albert ELFORD, Henry POLLETT & Harry WYATT.
1913/4 to 1918/9	Arthur Thomas BLANNING, Frank BLINMAN, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Harry DANDO, Albert JAMES & Henry POLLETT.
1919/20 to 1921/2	John Albert ANDREWS, Frank BLINMAN, William Frederick CARTER, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Frederick John MOUNTY (resigned 24 Sep 1920 & Arthur Thomas BLANNING elected in his stead) & Henry POLLETT.
1922/3 to 1924/5	John Albert ANDREWS, Arthur Thomas BLANNING, William Frederick CARTER, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Henry POLLETT, Capt. Walter Barton SCOBELL.
1925/6 to 1927/8	Alfred Nash BEACHAM, Albert Victor CAREY, William Frederick CARTER, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Walter DOBSON (resigned 30 Mar 1927) & Capt. Walter Barton SCOBELL.

CLERKS

The first Clerk of the Parish Council, appointed on 13th December 1894, was George Emmanuel COWEN, who was also Assistant Overseer. He remained as such until his death on 26th June 1896.

On 27th July 1896 William Henry MARTIN, headmaster of the village school, was appointed to succeed COWEN as Assistant Overseer and Clerk. He held the latter office until his death on 8th April 1934.

CHAIRMEN & VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE COUNCIL

The Local Government Act of 1894 obliged the Parish Council to elect a Chairman at the Annual Meeting in April each year and, if thought fit, appoint a Vice-Chairman. The Chairman could be elected from outside the Council, as indeed was Rev. A.M. FOSTER, the first Chairman.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice Chairman</u>
pt. 1894/5	Rev. Ambrose M. FOSTER	Col. Barton Land John SCOBELL
1895/6	Rev. Ambrose M. FOSTER	Col. Barton Land John SCOBELL
1896/7	Rev. Ambrose M. FOSTER	Col. Barton Land John SCOBELL
1897/8	Rev. Ambrose M. FOSTER	Col. William Parry MONCKTON
1898/9	Rev. Ambrose M. FOSTER	John MELHUIISH
1899/1900	Rev. Ambrose M. FOSTER	John MELHUIISH
1900/1	Rev. Ambrose M. FOSTER	John MELHUIISH
1901/2	Matthew WATSON	Henry POLLETT
1902/3	Matthew WATSON	Henry POLLETT
1903/4	Matthew WATSON	Henry POLLETT
1904/5	Henry POLLETT	William BRICE
1905/6	Henry POLLETT	William BRICE
1906/7	Henry POLLETT	William BRICE
1907/8	Henry POLLETT	Thomas EVANS
1908/9	Henry POLLETT	Thomas EVANS
1909/10	Henry POLLETT	Thomas EVANS
1910/1	Henry POLLETT	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES
1911/2	Henry POLLETT	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES
1912/3	Henry POLLETT	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES
1913/4	Henry POLLETT	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES
1914/5	Henry POLLETT	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES
1915/6	Henry POLLETT	Frank BLINMAN
1916/7	Henry POLLETT	Frank BLINMAN
1917/8	Henry POLLETT	Frank BLINMAN
1918/9	Henry POLLETT	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES
1919/20	Henry POLLETT	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES
1920/1	Henry POLLETT	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES
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1922/3	William Frederick CARTER	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES
1923/4	William Frederick CARTER	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES
1924/5	William Frederick CARTER	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES
1925/6	William Frederick CARTER	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES
1926/7	William Frederick CARTER	Gilbert Brice CLEAVES

TREASURERS

Mr A.J. HOOPER of STUCKEY's Banking Co., Midsomer Norton, was appointed Treasurer of the Council on 13th December 1894.

HOOPER left the Bank and H.G. CHAMBERS, the then Manager of STUCKEY's in Midsomer Norton, was appointed Treasurer on 4th October 1912.

OVERSEERS

The Local Government Act of 1894 obliged the Parish Council to appoint the Overseers at the Annual Meeting in April. This function was previously undertaken by the Vestry. Traditionally High Littleton had two Overseers but the number was increased to four in 1898. The office of Overseer was abolished by the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Overseers</u>
1894/5	Robert JAMES & Thomas MELHUIISH had already been appointed for the year by the Vestry.
1895/6	George BLINMAN, Robert JAMES.
1896/7	Alfred Enos FREE, Robert JAMES.
1897/8	Samuel James BODY, Alfred Enos FREE.
1898/9	Samuel James BODY, Alfred Enos FREE, John MELHUIISH, Henry POLLETT.
1899/1900	Samuel James BODY, Alfred Enos FREE, John MELHUIISH, Henry POLLETT.
1900/1	Samuel James BODY, Alfred Enos FREE, John MELHUIISH, Henry POLLETT.
1901/2	Thomas EVANS, Alfred Enos FREE, Henry POLLETT, Arthur YOUNG.
1902/3	Joshua CLARE, Thomas EVANS, Henry POLLETT, Arthur YOUNG.
1903/4	Joshua CLARE, Thomas EVANS, Henry POLLETT, Arthur YOUNG.
1904/5	George BRICE, Joshua CLARE, Thomas EVANS, Henry POLLETT.
1905/6	George BRICE, Joshua CLARE, Thomas EVANS, Henry POLLETT.
1906/7	George BRICE, Joshua CLARE, Thomas EVANS, Henry POLLETT.
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1909/10	George BRICE, Joshua CLARE, Thomas EVANS, Henry POLLETT.
1910/1	George BRICE, Frank BLINMAN, Thomas EVANS, Henry POLLETT.
1911/2	George BRICE, Frank BLINMAN, Thomas EVANS, Henry POLLETT.
1912/3	George BRICE, Frank BLINMAN, Thomas EVANS, Henry POLLETT.
1913/4	Arthur Thomas BLANNING, Frank BLINMAN, Samuel PAYNE, Henry POLLETT.
1914/5	Arthur Thomas BLANNING, Frank BLINMAN, Samuel PAYNE, Henry POLLETT.
1915/6	Arthur Thomas BLANNING, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Samuel PAYNE, Henry POLLETT.
1916/7	Arthur Thomas BLANNING, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Samuel PAYNE, Henry POLLETT.
1917/8	Arthur Thomas BLANNING, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Samuel PAYNE, Henry POLLETT.
1918/9	Arthur Thomas BLANNING, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Samuel PAYNE, Henry POLLETT.
1919/20	Arthur Thomas BLANNING, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Samuel PAYNE, Henry POLLETT.
1920/1	Arthur Thomas BLANNING, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Samuel PAYNE, Henry POLLETT.
1921/2	Arthur Thomas BLANNING, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Samuel PAYNE, Henry POLLETT.
1922/3	Charles BLANNING, Gilbert Peter DANDO, Samuel PAYNE, Henry POLLETT.
1923/4	Charles BLANNING, Gilbert Peter DANDO, Henry POLLETT, Capt. Walter Barton SCOBELL.
1924/5	Charles BLANNING, Walter Austin PANES, Henry POLLETT, Capt. Walter Barton SCOBELL.
1925/6	Charles BLANNING, William Frederick CARTER, Henry POLLETT, Henry Wm. G. RHYMES.
1926/7	Charles BLANNING, William Frederick CARTER, Henry POLLETT, Henry Wm. G. RHYMES.

ASSISTANT OVERSEERS

George Emmanuel COWEN already held the position of Assistant Overseer, when the Parish Council came into being, having been appointed by the Vestry. He continued as Assistant Overseer and Parish Clerk until his death on 26th June 1896.

William Henry MARTIN was appointed to succeed COWEN as Assistant Overseer and Parish Clerk on 27th July 1896. He held the former position until the office of Overseer was abolished.

SCHOOL MANAGERS

The Parish Council appointed a Manager to High Littleton School.

The first such School Manager was Gilbert Beacham LANGLEY, Manager of the High Littleton branch of Radstock Co-operative Stores, who was appointed on 27th May 1903. He resigned on 18th July 1905 and Gilbert Brice CLEAVES was appointed in his stead. CLEAVES was School Manager until 17th April 1934, when he gave up to become Clerk to the Council.

TRUSTEES OF MARY JONES' CHARITY

Until January 1895, the Trustees of Mary JONES' Charity consisted of the Vicar, the two Churchwardens and the two Overseers. However, as a non ecclesiastical charity, Mary JONES' Charity came under the provisions of Section 14, paragraph 2 of the Local Government Act 1894. This required the Parish Council to appoint Administering Trustees, who held office for four years. The Vicar was an ex officio Trustee. Under Section 14 Para. 7 of the Act, two of the Trustees retired every 2 years and two more were appointed. Retiring Trustees were eligible for re-election. No elections were held during the War and afterwards the normal pattern of electing Trustees was broken.

<u>Date appointed</u>	<u>Elected Administering Trustees</u> (* = elected or re-elected)
15 Jan 1895	Thomas BLANNING*, Henry CHIVERS*, Thomas EVANS*, Alfred Enos FREE*.
18 Nov 1896	Thomas BLANNING, Charles CHARD*, Henry CHIVERS, Thomas EVANS*.
16 Nov 1898	Charles CHARD, Thomas EVANS, John MELHUIH*, Henry POLLETT*.
26 Oct 1900	Henry CHIVERS*, Henry JEFFERIES*, John MELHUIH, Henry POLLETT.
10 Nov 1902	William BRICE*, Henry CHIVERS, Henry JEFFERIES, Henry POLLETT*.
4 Oct 1904	William BRICE, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES*, Henry JEFFERIES*, Henry POLLETT.
6 Oct 1905	E. John HAYES appointed Trustee for 3 years in place of Henry JEFFERIES, who resigned.
25 Oct 1906	William BRICE*, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, E. John HAYES, Henry POLLETT*.
28 Sep 1908	William BRICE, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES*, Henry POLLETT, Harry WYATT*.
18 Nov 1910	William BRICE*, Gilbert Brice CLEAVES, Henry POLLETT*, Harry WYATT.
29 Nov 1912	Charles BLANNING*, William BRICE, Albert JAMES*, Henry POLLETT.
15 Apr 1919	Charles BLANNING*, William BRICE*, William Frederick CARTER*, Henry POLLETT*.
20 Apr 1922	Charles BLANNING*, William BRICE*, William Frederick CARTER*, Henry POLLETT*.
15 Apr 1925	Charles BLANNING*, William BRICE*, William Frederick CARTER*, Henry POLLETT*.

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