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Charing Parish Council

Minutes of the First Assembly of the
Charing Parish Council held
on the Thirty First day of December
1894.

- Minutes 1 Present. The Rev^d W. D. Aday, Mess^r David
Moir, George Lee, John Sayer —
Robert Town, Will Jennings, Philip Edwards,
Frederick Winder and Walter G. Elvay.
- 2 Proposed by Mr. Sayer and seconded
by Mr. Moir, that Mr. P. Edwards
be the provisional Chairman of this
Meeting —
- 3 Proposed by Mr. Moir and seconded by
Mr. Jennings that the Rev^d W. D. Aday be
Chairman of this Council.
- 4 Proposed by Mr. Moir and seconded by
Mr. Elvay that Mr. Winder be the Vice
Chairman.
- 5 Proposed by Mr. Moir and seconded by
Mr. Winder that the Rev^d W. D. Aday be
Treasurer to the Council.
- 6 Proposed by Mr. Moir and seconded by
Mr. Winder that Trustees of the Parochial
Charities be appointed.

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Minute 7 Proposed by Mr. Elvy and seconded by Mr. Edwards that Mr. Town be a Trustee of the Parochial Charities

8 Proposed by Mr. Winder and seconded by Mr. Town that Mr. Moir be a Trustee of the Parochial Charities.

9 Proposed by Mr. Moir and seconded by Mr. Elvy that Messrs. Edwards and Will Jennings be Overseers in place of the late Churchwardens.

10 No Member of the Council being appointed as Clerk - the provisions of the Local Government Act in reference to the Assistant Overseer in such case, was confirmed by the Council.

11 After the appointment of Officers, there was some conversation on other matters relating to the business of the Council, and it was agreed, that the Council should meet again on Tuesday Jan^Y 15th at 7 o'clock in the evening -

Signed

W. H. Ady.

Chairman

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Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday Jan^Y 15th 1895

Present - Rev. W. H. Ady (Chairman) Messrs. G. Lee Philip Edwards, David Moir, John Sayer Mr. Elvy, Will Jennings, Rob Town and Fred Winder.

1 The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

2 Inasmuch as the appointment of Overseers and of Trustees of Parochial Charities of the last meeting, was deemed to be ~~not being on the notice of that meeting~~, informal and invalid, it was proposed by Mr. Sayer and seconded by Mr. Lee that Messrs. Philip Edwards and Will Jennings be appointed Overseers in place of the late Churchwardens.

For Minute 11. See above

Minute 11.

To
Parochial
Charities
Appointment
of
Trustees

It was proposed by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Edwards that Messrs. G. Moir and Rob Town be appointed Trustees of Parochial Charities, and that the Chairman be requested to inform the Charity Commissioners of the appointment.

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Mr. Elvy's note in ref. to the unsanitary condition of some houses in the parish, of the imperfect supply of water, was brought forward, but at the request of Mr. Elvy discussion upon it was postponed until the next meeting.

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A list of Standing Orders of Procedure and business of Parish Council Meeting was read by the Chairman.

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It was proposed by the chairman and seconded by Mr Jennings that those Standing orders be adopted - that they be entered in the minute book and a copy of them be supplied to each member of the Council.

9

It was proposed by Mr Layer and seconded by Mr Will Jennings, that a Receipt for £15 be issued to the Overseers to provide for the estimated expenses of the Council up to the 15th of April 1895

10 It was moved by Mr Moir and seconded by Mr Elvy that those estimated expense (excepting the Returning Officer's bill of election expenses) be paid on the Treasurer's receipt of the amount of the call from the Overseers.

11

Mr D. Moir gave notice that at the next meeting, he would make a proposition in reference to the late distribution of the Ludwell Charity.

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It was proposed and agreed that the Council should meet again on Tuesday 2nd & 2nd of October p.m.

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4 To this proposition an amendment moved by Mr. Moir, and seconded by Mr. Elvy was carried, That the Council proceed to the next business.

Standing Orders and Rules of Procedure to be observed at the meetings of the Charing Parish Council.

Rule No 1.
Standing Orders and
Rules of Charing
Parish Council

Notice of all meetings of the Parish Council, specifying the time and place of the intended meeting, and the business to be transacted at it, and signed by, or on behalf of the Chairman, or of the persons convening the meeting, must be given to every member of the Council, at least five clear days before any meeting of the Parish Council. The notice, may be left at the usual place of abode of the members, or sent there by post.

2.

A Member of the Meeting must address himself to the Chair.

3.

All Motions and Amendments must be seconded, and, except formal Motions as e.g. for Adjournment, should be handed to the Chairman in writing.

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Each Member must direct his speech to the question proposed for discussion and the Chairman may call the attention of the meeting to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of a Member.

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and may direct the member to discontinue his speech.

5. No Member may speak twice to a Question except in explanation or reply. A reply is allowed to the Mover of a substantive Motion, but not to the Mover of an Amendment.

6. If a disorder should arise, the Chairman acting on his discretion, can quit the Chair, and announce the Adjournment of a Meeting, and by that announcement the meeting is immediately — Adjourned, and no business subsequent ~~by~~ transacted will be valid.
Reference should be paid to the Chairman's authority.

Signed — W. H. Ady. Chairman.

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Minutes of meeting of Parish Council held on Tuesday Jan^Y 22nd at 1 P.M.
1895

Present — The Chairman, Messrs Edwards Lee, Moir, Sayer, Jennings, Winder, Elvy, and Town.

1 The minutes of the last meeting were read, and it was Proposed by Mr Edwards and Seconded by Mr Sayer that they be passed. To this proposition, an Amendment was proposed by Mr Moir, but was ruled by the Chairman to be out of order.

2 3 The Chairman read a letter from the Returning Officer in reference to the payment of the Election expenses of the Parish Council.

4 A resolution was then moved by Mr Sayer, and seconded by Mr Jennings; that the Returning Officer's account be paid at once. To this, an Amendment was proposed by Mr Moir and seconded by Mr Winder; that the Bill be sent back for explanation of the charge made for Counting the Votes on the day following the Poll. This amendment being supported by Messrs Moir, Elvy, Town and Winder, and opposed by Messrs Lee, Sayer, Jennings, Edwards and the Chairman and therefore lost.

The original Motion was then put, and was supported by Messrs Sayer, Lee, Edwards, Jennings and the Chairman — and opposed by Messrs Moir, Elvy, and Winder. The original motion was therefore carried.

5 It was proposed by Mr. Elvyn and seconded
unanimously by Mr. Winder that the Clerk be in-
structed to communicate to the Rural
Sanitary Authorities, the unsanitary
state of certain houses situate in this
parish, which require their immediate
attention. This proposition was carried
unanimously.

- ✓ List of properties referred to -
 Mrs Gyders Cottage - High Street
 Mr Geo. Straten Evans Cottage - Mount Place
 Mr Layen's Cottage - Dog Kennel Cottages
 Pierce House - Mount Pleasant
 John Crouchers & Zachariah Stone at Broadway
 Mr A. Pipers Cottage at Broadway
 Mr J. P. Blount's Cottage Raywood
 Mr Layen's Cottage Chart Road
 Mr Joe Coppins' Cottages Chart Road
 Mr Chas. Nisius House High St Charing
 Miss Chapman's House £^o £^o
 Miss Mackins House £^o £^o

6 Mr. Moir's notice of motion in reference to
 Recreation Ground at Charing Heath
 was read. It was to the effect, that under
 Section 14 of the Local Government Act 194
 negotiations be opened with the Charity
 Commissioners with a view to the transference
 to the Parish Council, of the management
 of the recreation ground at Charing Heath
 hitherto administered by the Churchwardens.

After a short conversation on this matter, it
 was proposed by the Chairman - Seconded by

Recreation Mr. Moir, and unanimously carried,
 Ground that a Committee, composed of Messrs
 Committee Laver, Jennings and Town, be appointed
 to accept the transference of the ground,
 and to take all necessary steps for its
 management.

Mr. Moir's notice of motion in reference to
 the Ludwell Charity was read, and after
 an explanation from the Chairman, and
 some remarks by Mr. Moir, the notice of
 motion was withdrawn

Signed

W.H. Ady
Chairman

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Minutes of meeting of Parish Council
held on Tuesday Febrd 19th 1895.

Present. The Chairman. Messrs. F. Winder
L. Moir. G. Lee. R. Town. P. Edwards
McElroy. J. Sayer. W. Jennings.

Minute 1.

Unsanitary
Housesand
defective
water supply

The reply of the District Council in reference to unsanitary houses and defective water supply was read, and a Proposition made by Mr. McElroy and seconded by Mr. W. Jennings. That a Committee of the Councillors, consisting of Messrs. Moir, Elvay, Lee and Edwards, be appointed to prepare a Schedule of defective properties, with particulars of each case, and submit the same to the next Council Meeting. This proposition was carried nem. con.

2
Footpaths.

It was proposed by Mr. Elvay and seconded by Mr. Winder that a Footpath Committee be appointed to ascertain and lay before the Council the condition of footpaths in the parish, with particulars in reference to such as need especial and immediate attention. This being carried it was proposed by Mr. Moir. Seconded by Mr. W. Jennings and carried, that the members of the Council comprise this committee.

3
Allotments.

Mr. Winder's notice, in reference to the transference to the Council, of the management of Mr. Sayer's Allotments was read and discussed. But Mr. Sayer states that he had not had any complaint or

applications in reference to the allotments as would him to consider it advisable to transfer them to the council.

It was proposed by Mr. Sayer. See ² by Mr. Lee and carried nem. con. That the prescribed Form of Appointment of Overseers to replace the late Churchwardens, be signed. This was carried nem. con. and the form signed.

P.C. Meeting, by Mr. Moir. That all meetings of the Council be open to the public, and that the Chairman submit to the Council, some Regulations, for the preservation of order at such meetings

Mr. Moir introduced the subject of submitting some of the adoptive acts for the approval of the next Parish Meeting, but no resolution was brought forward.

It was proposed by Mr. Jennings seconded by Mr. Moir and unanimously carried, That Col Groves should have the thanks of the parishioners, for the pleasure he has afforded them, by kindly allowing them to skate on the moat, and for his taking every precaution for the safety of those who availed themselves the opportunity.

The Clerk was instructed to convey by letter the thanks of the Council on behalf of the parishioners.

It was arranged that the Council meet again on Tuesday Febrd 26th
Signed W. H. Ady. Chairman

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Feb 26, 1895.

Present. The Chairman and all the other members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

Minute 1 The Chairman submitted to the council a List of Rules to be observed by the public when attending the meetings of the P. Council. They were as follows—

First. All persons admitted to meetings of the Parish Council must enter, and leave the seats allotted to them, quietly, so as to avoid disturbance.

Second. All persons so admitted must preserve silence, and cannot be allowed in any way to take part in, or to express approval or disapproval of the proceedings of the Council.

Third. It will be open to the Council to request the withdrawal of the public at any time that a majority of the Councillors may think fit.

It was proposed by Mr. Moir and seconded by Mr. Winder and carried unanimously that these Regulations be adopted. and that the Clerk make a copy

Rules to be observed by the public when present at the Parish Council meetings.

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to be displayed in the room at all meetings of the Council.

Minute
2.
Recreation
Ground
Letting

The report of the Committee in reference to the Recreation Ground at Charing ^{etc} was presented, and after some consideration thereon, a proposition was made by Councillor Sayer and seconded by Mr. Edwards, "that Mr Amos of Charing retain the occupancy."

To this an amendment by Mr. Moir and seconded by Mr. Town, "that Mr. J. G. Millgate of Charing Heath be accepted as Tenant, under conditions of tenancy made by the council in reference thereto."

The amendment being put to the meeting, was voted for by Messrs Moir, Elvay, and Town, and voted against by Messrs Edwards and Sayer and consequently carried by a majority of one.

3
Unsanitary
Houses
and
Water Supply

in detail
The report of the Committee in reference to the unsanitary condition of houses and defective water supply was submitted to the Council.

It was proposed by Mr. Winder and seconded by Mr. Jennings that the Report be accepted and that the Clerk forward a copy of it to the Rural District Council in time for their meeting tomorrow Wednesday. This proposition was carried unanimously.

Minute
4
Public
Improvements
act 1860.
Proposed by Mr Moir and Seconded
by Mr Elvay that the Public —
Improvements Act 1860. be submitted
to the Annual Parish Meeting for
their approval and adoption, and
that the Clerk place this on the
agenda notice of that meeting.
This proposition was put to the meeting
and was voted for by Messrs Moir,
Elvay, Town and Winder and voted
against by Mr Sayer and therefore
carried by a majority of three.

Signed W.H. Ady. Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
March 12th 1895

Present. - The Chairman, Messrs Geo Lee
Edward, Jennings, Moir, Elvay Town,
and Sayer

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and passed.

Minute 1. The Chairman read a communication from
Ludwell Charity Commissioners in which it was
stated that the Ludwell Charity was partly
"ecclesiastical," and that until the appointment
of Trustees was made under Section 75 (2) of the L.G. Act 1894,
late appointment was not competent for the Parish Council
invalid to proceed to appoint Trustees under Section 14.

2. It was proposed by Mr Town and Seconded by
Mr Elvay that an amount not exceeding —
~~Ten Pounds~~
for improvement
of Recreation
Ground be expended on the creation
of Ground at Charing Heath in making it fit
for a Cricket ground, and for some other neces-
sary improvements. And that a Committee
comprised of Messrs Town, Winder and Jennings
be appointed to superintend the work; —
This resolution was carried unanimously.

3. Owing to Mr Winder's absence through illness
the motion standing in his name with regard
to Parish documents was not proceeded
with

4. It was proposed by Mr Jennings and Seconded

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Minute 4 continued

Clerks
Salary.

by Mr. Edwards that the salary of the Clerk should be at the rate of £10 per annum and that he should receive £5 for the discharge of his duties up to the 15th April 1895.

To this an amendment was moved by Mr. Elvy and seconded by Mr. Moir. That the Clerks salary should be £15 for the year, and £5 for his services up to 15th April 1895.

The amendment being put, was voted in favour of, by Messrs Elvy, Moir, Lee and Town and was voted against, by Messrs Sayer, Edwards & Jennings. The Amendment was therefore carried.

5
Precept to
Overseers.

It having been found, that the expenses of the Council up to April 15th 1895, would exceed the amount estimated on the 15th Jan^y, at which time a Precept to the Overseers was issued, It was proposed by Mr. Jennings and see^d by Mr. Elvy that a supplemental Precept for £10 be issued and the Precept was signed forthwith.

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At the request of Mr. Moir, the Chairman consented to furnish him with a copy of his correspondence with the Charity Commissioners.

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by the Chairman
After some explanation of the Public Improvements Act of 1860, compared with the powers given to Parish Councils, by Sec 8. of the L.G. Act 1894, and some further conversation thereon, Mr. Moir and Mr. Elvy stated that it was not their intention to proceed with their motion carried at the last meeting, which was to the effect, that the Public Improvements Act 1860 be submitted for the Approval and Adoption

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of the Annual Parish Meeting of 1895.

On the Chairmans proposal, it was decided that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on the 26th of March 1895, and that the Clerk should give the necessary notice.

Signed

W.H. Ady.
Chairman

Annual Meeting of the Charing Parish Council held on Tuesday April 16th 1895 at 7 O'clock p.m.

Present - The Chairman, Messrs W. Jennings, Geo. Lee, W. Elvay, P. Edwards, Fred Winder and Robt Town.

Minute desire being expressed, that the Rev W.H. Ady
1. Should be reelected Chairman for the coming year. The Vice Chairman immediately proceeded to the Chair.

2. Mr. Geo. Lee then rose, and in a few suitable words election of assured the late Chairman of the satisfactory manner he had conducted the business of the Chairman Council, by the discretion and patience which he had exercised at all times, and especially on occasions which required an unusual degree of tact. He (Mr. Lee) would therefore propose that the Rev W.H. Ady be elected Chairman of the Council for the Coming Year - This was seconded by Mr P. Edwards and carried unanimously and heartily

3. ^{Election of}
That Messrs R. Edwards, W. Jennings, ~~A. Gales~~ and Jonas Sulston be appointed Overseers of the Poor of this Parish. This was also carried unanimously.

4. It was proposed by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Winder and carried. That the Clerk be asked to prepare an Agreement & Conditions on which the

Recreation le at Charing Cross is to be hired.

Proposed by Mr. W. Jennings and seconded by Mr. Lee, That a Receipt for £ 20. be issued to the Overseers, to meet the expenses of the Parish Council

Signed

W.H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held June 11th 1895.

Present - The Rev W.H. Ady (Chairman) Messrs Sayer, Edwards, Winder, Lee, Moir, Jennings, Elvay and Town.

Minute 1 The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Recreation Agreement. The Chairman then read the Agreement of Tenancy of the Recreation Ground, when it was observed, that no reference was made therein, to Clipping the hedges; and Mr. F. Winder moved, and Mr. Moir seconded a proposition, that a Rider should be added to the agreement to the effect that the hedges should be clipped. To this proposition, an amendment was moved by Mr. Sayer and seconded by Mr. Jennings, That the Clerk be instructed

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Minute 2. continued

q/ To communicate with Mr. Willgate on the omission from the Agreement of reference to cutting the hedges, and to request him to cut them in due course, without an alteration of the Agreement. — This Amendment was put to the meeting and voted for by Messrs. Layer, Jennings, Elvay, Town, Lee, and Edwards, and therefore carried.

3. A question having arisen in reference to the disposal of some old fencing wire, the property of the Parish Council, It was proposed by Mr. Layer and seconded by Mr. Edwards that Messrs. Winder, and Town be asked to ascertain the value thereof and offer it for sale.
Ole wire in recreation ground

4. Water Supply. The Chairman then brought forward Mr. Robinson's report on the Water Supply of Charing, but as, by an accident, the letter written by the Clerk of the Rural District Council containing the report, was not in the Chairman's hands, it was, after some general conversation on the subject, proposed by Mr. Moir seconded by Mr. Lee, and Carried. nem. con. That no proceedings be taken in reference thereto, until the report is presented to the Council.

5. Clewars Stream. In reference to the Stream at the bottom of the meadow called Clewars it was proposed by Mr. Elvay seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried nem. con. That the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the District Council to ascertain whether they intend to

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Minute 5. con^{ed}

proceed with the work of cleansing Clewars Pond.

6. It was proposed by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Lee and carried; That the Clerk procure the necessary Forms of Receipts and Payments required for the Audit.

7. Draft of apportionment received from the Charity Commissioners, a printed draft of the order which they propose Parochial Charities, to make with regard to the apportionment of the Ludwell Charity; and that this order, when finally printed, would be duly published in the Parish during the period of one month.

Signed

W.H. Ady. Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held June 1st 1895.

Present: - Rev. W. H. Ady (Chairman),
Mr. F. Winder, Mr. P. Edwards, Mr. Lee,
Mr. R. Town, Mr. W. Jennings and
Mr. W. Elvay.

Minute
1.

The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

2.

The Chairman then read a communication
from the District Council, and an accompanying Report from Dr. Robinson
in reference to the Water Supply of Charing,
and after considerable discussion —
a resolution was proposed by the Chairman
seconded by Mr. Geo. Lee and unanimously
carried. That this Council is of opinion
that considering the supply of wells
and springs in Charing, it is not
necessary at present to undertake
any costly scheme of Public Water Works.
The Council consider however that
by alteration in the draining —
arrangement of several houses, and
the purifying of wells and springs
^{would remedy the defect and also that}
now contaminated by sewage, some
new supplies of water might be found.

The Council would be glad to
send a small Committee to confer
with the District Council on the
subject of Dr. Robinson's Report.

The Clerk was instructed to send

a copy of this resolution to the
District Council forthwith.

3.

As Mr. Moir not being present, the
notice of motion standing in his name
on the agenda proper; in reference
to the apportionment of the Ludwell
Charity was postponed until the
next meeting of the Council.

Water Supply

Dr. Robinson Copy of Dr. Robinson's Report on the Water
Report on Supply of Charing, of which Minute No. 2
Water Supply of this date, is a reply.

"The present time seems to be an
opportune one for again bring to the
notice of the authority the desirability
of providing a public water supply
for Charing.

"By piercing the clay at its highest
point where it underlies the Chalk
a good supply could, I believe, be obtained
which could probably be distributed
by gravitation to most of the houses
in the Town."

Signed

W. H. Ady.
Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held July 2nd 1895.

Present. Rev. W. H. Ady (Chairman)
Messrs Edwards, Jennings, Moir,
Elvay, Winder, Lee.

The Minutes of last meeting were read
and confirmed

Minute
1.

Ludwell
Charity
Apportionment

Mr. Moir proposed and Mr. Lee seconded
"That this ^{meeting} having heard read the
abstract of the proposed apportionment
of the Ludwell Charity beg to record
its approval of the same, and trusts
that the Parochial Portion of the Charity
may in future be administered by
the Rev. Vicar as ex officio Trustee,
conjointly with two trustees nominated
by the Parish Council."

This proposition was voted for by
Messrs Moir, Elvay, Winder, Edwards
and Lee, and consequently carried.

The Clerk was instructed to send a
copy of this Resolution to the Charity
Commissioners.

Minute
2.
Re Sanitary
District Council
Report in
Reply to P.C.

The Chairman then read the Report of the
Sanitary Inspector, to the Rural
District Council; which report had
been forwarded to the Parish Council,
when a resolution was proposed by the
Chairman and seconded by Mr. Elvay,
and carried. "That the whole Council be

formed into a Committee to deal with
the report and prepare a reply to be
sent to the Rural District Council.

Signed W. H. Ady Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
July 16. 1895

Present. - Rev. W. H. Ady (Chairman). Messrs
G. Lee, P. Edwards, R. T. Town, F. Winder
D. Moir, H. Jennings and W. Elvay.

Minute
1.
Parish Council
Reply to
Sanitary
Report.

A letter prepared as a reply to the Sanitary
Inspector's Report on unsanitary premises,
to which the attention of the District
Council had been called, was laid
before the meeting, and after consider-
ing the comments made therein, upon
each case, A proposition was made
by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. H.
Jennings, "That the reply was satisfactory
and that it should be sent forthwith
by the Clerk, to the District Council."

This Proposition being put to the meeting,
was voted for by Messrs Edwards, Lee,
Town, Winder and Jennings. and
voted against by Mr. Moir.

The proposition was carried.

Signed F. Winder Chairman

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Minutes of Parish Council meeting held
on Tuesday Aug^t 27. 1895

Present. J. Sayer Esq - Moir G. Moir
T. Winder, W. Elvay, Geo Lee, P. Edwards
and W. Jennings. — The Vice Chairman took
the Chair in the absence of the Chairman.
The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and passed.

Minute

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The meeting then went into committee to
consult on certain matters, but no action
was taken upon them, it being considered
that they did not lie within the province
of the Council.

2.

Mr Elvay's notice of motion as to what future
course should be pursued in reference to
the complaints recently made by the Parish
Council, to the District Council, on unsanitary
premises, was discussed and withdrawn
pending an expected reply from the District
Council.

3.

Re-Water
Supply

Mr. Winder's notice of motion in reference
to water works for Charing was con-
sidered, and though it was the unanimous
opinion of the Council, that the present
time of depression was not opportune for
incurring a large expenditure, a great
part of which would fall on the ratepayers
no action at present was deemed necessary.

Signed

W. H. Ady.
Vice Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday Nov^r 5. 1895.

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Present. The Chairman Rev W H Ady. Councillors
Sayer Moir Geo Lee - Philip Edwards -
David Moir - Will^m Jennings - W. Elvay -
and Rob^t Vinton.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and it decided to amend them by inserting
that the Vice Chairman took the Chair in
the absence of the Chairman, and to cancel
the First minute which had been entered
by mistake.

Minute

1.
Smarden P.C.
Re- Wages
& Salaries.

The Chairman read a letter from the Smarden
Parish Council calling the attention of this
Parish Council to 3 Resolutions passed at
the Smarden P. Council, with reference to
the management of the Roads in the District.

After some conversation on the subject
and explanation given by Mr Sayer on the
action of the County Council in the matter,
it was proposed by Mr Moir & seconded by Mr²
Elvay "that this Council consider it false
economy on the part of the Highway
Authority to reduce the wages of the Stone-
breakers and not the salaries of those holding
higher offices.

To this an amendment was proposed by
Mr Sayer and seconded by Mr Jennings "To omit
the latter part of the resolution viz. and not the
salaries of those holding higher offices"

For this the Chairman, Messrs Sayer and

Jennings Voted. Against this, Messrs Lee Edward, Moir, Elvy and Town voted
The original resolution was then carried unanimously

*The Press
at District Council*

A resolution was then proposed by Mr Moir seconded by Mr Jennings and unanimously carried "That this Council regret that representatives of the Press are not admitted to the meetings of the District Council"
It was decided that the said resolutions be forwarded to the Clerk of District Council and also to the Clerk of the Smarden P.C.

Minute

2

*Execution
of
Lighting Act
Com'ee for*

Proposed by Mr Layer seconded by Mr Jennings and carried That three members of the council viz. Messrs W. Elvy Geo Lee and S. Edwards form the Committee for the execution of the Lighting Act for this Parish — and That the Clerk communicate this resolution to the late Inspectors with thanks for their past services — and that the Clerk also communicate the same to the Gas Company and obtain from them the conditions of the existing Contract for lighting the town

Minute

3

Along conversation with regard to a memorial to the District Council in reference to the unemployed, and on the question of further work in the Recreation Ground at Charing Heath, and improving certain footpaths, but no resolution was submitted to the council.

Minute Ludwell Charities — The Chairman stated it would not be necessary to again communicate with the Charity Commissioners, as he had documents from them to lay before the meeting in reference to the appointment of trustees and to the apportionment of the charities.

It was then proposed by Mr Moir and seconded by Mr Edwards that two Trustees should be appointed in place of the Churchwardens. And that a Parish Council Meeting for this purpose be held on Tuesday Nov 12th at 7 o'clock. This proposition was voted for by Messrs Moir Town, Elvy Lee and Edwards and Carried nem.con.

Minute

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Mr Elvy's notice of motion, in reference to unsanitary condition of some properties in this parish, and to the reply of the District Council to a former communication to them by this Council (Parish) was considered and at his desire postponed till the next meeting

Signed

W. H. Ady.

Chairman

*Ludwell
Charity
Non-ecclesiastical
portion*

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday Nov 12th at 7 o'clock. 1895.

Present. Rev. Mr. Ady. Chairman. Messrs Geo. Lee
W. Elvay. W. Jennings. L. Moir. Fred. Winder
and Robt. Town. — Messrs Sayer and Edwards
absent.—

Lighting

The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary of the Gas Company informing the Parish Council that there was no written contract, but that on the adoption of the Lighting Act, it was arranged for the Company to provide and erect Lamps, light and extinguish the same at £3. 5. 0 per lamp per annum, it was afterwards reduced to £3. per lamp, and another lamp erected in the Market, making 13 at £3. each. — £39. which is paid by quarterly instalments.

Minute

1.
Treasurer lighting act

It was proposed by Mr. Elvay and sec'd by Mr. Lee,
that the Treasurer of the P. Council, be the Treasurer
for the purposes of the Lighting Act also.
This resolution was carried nem. con.

2.
Parochial Charities

Proposed by Mr. Elvay and sec'd by Mr. Lee, That
Messrs L. Moir and Robt. Town be appointed
to act as Trustees of the Non-ecclesiastical
portion of the Ludwell Charity, in place of
the Churchwardens. This proposition was
supported by Messrs Elvay, Lee, Jennings
and Winder. It was also determined
by lot, that Mr. R. Town should retire
from the Trust at the end of two years

from the date of coming into office. The
Chairman was requested to forward a
copy of this resolution to the Charity
Commissioners.

3.

Unsanitary houses &c

With reference to the letter of July 20th from
the Clerk of the District Council with regard
to unsanitary houses, it was proposed by
Mr. Elvay and seconded by Mr. Winder
"That as infectious diseases have broken
out in various parts of the parish, the
attention of the District Council should
be again called to the unsanitary
condition of the late Mr. Geo. Streeter's
property in the Workhouse ^{Lane} yard, where
nothing effectual has been done to remedy the
nuisance complained of."

4.

Parsonage house

To this an Amendment was proposed by Mr.
L. Moir "That this meeting thanks the
District Council for their reply to the
communication from the P. Council
dated July 20th 1895; but begs to inform them
that the Parish Council thinks it advisable
to call the attention of the County Council
to the fact, that the District Council has
not effectually remedied the sanitary
defects of several properties complained of."
There being no seconder of this amendment
it was not put to the meeting.

Mr. Elvay's motion was then put and carried
being voted for by Messrs Lee, Elvay, Town and
Winder — Mr. L. Moir dissenting.

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It was proposed by Mr. Moir seconded by Mr. Elvyn and unanimously carried; That a sum not exceeding Ten pounds be expended on improving the path at the bottom of Clewards, and the path thro' the gateway at the top of Parsons Meadow and that the owners of the properties be communicated with in reference thereto.

W. H. Ady.
Chairman

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Minutes of Footpath Committee meeting held on Tuesday Dec^r 3rd 1895.

Footpath.

Present - The Chairman... Messrs Jennings, Edwards, Winder, Lee, Town, Elvyn, and J. Sayer Esq.

Minute
1.

The Chairman stated that the owners of Clewards, and Parsons Meadow had been seen, and they were quite willing for the Parish Council to mend the paths passing through their properties.

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A conversation then ensued in reference to material and method, and a sub-committee, comprising Messrs Sayer - Edwards and Jennings, was formed to superintend the necessary improvements.

W. H. Ady.
Chairman

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Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday March 3rd at 7 o'clock.

1896
Present: Rev'd W. H. Ady, Chairman.
Mr. A. Winder, Vice Chairman.
John Sayer Esq. Mr. P. Edwards, Mr. G. Lee
Mr. W. Elvyn, Mr. H. Jennings, Mr. R. Town.

Minutes
Footpath.

2.

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 27 or 28. 1895., also the minutes of the Footpath Committee meeting held on Dec^r 3. 1895. were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Footpath Committee was then read, showing that the path from the bottom of Clewards to the Church yard gate, the path at the top of Parsons Meadow, a path near the Rail way, had been repaired, and that others would be done.

W. H. Ady
Chairman

London

London

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Minutes of Annual Parish Council
Meeting held April 21st 1896
at Seven o'clock in the Evening.

Present - Mess^rs Will^m Jennings,
W. G. Elvry - Philip Edwards, Fred^r Winder
Rob^t. Town, John Sayer, Will^m Bas, Edmund
and Alexander Horton.

Minute 1. The Chairman (The Rev W. H. Adv) not being present
the Vice Chairman (Mr F. Winder) took the
Chairman's place.

2. The Councillors present, then signed the
declarations of their acceptance of Office

Signings Declaration Day
All of the Councillors not being present it
was proposed by Mr W. Jennings, seconded
by Mr Winder "That at the next meeting
of this Council, to be held on Tuesday 28th April
it shall be competent for such Member or
members who have not already done so,
to sign their or his declaration of
Acceptance of Office. —

Proposed by John Sayer and seconded by Mr Will^m
Jennings, "That the Rev^r W. H. Adv be
the Chairman of the Council for the
ensuing Year. This proposition was
unanimously carried.

Election of Vice Chairman
Proposed by Mr W. Jennings, Seconded by Sayer
and Carried Unanimously "That Mr Fred^r
Winder be Vice Chairman for the ensuing
Year. —

Minutes

6 Proposed by Mr W. G. Elvry, Seconded by Mr Sayer
and unanimously carried "That Mess^rs
Jonas Sulston - Will^m Jennings and
Philip Edwards, be appointed as
Overseers of Charing Paroch for the
ensuing year.

7.

Proposed by Mr F. Winder seconded by
Mr A. Horton "That the next meeting
of the Council be held on Tuesday
28th April at half past 7 o'clock in
the evening. Frederick Winder

Vice Chairman.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday April 28th at 7.30. P.M. 1896

Present Rev W. H. Adv, Chairman Mr F. Winder
Vice Chairman - Mr S. Edwards, Mr W. Edmund
Mr Rob^t. Town - Rev Mr Elvry Mr W. Jennings
Mr Alex^r. Horton.

Minutes

1. Chairman's Acceptance
of Office for ensuing
Year

The Minutes of the last meeting having been
read and confirmed - The Rev^r W. H. Adv
thanked the Council for their kindness, and
confidence shown by their electing him,
for the third time, to preside at their Council
as Chairman -

2. The Chairman then ^{read} a note from Mr G. Moir,
informing the Council, that he has decided

Not to accept the office of Member of the Council.
The Chairman therefore declared the seat
vacant, and that it was now the duty of the
Council to elect another member.

3.

Mr W. Eley stated that as Mr Lee was a
Member of the late Council, he believed it was
competent for the Council to elect him to fill
the vacancy - Mr Eley would therefore propose
that Mr Lee be elected - this was seconded
by Mr P. Edwards and carried unanimously.

4.

It was proposed by Mr Eley and seconded by Mr Winder
"that as Mr Chas. Wiles property in Charing that
was still in a very unsanitary condition -
and the Council understood, the adjoining
property is about to be attended to, the Parish
Council respectfully suggest to the District Council
that it would be advisable Mr Wiles should
be done at the same time & the Clerk was
directed to send a copy of the resolution to the
Clerk of District Council.

*Unanimous
Proposed*

*5. State of meeting
decided upon*

Some consideration took place in reference to
holding Parish Council Meetings periodically - and
it was proposed by Mr Eley and seconded by Mr
Horton "that the Council meet on the second
Tuesday in each Month at 7.30 until the end
of September 1869."

*Public Notice
Proposed*

It was proposed by Mr Winder and seconded by
Mr Horton - that "Notice Boards" be provided -
one to be placed in Charing Town and one at
Charing Heath -

Mr J. Winder gave notice that at the next P.C. meeting
he would move for a discussion upon the Endwell Charity.

Signed W.H. Ady
Chairman.

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held
on Tuesday evening May 12th at 7.30.

1896

Present - The Rev'd W.H. Ady Chairman - Councillors
J. Winder, R. Town, W. Eley - P. Edwards -
W. Edmund - Alex' Horton and W. Jennings

Minute

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The minutes of last meeting were read and
confirmed.

The Chairman then read a letter from Mr Lee,
in which he expressed regret at his inability to
accept the office of member of the Parish Council,
in consequence of his intention to leave this
neighbourhood - and offering most sincere thanks
to all the members of the Council for the con-
fidence in him, as shown in this act of
reelection.

on the Council
The Chairman declared one seat to be vacant.

3

Mr W. Eley proposed that the Rev'd W.H. Ady
be elected a member of the P.C. Council -
this proposition was seconded by Mr S. Horton,
and on being put to the meeting by the Vice
Chairman, was unanimously voted for.

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Mr J. Winder's motion in reference to the

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Lindowell
Charity

Charity
Lindowell was presented, but after some discussion, and explanation from the Chairman it was withdrawn. The Chairman having expressed his willingness to obtain a copy of Mr Lindowell's will for the use of the Council meetings.

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Note Board
in Town

The Clerk informed the Council he had obtained Mr Biggs permission for the Council to place a Parish Note Board on his house — The Council accepted the offer and decided to pay Mr Biggs a rent of 2/6 per yr for the accommodation.

Note Board
in Heath

It was proposed by Mr Edwards and seconded by Mr Worton that a Note Board should also be placed on some convenient house at Charing Heath and the sum of 2/6 per yr be paid to the occupier of the house, for taking care of the board.

Parish Room

Mr V. Eloy gave notice that he would, at the next meeting of the Council, make a proposition in reference to building a Parish Room.

W. H. Ady.
Chairman

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
June 9th 1896.

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Present. Rev. T. H. Ady, Chairman, Messrs
Edwards, Edmund, Jennings, Horton, &
Winder.

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The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

2

The Chairman stated, he had an acknowledgement from the Charity Commissioners, of the receipt of his communication, in reference to Mr Lindowell's Will, but that he had not yet received a copy of it.

3

Mr Eloy was not present to submit his proposed motion in reference to providing a Parish Room — There was some conversation on the subject, but no action could be taken until it was formally before the Council.

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F. Winder
Chairman

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5 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
on Tuesday July 14th 1896.

Present - Messrs F. Winsor, P. Edwards,
W. Edmed, A. Horton, W. Elvay, Willm.
Jennings and John Sayer Esq.

The Chairman not being present, the Vice
Chairman presided.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and Confirmed -

In reference to the first item of business on
the Agenda, the Clerk said, he had received
a request from the Chairman, to express
to the Council, his regret at not being able
to attend this evening, and also, that he would
read to the Council, the documents received
from the Charity Commission.

2 The other item of business - re - providing a
Parish Room was introduced - but a
proposal was immediately made and agreed
to that Mr Elvay's proposed motion on
this matter should be postponed until
the Septh Monthly meeting of the P.C.

Philip Edwards
Chairman

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Facts & Duties
of the Char.

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6 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
on Tuesday Augst 11th, at 7.30. 1896.

Present - Messrs A. Horton, P. Edwards,
Willm. Edmed, Rob. Jordan.

In the absence of the Chairman and the
Vice Chairman Mr P. Edwards was elected
Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed

Minute 1. The case of Joseph Nunn Osborne a
defaulter to the amount of 6/2, part of a
Poor Rate made April 1896, was investigated,
when it was found, the defaulter was a
bankrupt and had no effects to distrain
upon - The Council therefore decided, and
passed a resolution, "that under the cir-
cumstance it was unwise for the
Overseers to incur the expense of a
prosecution" This Resolution was proposed
by Mr Elvay and seconded by Mr Philip
Edwards.

2. A Complaint having been made to the Parish
Council, that Mr John Edmed owner of South-
field Farm Charing Heath, had obstructed
a public footpath passing thro' Mill field
near the above farm, by erecting a high
fence or barrier too high for women or
children to pass over. The case was con-
sidered

Path defaulter

Footpath
obstruction

con sidered and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Edmed and ask him to replace the fence with a stile suitable for foot passengers, or to leave the path open as hitherto.

Chairman
F. Winder

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday September the 8th 1896

Present - Messrs Fred F. Winder
Alexander Horton and Will Jennings

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Council was informed that Mr. J. Edmed had removed the obstructive fence recently erected across a public footpath, and complained of, and had replaced it with a suitable stile.

Chairman
F. Winder

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday Octth 13th 1896.

Present The Rev W.H. Atty, Chairman,
Messrs F. Winder, W. Edmed, R. Town
P. Edwards, A. Horton & W. Jennings

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman called the attention of the council to the condition of certain footpaths, and it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Winder that the path at the bottom of Clewars be cleared of grass &c.

It was also proposed by Mr. Horton and seconded by Mr. Edmed, that the Footpath sub-Committee, Messrs Taylor, Edwards and Jennings be requested to examine the path passing from pigsties to Fishpond meadows, near the gate, and to take the necessary steps to improve the same.

Mr. F. Winder proposed and Mr. W. Jennings seconded that as a complaint had been made to the Council that tubs had been placed so as to obstruct the path leading from Clark Road to Newlands Farm the Clerk be asked to see Mr. Reeves and request him to have them removed.

W.H. Atty. Chairman

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9 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock Novth 10th 1896.

Present. Rev W.H. Ady Chairman Messrs P. Edwards, Will^m Edmed F. Winder W. Elvy, Will^m Jennings and Alex^r Horton and J. Sayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

1. Footpath 1.
The Clerk said he had spoken to Mr. Reue about the trees that obstructed the public footpath leading from the Charl road to

Mr. Reue did not know it was a public path, but promised to remove them — he has done so.

2. Improvement Alley
The attention of the Council was called to a frequent nuisance caused by wheeling out manure and depositing it near Mr. Norton's coach house — it was considered that it might be remedied by Col Groves allowing his fence to be put back so as to make room for Cart to go up to the premises from which the manure is brought — and a proposition was made by Mr. W. Jennings secnd by Mr. Norton and carried. That the Chairman be asked to see Col Groves, state the case, and ascertain if Col Groves will consent to allow it to be removed

3. The Footpath Sub-Committee stated the carrying out of the arrangements made at the last meet

ing in reference to stile a path in Pigott meadow was in process altho' it had been somewhat retarded — It was unanimously agreed that a Clap Gate, not a stile, should be erected, and that further estimates of cost should be obtained

4. Footpath 2.
Parsons Mead
The dilapidated condition of the gate at the top of Parsons Meadow was brought before the council. It was proposed by Mr. Elvy and secnd by Mr. Winder, that the Clerk be instructed see Mr. E. Norwood, the supposed owner, and ask him if he would kindly have it repaired or renewed.

W.H. Ady. Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday evening Novth 8th 1896 at 7 o'clock

Present. The Chairman Messrs Horton, Edwards, Edmed, Winder, Elvy Jennings and Sayer.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Minutes 1.
The Chairman stated that he had communicated with Col. Groves as to widening the path through the Alley leading into Parsons mead, and that Col. Groves thought the proposal advisable, the Col. further suggested closing the lower part of the path which leads through Parsons mead into the Ashford Road, and that if the Council will entertain this

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proposal he will allow a wide path to be made through the Alley. The council requested the chairman to get some more definite information from Col Graves as to what he proposes to do.

2. It was proposed by Mr Sayer and seconded by Mr Jennings that the cost of the new gate and the alteration of the fence in Piquito, be defrayed out of the funds of the Recreation Ground, on the understanding that this payment constitute no permanent claim upon the landlord to allow the field to be used as a recreation ground. This proposition was supported by the Chairman Messrs Winder, P. Edwards, Mr Elvy and unopposed.

3. The Chairman read a note from Mr E. Horwood, in which he disclaims the ownership of the gate at the top of Parsons Meadow, and the land on which it stands, altho' by arrangement it was removed by him 1884. The owner of Dr Amos' field for many years previously that time, always repaired the stile. The liability has not been transferred to me, and I cannot agree to undertake it.

4. It was then proposed by Mr Elvy and seconded by Mr Norton that the Clerk see Mr Hickman and lay Mr Horwood's reply to the council.

5. A notice from the Assessor of Taxes ~~was~~ informing the Parish Council, that a Land Tax on the Annual Value (£3) of the Recreation Ground at Charing Heath, had been charged

in the new Land Tax assessment for the year commencing April 1896, and that an appeal against the charge, could be made on the 15th of Oct^r. Inst, if so decided by the council.

Mr Winder Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday January 12th 1897.

Present. Messrs A. Horton, P. Edwards, Mr Town, Mr Winder, Mr Jennings, Mr Elvy and John Sayer Esq.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The report of the Footpath Sub Committee, was submitted to the council, showing that the work of repairing the footpath ^{in progress} and replacing the stile with a convenient gate, had been completed, at a cost of £6. 7. 10^s. — £2. 19. 0 of which amount, being the cost of the new gate, to be paid out of the Recreation Ground funds.

It was proposed by Mr Sayer, seconded by Mr Town, and carried, "That the report be accepted and the bills be duly paid."

A note from Mr Hickman was read, in which he disclaimed the ownership of the ground on which the stile at the top of Parsons Meadow ^{stands}, and also any obligation to repair it. No further steps in reference thereto

Scrubs 1.

Footpath
Gate
Piquito

Rate 2

Parsons Meadow

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sherto were taken by the meeting.

3. The Council were informed, that the Chairman had not received, from Col Groves, any definite statement of what he was willing to do towards carrying out the proposed improvement of the Alley leading from the Ashford road into Parsons Meadow. After some ^{for the present} conversation on the subject, it was decided to waive the proposal to stop the branch path in the meadow and a proposition was made by Mr Elvry and seconded by Mr Edwards, "that the Clerk be requested to see Col Groves, and obtain his final consent for the immediate widening and improvement of the alley. The proposition being put to the meeting was carried without opposition.

*to
Parish Room*

Re - Parish Room for Charing - After a conversation on this subject, a proposition was made by Mr Sayer, and seconded by Mr Elvry, "that a Parish Meeting be called for Wednesday February 10th 1897, for the purpose of considering the advisability of providing a Parish Room for Charing". This proposition was unanimously carried.

W. H. Ady. Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday Feb 9th 1897.

Present - The Chairman, Messrs Edwards, Edmund, Winder, Town, Elvry, Horton, and Jennings.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Unanimously

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The Chairman referred to the "Treasurership" of the Parish Council and the Bond required and stated that the Manager of the Ashford Branch of the London and County Bank was willing to become the Treasurer - It was agreed that at the next P. Council meeting steps should be taken for the transferance of the Treasurership to Mr Davleth.

It was agreed "that Election of the Parish Council and the business of the Annual Parish Meeting be transacted on the same day - that day being the 18th of March unless another day is fixed by the County Council -

Public Footpath

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From the report of the Footpath Sub Committee, in reference to improving the condition of the Alley leading from the Ashford Rd to the Parsons Meadow, the Council learned that Col ² Groves declines for the present, to give the ground required to effectually carry out the scheme.

4 It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. W. Elvay and unanimously carried —
 "That the P. Council having received communications from both Mr. Horwood and from Mr. Hickman disclaiming responsibility for the repair of the gate at top of Parson's Mead as instant the Clerk to communicate with these two gentlemen and invite them to submit the plans of their properties adjoining the gate, to some independent authority to be agreed upon. and to abide by his decision."

5 Mr. Winder called the attention of the Council to the very dangerous condition of some steps in a footpath at Burnt Mill Charing Heath — It was proposed by Mr. Elvay and seconded by Mr. Horton, "That Mr. Winder & Mr. Horwood be authorized to arrange for having the necessary work done forthwith."

6 The Clerk presented the New Valuation List, made in accordance with Agricultural Rates Act 1896, before submitting it to the Overseers for their signature and publication.

7 Parish Room — It was unanimously decided that it is very desirable a Parish Room should be erected — and the Chairman submitted some resolutions which he thought it would be well should be proposed at the Parish Meeting on Wednesday — The Council expressed their approval of these resolutions.

W.H. Ady. Chairman

*Parsons Mead
Note*

footpath

*New Valuation List
for Rating Purposes*

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Copy - From (February 10th 1897) Parish Meeting
Minute Book

Minutes of Parish Meeting convened for the purpose of presenting to the Parochial Electors a scheme for erecting a Parish Room in Charing.

Present. about one hundred parochial electors.

The Rev^d W.H. Ady, chairman of the Parish Council presided.

The chairman in his opening remarks, shew'd the advantage such a room would be to the Village — The opportunity of such a memorial of Queen Victoria's long reign, and also of the facility for accomplishing the object, rendered by Col. Campbell and John Sayer Esq^r, by their munificent offer of a piece of Land on which to erect a building.

The following resolutions were then put to the meeting.

First

That it is desirable to provide a Parish Room in Charing, and that the present year in which Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee is being commemorated throughout the Country, is a most suitable time for undertaking the work.

This resolution was proposed by Col^d Groves Sec^d by Evan^d Horwood Esq^r and unanimously carried.

Second

That this Meeting of Parishioners having been informed of Col Campbell's generous offer of a suitable piece of ground as a site for a Parish Room, and also of Mr. Sayer's kind offer

to make an additional gift of land, so that sufficient space may be secured for the building and a pathway by the side; do agree to accept the same, and desire to offer their thanks to Col. Campbell and to Mr^r Sayer for their gift.

This Resolution was proposed by Mr^r J. Amos. See^d by Mr^r Horton, and carried unanimously.

Third — That The Parish Council be requested to accept, and hold the land proposed for the site, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish, and that the Parish Council be further requested to raise by means of a loan, on the security of the Rates, a part of the Fund necessary for building the proposed Parish Room — This Resolution was proposed by Mr^r Sayer — See^d by Mr^r Will Jennings and unanimously carried.

Forth — That a Committee be formed consisting of the Members of the Parish Council, and all subscribers of not less than £ 5. to the Building Fund; who shall arrange for the erection, and for the future management of the Parish Room. — This Resolution was proposed by Mr^r Geo. Langley — See^d by Mr^r Hickman and carried.

P.C.
Parish Hall

VOLUME 1.

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Monday March 1st 1897.

Minutes of First Meeting of the "Parish Hall Committee" appointed at the Parish Meeting Feb 2^d 1897.

Present — Rev^r W. H. Ady, Chairman of Parish Council, Messrs J. Sayer, F. Winter, W. Edmed, A. Horton, W. Elvy, R. Town, P. Edwards and W. Jennings Members of Parish Council. Also Col. Groves, S. Hardwick, Messrs Amos, Langley, Spicer, Whymper, and Horwood. Subscribers to Building Fund.

The Chairman Rev^r W. H. Ady stated that he received promises of Subscriptions, with sums expected from other voluntary sources might be estimated at about £ 200.

A Plan of a Parish Hall by Mr^r Prynne, was presented to the meeting for inspection, and it was proposed by Mr^r Sayer and See^d by Mr^r Langley — That Mr^r Prynne be thanked for the Plan, and that he be requested to supply Specifications and an estimate of cost. This proposition being put to the meeting was unanimously carried —

A letter from Col^r Campbell offering to sell the site of land required, for the sum of £ 11. It was proposed by Mr^r Sayer seconded by Mr^r Elvy and carried That the Parish Council purchase the land at that price.

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4. It was proposed by Mr. Langley seconded by Mr. Elvay and carried, that a Sub-committee of eight persons be appointed to communicate to Mr. Prysme the thanks of this meeting for the plan of a Parish Hall and kind offer made by him, and to ask him to supply specifications and estimate of cost - which specification shall be submitted to the general committee for approval.

*Parish Hall
Sub Committee*

That this Sub committee consist of the following persons.

Rev. W. H. Ady, Mr. Hardwick, Mr. Layer, Mr. Langley, Mr. Spicer, Mr. Horton, Mr. E. Horner, and Cal. Groves.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday March 9th 1897

Present. — The Chairman Mr. A. Horton P. Edwards, W. Jennings, W. Elvay Will. Edmed, Rob. Town and F. Winder.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer

Minute 1. It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. P. Edwards and unanimously carried "That Mr. Pawlett, Manager of the London and County Banking Company Limited, be appointed Treasurer of the Charing Parish Council."

Minute 2.

"That the Clerk inform Mr. Pawlett of his appointment and request him to forward the necessary bond." This proposition was made by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. P. Edwards and unanimously carried.

Minute 1.

*Re. Parish Hall
Parish of Brom*

Parish Room Proposed by Mr. Elvay, seconded by Mr. Winder "That the Parish Council gives their assent to the four Resolutions passed at the Parish Meeting on Feb. 10th ¹⁸⁹⁷ and are willing to undertake the duties of holding the land proposed as a site, and of raising by means of a loan a part of the funds for the building of the Room as requested by the Parish Meeting.

This proposition being put was carried without opposition.
* see Parish meeting minutes - BTH page 22

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Parish Room Cont.^a

Motion 2. Proposed by W.G. Elvy. See ^b by W. Jennings and carried. "That the Parish Council do purchase the plot of ground offered them by Colonel Campbell for £11. and do give instructions to Mr. Horwood to prepare a deed of conveyance of the land to the Charing Parish Council"

*Parish Hall
Room of
Parish Room
Committee
Management*

3. Proposed by A. Horton. seconded by W. Jennings and carried. That the council assent to the proposal all subscribers of £5. and upward to the building fund shall be life members of the Committee appointed by the Parish Meeting, for the building and management of the Parish Room. And that the names of all such subscribers (if the majority of them desire it) shall be recorded on the walls of the Room.

4. With reference to the Gate in Parson's Head a letter was read from Mr. Hickman declining to submit the question of ownership and liability to arbitration, as he finds he has no material interest in the case. The council decided not to take further action on the subject at present.

W.H. Ady.
Chairman

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Thursday March 25 1897

Minutes of second meeting of Parish Hall Committee held at 7 o'clock of the above day.

Present - Rev^c Wm Ady, Messrs Sayer, Elvy, Edwards, Edmund Town, Winder, Horton, Jennings. — Col. Groves, Langley, Spicer, Horwood, Amos, Dr. Hardwick.

The minutes of meeting held March 1^e. 97 were read and confirmed.

*Parish Hall
Room 1*

The chairman stated that the Sub Committee had obtained plans and specifications from Mr^f Baynne of the proposed Parish Hall and that had forwarded these plans to Messrs Coast & Edwards requesting them to estimate the probable cost. The chairman then stated that an answer had been received to the effect that Messrs Coast & Edwards are willing to do the work for £500 provided some modification of the wood work specified in the roof was altered.

It was proposed by Mr^f Langley and seconded by Mr^f Horton and carried, "That the plans and Estimate for the building of the Parish Hall submitted by the Sub Committee to this Meeting be accepted subject to the approval of the Architect on the proposed modification of the wood work on the roof."

*No^o
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That this meeting of the Building Committee request the Parish Council to raise a loan

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not exceeding £300. as part of the funds necessary for building the Parish Hall.
This resolution was proposed by Col. Grove Seconded by Mr. G. Langley and carried.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 7. 30 March
25th 1897

Present - The Chairman. Messrs Sayer Edwards, Barnes, Jennings, Elvay, Town Winder & Horton.

Minute 1.

Parish Hall
The Chairman stated that a piece of land suitable for a site for the Parish Room had been conveyed to the Parish Council by Col. Campbell and that Mr. Gorwood had executed the deed of conveyance.

Resolved.

That this Council having received a request from the Building Committee of the proposed Parish Hall, to raise a loan, not exceeding £300. authorises the Chairman to make an application to the County Council for their consent to the raising of the aforesaid loan on the security of the rates.

This Resolution was proposed by Mr. Elvay, Seconded by Mr. Horton and carried. 6 voting for none against it.

3.

*Re. Ratting
on account of the rates
in the vicinity of the rates*
That this Council having received a request from the Parish Meeting held on March 18th to make an application for a second District Councillor for the Parish of Charing, do place themselves in communication with the County Council on the matter. This Resolution was proposed by Mr. Sayer, Seconded by Mr. Horton and unanimously carried.

Minute 4.

The Chairman fixed Tuesday April 20th for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.



W.H. Ady. Chairman

Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday April 20th 1897.

Minute 1.

Present. Rev. W. H. Ady. Messrs J. Sayer W. Barnes. Walter Elvay. Willth Jennings Robth Town. Fredth Winder. A. Horton.

above names

The newly elected Members signed the declaration of acceptance of Office.

It was proposed by Mr. Sayer, Seconded by Mr. Horton, and unanimously carried, that the Rev. W. H. Ady be Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Rev. Ady then took the Chair and in suitable terms acknowledged the confidence reposed by the Council in reelecting him as their Chairman.

3.
Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Mr. Elvay, Seconded by Mr. Horton That Mr. Winder be the Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. This proposal was also carried unanimously.

4.
Overseers

It was proposed by Mr. Sayer, Seconded by Mr. Winder, That Messrs Philip Edwards, John Sulston, and Willth Jennings be appointed Overseers of the Poor of the Parish. Carried unanimously.

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Minute 5.
Receipt
on Account

It was agreed "that a Precept be made upon the Overseers, for the amount of Twenty Pound to meet the Expenses of the Council for the ensuing year.

6.
Vacant Seat
on Council

The Chairman read a note from Mr. Philip Edwards, tendering his resignation of Office of Parish Councillor. The Chairman then declared the seat Vacant, and the Council fixed Tuesday April 27. for the Election of a Councillor to fill the vacancy.

7.
 Sheep wash

It was stated that the Sheep ^{washing} Tank in the recreation ground was out of repair. Mr. Winder was requested to ascertain the probable cost of repairing it, and to report at the next meeting of the Council.

W.H. Ady.

Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday April 27 at 7 o'clock P.M.

Present. The Chairman Revd W H Ady, Messrs J. Sayer, A. Horton, F. Winder, Rob Town, W. Elvy and Will Jennings.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Minute 1.

The Council requested Messrs R. Town and A. Horton to superintend the repairing of the Sheep washing Tank, in the recreation ground at Charing Heath.

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Filling vacancy in Parish Council.

Minute 2. Proposed by Mr. Sayer and seconded by Mr. Horton "That Mr. Hickman be elected a member of this council."

3. Proposed by Mr. Elvy and seconded by Mr. F. Winder. "That Mr. Rob Coast be elected a member of this council."

4. The Chairman then put the names of Mr. Hickman, and of Mr. Coast, in due order, to the meeting.

Mr. Hickman was voted for by two members, Messrs Sayer and Horton.

Mr. Coast was voted for by three members, Messrs Elvy, Town, and Winder.

The Chairman declared Mr. Rob Coast to be elected.

W.H. Ady.

Chairman

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Minutes of Parish Council held May 11. 1897

Present. The Chairman. Messrs A. Horton
Rob^t Town. W. J. Edmund. W. G. Elvay
Wm^m Jennings and Rob^t Coast.

- Minute 1. The newly elected member of the Council,
Mr^r Robert Coast, signed the declaration
of acceptance of Office, and thanked the
Council for electing him.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed.
3. A letter was read from the Clerk of the County Council
stating that the Council could not give their
consent to the appointment of a second District
Councillor for the Parish of Charing.
4. A letter was read from the Clerk of the County
Council with regard to the application of the
Parish Council for their consent to raise a
loan for erecting Parish Buildings.

Copy of Letter

Referring to your letters of the 30th of March
and of the 26th Ultimo I am now directed to
inform the Charing Parish Council that
a Committee of the County Council with
delegated powers in the matter have agreed
to give their consent to the Parish Council raising
a loan of a sum not exceeding £300 for the
purpose of providing a building to be used
by the Parish Council and the Parish Meeting.

A formal order in the matter shall be sent you in
due course. Yours ~ V. B. Prosser.

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5. Res^d by Mr Elvay. See^d by Mr Horton and carried
that the £11. cost of the land bought for
the site of a Parish Hall be paid forthwith
and that the Clerk on payment receive
the Deed of Conveyance from Mr Horwood.

6. Mr Town and Mr Horton were requested to
have the Sheep washing tank on the Recreation
Ground repaired at once, if it could be so
done without hindrance to the approaching
washing season.

7. The Attention of the Rural District Council
having been called to the imperfect condition
of the pond in Clewars meadow, suggested
that the Parish Council should inform
the Owner as to the state of the pond and
the nuisance caused to the inhabitants of
the adjoining cottages by the flooding
of their premises after heavy rain.

It was proposed by Mr Horton and See^d by
Mr Elvay, that the Clerk should write to
Mr J. Irace on the matter.

W. H. Ady.

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Minutes of Meeting of General Committee of the Parish Hall. Held May 18th 1897.

Present — The Rev^e. W. H. Ady. Col Groves
John Sayer Esq^r. Messrs J. Amos. P. Edwards
Frob. Coast W. Edmed Robt Town. W. Elvry
A. Horton. Geo Langley. D^r. Hardwick, and
Will Jennings.

- Minute 1. The Chairman stated. The amount promised was about £250. and that the County Council had given their consent for the Parish Council to borrow £300. on the security of the Rate. It was suggested, and considered advisable, to receive forthwith, the subscriptions promised, and the first payments required, be met thereby

Name of the Hall.

2. Name of new Hall The Chairman stated — The Sub Committee have considered this question, and suggest "Charing Parish Hall", should, subject to the approval of the General Committee, be the name.

Col Groves thought there should be something on the outside of the building to indicate its association with, the Queen's long reign —

3. It was then proposed by Mr Elvry & Sec^d by Mr R. Coast, that "Charing Parish Hall", and the dates 1837. and 1897 be inscribed upon the beam, thus — 1837— Charing Parish Hall — 1897. This proposition was carried unanimously.

4. It was proposed by Mr Amos, Sec^d by Mr Langley

and carried that the Rev^e. W. H. Ady be the Treasurer of the Building Fund.

5. It was agreed that there should be an Unveiling ceremony, on the 22nd of June.

That the School children have a Tea and Festival, and the parishioner aged 60 years and upwards a substantial repast.

6. at the request of the Committee, Col Groves consented to unveil the building.

of
Festive
Celebration
Committee

A Committee to manage the celebration was elected, consisting of Rev W. H. Ady. Messrs E. Norwood G. Langley. C. Speir. R. Town J.C. Willgate and D^r. Hardwick. It was decided to meet in about a fortnight time.

W. H. Ady. Chairman

Minutes of Meeting of General Committee of Parish Hall held June 19th 1897

Present. Rev^e. W. H. Ady chairman, J. Sayer Esq^r. Messrs Edmed. Jennings. Town. Winder. Elvry. Horton. and Frob. Coast.

Col. Groves. D^r. Hardwick.
Messrs Langley. Amos.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A proposition by Mr Langley, seconded by D^r. Hardwick

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Inscription
on
Hall

D^r Hardwick "That the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Committee, which directs that the proposed Inscription should be placed on the large beam in front of the building, be rescinded; was passed.

2.

It was proposed by Mr Elvry, seconded by Mr Langley and passed; that a Card-board copy of the design of proposed inscription, be placed in the position suggested by the Architect, before the 22nd instant, to give all persons interested in the matter, to express an opinion; and that the question of the exact place of the inscription be left to further consideration.

The meeting was adjourned to Saturday June 26th

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee of the Parish Hall held on Saturday June 26th 1897.

Present. The Revd W^d Ady, Chairman, D^r Hardwick Messrs W^r Elvry, G^r Langley, Robt. Coast and J. Anne

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

No 1.

That the proposed design of the Title and Inscription of the Parish Hall, in the position suggested by the Architect, not having met with general approval, be abandoned.

This Prop^d by Mr Elvry, Sec^c by D^r Hardwick & carried.

no 2.

Prop^d by Mr Langley Sec^c by Mr Elvry and carried. "That the architect be requested to provide for V.R. and the dates 1837. and 1897. to be placed in a suitable position on the front of the building;" and "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr Norwood for so kindly making a copy of the design which was shown for some days upon the Hall."

Chairman.

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday June 28th 1897.

Present. The Chairman. Messrs W^r Jennings, A^r Horton, W^r Elvry Robt. Town and John Sayer Esq^r.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from Mr Neame in reference to the Pond in Cleverards was read, and a proposition was made by Mr Sayer, Sec^c by Mr Jennings and carried, "that a letter be written to Mr Neame requesting him to give orders for cleaning out the basins, as that appears to the Council to be the responsibility of the Owner. The Council are also of opinion that this would abate the nuisance."

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A letter from Mr Hickman in reference to the Stile at the top of Parson's Mead was read, and

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The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Whitteman, that the Council has considered his letter and are not prepared to take any further steps in the matter.

3. A letter by Mr. Langley, on behalf of Col Groves, in reference to the entrance to, and the path through the Parson's Meadow was read, and considered. The Clerk was instructed to thank Mr. Langley for the communication, and to state, the Council are not prepared to advise closing the lower, or branch part, of the path in Parson's Meadow.

4. "Technical Education" County council
After consideration of communication from Technical Education Committee. It was proposed by Mr. Sayer Secy. by Mr. Elvay and carried that this Council do constitute themselves the local Committee for all purposes connected with Technical Education and that the Clerk of the Parish Council do act as Local Secretary. The Clerk was further directed to communicate with the Clerk of the Islipfield Parish Council in reference to Technical Education.

W. H. Ady. chairman

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday Augt. 10th 1897.

Present J. Sayer Esq^t, Messrs W. Elvay, R. Town, R. Coast, W. Edmed, and W. Jennings, and A. Horlon.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman being absent, Mr. Jennings prop^ded Mr. Coast sec^ded and it was unanimously carried, that J. Sayer Esq^t be chairman pro. tem.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Resolution

1. *Gardening
Vegetables*)
Wood Cutting
Technical Education. After consultation on this matter. It was prop^ded by Mr. Sayer sec^ded by Mr. Elvay and unanimously carried that application be made in the first instance, for lectures on Cottage Gardening (Vegetable course,) and that a further request be made for Carving Lectures to be given later in the season.

2. *Clermores Pond*
Clermores Pond. A communication from Mr. Neame was read, and after consultation on the matter, it was prop^ded by Mr. Jennings sec^ded by Mr. Elvay, and unanimously carried. That although the P. Council do not consider themselves responsible for the abatement of the nuisance caused by the overflow of the pond, it might, as a temporary remedy, have the outlet cleared from time to time, at a cost of, not exceeding 5/- to the end of this year.

Resolution

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The communication from the Boughton under Blean Parish Council in reference to the election of Parish Councillors was considered but upon the motion of Mr Sayer sec^d by Mr W. Elvry and carried unanimously. It was decided not to take any action in reference thereto.

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New Valuation List in accordance with the Agricultural Rates Act of 1896. It was prop^d by Mr Sayer, sec^d by Mr Elvry, & unanimously carried, That a payment to the Clerk for making out the Lists be approved of, and that the amount be £ 2. 6. 8. for the two copies

Minute

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A letter from the Stalisfield Parish Council was read, containing the resolve of that Council not to take any steps in the matter of Technical Education.

W.H. Ady.

Record of Parish Council held on Tuesday Augt 24^t at 8 o'clock.

Present - The Chairman - Messrs Horton Coast, Elvry, Town, Edmed, and Jennings.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman said, that some members of the council had expressed to him, their

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desire that a meeting should be held to consider the question of the water supply at Charing and also the public meeting to be held on Tuesday 31st instant, he had therefore called this meeting.

After a lengthy conversation on these subjects, in which the whole matter was discussed, it was considered not necessary to pass any resolution in reference thereto.

W.H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday Oct 13^t 1897

Present - Messrs W. Elvry, Jennings, St. Coast, A. Horton, F. Winder, R. Town, and John Sayer Esq^r.

The chairman being absent thro illness the Vice Chairman presided.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Elvry called the attention of the Council to the unsafe condition of a foot bridge over a stream near Little Hooke. Mr Sayer prop^d and Mr Elvry sec^d that the bridge be repaired without delay, and the Clerk be instructed to see that the work is done at once.

Mr Winder stated that wire netting, with barbed wire along the tops, which is dangerous to passengers, had been placed across a public

Footbridge

Footpath

footpath leading from Southfield to Barnfield.
The Council instructed the Clerk to write
to Mr. J. Edmead and request him to remove
it, and if necessary for his convenience, to have
a fence, that it be one suitable for the public.
This Resolution was prop by Mr. Winder see by the Town
and carried.

Trustees of
Charities

Trustees of Parochial Charities. The Council
decided that the P.C. Meeting to be held in Nov^r
next will be the time for electing Trustees in
place of those retiring at that date.

G. Winder

A Meeting of the General Building Committee
of the Parish Hall, was held at the
vicarage on Friday Evening Oct 29. 1897

Present. Rev^r W. H. Ady, Mess^r Sayer,
Edmead, Town, Elvyn, Coast, Edwards
Mackin, Langley, Amos, Edwards
Dr. Hardwick and Col. Groves.

Minute

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Hall lighting

The Chairman stated that Mr. Prime
was unable to make his final inspection
of the building at present, but sug-
gested, that the Lighting of the Hall
be completed at once.

It was therefore proposed by Mr. Sayer
and see by Col^r Groves. That Mr. Edmead's
Estimate for lighting the Hall be
accepted, and that the work be
taken in hand without further delay.
This proposition passed nem. con.

Minute

2.

Paving
front of
Hall

The Paving of the Space in front of the
Hall and of the path on the north side
was next dealt with. - It was proposed
by Mr. G. Langley, and see by Mr. Mackin
that Mr. Edwards be requested to
pave the Space in front of the Hall,
and to carry the paving, on each side,
six inches wider than the steps; also
to have the path 3 feet wide leading to
the side door on the north of the Hall.

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Fence
in front
and side
of Hall

It was proposed by the Rev. W. H. Ady and see by
Mr. Amos, That an Iron Fence be
placed in front of the Hall, and that
other necessary fencing of the ground
be carried out according to the directions
of the sub-Committee, consisting of
Rev. W. H. Ady, Mess^r J. Sayer, R. Codsh,
Geo. Langley and Dr. Hardwick, and that
this sub-Committee also superintend
the work of Lighting and Paving.

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It was proposed by Mr. Langley and see by
Mr. Edwards and unanimously supported
that the hearty thanks of the Committee
be given to Col^r F. Campbell for his
liberal gift of £65. to the Building Fund.

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It was decided to open the Hall with a
Concert.

A suggestion that the Parish Council
should purchase certain Chairs and other
furniture of the Victoria Hall Committee
was favourably received by the Parish
Councillors

Charges for use of Hall.

13/8	Councillors present who promised to bring it forward at the next meeting of the Council.
y.	A list of terms for letting the Hall was submitted for consideration, the prices decided upon were as follow,
for	<u>Concerts. one evening 15/- Two evenings 21/-</u> " One week £ 2. 2.
	<u>Meetings and Concerts for Parish Charities</u> Half price.
	<u>Lantern Lectures</u>
	<u>Technical Education (note x)</u> } 7/-
	<u>Religious Services</u> }
	<u>Missionary Meetings</u> }
	<u>Political Meetings</u> 15/-
	<u>Soviree or Dance or other meetings when refreshments are supplied</u> 21/-
	<u>Bazaars.</u> 20/-
	<u>Mother's meetings for 20 meetings</u> 20/-
	<u>Parochial Relief Station per annum</u> £ 4. 4. 0
	<u>Parish Library, per annum. Finding his own Fire & Light</u> £ 2. 12. 0
	<u>Gardening Society's Meetings per annum</u> £ 1. 10. 0
	<u>Dancing Class. per Evening.</u> — 2. 6
x	<u>Pre-payment in all cases to be adopted.</u>
x	<u>Technical Education, Small Room, per evening.</u> 2. 6

minute

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8. It was proposed by Mr Elvy, see^d by Mr Hardwick and carried, That the foregoing charges be adopted; and further, That the Parish Council Clerk receive applications for the use of the Hall, and shall, if any question arise as to the propriety of the purpose for which the Hall is required, refer to the Chairman.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Nov^r 11th 1897.

Present - The Rev W. H. Ady, Messrs. Horton, Elvy Coast, Edmed, Town, Winder & Jennings.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Oct 13th were read and confirmed.

The Chairman stated that as the time had come for the retirement of Mr. R. Town, one of the Trustees of Parochial Charities, it was the duty of the Council to elect a trustee. It was then proposed Mr. W. Elvy and see^d by Mr. R. Coast "That Mr. Town be re-elected to fill the vacancy" this motion being put was unanimously carried.

Pas^d by Mr Elvy and see^d by Mr Winder "That the Council having received the consent of the Local Government Board

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Board to borrow money for defraying part
of the cost of providing a Parish Room
do proceed forthwith to raise the
necessary sum of £286. Car^d unanimo^{ly}

3. Proposed by Mr Elvy and see^d by Mr Horton
that the Council having before them
the circular of the Local Gov^t Board, in
which a public loan secured on local
rates repayable in 35 years, is fixed at
2½% per annum make an offer to the
Charing Friendly Society, to hire of them,
the sum of £286 at the rate of 3% per annum
payable in half yearly instalments,
and that the Clerk forward a copy of
this resolution and offer to the Society's
Agent Mr E. Horwood.

This resolution was carried unanimously

4. An offer by the Victoria Hall Committee
to sell to the Parish Council, for the sum
of £8. 12. 6, a number of chairs and
other furniture, as per List, now before
this meeting, was considered.
It was pro^d by Mr Coast, see^d by Mr
Jennings and car^d that the offer
be accepted and that the Clerk purchase
them.

5. The minutes of a General Building Com^{ee}
Meeting held on Oct 29th were read.
Minute No 7. in ref to the proposed charge
for the hire of the Hall was particularly

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considered, two other items of charge were
added —

"For Gardening Society's meetings 3d per annum
" Dancing Class meetings 1/6 per evening

It was then agreed that the list of
charges thus completed should be
adopted.

It was decided, that the Opening
Concert be held on Monday, the
22nd of November at 7.30 p.m.

W.H. Ady

Meeting of General Building Committee
held in the Council room on Friday
evening Dec² 3. 1897.

Present. Rev. W.H. Ady, Messrs. Horton, Town,
Elvy, Edwards, Machin, Edmed,
Jennings, Col. Groves, S. F. Hardwick,
J. Sayer, G. Langley, and Edward Eggers

The Chairman stated the purpose of the
meeting, and gave an account of the
Building Fund.

Mr Langley pro^d Col. Groves see^d "That
Messrs. Edwards' and Edmed's Bills be paid".

Mr Sayer pro^d Col. Groves see^d "That on
receipt of the Architect's certificate, £250
be paid to the builders.

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Col Groves pro^d Mr. Machin sec^d That the Sub-committee (original) undertake the erection of certain buildings at the back of the Hall.

*Gifts
by
Lion. Col &
Groves*

On the pro^d of Mr. Sayer sec^d by Mr. Horton, The thanks of the Committee were given to Col^d Groves for his gift of the bust of the Queen and for his kind offer of Incandescent Powers and Steps for the hall - These gifts were accepted, and it was further proposed that the bust of the Queen be placed on a bracket over the platform, subject to the approval of the Architect.

*Reading
Room*

Col Groves pro^d Mr^r Langley sec^d That this Committee sanction the letting of the Hall for a Reading Room subject to rules to be drawn by a Reading Room committee and will allow the rooms to be used free of rent for six months - the members to pay their own expenses for fire, light, & cleaning.

*Hire R. Hall
for small
room*

Mr. Elvyn pro^d Mr. Jennings sec^d That the Technical Education Committee be charged 2/- per evening.

Col Groves pro^d & Mr. Machin sec^d That a committee be formed to arrange for a Ball in the Parish Hall on the 12th night.

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Minutes of Parish Council held Oct^r 14th
1897.

Present. - The Chairman Messrs Elvyn, Town, Edmed, Coast, Jennings and Horton.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Mortgage Deed.

Pro^d by Mr. Elvyn and sec^d by Mr. Horton That the mortgage deed for raising the sum of £286. on the security of the Rates be now signed and sealed with the Parish Council seal, which seal for the time being, is the letter (N.). Unanimously carried

Insurance.

Pro^d by Mr. W. Edmed sec^d by A. Horton That the Parish Hall Building be insured for £500. and the Furniture for £50. - Carried unanimously.

Pro^d by Mr. Town sec^d by Mr. Horton. That the Parish Hall and Furniture be insured in the Norwich Fire Insurance Office. Voted for by Mr. W. Jennings & Mr. Coast, and unopposed

Caretaker.

Pro^d by Mr. Elvyn sec^d by Mr. Coast, and carried. That, for the present, the Clerk be empowered to employ a person to do the work of Firelighting, Cleaning &c.

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Books & Documents.

Pro. by Mr. Elvry see^d by Mr. Rob. Town
That the permanent documents be deposited
in the Iron Chest in custody of the Chairman
of the Parish Council, and that a cupboard
be provided for the other books & documents
belonging to the parish. This was unanimously car.^d

Overseer.

Pro. by Mr. Elvry see^d by Mr. F. Coast & Carried
That Mr. J. Ashwell be appointed Overseer to
take the place of the late Mr. J. Sulston, and
that one notice of this appointment be sent to the Council.

Reading Room

Pro. by Mr. Jennings see^d by Mr. Horton
That the Council having received notice of the resolution
passed at a public meeting held on the 13th Decr,
to the effect "That the Parish Council be requested
to undertake the management of the Reading Room
draw up regulations, and make all necessary
arrangements for opening a Reading Room
and place of Recreation in the Parish Hall",
is willing to comply with the request made
to them, - carried unanimously -

Committee

Pro. by Mr. Elvry and see^d by Mr. Town. That
the following members of the Parish Council
viz. The Chairman, Messrs. Jennings, Horton,
Elvry and Coast, form a Committee to carry
out the above request - and that they be
empowered to act with a Committee of
intending Members of the Reading Room,
consisting of Messrs. Darlington, F. Reeves,
C. and J. Brougher, P. Edwards, H. Hughes, and
H. Ward with power to add to their number.

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This proposition was carried, and the chairman
announced a meeting of the Committee for
Saturday Decr 18th at 7.30 p.m. (1897)

W. H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday Jan 11th 1898 at 7 o'clock pm

Present. The Chairman, Messrs. H. Elvry, R. Coast
W. Edmed, W. Jennings, A. Horton, R. Town
H. Winder and J. Sayer Esq^t

The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

A communication from F. W. Brooke Esq^t see^d
to the Technical Education Committee, in
reference to money expended for hire of Hall,
and prizes given, was read, and after
some conversation on the subject, it was pro.
by Mr. Elvry, see^d by Mr. Coast and carried
That Mr. Sayer be requested to give the
required explanation to see^d to the Technical
Education Committee.

A letter from Mr. J. Garratt was read, in which
he suggests the advantage of preceding the
proposed practical teaching on Bee Keeping,
in the coming season, with a visit to the
various Apicaries, instead of a Winter Lecture.
After consultation on the subject it was pro. by
Mr. Sayer and see^d by Mr. Winder and agreed

*Technical
Education*

That Mr. Garratt's offer of a course of Bee keeping instruction be accepted, and that the Council is of opinion, that an opening lecture on Monday Feb 14th would be useful to the members. The Clerk to com^{cate}

Mr. Sayer pro^a & Mr. Town sec^a. That the offer by the Wye College of Lectures on Agriculture be accepted and that the Hall be granted free of Cost, on condition their the Hall Committee retain the admission fees to cover the cost of lighting and warming on the lecture nights. Carried. - The Clerk to reply.

Mr. Winder pro^a & Mr. Sayer sec^a. That steps be placed on pathway between Wind Hill and Burleigh. Messrs. Horton & Winder have it attended to.

Mr. Winder pro^a & Mr. Elvry sec^a. That steps be placed in Pett Lane, on the N.E. side near the end of the lane. The Clerk to get it done

Winder
Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday Feb 8th at 7 P.M. 1898

Present. Messrs. Elvry, Horton, Town, Winder, Jennings and R. Coast

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Order for payment of bills

Several bills which required to be paid, were examined, and a proposition by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Horton, that they be paid, was unanimously carried, and a cheque to cover the total amount was signed by two^{members} of the Council.

The meeting was informed, that the Technical Education Committee at Westminster had arranged for a course of 5 Practical Lectures on Bee Keeping to be preceded by a lecture in the Hall on Monday Feb 14, inst^{at} 7.30,

The meeting was also informed, that T.C. Committee had allowed the deficit balance incurred by the late Gardening Lectures, altho' they objected to some irregularity in expenditure, of which there must not be a repetition. and that the application for a second course of Gardening Lectures could not be granted, because arrangements had already been made for as many centres as could be dealt with at present.

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The Clerk stated that on Monday and Tuesday evening before the Invitation Ball, the gas had been used while preparing the hall for Wednesday, and asked if any additional charge was to be made; after consideration Mr Jennings pro. and Mr Elvry sec^d that an extra charge of 5/- be made, unanimously carried.

W H Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held March 8th at 7 o'clock. 1898.

Present. Rev W H Ady, Major A Horton
Mr G Elvry, Mr Coast, Mr Jennings, R Town
and F Winder.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The approach to the gate at the top of Parsons Meadow being in an unsatisfactory condition it was Pro^d by Mr W Elvry sec^d by Mr Horton and Carried that it be improved and that the Clerk be requested to get it done.

The Fire Engine House being out of repair it was Pro^d by Mr Winder sec^d by Mr Jennings and carried that Major Horton and Coast be requested to examine the building and report the requirements, at the next meeting of the Council.

W H Ady.

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Annual Meeting of Parish Council held on Tuesday April 19th 1898

Present. Rev W H Ady. Mr Robt Coast
Mr W G Elvry Mr Robt Town Mr Chas.
Norwood. Mr John Reeves —
Mr F Winder and Mr W Jennings

Election of a Chairman

Mr Elvry pro^d Mr Town sec^d "That the
Rev W H Ady be Chairman for the ensuing
year" — Carried unanimously.

Election of Vice-Chairman

Mr Coast pro^d Mr Jennings sec^d "That
Mr F Winder be Vice-Chairman for the
ensuing year" — Carried unanimously.

Appointment of Overseers.

Mr H S Ashwell, Mr Chas Norwood
and Mr J C Willgate were pro^d sec^d
and duly appointed Overseers of the Poor
of the Parish of Charing for the year.

Acceptance of Office by New Council.

The Rev W H Ady, Messrs Coast, Elvry, Town,
Winder, Norwood, and Reeves & Jennings
signed the required declaration of
Acceptance of Office.

Mr Jennings pro^d Mr Town sec^d and it was
agreed, that Mr Sayer, one of the newly elected
council, not being present, be permitted to
sign at the next Council Meeting.

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Call on Overseers

Mr. Norwood prop^d Mr. Jennings Sec^d and it was decided, that a call be made upon the Overseers for Twenty Pounds towards the expenditure of the Council.

Blewards Pond

The Chairman prop^d Mr. Jennings Sec^d. That Mr. Link be employed to attend to the overflow of the water from the pond in Blewars Meadow for the sum of 1/- per month until ~~March 31. 1898~~ further notice.

Fir Engine House

Mr. Jennings prop^d Mr. Norwood Sec^d. That the contract made by Mr. F. Edwards, to repair the Fir Engine House, as per Specifications and Estimate given by him on the 19th April 1898, be accepted.

Accounts The Clerk presented to the meeting a list of payments, with vouchers for the same, paid by him during the year ending March 31. 1898, amounting to £45. 10. 0. Also a list of cheques paid to him by the Council, amounting to £39. 15. 7. Showing a balance in favour of the Clerk of £ 5. 14. 8.

After examining this balanced sheet, a cheque for the amount was signed by the Chairman, and two members of the Council and paid to the Clerk.

W. H. Ady.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday evening May 10th 1898.

Present - The Chairman, John Sayer Esq^e Messrs. T. Winder, W. Elvyn J. Reeves C. Norwood, W. Jennings & Rob. Coast.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A bill for the Returning Officer's fee, was presented by the Clerk, and an order given for its payment.

John Sayer Esq^e signed the declaration on Acceptance of Office.

W. H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday evening June 14th at 7.30 p.m. 1898

Present. The Chairman, Messrs. C. Norwood, John Reeves, Will Jennings, T. Winder and Rob. Coast.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

*Final half yearly
Instalment
Begun*
On a proposition by Mr. Jennings Sec^d by Mr. Reeves, a Cheque for £ 1. 5. 0. was signed, for the payment of the first half yearly Instalment and Interest due to the Charing Friendly Society, on Loan to the Parish Council dated Dec^r 14, 1897.

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Prop^d by Winder & See^d by Mr Jennings
That the side doors of the Engine House
be painted - the grass cut, and the rubbish
removed.

The Clerk was requested to obtain the loan of the
Mortgage Deed and make a copy of it for the
use of the Parish Council.

The Clerk was also requested to be prepared to put
before the next meeting of the Council, information
respecting application for Technical Education
Lectures and Classes for the coming season.

W.H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
on Tuesday July 12th at 7 30 p.m. 1898

Present. — The Chairman (The Rev H. Ady) John Sayer Esq
Messrs W. Elvay, W. Jennings, Rob Coast and
J. Reeves.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and
confirmed —

Technical Education

Prop^d by Mr Sayer See^d by Mr Coast
That application be made to the Technical
Educational Committee, Westminster, for ten
fortnightly lessons in Wood Carving, to commence
in Oct 1898. And also for Lecture and Lessons
on Home Nursing (for Women) to commence
in January 1899.

Cupboard for Parish Room

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Prop^d by Mr Sayer and See^d by Mr Reeves
That an order be given to Mr Coast for
a cupboard — a design of which to be
presented to the Chairman for his approval.

Fire Engine

Prop^d by Mr Sayer See^d by Mr Jennings
That an order for a suitable suction
Pipe 6 feet in length copper riveted — and with
internal spiral wire. — Carried nem oon.
The Clerk to ascertain if Messrs Shand & Co^d offer
meets the above requirements —

Payment of Bills

Prop^d by Mr Elvay See^d by Mr Reeves and
Carried "That Mr Edwards's bill for Repairing
and painting Engine House be paid.

W.H. Ady.

Meeting of the Building Sub-Committee held on
Wednesday Evening July 13, 1898.

Present. The Chairman, Messrs Sayer, G. Norwood
and G. S. Langley.

The Chairman read a report from Mr Payne, the Architect,
in reference to his last inspection of the Hall, pointing
out certain things which still require attention.
The Committee considered the items referred to
and decided to see that the work be completed.

W.H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
on Tuesday evening Augt 9th 1898.

Present - The Chairman (Rev W.H. Ady) John Sayer Esq Messrs C. Norwood, Rob. Coast, Willm Jennings, F. Winder, W. Elvay.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Technical Education

The Clerk was requested to make application to Technical Education Committee for Lecture and Lessons as decided at last P.C. meeting.

Fire Engine

The Clerk was also requested to deliver the new Suction Pipe to the Fire Engine Com^t for their inspection, and report as to its perfectness. — The payment of the bill to stand over until the next P.C. meet.

Order for Payment of Builders Bill

Proposed by Mr Sayer See^a by Mr Elvay, That the £36 balance due from the Parish Council to the Builders of the Parish Hall, be paid, and that the Plans and Specifications be obtained and placed with the Parish Council documents. — A Cheque for the amount was signed.

Replacing Kitchener with Stove in Parish Room

Mr Sayer proposed Mr Coast see^a, That Mr Edward be asked to take the kitchener out of the Parish Room and put a suitable stove in the place thereof.

F. Winder

Minute of Parish Council Meeting held
on Tuesday September 13th 1898 at 7.30.

Present - Messrs F. Winder, W^m Jennings C. Norwood, W. Elvay, John Reeves, and Rob. Coast.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A list of unpaid bill were presented and examined. It was prop^b by Mr Jennings, Sec^c by Mr Coast, and agreed that the following be paid and a cheques were signed.

Messrs Shand & Comp for New Section Pipe £2.2.8
Mr Hob^t Coast for New Cupboard £6.1.2
also to the Clerk £5.8.1 to reimburse him for sundry small payments as per bill or receipts presented.

Date of a Parish Meeting
After a conversation respecting the September Parish Meeting, it was prop^b by Mr Norwood, Sec^c by Mr Elvay, and agreed that it should be held on Wednesday Sep 28th.

W.H. Ady.

Council

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday Oct 11st 1898

Present - The Chairman and all the other members of the Council.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was decided that the Lectures and Lessons on Nursing should be given in the Hall, and the Lessons in Carving should be in the Parish Room.

It was pro^d by Mr. Norwood see^a by Mr. Jennings and unanimously agreed to allow the rooms to be used as a Reading Room free of rent charge, to be opened as may be arranged by the Reading Room Committee.

In reference to a place for wood & coal and some other utensils required, it was decided to obtain the utensils at once - but to wait until it is known what more the Building Committee purpose doing, before the Council make provision.

The names of Applicants for membership of the Wood Carving Class were as under. All of whom were accepted by the Committee.

Charles Elvry - Jack Edmed - Geo. Town
Victor Whymann - Christopher Towner - McCraft
Archibald Stroud - Geo. Igulden.

Wm. P. Kingworth - Miss M. Swain

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday November 8th at 7.30 p.m.

Present - The Chairman (Rev W.H. Ady) Messrs
R. Cost. W.G. Elvry, C. Norwood, J. Reeves
Fred Winder, Rob Town, W. Jennings
and J. Sayer Esq.

Mr. Norwood pro^d. Mr. Jennings see^a "That a Spiked Iron fence, with gate for access to the pump be put up, to enclose the space at the back of the Hall." Carried.

Mr. Sayer pro^d Mr. Winder see^a "That a shed for Coal & wood be erected at the back of the new building, and the plan for the same be approved by the Chairman and Messrs Reeves & Cost." Carried

Mr. Jennings pro^d Mr. Elvry see^a "That blinds be obtained for the Hall windows." Carried.

Mr. Jennings pro^d Mr. Norwood see^a "That a few shrubs be planted in front of the Hall." Carried.

Complaints having been made to the Council, of the impaired and dangerous condition of some parts of the Footpaths & Herb to some, in the Charing Street. It was pro^d by Mr. Winder see^a by Mr. Reeves "That the attention of the Roads and Bridges Committee of the County Council be called to the matter."

Continued

Mr. Jennings pro & Mr. Reeves see^a That an order be made for the payment of Inspector's Fee for inquiry respecting Loan required for building a Parish Hall, Local Rates made Oct. 1898, and for Mr. Thos. Coast's bill for Gas meter Cupboard Blind Rollers £e

W.H. Ady.

Council
Minutes of Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday December 13th 1898.

Present Rev^a W H Ady (Chairman)
Messrs R. Coast, G. Norwood, J. Reeves,
and W. Jennings.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Several bills that required payment were
presented, and Cheques were duly signed, for
Instalment & Interest on "Parish Hall Loan", Gas
Bill for Public Light, and other small bills,
amounting, in all, to Twenty one pounds 3/3.

W.H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday February 13th 1899

Present - The Chairman, Messrs Winder
Town, Elvy, Coast and Reeves.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed.

Some bills were examined and it was found to
be necessary to make a call upon the overseers
of Twenty Pounds, to meet the liabilities of the
Council to the end March. It was therefore
pro by Mr. Winder and see^a by Mr. Reeves -
That a Call of £20. be made.

In reference to the position of the new fence
it was pro by Mr. Elvy and see^a by Mr. Town
That the question be adjourned until
the next Council meeting, and that
Mr. Coast, and the Clerk be requested to
measure the ground and report on
the position of the fence.

W.H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday March 13th 1899.

Present - The Chairman, Messrs J. Reeves, W. Elvy,
R. Coast, W. Jennings, R. Town.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed.

Pro by Mr. Jennings, See^a by Mr. Coast, That the following A/c
be paid, P. Edwards £3. 7. 0 Thos. Coast £4. 10. 10 J. Baylors £6. 14. 6
J. Smith £9. 7. 4 and that Cheques for these amounts be
drawn.

Annual Meeting of Parish Council held on Tuesday April 18th 1899

Present - The Rev² W. H. Ady Messrs Will^m Jennings, John Reeves, C. Norwood R. Coast, R. Town, and J. Sayer Esq^r
Acceptance of Office by new council

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Messrs Jennings, Reeves, Rev Ady, Coast, Town, Norwood and Sayer
Election of Chairman

Proposed by Mr C Norwood Sec^r by Mr Reeves
That the Rev² W.H. Ady be Chairman
for the ensuing year. This was unanimously
carried.

It was agreed that opportunity should be
given for the two newly elected members, not
now present, to sign the declaration, at a
future meeting, that should be convened for
that purpose.

Appointment of Overseers

It was prop^d by Mr C Norwood Sec^r by Mr Reeves
That Messrs H. S. Ashwell, J. G. Millgate and
Geo. Langford be Overseers for the ensuing
year. This was carried unanimously.

Mr W. Jennings for Mr R. Coast Sec^r That a
Call be made on the Overseers for Thirty Pounds,
for expenses of the Parish Council.

The Clerk shewed by the accounts, that small
items to the amount of £1. 10^s has been paid

by him, and a cheque of that am^t was
drawn in his favour.

It was prop^d by Mr C Norwood Sec^r by Mr Jennings
and carried unanimously that the fence
enclosing the Hall be painted, and the
order be given forthwith.

W. H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Saturday May 6th 1899.

Present - The chairman, Rev² W. H. Ady, Messrs
J. Winder, R. Town, J. Reeves, R. Coast, W. Elvry
and Will Jennings.

The minutes of the last meeting were ^{read} and confirmed

Mr J. Winder and Mr W. G. Elvry signed the
declaration of acceptance of the offices of Parish
Councillor

Mr Jennings prop^d and Mr Coast Sec^r "That
Mr J. Winder be Vice Chairman for the
ensuing year." This was carried unanimously.

Mr Elvry prop^d and Mr Jennings Sec^r "That Mr Link
be forthwith paid the amount due to him for his
attention to the outflow-pipe from Edwards pond,
and that he be requested to continue to attend
to it until further notice." - carried unanimously

Upon a proposal by Mr Elvry, Sec^r by Mr Town the
clerk was requested to ascertain from Mr Edwards

Clewards Pond

The cost of a 12 in Drain Pipe from Blewards Pond
into Col Groves' shrubbery, rendered in cement
and laid in concrete.

It was agreed, that the Parish Council Meetings
shall be held on Monday evening in the future
at 8 pm.

W. H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday June 12th 1899

Present, The Rev^d W. H. Ady, Chairman, Messrs
John Reeves, W. Jennings, Rob^t Coast.
C. Norwood, and W. Elvy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Blewards Pond - That a committee consisting
of The Chairman Messrs Reeves Elvy and
Coast, examine Blewards Pond, and give
orders for work required immediate atten-
tion.

That the following Bill be paid - The instalment
2 Interest now due on Loan £7.5.3 Gas Bill
for Public Light £9.15.0 Bill for Gas used in
Hall & Council Room £1.2.6. and Carpenters
bill to Mr J. Coast's Servt^s £.11 This was proposed by
Mr Elvy see^d by Mr Jennings and carried.

That at the next Council Meeting, application
for Technical Education, Lectures, and Instruction,

be considered.

The Clerk was requested to speak with the
~~Treasurer of the Council~~ in reference to
depositing the balance in hand on the
Recreation Ground a/c.

W. H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council held on Monday
July 10th 1899.

Present, Rev^d W. H. Ady Chairman, Messrs Wm
Jennings, T. Winder, Rob^t Coast.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Technical Education.

That application be made to the P.E. Committee
for Lectures ~~and Lessons~~ on Cottage Gardening,
(Vegetables,) to commence in Jan^r or Feb^r 1900.
and Lessons on Wood Carving to commence
in October 1899.

W. G. Elvy.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
on Monday August 14th at 8 o'clock p.m.

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Present. Messrs W. Elvay, R. Town, R. Coast
and John Reeves

The Chairman and the Vice Chairman being
absent Mr Elvay was rated to the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed

A Bill from Mr P. Edwards for Steinring the
Well in the yard was presented, but as the few
members present knew nothing of the ordering
of it, Mr Coast pos^t and Mr Reeves Secrd That
order for payment be postponed until the
next Council Meeting.

A note from the West Ashford District Council,
was presented and read, It was as follows.

Dear Sir — Charing Drainage

I hereby give you notice as required by the
14 of the 1890 Act. That the Rural District Council
propose to acquire more land near the Dog Kennel
for enlarging the drainage for the parish.

I am yours Obediently
Geo. Langley

Geo. Langley
Chairman, Parish Council

The Clerk informed the meeting, That F. W. Crook Esq.
had acknowledged, and promised to attend to
the application, made by the Charing Technical
Education Committee, for Lectures and Lesson.

The meeting was also informed, that by the
permission of the Chairman Revd Mr., The
Garden Society had had the use of the Gains^{to the}
belonging Parish Hall, for the payment of one
per chair.

A Precept served upon the Overseer, for the
payment of the sum of Seventy Five Pounds,
as a contribution from the Charing Parish, for
Special Expenses incurred by the W. Ashford
Rural District Council, under the Public Health
Act 1875. was presented to the meeting, and
also a Rate which had been made by the
Overseers to meet the Call.

A letter from Mr A. Lawrence Manager of an
Entertainment Company, was read, applying
for terms &c for the use of the Parish Hall
and Rooms for 6 nights commencing on
Monday Aug 21. 1899. The Council authorised
the letting the Hall &c for the time required
for Two Guineas, upon the undermentioned
conditions. — 1st That payment of the rent
be made, previous to depositing on the
premises any requirements for an entertain-
ment. 2nd That the Hall or Rooms be not used
for Cooking or Sleeping, and be subject
to inspection by a representative of the
Parish Council at any reasonable time
during the week. and that the Gas be
turned on before each Entertainment, and
turned off at the close of the same, by a
Representative of the Council, only.

W.H. Ady.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
on Monday Oct 9th at 7. 30 p.m.

Present the Rev W. H. Ady Chairman
Messrs Reeves, Coast, Norwood, Elvy, Town,
Jennings and Winder.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read
and confirmed.

1. The Chairman referred to Mr Edwards' Bill for steining the well at the Parish Hall which was presented to the Council at their last Meeting, and proposed to pay it with funds in his hands as Chairman of the Hall Building Committee. This proposal was accepted.

2. The Clerk announced that the first Class for Instruction in Wood Carving would be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday Oct 18th. He submitted a list of names of those who wished to join the Class, viz. Mr Kingsnorth, Winifred Stroude, Lillie Stroude, Archibald Stroude, John Edmed, Daisy Edmed, Walter Rhoades Victor Whyman, Christopher Towner & George Dorn.

It was proposed by Mr C. Norwood seconded by Mr Jennings that these names be accepted, and that the Chairman make such additions to the Class, as he shall find necessary to complete the required number.

3. The Council gave their consent to opening the Reading Room during the winter on

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the same terms as in former years.

- ✓ Library
of minutes
opened ✓
4. An application having been made to the Parish Council by the Managers of the Parish Library for leave to erect an Iron Room at the back of the Hall, for the custody of the Books, and that the Parish Council shall accept and hold this Building as a Parish Library for the benefit of the inhabitants of Charing; it was proposed by Mr Elvy and seconded by Mr Winder that the Chairman, Mr Norwood and Mr Coast should measure the ground at the back of the Hall and report to the Council as to the best method of carrying out the proposed scheme.
 5. Complaint having been made to the Parish Council of the condition of the road near and under the Railway Bridge at Hook caused by penning Sheep there, the Council instructed the Clerk to communicate with Mr Marsh and request that this practise be not continued.
 6. At the conclusion of the Meeting Mr Horton and three parishioners from Charing Heath asked leave to bring before the Council the grievance felt by the inhabitants of Charing Heath at having to pay a Lighting Rate, and at the same time receiving no benefit from the expenditure, the Chairman suggested that any proposals as to lighting the street at Charing Heath with Oil Lamps, or any wishes of the inhabitants on the subject should be brought before the Council by the representatives of that part of the Parish.

W.H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on the
13rd of Nov^r 1899 at 7.30 p.m.

Present - The chairman (Rev W. H. A. dy) John Reeves
Robt. Coast. W. G. Elv. W. Jennings and
Chas Norwood Esq.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed

2nd minute
in session

Library

Parish Library - The Chairman stated that
placing building for a Library at the back of
the Hall was not yet decided, and that it
depended on an arrangement being made
between Col Campbell and J. Sayer Esq for
a slight alteration in the position of the
fence dividing their respective properties.

Some receipt and payments by the Clerk were
examined, which showed that balance of
£6, 5. 1s was due to him - The Chairman pro^d
and Mr. W. Ely sec^r. That a cheque for that
amount be paid to the Clerk.

An application for the use of the Hall in
December next, by Messrs Beckitt & Compt was
laid before the Council, and it was decided,
that a charge of 10/- per week be made in
addition to the usual Two Guineas.

The Chairman gave notice that at the next
monthly meeting of the Council, a Trustee of
Parochial Charities in this Parish, would be
elected, in place of the retiring Trustee, Mr. Moir.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
on December 18th 1899

Present - The chairman (Rev W. H. A. dy) Messrs Robt.
Town, T. Winder, J. Reeves, Robt. Coast,
and W. Jennings

Minute 1.

Proposed by the Chairman, Seconded by Mr. Town
That the Council offer their thanks to Mr
Smith for kindly placing the Wesleyan
School Room at the service of the
Parish Council for their Monthly Meeting,
and for the Technical Education Classes.

2nd " Vote of thanks to retiring Trustee of Ludwell
Charity." Pro^d by Mr. Jennings sec^r by
Mr. Reeves. That the Council offer their
thanks to Mr. Moir for his services as
Trustee of the Ludwell Charity, and express
their regret that he is unwilling to accept
offer for another term of years.

3rd " Proposed by Mr. Town. Sec^r by Mr. Reeves,
That Mr. Philip Edwards be elected
a Trustee of the Ludwell Charity.

4th " 3rd minute
in session
February

The Chairman having explained Col^r
Campbell's offer to grant facilities for
erecting a Room at the back of the Parish
Hall for the custody of the Library, moved
the following Resolution, which was
seconded by Mr. Winder and carried,
That the Council, having been informed
of Col^r Campbell's consent to give space

No. 4. cont'd for erection of an Iron Room at the back of the Parish Hall for the use of the Library do set back their fence according to Col^l Campbell's proposal

Motion 5.

*A motion
was agreed
to adjourn*

It was proposed by Mr Reeves Winder & seconded by Mr Reeves that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Col^l Campbell, for his kindness in giving room for erection of the proposed Iron Room.

6. It was further proposed by Mr Jennings and seconded by Mr Coast. That the Council do give their consent to the proposal of the Trustees of the Parish Library to erect an Iron Room for the custody and distribution of their books, and that the Council do accept and hold the gift of the Room for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish.

7. Proposed by Mr Winder seconded by Mr Jennings, That the Chairman give orders for the repair of the ground between the railing in front of the Parish Hall and the stone pavement.

8. Proposed by Mr Town seconded by Mr Coast That the Wooden Bridge over the stream on the footpath leading from Dog Kennel Cottage to Pett Gate be repaired.

W. H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Meeting held Tuesday February 13th 1900 at 7.30.

Present The Chairman (Rev W H Ady) Messrs Coast Norwood and Reeves.

Motions 1. The Hall and Room being let to a company, for the second & third week in Dec^r 1899, a room was secured for three or four meetings held during those weeks. It was therefore proposed by the Chairman, See^d by Mr^z Norwood and carried. That it be paid to the Wesleyan School Committee for the use of the School Room.

2. The Chairman called the attention ^{of the Council} to the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) Act 1899, by which the term of office of the present Councillors, is extended to April 1901.

The Chairman also stated, that any vacancies which may have occurred by the next Council Meeting, would then be filled.

The Clerk was requested to communicate with Messrs W G Elvy and F Winder, expressing the Council's regret at the loss of their services through removal from the parish, and also to tender the thanks of the Council for their services while in office —

W. H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
on Monday March 12th 1900 at 7.30 p.m.

Present - The Chairman Rev. W. H. Ady. Messrs Will Jennings, Robt Coast, Robt Town, and John Sayer Esq^r. also Mr. W. G. Elvy.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Parish Meeting

It was proposed by John Sayer Esq^r Sec^y by Mr. Will Jennings. That the Parish Meeting be held on Wednesday March 21st at 7.30 p.m.

Pilgrim Road

The attention of the Council was called to the condition of the Road on the side of Charing Hill, known as the "Pilgrims Road", it being impassable by the overgrowth of the hedge etc, and a Resolution was passed, instructing the Clerk to communicate the case to the Rural District Council and ask them to instruct the persons responsible for the condition of the road, to attend to it.

Order for payment of bills

Several bills that were due were examined and a Proposition was made by Mr. Sayer and Sec^y Jennings. That the following accounts be paid & i.s.
 Balance of sundry Receipts & Payments due to C.R.C. 4.16.4
 Robt Jones 19/- Taxes 13/- Gas Bill £4/5/6 Thos. Stratton 9/3
 W. J. Powell 2.13.4 J. C. Willis 12/- O. Kingworth 18/6
 C. Gallo 24/- J. Crosser 15/- Honeysett 9/- Link 4/- School 10/-
 Thos. Smith 15/6 Will. Waters 17/- Mr. A. Bennett 1.19.8 and
 (Bill of Gas for Public Lights £9.15.0) amounting to 19.19.8 exclusive of Gas Bill 9/5/-

M^r. Walter G. Elvy tendered his resignation of membership of the council, in consequence of his removal from the Parish.

W. H. Ady.

Annual Meeting of Parish Council held on Monday April 23rd 1900.

Present - Rev. W. H. Ady. Messrs Robt Coast, Will Jennings, Robt Town, C. Norwood and John Sayer Esq^r.

Election of Chairman

Proposed by J. Sayer Esq^r Sec^y by C. Norwood Esq^r and Carried unanimously "That Mr. Rev. W. H. Ady be Chairman for the ensuing year"

Vice Chairman. Prop^d by Mr. R. Coast Sec^y by Mr. W. Jennings and Carried unanimously "That C. Norwood Esq^r be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year"

Election of a Councillor to fill Casual Vacancy

Prop^d by Mr. Sayer Sec^y by Mr. Norwood and Carried, That Mr. Hickman be elected a member of the Parish Council.

Overseers. Prop^d by Mr. Jennings, Sec^y by Mr. Coast "That Messrs H. J. Ashwell, Robt. Fane and John C. Willgate be appointed Overseer of this Parish for the ensuing year."

Call on Overseer. It was proposed by The Chairman and seconded by John Sayer Esq. That a Call for Twenty Pounds be made upon the Overseers to be paid on the twelfth of June 1900.

W. H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday May 14th 1900.

Present The Chairman - Messrs W. H. Jennings, J. Reeves, R. Coast, Rob Town, and Mr. A. Hickman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Hickman the newly elected Councillor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office —

Election of Councillor

It was proposed by Mr. R. Town seconded by Mr. Jennings and carried unanimously "That Mr. Ernest John Kemp, of Charing Heath, be elected a Member of the Charing Parish Council, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal from the locality of Mr. Fred. Winder."

The Clerk stated that the Local Government Board had prescribed a form of "Parish Council Receipt and Payment Book", which it would be necessary to use in the future — It was therefore proposed by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Mr. Reeves, That such a book should be

obtained, and also a book for recording the attendance of Members.

W. H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday June 11th 1900

Agenda >

Present The Chairman W. H. Ady, Mayor Esq. Messrs R. Coast, W. Jennings, R. Town, A. Hickman, C. Norwood and E. J. Kemp.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A cheque was drawn for payment of Loan & Interest. Mr. E. J. Kemp signed the declaration of acceptance of Office of Councillor.

It was proposed by Mr. Sayer Esq. by Mr. Coast, That Mr. C. Norwood be requested to reconstruct the "Fire Brigade" and be informed that the Parish Council are willing to meet all necessary expenses connected with the Brigade & Fire Engine. This resolution was unanimously carried.

Chairman
Vice Chairman

Agenda

To give opportunity for newly elected member of Council Mr. E. J. Kemp to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office. To consider an application from the Fire Brigade, that the Parish Council take over the management thereof. and Other Business.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
July 9, 1900.

(Agenda. To consider the question of giving notice to members of Committees, of any meetings appointed to be held by them—To receive and consider a communication from Mr E. Norwood in reference to the Charly Fire Brigade, and other business.)

Present. Mr C. Norwood Vice Chairman, Messrs Coats, Jennings, Stickman, Town and Kemp.

Committee Meetings.
It was proposed by Mr C. Norwood seconded by Mr Stickman and carried That persons elected as members of Sub Committees, should have due notice of the place and time of such meetings, given to them by the Clerk.

Fire Engine.
The offer by the Charly Fire Brigade, to sell the Fire Engine to the Parish Council was considered by the Council. And a Resolution was passed by Mr Jennings seconded by Mr Kemp and carried That the offer of the Fire Engine be referred to the "Parish Meeting" to be held in Sep^r next.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
August 13. 1900

W. H. Ady.

Agenda— To receive the resignation of the Assistant Overseer. To give notice of appointment of an Assistant Overseer and Clerk to Parish Council. To arrange for fence at back of the Hall, and extend pavement— To examine and order payment of outstanding accounts— To decide on what subjects Technical Education Lectures should

be applied for.

Present— The Chairman (Rev W. H. Ady), Messrs Coast, Reeves, Stickman, Norwood Jennings and Kemp.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Assistant Overseer.
The Chairman read a letter from the Assistant Overseer, in which he tendered his resignation of that Office, and of the Clerksip of the Parish Council, and thanked the Chairman and Council for the help they had given him in discharging the duties of the Office.

It was then proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Stickman. That this Council in accepting the resignation of the Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council, desire to record their appreciation of the unremitting diligence and unfailing courtesy with which Mr J. E. Smith has discharged his duties in the Parish of Chorley.

No.
It was proposed by Mr Norwood and seconded by Mr Coats. That the Clerk be instructed to place notices on the Boards, of the above Vacancy, requesting that Applications for the Office be sent to him, on or before Monday Aug 27th, and that the Council meet for the election of an Assistant Overseer & Clerk, on Monday September 3rd 1900.

The following bills were examined and allowed
and cheques were drawn for them.

Balance due to Clerk April 1st 1900. £2 6 10

Poor School Rate £1. 7. 6 Shawson 4/- Knight
£1 6/4 x 2p4 Dramatic Licence 2/6 Miller 1/2
Stickells 5/- Heally 1/6 Gas Company £2 16. 0
Geo Links 4/- Knights & Comt 10/- Sedwell 2/-
Bigg 2/6 Mrs Bennett 12/- John Bates 2/- Audit £
£1. Total £10. 3. 5. -

*Order for
payment of
January bills*

Proposed by Mr Norwood Sec^d by Mr Jennings. That the
Fence at the back of the Hall be re-arranged
according to the Chairman's proposal and that
the pavement be extended to the door of the Library
and where required in the yard at the back of
the building.

*my financial Education
lesson*

Proposed by Mr Stickman Sec^d by Mr Norwood Reeves,
That application be made for courses of Lectures
and Instruction in Wood Carving, Basket-making
and Cookery.

W. H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday
September 3rd 1900.

Agenda

1. To Elect an Assistant Overseer.
2. To Decide on amount of Call on the Overseers
for Parish Council Expenses.
3. To consider Contract for Public Lamps and
to reconsider Offer from the Fire Brigade.
4. To fix time and business for Parish Meeting.
and other business.

Present

The Chairman. Messrs C. Norwood, A. Stickman
J. Reeves, R. Coxon, W. J. Jennings, G. Sayer
and G. Kemp.

The minutes of last meeting were read and
confirmed.

*Assistant
Overseer*

The Chairman read Applications for the Vacant
Assistant Overship - from Mr Darlington, Mr Price,
Mr. Roacham, and Mr Hope. The first three of these
names were duly proposed and seconded, and the
decision of the Council having been made clear by
means of voting papers; it was pro^d by Mr. Stickman
and sec^d by Mr. Sayer, that Mr. Henry G. Price
be appointed Assistant Overseer and Clerk to
the Parish Council, in succession to Mr. T. E. Smith
whose resignation will take effect on the 29th
day of September. This was carried unanimously.

*Salary of
Assistant Overseer*

It was pro^d by Mr. Norwood Sec^d by Mr. Kemp.
That the Salary of the Assistant Overseer be at the
rate of Forty Pounds per Annum. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman read a letter and telegram from Mr.
Wall

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Ball Secretary of the Mid Kent Gas Light and Coke Company, in which the company agree to light 45 Lamps with 75 Candle power, incandescent burners in each lamp for 8 months in the year, the lamps to be extinguished at 10.30 p.m. for £86 per annum. It was proposed by Mr Norwood and seconded by Mr Reeves that the offer of the Company be accepted, and an agreement be prepared.

Proposed by Mr Sayer and seconded by Mr Kemp, That
Mr Norwood Mr Reeves and Mr Coast be
appointed to act as Inspectors under the Lighting
Act.

Parish Meeting
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The Chairman appointed Thursday Sep 27th for
the Parish Meeting to be held in the Parish
Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The Chairman also appointed Monday 10th Sep 7th for a meeting of Parish Council to arrange for the bond required to be given by the Assistant Overseer and other business.

W.H. Ady.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Sep 10th
1900,

Agenda To decide on amount of security to be given by the Assistant Overseer
To consider the offer made to the Parish Council by the Fire Brigade.

To decide the amount of calls to be made on the Overseers for Parish Council expenses and for Lighting and Fire Brigade expenses

Present - The Chairman. Messrs Hickman, Reeves,
Coast, Kemp, Jennings and Norwood.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The Chairman read a Draft of an Agreement from The Mid Kent Gas Company, in respect of terms and conditions on which they would supply Gas for the public Lamps of the Town of Charing.

A proposition made by Mr Reeves and seconded by Mr Hickman "that the terms were satisfactory and be accepted, and that the agreement be drawn up and signed as soon as possible." was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr Norwood "that the amount of security to be provided by the assistant Overseer be £100 pounds, and that the bond for security be by some guarantee Society." This proposition was seconded by Mr Jennings and carried unanimously.

W.H. Ady.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held October 9th 1900

Agenda

- 1st To sign agreement with Gas Company
- 2nd Arrange for working of the Fire Brigade
- 3 Gas for Public Library

Present

The Chairman, Mess^s Coast, Reeves, Jennings and Town

Proposed by W. Jennings and seconded by W. Reeves

That the Chairman communicate with the Captain of the Brigade stating that the Parish Council are not prepared to purchase the engine, but are willing to consider any reasonable expenses incurred by Fire Brigade, up to Sep 29-1900. And that a committee consisting of the Chairman, Mess^s G. Norwood J. Reeves and R. Coast, be appointed to meet the members of the Fire Brigade, and draw up rules as to the future working of the Fire Brigade.

Proposed by W. Coast and seconded by W. Jennings
that the gas be extended to the Parish Library according to the Chairman's suggestion

Fire Engine

Gas

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and another gas burner be fitted in Room No 2. Parish Hall and also that a lamp be fitted outside the door of the Council Room.

The Clerk announced that the first class for instruction in Wood Carving would be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday October 18th 1900 at 7.30 P.M. He submitted a list of names which were accepted namely Archibald Stroud, Winifred Stroud, Ellen Stroud, Rose Chapman, Mr Oliver Kingmorth, Victor Whymar, John Edmund John Jennings and Bayer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Signed

W.H. Ady.

Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held November 13. 1900

- Agenda
- 1 To receive report of Fire Brigade Committee
 - 2 To appoint an Overseer in the place of Mr. Thos. Faneatt

Present

The Chairman, Messrs. Coart,
Jenning, Norwood, Gaye, Kemp,
and Hickman.

The minutes of last meeting
were read and confirmed

The Council having received the
report of the Fire Brigade Committee
it was proposed by Mr. Gaye
^{seconded} and by Mr. Jennings and carried
unanimously.

That the members of the Fire
Brigade, under the Captaincy
of Mr. Ed. Norwood, continue
their services, as in former years.
The Council are willing to meet
all necessary expenses for the
maintenance and working of the
Engine, and also that the
Firemen be paid at the rate
of 6^d a head for each practice
meeting, and 1^{1/2} a head per hour
in case of fire.

The Council request that a

Fire Engine

Fire Engine
account

Mr. ...
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Overseer

order for
payment of
small Bills

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draft of the rules of the Fire
Brigade be submitted to them,
for their approval

Proposed by Rev. Addy and
seconded by Mr. Hickman,
that the Fire Brigade account
£ 8. 17. 6. be paid to Mr. Ed.
Norwood for expenses of Fire
Engine and working of same
up to September 29th 1900

Proposed by Mr. Hickman and
seconded by Mr. Jennings and
carried unanimously
that Mr. J. G. Smith be appointed
Overseer in the place of Mr.
Thos. Faneatt, who has removed
from the Parish

The Clerk presented sundry Bill
for Payment, due to J. G. Smith 17/4^½
Gas Bill 4/2, Coal 16/-, Coke 8/-,
Mr. Dennett 2/9, Rates 1/12/3, which
amounted to £ 4. 0. 6^½

It was proposed by Mr. Norwood
and seconded by Mr. Jennings
that a Cheque for £ 6 be drawn
& made payable to Clerk, for
payment of above named Bills
and the balance, for paying of
small Bill as they become due

The Council meet at 7 o'clock

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during the winter months
instead of 7.30

Signed

W.H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held December 10 - 1900

- Agenda
- 1 To sign cheques for Public Lights and Loan etc
 - 2 To receive the rules of the Fire Brigade

Present The Chairman Messrs Hickman, Coast Jennings & Reeves

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

A Cheque was drawn for Payment of Loan & Interest £7.5.3 also a cheque was drawn for Payment of Public Lights £18.0.0

Fire Engine
The rules of the Fire Brigade were read and it was proposed by The Chairman and seconded by Mr. Reeves that the rules of the Fire Brigade be passed and some copies of the rules and charges of the Fire Brigade

be printed

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The Captain of the Fire Brigade presented a list of requirements for Fire Engine and Firemen and it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Hickman that the Captain of the Fire Brigade order same & charge to the Parish council

Signed W.H. Ady.

Parish Council Meeting

held January 14 - 1901

To sign Cheque for out-standing accounts

The Chairman & Mr Kemp

The Clerk presented the following bill for payment
J. Edmund £7.2.9 J. Edwards
£5.7.6 J. Willis 18/-
J. Bettatree 5/11 Fire Insurance £1.7.6
gas for Hall £2.10.-1 which
amounted to £14.11.-9 a
cheque for above amount was
drawn & signed

W.H. Ady.

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Minutes of Parish Council

Meeting held February 11th 1901

Agenda

To arrange the dates of the Parish Council election and the annual Parish Meeting

Present

The Chairman Messrs Reeves Kemp, Town and Jennings

Foot Path

Mr. Kemp informed the council that the Footpath leading through Hook Farm to Swan-Street was in a bad state and it was proposed by the chairman and seconded by Mr. Reeves that Mr. Jennings and Mr. Town see that the said path is put in repair to their satisfaction

Mr. Jennings and Mr. Kemp also informed the Council that the hedge belonging to the Gas Company had overgrown the Public Foot-path and the Council instructed their Clerk to see the Gas Manager and ask him to have the hedge attended to

Parish Council
Elections

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The Council agreed that the Parish Council election should take place on Monday the 4th day of March at 7.30 and the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday the 18th day of March 1901

Signed

W. H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council

Meeting held February March 25 1901

Agenda

To receive and lay outstanding account
To appoint Treasurer to Parish Council

Present

The Chairman Messrs Jennings Norwood Reeves and Coast

The Clerk presented small Bill he had paid which amounted to \$ 5-19-2, it was proposed by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Mr. Norwood that a cheque for above amount be signed

A call for \$20 on the Overseer payable April 23 1901 and signed by The Chairman W. Norwood and Mr. Reeves

over

<p><u>125</u></p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Reeves that Frederic John George Jones be elected Treasurer to the Thorning Parish Council</p> <p>Signed W.H. Ady.</p>	<p><u>126</u></p> <p><u>Overseers</u> Proposed by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Mr. Hickman, that Messrs Ashwell, Millgate, and Smith be elected Overseers for the year</p> <p>Cards for collecting for the late Queen's Memorial were taken by The Rev. H.H. Ady and Messrs Reeves, Hickman & Town</p>
<p><u>Minutes of Parish Council</u></p> <p>Meeting held Monday April 15-1901</p>	
<p><u>Agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To sign declarations To elect Overseers To elect Chairman To elect Vice Chairman 	<p><u>Queen's Memorial</u></p> <p><u>Meeting</u></p>
<p><u>Present</u></p> <p>The Rev W H Ady, J. Gaynor Esq, Messrs Reeves, Hickman, Coast, Jennings, Town, and Smith</p>	<p><u>Foot Paths</u></p> <p>A cheque for \$10 was signed for clerk to pay small bill as they become due also a cheque for \$18 for Public Lights</p>
<p><u>Declaration</u></p> <p>The members present of the Parish Council, signed the declarations</p>	
<p><u>Chairman</u></p> <p>It was proposed by J Gaynor Esq and seconded by Mr. Hickman that the Rev W.H. Ady be elected Chairman, passed unanimously</p>	<p>Proposed by The Chairman and seconded by Mr. Smith, that the attention of the Roads Committee be called to the defective state of the Foot Paths in some parts of Thorning Street and instructed the clerk to write to the committee respecting same</p> <p>W.H. Ady.</p>
<p><u>Vice Chairman</u></p> <p>Proposed by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Mr. Reeves that</p>	

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Minutes of Parish Council
Meeting held Monday June 3 1901

Present

The Chairman, Mr J. Sayer,
Norwood, Hickman, Coant, Smith,
Reeves and Jennings

Agenda

Technical Education
Queens Memorial Fund
To sign Cheque for Loan + Interest

Technical Education

It was proposed by Mr Sayer
and seconded by Mr Reeves that
Woodcarving, Basket Making, and
Cookery be applied for.

The Queens Memorial

The Total amount collected by
the Rev W H Ady and Messrs Reeves
Hickman + Town was £16 16 7
and a vote of Thanks was
proposed by Mr Sayer and
seconded by Mr Jennings
for the satisfactory amount
collected in the Parish by the
collectors passed unanimously

Loan + Interest

A Cheque for Loan and Interest
for £7 5 3 was signed

The minutes of last meeting
were read and confirmed

Signed

Foot
Bridges
+ gate

It was proposed by Mr Sayer and
seconded by Mr Coant that Mr
Hickman and Mr Jennings inspect
the Bridges at Barn Field and
report on same

Signed

W.H. Ady.

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Minutes of Parish Council
Meeting held Monday Sep^t 9th 1901

Agenda

To arrange date and business of
Parish Meeting

To decide on the amount of calls
to be made on the overseers for
Parish Council expenses

To receive the report of Messrs
Hickman and Jennings on the Foot-
Bridges at Barnfield

Present

The Chairman Mess Norwood,
Coant, Hickman, Reeves, and Smith

Parish
Meeting

The Chairman appointed Thursday
September 26th for the Parish
Meeting to be held in the
Parish Hall at 7.30 P.M

Call

A call for Twenty Pounds was made
on the overseers and signed

Foot
bridge

Mr. Hickman reported that the Foot Bridges wanted repairing and it was proposed by Mr. Norwood and seconded by Mr. Reeves that Mr. Thos. Bettatre be instructed to repair the same

Technical
education

The committee having granted to Charing Centre, Basket Work and Cookery it was decided to commence The Basket Work on Thursday Oct 10th at 7 o'clock P.M. and The Cookery Class on Tuesday Oct 8th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon

Cheque

A Cheque for Five Pounds was drawn in favour of Clerk to pay ~~suo~~ small bills as they become due

Signed

W. L. Norwood
Vice Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council

Meeting held Monday

January 20th 1902 at 7.30 P.M.

Agenda

To sign Cheque for outstanding accounts

New gate for Recreation ground at Charing Heath

To inquire into price of Fire Hydrant for Charing Town etc

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

W. L. Norwood Vice Chairman
Messrs Reeves, Hickman, Sayer, Town, Coast, Smith, and Jennings

Fire
Hydrant

It was proposed by Mr. J. Sayer and seconded by Mr. G. T. Smith that the Clerk write to the District Council to know what arrangement they have made with the Mid Kent Water Company respecting the Fire Hydrants, also to write to the Secretary Mid Kent Water Company whether they undertake to keep the Hydrants in working order, also if water is to be supplied free in case of Fire

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<u>New Gate</u>		<p>It was proposed by Mr. J. Sayer and seconded by Mr. Hickman that a new gate be made for Recreation ground at Charing Heath</p>	
<u>Public Lights</u>		<p>Proposed by Mr. J. Reeves and seconded by Mr. W. Jennings that the Clerk write to the Secretary of The Charing Gas Company respecting the deficient candle power of the Public Lamps as per contract.</p>	
<u>Cheque</u>		<p>The Clerk presented Bill as under gas for Hall £ 3. 2. 3 Thos Bellattree £ 3. 7. 6 do 10/- Insurance £ 1. 4. 6 O Kynsmoth 9/9 W- lot (Wood) 1/2 Dramatic Scimm 2/6 Rates on Hall £ 1. 6. 10/- and a Cheque for £ 12. 15. 0 was drawn in favour of Clerk the balance to pay small Bill as they become due.</p> <p>Signed W. H. Ady.</p>	
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		<p>Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday January 27/02</p>	
		<p><u>Present</u> The Chairman Mess Reeves Clerk Jennings Horwood Town Hickman + Smith</p>	
		<p><u>Minutes</u> The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed</p>	
		<p><u>Agenda</u> To receive the report of the Lighting Inspectors respecting the Public Lights</p>	
		<p>Mr. Ball Secretary Mid Kent Water Company attended the meeting to explain cost of Fire Hydrants etc</p>	
		<p>To consider the repair of Public Foot Path in Brungle Rd</p>	
		<p>Mr. Reeves reported that the Public Lights were giving a better light and in case of deficient light The Clerk be instructed to write to The Secretary of The Gas Company respecting the same</p>	
		<p>Mr. Ball informed the Parish Council, that The Mid Kent Water company would fix the</p>	

Fire Hydrant at cost price
and all water used for fire
extinguishing purposes would be
supplied free

- I Proposed by W. C. Norwood and
seconded by Mr. W. Jennings
That the Fire Hydrants be put
in at the following places
Station Gates, Front of Parish Hall,
Ashford Road, Opposite Church Rd
and The Forge.
And that the principal Fire
Insurance Companies be approached
to pay ~~cost~~ part of cost

- II Proposed by W. G. Smith and
seconded by Mr. A. Hickman
That the Water Company fit the
Fire Hydrants and charge the
Parish Council a fixed sum
annually for use of same

The above propositions were put
to the meeting and the first
proposition was carried

Fire
Brigade

Proposed by W. W. Jennings and
seconded by Mr. Hickman that
the Chairman and W. C. Norwood
inspect the rules and charges
of the Fire Brigade and have
a number of the copies printed

Foot Path

Proposed by W. C. Norwood
and seconded by W. J. Smith
That the Foot Path at Burley
Road be repaired with cinders
from the corner of Main Road
to Mr. Kingsorth House

The following resolution respecting
The Mid Kent Water Company
was put to the meeting and carried

That the Charing Parish Council
do assent to the application
of The Mid Kent Water Company
to the Board of Trade for a
Provisional Order in the present
session of Parliament

W.H. Ady.

	135	Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday March 10 th /02	136	Minutes of Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday April 15 th 1902
<u>Present</u>		The Chairman, Mrs Norwood, Coast, Reeves, Jernings, Hickman		
		The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed		
<u>Agenda</u>	I	To decide amount of call on the overseers for the half year ending September 29 th 1902		To elect The Chairman To elect The Vice-Chairman To appoint the Overseers Order for writing Valuation Lists To revise scale of charges for letting Parish Hall Painting of Parish Hall
	II	To arrange date and business of Parish meeting		
	III	To pay outstanding account		
<u>Parish Meeting</u>		It was decided to have the Parish meeting on Thursday September 20 th 1902 at 7.30 P.M.		The Chairman, Mrs Norwood, Coast, Reeves, Hickman, Smith, Jernings and Town
<u>Call</u>		A Call for Twenty Pounds was made on the overseers and signed by The Chairman and Mr G. Norwood and W. A. Hickman		Proposed by Mr Hickman and seconded by Mr Smith. That The Rev W.H. Ady take the Chair for the ensuing year, Carried unanimously
<u>cheque</u>		The Clerk presented small account which amounted to £ 3 ² 19 ² and a cheque for the amount was signed		Proposed by The Rev W.H. Ady and seconded by Mr Reeves. That Mr G. Norwood take the Vice-Chair for the ensuing year, Carried unanimously
<i>Gross Total £ 10 10s</i>		Signed W.H. Ady.		Proposed by Mr Reeves and seconded by Mr Jernings that Messrs H. S. Ashwell, T. C. Smith and Mr Town be appointed overseers

for the ensuing year
Carried unanimously

The minutes of last meeting
were read and confirmed

Valuation
Lists

The Overseers having suggested
a new Valuation List
It was proposed by Mr G.
Norwood and seconded by
Mr R. Coart, that the new
Valuation Lists be written
and that the Clerk write
the same and be paid
at the rate of Half-Penny
per Line. Carried unanimously

Hall
Charges

Proposed by Mr G. Norwood
and seconded by Mr G. Smith
if the Parish Hall be used
for any other purpose than that
specified in present list of
charges.

The price be not less than
Five Shillings

And that a deposit of half
on all the charges be paid
at the time of booking
The former scale of charges
was confirmed. Carried unanimously

Painting
Parish
Hall

Proposed by Mr G. Norwood
and seconded by Mr H. Jennings
that an estimate of Painting

the outside of Hall and
the inside Windows and Wall
and other Wood-Work requiring
Painting be obtained.
And that the Chairman and
Mr. Mrs. Norwood and Mr. R. Coart
see that the same be
carried out satisfactory

Signed W. H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday
May 5th 1902

Agenda

To consider what steps should
be taken to celebrate the Coronation
of His Most Gracious Majesty the King

To consider the estimate for
Painting Parish Hall

The Chairman, Messrs Norwood,
Sayer, Coart, Reeves, Hickman,
Towns, Smith, & Jennings.

The minutes of last meeting
were read and confirmed.

Painting
Parish Hall

It was proposed by Mr. J. Sayer
and seconded by Mr. R. Coart

That the estimate for Painting Parish Hall (£18-10-0) be accepted subject to two coats of Stone Paint where required instead of three coats of White Paint
Carried Unanimously

Coronation

The Circular issued by The Local Government Board Dated April 18th 1902 was read and it was proposed by Mr G. Norwood and seconded by W. J. Sayer, that a sum not exceeding Forty Five Pounds, be spent on the Celebration of the Coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty the King.
And that a Public Meeting be held in The Parish Hall on Wednesday May 14th 1902 and that it was suggested, ~~that~~ the Programme of the Jubilee of 1897 be generally followed namely Children's Tea and the old Folks Tea, and Bonfire
Carried Unanimously

Signed
Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday July 7th 1902

Present

Messrs Norwood, Hickman, and Smith

Agenda

To Pay Coronation Accounts and other Business

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

Bills

Proposed by Mr G. Norwood and seconded by Mr A. Hickman that the Clerk be paid the sum of one guinea for extra services rendered for the Coronation also the following Bills as under

Mr. J. Stroud	15/-	Mr. G. Baldock	7/3
Mr. W. Spicer	£1-5=0	Mr. G. Clifford	7/6
Mr. J. Wallis	£ 11-6 = 9/-		
Mr. A. Whymper	£ 14-1 = 6/-		
Mr. W. Moneyett	£ 5 = 0 = 0		
Mr. G. Langford	£ 7-10 = 0		
Mr. G. Gales	14 = 0		
Mr. W. Thompson	£ 1-0 = 7		
Mr. G. Platter	12. 0		

which amounted to £ 46-11-4
Carried Unanimously

Cheques

A Cheque was signed to
pay W. W. J. Edmund £ 18-10-0
for painting Parish Hall as
per Estimate also a Cheque
for £ 46-11-4 to pay the accounts
due as named on preceding
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Call

A call for Forty Five Pound
was made on the Overseers
Payable July 8th 1902

Fire

Hydrants

Proposed by Mr. Hickman and
seconded by Mr. L. Norwood
that the following resolution
be submitted to the Local
Government Board
The question of providing Fire
Hydrants to which Hose can
be attached in case of Fire
was considered and the Reservoir
being sufficiently high enough
to carry water over the highest
Houses in the Town and there
being some doubt whether the
Council have power to provide
Hydrants & Hose Unanimously
resolved that the same be
supplied and that the Clerk
write to the Local Government
Board to invest the Council
with the power contained in
Section 66 of The Public Health
Act 1875, of the same

Street
Refuse

cannot be provided out of
the Lighting and Watchmen Act
which is adopted for this
Parish

Proposed by Mr. Hickman
and seconded by Mr. Norwood
and carried unanimously
that the Clerk write to the
County Surveyor calling his
attention to the unsightly
state of the street refuse
deposited at the Ashford
Road entrance to the town
and whether the same could
not be deposited at a more
suitable place out of the way
of the town

Signed W.H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council

Meeting held on Monday Aug 11th 1902

Present

The Chairman Mess^r Sayer, Coast and Smith, and Hukman

Agenda

To consider Technical Education Classes for the coming Season

To order Fire Hydrant

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

Technical Education

It was proposed by Mr. J. Sayer and seconded by the Rev W H Ady and carried unanimously that the following classes be applied for namely Veterinary Surgery Farm Stock Poultry Rearing Basket Work Lane and Light Ones

Fire Hydrants

The Council agree decided that the Fire Hydrants be ordered to be fixed at the places stated

Signed W.H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

held on Tuesday October 14 1902

Present

The Chairman Mess^r C Norwood W Trunings J Reeves R Coast and T E Smith

Agenda

To sign the Lighting and Watchung Rate Receipt.

To order Fire Hose.

To sign cheque for small Bills.

Fire Brigade

It was proposed by Mr Trunings and seconded by Mr Reeves that the Fire Hose required by the Captain of the Fire Brigade be ordered and that the Chairman see that proper arrangements be made for the safe keeping of the canvas Hose.

It was proposed by Mr Norwood and seconded by Mr T E Smith that a cheque for £7 be signed to meet small outstanding accounts.
Mr. Rates £2.11-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Gas Account. 2/11-. Fire Brigade £1.11-

W.H. Ady.

	145	Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday Dec 9 th 1902		146	Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday Mar 9 th 1903
Present		The Chairman Messrs G Smith, Mr Coast and Mr Hickman	Present		The Chairman, Messrs G Smith Coast, Sayer Reeves Hickman Town & Jennings
Agenda		To Pay outstanding accounts and other business	Agenda		To arrange date of Parish Meeting To consider amount to be allowed for collecting Special Sanitary Rate To pay outstanding accounts To call attention to Public Lights
Public Lights		The Clerk produced a letter from The Secretary of Charing Gas Works making an allowance of £ 3 on the Half Year Gas Bill. for the time the Street Lamps were not burning, owing to insufficient gas supply, which was considered satisfactory by the Members present	Minutes,		The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed
Bills		It was proposed by The Rev W H Ady and seconded by Mr A Hickman that the following accounts be paid namely Shand, Marion & Co £ 2. 18. 6 Fire Brigade £ 1. 9. 0, Thos Bettatree 9/6 Thos Bettatree £ 4. 17. 1 Loan a/c £ 7. 5. 3 Public Lights £ 15. 0. 0	Parish Meeting		It was decided to hold the Parish meeting on Monday March 23 rd 1903
Minutes		The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed	Public Lights		The Council instructed the clerk to write to the gas company respecting the state of the Public Lights
		Signed W.H. Ady.	Sanitary Rate		It was proposed by Mr A Hickman and seconded by Mr J. Sayer that a grant of Three Pounds be allowed the Assistant Overseer on for extra work in connection with the Special Sanitary Rate carried unanimously
					Signed W.H. Ady.

	147	Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday April 20 th 1903		148
<u>Agenda</u>		To elect The Chairman To elect The Vice Chairman To appoint The Overseers To sign Cheque for Public Light and other Business	<u>Ledwell Charity</u>	That Messrs G. E. Smith, H. S. Ashwell and Mr. Town be elected overseers for the ensuing year carried unanimously
<u>Present</u>		The Rev W H Ady, Messrs Town, Coast, Norwood, Hickman, Smith, and Mr. Jennings	<u>Call</u>	Proposed by The Rev W H Ady and seconded by Mr. W. Jennings That Mr. Town be elected Trustee till the year ending 1905, carried unanimously
<u>Minutes</u>		The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed	<u>Account</u>	A call for £10 was made on The Overseers Payable June 1 st 1903
<u>The Chairman</u>		Proposed by Mr. A. Hickman, and seconded by Mr. W. Jennings, That The Rev W H Ady be elected Chairman for the ensuing year carried unanimously		The accounts for the year ending March 31 st 1903 were laid before The Council and it was decided to ask Mr. J. Reeves to attend The Audit with the Clerk
<u>Vice Chairman</u>		Proposed by Mr. G. E. Smith and seconded by Mr. R. Coast, That Mr C. Norwood be elected Vice-Chairman, for the ensuing year carried unanimously		W.H. Ady.
<u>Overseers</u>		Proposed by Mr. A. Hickman and seconded by Mr C. Norwood		

Minutes of Parish Council

Meeting held on Monday June 15th 1903

Present

The Chairman Messrs Reeves,
Coast, Norwood, Sayer, Hickman,
Smith, Jennings, & Town.

Agenda

- To elect Manager for Charing School
- To elect Manager for Charing Heath Do
- To receive applications for the letting of the Recreation Ground at Charing Heath
- To sign Loan & Interest Cheque and other Business

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

Charing School

It was proposed by Mr Sayer and seconded by Mr Hickman that Mr J. Reeves be elected manager for three years for Charing School carried unanimously

Charing Heath

It was proposed by Mr Sayer and seconded by Mr Town that Mr J. Dryland be elected manager for three years for Charing Heath

It was proposed by Mr Jennings and seconded by Mr Smith that Mr W. Judge be elected manager for three years for

Charing Heath School

The above proposal were put to the meeting and Mr J. Dryland was elected

Recreation ground

It was proposed by Mr Hickman and seconded by Mr Reeves that Mr Judge be asked to rent the Recreation Ground at Charing Heath on the same terms as the late tenant with the following added
That the Parishioners be charged at the rate of 6^d per score for washing sheep in the Tum

Loan Cheque

The Loan and Interest Cheque was signed £7. 5^s 3^d

Public Lights

The Council instructed the Clerk to communicate with the Gas Company on what terms they would renew the Lighting contract

Gas Meter

The Council instructed the Clerk to ask the Gas Company whether they were agreeable to put a larger meter in the Hall on the same terms as the present one

Signed W.H. Ady.

Minutes of Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday
July 20th 1903

Present

The Chairman Mess^{rs} Coast,
Hickman, Reeves, Town, Smith
and Jennings

Agenda

To receive the Report of
Mr A. Hickman and Mr R. Town
respecting the Repair of the
Recreation ground

To decide the letting of
the Recreation ground
and other Business

Minutes

The Minutes of last meeting
were read and confirmed

Recreation
ground

Mess^{rs} Hickman and Town
presented the tradesmen's
estimates for the repairs at
the Recreation ground, which
were higher than they anticipated
and it was proposed by
the Rev W.H. Ady and seconded
by Mr J. Reeves that the
estimates should be revised
and only necessary work be
done Carried unanimously

Proposed by Mr Jennings and
seconded by Mr Smith
that Mr. Judges offer for the
Recreation ground be accepted
with the clause half the cost
of labour for repair cancelled
Carried Unanimously

Public
Lights

Proposed by Mr Jennings
and seconded by Mr Coast
that the Council accept
the gas company's offer to
light the Street Lamps as per
last contract Carried Unanimously

The
Chairman

The Chairman stated with regret
that he was leaving the district
and should have to resign
the chairmanship of the Council
It was proposed by Mr Smith
and seconded by Mr Hickman
that a vote of thanks be recorded
on the Minutes of the Council
for the valuable services he
had rendered the Council as
Chairman since the formation
of the Parish Council

Carried Unanimously

Signed *John Bowes*
— Vice Chairman.

	153	Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday August 4 th 1903		
Present		Mess ^s C. Nowood, R. Town, J. E. Smith, J. Sayer, R. Coart, A. Hickman J. Reeves, W Jennings	Picketts Meadow	154
Agenda		To elect a Chairman To elect a Parish Councillor And other Business	To The Clerk Charing Parish Council Sir	
Minutes		The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed	I hereby give you notice that, in as much as no agreement exists between myself and the Parish council, nor has any rent been paid for the current year, I admit of no right on the part of The Parish council or others to the use of Picketts as a Recreation ground, Persons on the field (except on the Public foot-path) will from today be regarded as trespassers.	
Chairman		Proposed by Mr. A. Hickman and seconded by Mr. J. E. Smith That Mr. C. Nowood be elected Chairman of The Parish Council Carried Unanimously	Signed A. Whymans July 24 th 1903	
Vice Chairman		Proposed by Mr. W. Jennings and seconded by Mr. J. Sayer That Mr. A. Hickman be elected Vice Chairman Carried Unanimously	It was proposed by Mr. W. Jennings and seconded by Mr. C. Nowood that the above notice be accepted	
Parish Councillor		Proposed by Mr. J. E. Smith and seconded by Mr. W. Jennings That Mr. William Harold Judge be elected Parish Councillor in the place of The Rev H. H. Ady who had left The Parish Carried Unanimously	Amendment Proposed by Mr. A. Hickman and seconded by Mr. J. Reeves. That the notice lay on the Table and that Three of The Councillors meet Mr. Whymans to come to some agreement respecting Picketts as a Recreation ground	
			The Amendment was carried and Mr. C. Nowood, A. Hickman, and	

new
councillor

Mr. W. Jennings were ask to
see Mr Whymans respecting same

Mr H. H. Judge being present at
the meeting, and on his being
elected signed, The declaration
for Parish Councillor

Signed *Chairman*
Chairman.

Minutes of Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday
August 24th 1903

Agenda To fix Date for Parish Meeting

To receive the report of
the Committee who were
to see Mr Whymans respecting
Recreation in Picketts,
also to consider the question
of arranging for a new
Recreation ground if necessary

To sign Lighting Contract

To decide amount to be paid
the Assistant Overseer for
collecting Special Sanitary Rate

To arrange Technical Education
classes for the season

And other Business

Present

The Chairman Messrs J. Sayer,
G. E. Smith, R. Loart, A. Heckman
J. Reeves, H. H. Judge and R. Town

The minutes of last meeting
were read and confirmed

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The Chairman read the following notice

To The Chairman Charing Parish Council

Dear Sir

I wish to resign my position as a Parish Councillor, thanking you for the courtesy you have always shewn me

Yours truly
W. Jennings

The above resignation was accepted

Parish Meeting

Date fixed for Wednesday September 30th, 1903 at 7.30 P.M.

Recreation ground

Mr. A. Hickman reported respecting Picketts as a Recreation ground, that Mr. Whyman expected full control of Picketts, and that he should not accept any more rent for same.
It was proposed by Mr. C. Norwood and seconded by W. W. H. Judge, that a Committee be elected of the Parish Council to negotiate with Mr. Neame or any other persons that may be inclined to let a piece of land for recreation purposes.

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and to report to the Council respecting same carried

The Committee appointed to negotiate were, Mr. C. Norwood, Mr. J. Reeves and Mr. W. H. Judge

Proposed by Mr. J. Sayer and seconded by Mr. G. E. Smith that the Lighting contract be signed carried Unanimously the same was signed by the Chairman.

Lighting contract

Sanitary rate

Technical Education

Proposed by Mr. J. Sayer and seconded by Mr. W. H. Judge that the sum of Three Pound be paid The Assistant Overseer for collecting Special Sanitary Rate carried Unanimously

Proposed by Mr. J. Reeves and seconded by Mr. C. Norwood that the following lectures be applied for common ailments of Farm Stock and Horses Home Nursing for Women only Poultry Rearing Second course

carried Unanimously

Signed *Charles Norwood*
Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday
October November 2nd 1903

Present

The Chairman, Mr R. Coart.
Mr A. Hickman, Mr K. Town.
Mr J. Reeves, Mr G. E. Smith

Agenda

- To sign Lighting & Watchings Receipt.
- To receive the report of the Recreation Committee.
- To receive the report of Mr K. Town and Mr A. Hickman respecting the work done at the Recreation Ground at Charing Heath.
- To consider the repairing of the Footpath from the Churchyard to Pett Place through Col S. P. Groves field.
- To sign Cheques for Public Light, Loan etc and other Bills

And other Business

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

The Lighting and Watchings Receipt was signed for eighty Pounds

Recreation ground

The Chairman read a letter from Mr T. Keane respecting a meadow near Charing Hill on Palace Farm. It was proposed by Mr A. Hickman and seconded by Mr G. E. Smith that Mr T. Keane offer in reference to the meadow near Charing Hill on Palace Farm be not entertained carried unanimously

Repairs at Charing Heath

Mr A. Hickman and Mr K. Town reported that the contractors had done their work satisfactory at the Recreation ground and cheques Mr P. Edward £9. and Mr G. Settatre £12-14-0 for work done were signed

Proposed by Mr Chas. Newbold and seconded by Mr K. Town that the foot-path be repaired through Col S. P. Groves field and that Mr J. Reeves and Mr G. E. Smith be appointed to see the work carried out to their satisfaction carried unanimously

A Cheque Eight Pounds was signed to pay small Bills

Signed *Chas Newbold*
Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council

Meeting held on Monday

February 8th 1904.

Present The Chairman, Mr A Hickman,
Mr W H Judge, Mr J Reeves,
Mr R Town, and Mr T E Smith

Agenda To fix Date for Parish Council
election

To consider the purchasing of Fire
Stand for Hydrant, Hose + Branch
Pipe for same

To sign Agreement for Recreation
ground at Charlins Heath

To consider the rating of the
Mid Kent Water Works & Mains

To sign Cheque for small Bills
and other Business

Minutes The Minutes of last Meeting were
read and confirmed

Parish
Council
Election
The Date fixed for the election
of Parish Councillors Monday
March 7th 1904 at 7.30 P.M.

Fire Hose
Stand +
Branch Pipe
Proposed by W A Hickman and
seconded by W H Judge +
carried unanimously that
The Fire Hose, Stand, and Branch
Pipe be purchased subject to the

Chairman's approval, and that
the Clerk be instructed to communicate
with The Insurance Companies
for contributions towards the cost
of same

Recreation
Ground

Proposed by W H H Judge and
seconded by W A Hickman that:
The following clause be added
to the Recreation Agreement
namely. That a penalty of Five
Pounds be incurred by the said
Hubert Holdstock, if stock other
than sheep be grazed or turned
upon the said Recreation ground
carried Unanimously

Bell

The Clerk presented small Bell
namely Coal 1 - 3 - 3. Gas 2 - 5 - 2
and a Cheque for the above amount
was signed

Chas Horwood

Signed

Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council

Meeting held on Monday

March 28th 1904

Present

The Chairman, Mr. G. E. Smith,
Mr. J. Reeves, Mr. H. H. Judge,
Mr. A. Hickman, Mr. R. Coart,
and Mr. P. Town

Agenda

To pay outstanding account
and other Business

The Minutes of last meeting
were read and confirmed

Bill

The Clerk presented the following
account namely Mid Kent Water
Company 27-10=0 Messrs Merryweather
& Son, Ltd 20-6=.3 The Clerk
small Bills 4-18=.2 Cheques for
the above amount were signed

Ludwell
Charity

Mr. P. Edwards being the retiring
member of the Ludwell Charity
it was proposed by Mr. E. Norwood
and seconded by Mr. R. Coart that
Mr. P. Edwards be reelected.
Carried Unanimously

A Receipt for Twenty Pounds was
signed

Recreation
ground

Proposed by Mr. H. H. Judge and
seconded by Mr. G. E. Smith that
Mr. H. Holdstock cut the anti
casts and Hedges at the Recreation
ground Charing Heath and charge
the same to the Parish Council
and the Parish Council charge the
late tenant Mr. J. C. Millgate with
the same carried Unanimously

Gate at
Gas Works

Proposed by Mr. H. H. Judge and
seconded by Mr. J. Reeves that
the Clerk write to the Secretary
Gas Works calling his attention to
the gate at the entrance to the
Gas Works that the same be
made to open inside instead
of outside as at present
Carried Unanimously

stile
Hooke Farm

Proposed by Mr. R. Coart and
seconded by Mr. Chas. Norwood
that, the Clerk write to the agent
of Hooke Farm calling his attention
to the stile leading into the strawberry
& Raspberry Plantation Charing side also
the other leading to Raywood
and that the same be put in
repair Carried Unanimously

Foot-Path

Proposed by Mr. G. E. Smith and
seconded by Mr. H. H. Judge that
the Clerk write to the County Council
calling their attention to the bad

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state of the Foot-Paths in wet
weather from Mr. Smith's cottage
to Mr. Bachelor's corner
Carried Unanimously

Ans³ Mrs. Sturtevant
Chas. Gorwood
Chairman.

Minute of Parish Council

Meeting held on Monday

April 12th 1904 at 7.30 P.M.

Present

The Chairman, Mr. R. Town,
Mr. A. Hickman, Mr. H. Coart,
Mr. S. Darlington, Mr. W. H. Judge,
Mr. J. Ellen and Mr. J. Bayer.
To sign Declarations of Office

Agenda

To elect Chairman
To elect Vice Chairman
To appoint Overseers
and other business

The Minutes of last meeting
were read and confirmed

The declarations were signed

Chairman

Proposed by Mr. J. Bayer and seconded
by Mr. W. H. Judge that Mr. C. Nowood
be elected Chairman.

Carried Unanimously

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Proposed by Mr. C. Nowood
and seconded by Mr. J. Ellen
that Mr. A. Hickman be elected
Vice Chairman Carried Unanimously

Proposed by Mr. C. Nowood
and seconded by Mr. J. Bayer
that Mr. H. B. Ashwell Mr. T. & E. Smith
and Mr. H. Town be appointed
Overseers Carried Unanimously

Proposed by Mr. W. H. Judge and
seconded by Mr. S. Darlington
that a pair of redining end
be fixed to New House so that
it can be used with the fire
engine when required
Carried Unanimously

A Cheque for £20. 5s 2d for
Public Light & Gas for Hall
and £9. 1s. 10d for Firemen
attending fire £2. 5s. 6d Refreshment 6/-
House & man 15/- Plates £2. 10s.
and £3. 1s. 4d to pay small bill
as due

The Account for the year ending
March 31st 1904 duly made up
& Balanced shewing a Balance
in Hand of Sixteen Pound
Two Shillings and Eleven Pence

Chas. Gorwood
Chairman

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Meeting held on Monday

June 27th 1904

Present

The Chairman
Mr J. Reeves
Mr R. Coart
Mr S. Darlington
Mr G. Ellen

Agenda

To consider the repairs to the Stiles leading to Charny Heath

To sign Cheque for Loan on Hall
and other Business

Stiles

Proposed by Mr S. Darlington
and seconded by Mr G. Ellen.
that the Stiles leading to Charny
Heath through Hook Farm be repaired
and that Mr W. Judge & Mr R. Town
see that the same be done
satisfactory carried unanimously

Cheques

Cheque for £7-5-3 for Loan
on Parish Hall and £1-4-6 to
Messrs Merryweather & Sons for repair
to Fire Hose were signed

Signed *John Nowood*

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Meeting held on Monday

August 29th 1904

Present

Mr J. Nowood (Chairman)
Mr A. Hickman
Mr J. Sayer
Mr R. Coart
Mr H. Judge
Mr J. Reeves
Mr G. Ellen

Agenda

To fix date for Parish Meeting

To arrange Technical Education
Class for the season
And other Business

Minutes

The minutes of last meeting were
read and confirmed

Stiles

It was decided that the Clerk
should see Mr L. Langley
respecting the stile leading from
Hook Farm to Raywood

Parish
Meeting

The date fixed for Parish
Meeting Thursday September 29th
at 7.30 P.M.

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Technical Education

It was decided to apply for
the following Lectures
Nursing First Course
Veterinary Lecture.
Poultry Keeping Second Course

Chairs

The Clerk read a letter from
Mr Darlington respecting the
inadequate supply of Chairs
for the Parish Hall
and it was proposed by
Mr J Sayer and seconded by
Mr G Allen that Four Doren
Windsor Chairs be purchased
and that the same with the
present ones in the Hall be
stamped on the back C. P. C
Carried Unanimously

Special Rates

It was proposed by Mr C Norwood
and seconded by Mr J Reeves
that the Assistant Overseer be
paid the sum of Three Pounds
for collecting all Special Rates
Section 230. Public Health Act 1875
Carried Unanimously

See below

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Mr Norwood

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Meeting held on Thursday

September 29th 1904

Present

Mr C Norwood Chairman
Mr J Reeves
Mr W Judge
Mr R Coart
Mr S Darlington
Mr G Allen

Agenda

To consider the fixing of Fire
Hydrant on the Maidstone Road
To sign Cheque for Firemen's
expenses attending Fire at Westwell
And other Business

Minutes

The minutes of last meeting
were read and confirmed

Fire Hydrant

It was proposed by Mr Darlington
and seconded by Mr Reeves
that a Fire Hydrant be fixed
on the Maidstone Road
Carried Unanimously

Cheques

A Cheque £ 2 = 19 = 0 for expenses
of Firemen and attending Fire at
Westwell also Cheque £ 7 = 4 = 0 for
4 Doren New Chairs for Parish Hall

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Notice Board

Proposed by Mr. Judge and seconded by Mr. Ellen that the notice Board be removed from Mr. Bijs site and a new one fixed in front of the Parish Hall

Carried Unanimously

Bills

The clerk reported having paid the following Bills

Mr. C. Yanner	8
Do Do	10
Mr. C. Yanner	3 - 0
Mr. Dennett	3 - 0
Mr. H. Holdstock	13 - 6
Mr. G. Edmed	16 - 10
Mr. G. E. Smith	10 - 0
Mr. G. Link	4 - 6
Mr. Bijs	2 - 6
Mr. Sedwell	2 - 6
Gas for Hall	10 - 1
H. Walters	1 - 0
	<u>£ 3 = 8 = 5</u>

Mr. Ellen asked the members of the Parish Council on behalf of the Reading Room Committee if they would object to the placing a larger Billiard Table in the large room at the back instead of the small room, which they would use as the Reading Room

The Council raised no objection

Signed A. Hartman Chairman

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Minutes of Parish council
Meeting held on Monday
December 12th 1902

Agenda

- To elect member for Parish council
To pay outstanding accounts
and other business

Present

The Vice-Chairman
Mr. J. Sayer
Mr. R. Coast
Mr. R. Town
Mr. G. Ellen
~~Mr. R. Coast~~
Mr. H. H. Judge

Minutes

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

Parish Councillor

Mr. C. Norwood having removed from the district it was proposed by Mr. J. Sayer and seconded by Mr. G. Ellen that Mr. G. E. Smith be elected Councillor in the place of Mr. C. Norwood carried unanimously

Bills

The Clerk presented the following Bills
namely Mid Kent Water C/o 5 = 10.0

W. J. Spillett Loan 7. 5. 3
 Rates 2. 6. 3
 also the following small Bills

Mr Sage	19. 0
Mr G. Link	4. 6
Stamps	2. 0
O Kingmouth Coals	18. 9
J. Willis	14. 0
Fire Brigade	2. 11. 0
G. Link December	4. 6
W ^r Bennett Work at Hall	4. 6
Jones Notice Board	1. 2. 6
 Total	7. 0. 9

Clerk cash in hand from
 Cheque April 20th for small Bills 8. 11

6. 11. 10

A cheque for £4. was signed
 leaving a Balance of 8½ for Clerk
 to pay small Bills

Gas

The account of the Gas Company
 £18. 3. 4 was allowed to stand
 over till the next meeting and
 the council instructed the Clerk
 to write to the Secretary calling
 his attention to the Public Light
 asking for a rebate on the
 Half Yearly Account

W. Chorwood It was proposed by Mr. Judge
 and seconded by W. J. Sayer
 that a Vote of thanks be
 recorded on the minutes for
 his services as Chairman
 and Member of the Parish Council
 carried unanimously

Assistant
Overseer

The Assistant Overseer announced
 that it was his intention of
 resigning the office of Assistant
 Overseer and Clerk to the Parish
 Council at the end of the
 financial year March 31st 05.
 Thanking the Council for their
 dealing with him during his term
 of office and he proposed that
 providing the Council appointed
 his successor at the beginning
 of January he would help him
 into the duties of same before
 he leaves clearing and the
 Council instructed the Clerk
 to advertise the vacancy of
 Assistant Overseer and Clerk to
 the Parish Council at a Salary of
 Forty Pounds a year the selected
 candidate to give a guarantee
 bond to the amount of £100

Signed A. Heaton
 Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday
January 2nd 1905

Present

Mr. A. Hichman
Mr. J. Sayer
Mr. J. Reeves
Mr. R. Coart
Mr. R. Town
Mr. S. Darlington
Mr. W. H. Judge
Mr. G. Ellen
Mr. G. E. Smith

New Councillor

Mr. G. E. Smith signed his
Declaration of Office as Parish
Councillor

The Minutes of last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Public
Lights

A message was received from the
Gas Company offering a rebate of
Three Pounds and the Public Lights
and it was proposed by Mr. J. Sayer
and seconded by Mr. J. Reeves
that a rebate of Four Pounds
should be asked for
Carried Unanimously

Accounts

The Clerk presented the
following accounts namely

Mr. P. Edwards	17. 6
Messrs Payne & Edmond	7. 3
Mr. G. Bettatre	8. 6
Mr. W. J. Thompson	1. 1. 3
	2. 14. 6
Insurance	1. 7. 6
License	2. 6
	4. 4. 6

A Cheque for the above was
signed

Also the following small Bill
paid out of cash 8/2 to pay
small Bills Messrs Spies & Cornes 5/11
Mr. S. Raans 2/2 leaving a Balance
of 3²

Assistant
Overseer

The following applications were
received namely

Mr. W. G. Downes
Mr. G. Plate
Mr. W. Matcham

It was proposed by Mr. Ellen
and seconded by Mr. R. Town
that Mr. W. G. Downes be appointed
Assistant Overseer which was put
to the Council and the Voting was
8 for Mr. W. G. Downes 1 for Mr. G. Plate
Mr. W. G. Downes was therefore appointed
Unanimously A. S. 4

Parish
Meeting

It was decided to hold the
Parish Meeting on Thursday
March 30th 1908

A. Hesterman

Minutes of Parish Council
Meeting held on Thursday March 30th

Present

W. A. Mickman
W. J. Reeves
Mr. Town
W. M. Coast
Mr. S. Darlington
Mr. G. Eller
W. W. Judge
Mr. J. E. Smith

minutes

The minutes of last meeting
were read and confirmed

bills

The Clerk presented the following

Bills

namely	W. Dennett	5 ² - 0
	G. Lamps	3 ¹ 3
	J. Link	4 ¹ 6
	O. Keyworth	13 ¹ 0
	Audit Stamp	2 ⁰ 0
		3 ¹ 5 ¹ 9

A cheque for £ 3: 5: 6 was signed
and with the cash in Hand £ 3¹
from last meeting the above
accounts were paid

accounts The Clerk laid the accounts
balanced. Balanced up and signed
and passed them over to his
successor Mr. W. J. Downes

Thanks
to retiring
clerk

It was proposed by Mr. Darlington
and seconded by Mr. J. E. Smith
that a vote of thanks be recorded
on the minutes to Mr. G. Price
who is leaving Charing for his
faithfull services in discharging
the duties of Clerk to The Parish
Council
carried Unanimously

Thanks to
Col Campbell

Signed
Proposed by Mr. Eller and seconded by
Mr. Towne that a vote of thanks be recorded
in the minutes to Col. Campbell for the
gift of cases of stuffed birds for the
Parish Hall, and the clerk was instructed
to write to Col. Campbell to that effect.

A. Hesterman

Minutes of Parish Council

meeting held Monday

April 17th ¹⁹⁰⁵ at 8 o'clock

Present

The Chairman.

Mr. T. E. Smith.

Mr. Geo. Eller.

Mr. R. Coach.

Mr. W. H. Judge.

Mr. S. Darlington

Mr. R. Towne

Agenda

To elect Chairman
to elect vice-chairman
to appoint overseers
and other business

Minutes

The minutes of last meeting were read,
and confirmed.

Chairman

Proposed by Mr. Eller and seconded by
Mr. Coach that Mr. A. Hickman be elected
Chairman - (Carried unanimously)

Vice-Chairman

Proposed by Mr. Smith and seconded by
Mr. Hickman that Mr. Judge be elected
Vice-chairman (Carried unanimously)

Overseers

Proposed by Mr. Smith and seconded by
Mr. Judge that Mr. H. S. Ashwell be re-appointed
Overseer (Carried)

Overseers
(Cont'd)

Proposed by Mr. Judge and seconded by
Mr. Hickman that Mr. Eller be appointed
overseer in place of Mr. Smith (resigned)
(Carried unanimously)

Proposed by Mr. Hickman and seconded
by Mr. Eller that Mr. Towne be re-appointed
overseer (Carried unanimously)

School
Manager
(Charing Heath)

Mr. John Dryland wrote resigning his
appointment as Manager to Charing Heath
school.

Proposed by Mr. Eller & seconded by Mr.
Hickman that Mr. Judge be appointed in
his place (Carried unanimously)

Fire brigade
insurance

The question of insuring the members of
the Fire brigade was introduced by the
clerk. On the proposal of Mr. Darlington
seconded by Mr. Eller the clerk was
instructed to enquire into the legal
aspect of the matter and to report thereon.

Post-masters
hours

Mr. Eller gave notice that at the next
meeting he should introduce for
discussion the question of the post-
masters hours of work with a view
to advocating their curtailment

Recreation
Ground

Proposed by Mr. Eller & seconded by
Mr. Hickman that the fence of the
Recreation Ground be tanted, under the
supervision of Mr. Judge and Mr. Towne

Mr. Hickman

Minutes of Parish Council
Meeting held Monday
June 26th 1905 at 8 o'clock

Present

The Chairman W.A. Hartman
Mr. R. Towns
Mr. G. Ellen.
Mr. W.H. Judge
Mr. S. Darlington
Mr. J. Reeves
Mr. T.B. Smith

Agenda

To decide as to the insurance of
members of the Fire Brigade.
To discuss the question of the Post-masters
hours of Sunday work with a view to
advocating their curtailment.
To sign cheques for accounts.

Minutes

The minutes of last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Resignation Mr. R. Coach wrote resigning his membership
on his leaving Charing. On the motion
of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Ellen
the Clerk was instructed to write to
Mr. Coach that the Council accepted his
resignation with much regret.

Insurance The Clerk read correspondence with
the Local Government Chronicle to the
effect that any payment made by

them to insure the members of the
Fire Brigade would be illegal.

It was proposed by Mr. Judge and seconded
by Mr. Washington that the Clerk should
notify the Captain of the Fire Brigade
that on condition that the members
insure themselves, the council would
grant them one penny per hour extra
for their services at fires and practice
(Carried unanimously)

Post master
Sunday hours

It was proposed by Mr. Ellen that the
Council should communicate with the
Postal authorities advocating the
reduction of the Post master's hours
of Sunday work. After discussion,
it was decided not to move in the
matter until the opinion of the
residents became better known.

Cheques

The following cheques were signed :-

Public lights and	£ 20-4-3
Gas for Hall	

Rates. 2 2 6

£ 20 4 3	7. 5. 3
from 9 Interest	

on Parish Hall

Hire of
Small Rooms
at Hall.

Mr. Judge proposed, and Mr. Smith
seconded the following resolution:-
"That the Council let the small
rooms at the back of the Hall for
any purpose of private meetings,
whether Religious, Social or Political
for the sum of one shilling per day."

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"or part of day, exclusive of gas or
fuel. No person or committee to
engage the same for more than two
days in succession" (Carried unanimously)
A. Sherman
Chairman

Minutes of
Meeting of Parish Council
Monday August 14. 1905 at 7.30.

Present The Chairman Mr A. Sherman
Mr T. S. Smith
Mr J. Reeves
Mr S. Darlington
Mr G. Ellen

Agenda. To elect new member of the Council.
To discuss a proposition to increase
the rate of pay of the Fire Brigades
To consider the rating of the Mid Kent
Water Works and mains
To fix date of Parish Meeting
and other business

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

New member. It was proposed by Mr Smith and
seconded by Mr Ellen that Mr E. Tesler
be elected member of the Council in

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the place of Mr R. Coast, resigned (Carried
unanimously)

Fire
Brigade

No reply had been received from
the Fire brigades on the question of
their rate of pay, the matter was
dropped.

Rating of
Water Co.

It was proposed by Mr Reeves and seconded
by Mr Ellen that a valuer should be
appointed engaged to re-value the
Mid Kent Water Company's property in
Charing and that it be left to the
Chairman to decide whether the valuer
should be employed in conjunction
with any other Council or independently
(Carried unanimously)

Date of
Parish Meeting

It was proposed by Mr Darlington and
seconded by the Chairman that the
Parish meeting be held on Thursday
September 28th. (Carried unanimously)

Lighting
Inspectors

It was proposed by Mr Reeves and seconded
by Mr Ellen that Mr Smith, vice Mr Moorehead
and Mr Darlington vice McCourt be
appointed Lighting Inspectors (Carried
unanimously).

Lamp post

It was proposed by Mr Darlington and
seconded by Mr Smith that the Clerk
should enquire further as to whom
the lamp posts belonged to (Carried
unanimously)

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Rent of Hall It was proposed by the Chairman and
for Gardening fees seconded by Mr. Keeler that in future
the charge for the hire of the Parish
Hall to the Gardening Society for
monthly shows should be £1 per annum
instead of £1.10.0 as heretofore (Carried)
unanimously

A. Hickman

Minutes of Parish Council

Meeting held Monday

August 28th 1905. at 8 o'clock

Present The Chairman W. A. Hickman
Mr. Geo. Ellen
Mr. W. H. Judge
Mr. T. E. Smith.
Mr. E. E. Testes.

Agenda. To consider a communication from
the Clerk to the West Ashford District
Council on the subject of the rating
of the Mid Kent Water Company's property
in Charing
and other business

Rating of
Water Co's
Property
The Clerk read a letter from the Clerk
to the Assessment Committee pointing
out that the minutes of the last
meeting implied that the Parish
Council wished to appoint a valuer

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to value the Water Works.
It was proposed by Mr. Ellen and
seconded by Mr. Judge and carried
that the resolution be rescinded
and that the Council ask the
Assessment Committee to appoint
and pay a valuer to value the
special property as the whole
Union will benefit by any increase,

New Member Mr. E. E. Testes signed a declaration
of office as Parish Councillor.

Broken
Lump Post
The Clerk reported that he had
repeatedly written to Messrs Knight & Co.
of Sittingbourne asking them to pay
the expenses of the erection of a
lump post which their traction engine
had knocked down but had received
no definite reply.

It was proposed by Mr. Ellen and
seconded by Mr. Judge that the post
be erected and the account be
sent to Messrs Knight & Co. for
settlement (Carried unanimously)

Union
Assessment
Act
It was proposed by Mr. Judge and
seconded by Mr. Smith and carried
that the Clerk should procure a
copy of Toy's "Union Assessment Act"
the cost not to exceed ten shillings.
Also to have ten quires of note paper
printed for Parish Council use.

Complaint Mr Smith complained of water laying in pools in the road outside the Gables. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Bridges and Roads Committee complaining of it.

Bills

The Clerk presented the following bills for which a cheque value £2. 10. 9 was signed

Walter	3. 0	✓
Fink	4. 6	✓
Sidwell	2. 6	✓
Gas for Hall	1. 1 9	* paid in advance
Holdstock	9. 0	✓
Bennett	7. 5 6	✓
Walter	2 6	✓
Total	£2. 10. 9	

A. Hartman

Minutes of Parish Council

Meeting held Monday Thursday

Sept 28th 1905. at 8 o'clock

Present

Mr A. Hartman (Chairman)
Mr G. Eller.
Mr T. S. Smith
Mr J. Darlington
Mr J. Reeves
Mr E. E. Taylor

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Union Assessment Act

The Clerk reported that the price of Prop Union Assessment Act. was 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. As the Council at their previous meeting voted 10% to purchase the work it was proposed by Mr Eller and seconded by Mr Reeves and carried unanimously that the difference of $\frac{1}{2}$ be granted in order to procure the book.

Mr Sayers Reseat

The Clerk reported that as Mr John Sayers had not attended the Council meetings for over six months his seat became vacant (56 & 57 Vict. c 73 s. 46) On the proposal of Mr Eller seconded by the Chairman the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Sayers informing him of the vacancy.

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Recreation Ground An application to hire the Recreation Ground was made from Mr Bennett Howland. It was decided to postpone discussion until a formal application for release should be received from Mr H. Holdstock, the present tenant.

Special rates It was proposed by Mr Eller and seconded by Mr Foster and carried unanimously that the Assistant Overseer be paid the sum of Half Pounds for collecting all special rates (Section 230, Public Health Act 1875)

A. Hartman

Minutes of Parish Council
Meeting held Monday Jan 8th 1906

Present Mr A. Hartman (Chairman)
Mr T. S. Smith
Mr W. H. Judge
Mr S. Darlington
Mr G. Eller
Mr J. Reeve

Minutes To elect a new member
To sign precepts for lighting rates
and Parish Council Expenses
To sign cheque for loan on Hall
and other bills
And other business

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New Member It was proposed by Mr Eller and seconded by Mr Smith that Mr C. T. Bigg be elected member of the Council (carried unanimously)

Recreation Ground It was proposed by Mr Eller and seconded by Mr Judge that the Recreation ground, Charing Heath, should be transferred from Mr H. Holdstock to Mr B. Howland (carried unanimously)

Crooks It was proposed by Mr Judge and seconded by Mr Reeve that the Clerk write requesting Mr Sidwell to hand over the crooks to Mr Howland (carried unanimously)

Beasts in paddock Mr Howland applied for permission to put bullocks, limited to beasts under one year, in the paddock from Oct 11th till April 1st. It was proposed by Mr Eller and seconded by Mr Darlington that this permission be given on condition that the ground be dragged ^{both ways} close on April 1st (carried unanimously)

Bills The Clerk presented the following bill for which cheques were signed:
Loan & interest on Parish Hall £7.5.3 ✓
Rates — 2.1.11 ✓
First Brigade 2.6.0 ✓
Parish 1.7.6 ✓
Foster 4.6 ✓
Bennett 19.2 ✓
Jacomb Tax. 15.0 ✓
Stamps 2.0 ✓
Plaster 1.6.6 7.0.8

Minutes of Parish Council

Meeting held Monday March 5th 1906

Present

Mr A. Hickman (Chairman)
 Mr W.H. Judge
 Mr G. Eller
 Mr S. Darlington
 Mr T.E. Smith
 Mr E.E. Tester.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

New member

Mr C.T. Bigg signed a declaration of Office as Parish Councillor

Charing Gas Co.

Provisional Order

It was proposed by Mr Eller and seconded by Mr Bigg and carried unanimously to support the application of the Charing Gas Company for a Provisional Order before the Board of Trade. A rider was added that the Council considered that the price of gas should be reduced when the dividends of the Company stood at 7% and 5% respectively instead of 10% and 7% as proposed in the Provisional Order.

Charing Heath The Clerk reported that he had received a definite reply from the Ashford Telegraph Committee as to the probable terms for a Postal Telegraph Service for

Charing Heath. Further action was postponed pending receipt of information.

The Clerk presented the following bills and cheques were drawn for £ 21. 15. 9 and £ 2. 6. 11 for the following:-

Public lights	18 0 0	*
Gas for Hall	3 15. 9	✓ 21. 15. 9

Deaneett	10. 5	✓
Okeagworth	2 5. 6	✓
Licent	2. 6	✓
	<hr/> 2. 18. 5	

Less overdrawn Jan 8.
 Plate 1/2 charged 1/2 11. 6 ✓ 2. 6. 11

A. Hickman

Minutes of Parish Council -

Meeting held Tuesday April 3rd 1906

Present

Mr A. Hickman (Chairman)
 Mr W.H. Judge.
 Mr G. Eller.
 Mr S. Darlington.
 Mr T.E. Smith
 Mr E.E. Tester
 Mr R. Town
 Mr J. Reeves.
 Mr C.T. Bigg

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were

read and confirmed

Chasing Heath Telegraphs. The clerk reported that he had received no further information from the Postal authorities in reply to his letter of March 1st.

Inventory. It was proposed by McEllen and seconded by Mr Judge that the clerk make an inventory of the property of the Parish Council (carried)

A. Hickman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held Monday April 30 - 1906.

Present

Mr A. Hickman (Chairman)
Mr W.H. Judge.
Mr G. Ellen.
Mr T.E. Smith.
Mr E.E. Teeter
Mr S. Darlington.
Mr C.T. Bigg
Mr Towne.

Agenda.

To elect Chairman
To elect Vice Chairman
To appoint Overseers
To appoint a trustee to Ludwell Charity
and other business

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

Thanks to Chairman It was moved by McEllen and seconded by Mr Darlington that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr Hickman for his past services as Chairman (carried unanimously)

Chairman It was proposed by Mr Smith and seconded by McEllen that Mr Hickman be re-elected Chairman (carried unanimously)

Vice Chairman It was proposed by Mr Darlington and seconded by Mr Smith that Mr Judge be re-elected Vice Chairman (carried unanimously)

Overseers It was proposed by Mr Hickman and seconded by Mr Judge that Mr Ellen and Mr Towne be thanked for their services as Overseers and that they be re-appointed (carried unanimously)

Mr Ashwell's resignation The Chairman read a letter from Mr A.S. Ashwell resigning his appointment as Overseer

Thanks to Mr Ashwell It was proposed by McEllen and seconded by Mr Darlington that Mr Ashwell's resignation should be reluctantly accepted and that the clerk should convey the thanks of the council to Mr Ashwell for his long period of service, and their sympathy with him in the severe illness of his son (carried unanimously)

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Overseer It was proposed by Mr. Ellen and seconded by Mr. Hickman that Mr. E. E. Tester be appointed Overseer in the place of Mr. Ashwell (carried unanimously)

Trustee to Ludwell Charity It was proposed by Mr. Ellen and seconded by Mr. Hickman that Mr. Towne be re-appointed Trustee to the Ludwell Charity (carried unanimously).

Rate Recitation

It was proposed by Mr. Ellen and seconded by Mr. Hickman that the Clerk shall procure a copy of "Roberts' Rate Recitation" (carried unanimously)

A. Hickman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday June 25th 1906

Present

Mr. Hickman
Mr. W. H. Judge
Mr. G. Ellay
Mr. E. E. Tester
Mr. C. T. Bigg
Mr. S. Darlington

Agenda To revise list of charges for use of Parish Hall
To sign cheques for accounts and other business

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting

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were read and confirmed

Charges for Parish Hall It was proposed by Mr. Ellen and seconded by Mr. Hickman that the charges for the use of the Parish Hall shall be as follows:-

Concerts or Dramatic Entertainments:-
one evening 15/-, two evenings 21/-
one week £2. 2. 0

Meeting and Concerts for

Parish benefits	Half price
Saturn Lectures, Religious Services & Missionary Meetings.	5. 0
Technical Education Lectures	7. 6
Political Meetings	15. 0
Private meetings in small room not more than 3 days in succession per day	1. 0

Soirees, or Dance or Ball or other meeting when Refreshments provided £1. 1. 0

Bazaar:- one day 15/-

two days 1. 5. 0

succeeding days each 5. 0

Mother's Meetings per meeting 1. 0

Pavicular Relief Station per annum 4. 4. 0

Gardening Society Meetings per annum 1. 0 0

Dancing Class (limited)

without gas 2. 6

with gas 5. 0

anything not mentioned in above

If or at discretion of Chairman & Clerk

This resolution was carried unanimously

Dust bins and

It was proposed by Mr. Darlington and

seconded by Mr. Eller that the clerk be instructed to send a recommendation to the West Ashford Rural District Council urging them to support other District Councils in suppressing the dust nuisance (carried unanimously)

Bills.

The clerk presented the following bills for which cheques were signed

Poor Rate	2. 2. 6	
Sanitary Rate	2 6	2. 5. 0
Public Lights	18 0	0
Gas for Hall	2 19 7	20. 19. 7
Loan & Interest } on Parish Hall }		7. 5. 3
Dennett Apr 15	3 3 ✓	
" June 16	4 6 ✓	
Lusk Mar 30	4 6 ✓	
" June 30	4 6 ✓	
Russell	2. 0 ✓	
Stover	3 6 ✓	1. 2. 3

A. Steckman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting.

held Monday September 3rd 1906

Present

W. Atchman
W. W. Judge
W. Geo. Eller
W. T. E. Smith
W. J. Reeves

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

Cleward Pond It was proposed by Mr. Judge and seconded by Mr. Eller that the payment made to Mr. Lusk for clearing Cleward pond be discontinued after September 30th of this year (carried unanimously)

Street Lighting The clerk read a letter from the Charing Gas Works offering to renew the agreement of 24th August 1903 and would insert a clause that in the event of the price of gas being reduced to the customer consumers a proportionate reduction shall be made in the price charged for street lighting. It was proposed by Mr. Judge and seconded by Mr. Steckman that the Council agree to the renewal of contract on those terms, provided that the Gas Works agrees to paint the standards

of the Parish Council (carried unanimously)

Telegraph
facilities
for Charing
Heath.

It was proposed by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Smith that this subject be left over for discussion till the next meeting of the Council (carried unanimously)

Roof of
Hall

It was proposed by Mr. Ellen and seconded by Mr. Judge that the Clerk request Mr. Edwards and Mr. Miles to give an estimate for taking off and replacing all broken tiles on the Parish Hall. The chairman and Clerk to decide (Carried unanimously)

Bill.

A cheque for £3.3.8 was signed for gas for the Hall for Quarter ending June.

It was decided to hold the Parish Meeting on Monday October 1st

R. Hickman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held Monday Oct 1st 1906

Present

Mr. A. Hickman	Mr. S. Darlington
Mr. W. Judge	Mr. J. Reeser
Mr. Ellen	Mr. R. Towns
Mr. E. E. Tester	Mr. C. Brigg
Mr. T. Edwards	

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Telegraph
Office at
Charing Heath

The Clerk read a letter presented by Mr. Judge signed by a number of residents of Charing Heath requesting the Council to

Mr. Judge proposed and Mr. Darlington seconded that the Council do apply for Postal Telegraph facilities for Charing Heath and give the necessary guarantee. These voted for Mr. Judge's proposal. Mr. Judge, Mr. Reeser, Mr. Smith and Mr. Darlington while these voted against Mr. Hickman, Mr. Ellen, Mr. Towns and Mr. Tester. The Chairman gave his casting vote against the proposal which was therefore lost.

Blinds

It was proposed by Mr. Ellen and seconded by Mr. Darlington that the Clerk should get an estimate for the repair of the blinds in the back rooms. The Chairman and Clerk

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to decide (carried unanimously)

Bills

The Clerk presented the following bills for which a cheque for £3. 11. 0 was signed

Lidwell	2 6 ✓
Edwards	5 0
Dennett	3 0 ✓
Walker	2 0 ✓
Sir Bugade	1. 18. 0 ✓
Willis	11. 0 ✓
Lewis	4 6 ✓
Thompson	5 0 ✓
	<u>£3. 11. 0</u>

Special rates

It was proposed by Mr. Ellin and seconded by Mr. Towne and carried unanimously that the Assistant Oversees be paid the sum of three pounds for collecting all special rates (Section 230 Public Health Act 1875)

Library Room

Proposed by Mr. Judge and seconded by Mr. Ellin that a charge of one shilling per annum be charged to Mr. Whittle for use of gas in Parish Library.

A. Heesterman

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

held Monday October 8th 1906

Present

Mr. A. Heesterman. M. C. T. Bigg
Mr. G. Ellin Mr. T. S. Smith
Mr. R. Towne Mr. J. Reeves
Mr. W. H. Judge Mr. J. Washington
Mr. E. E. Tester.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Lidwell Charity Income

The Clerk read a letter from the Kent Education Committee dated 5th March stating that they made no claim on the sum of about £25 per annum under the Lidwell Charity for Education purposes and that notice had been given to consider the matter. Mr. Ellin proposed and Mr. Tester seconded and it was carried unanimously "That application be made to the trustees for payment of the annual amount as the Education rate now levied provides the necessary funds, and that in case of refusal that application be made to the Board of Education either to order the payment of the same or to order a local enquiry in the Parish respecting the application thereof"

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Blinds

It was proposed by Mr Judge and seconded by Mr Reeves that Messrs Evans & Cornes tender of 15/- for the repair of blinds in back rooms of Hall be accepted (carried unanimously)

Gymnasium Mr G.V. Eller applied for the use of the large Hall for a gymnasium for two hours per evening for two evenings each week, and it was decided that if the rules were approved by the Council permission should be granted to members of the Reading Room only at the charge of one shilling per evening.

Whist Match An application was made for the use of the large Hall for a whist match. Mr Judge proposed and Mr Begg seconded that it be granted and that the charge should be 7½ per night. Mr Darlington proposed and Mr Eller seconded that the charge be 5/- These voted for Mr Judge's proposal - Mr Judge Mr Begg Mr Hickman and Mr Smith and for Mr Darlington's amendment - Mr Darlington Mr Eller Mr Foster Mr Reeves and Mr Town. The amendment was therefore carried

A. Hickman

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held Tuesday November 6th, 1906.

Present

Mr A. Hickman	Mr J. Reeves
Mr G. Eller	Mr W.H. Judge
Mr O. Darlington	Mr J.E. Smith
Mr E.C. Foster	Mr C.T. Begg
Mr R. Town	

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Proposed

A deputation of the Reading Room Enlargement committee attended to place before the Council their proposals as to enlargement of the premises. Mr Sims stated that the cost of the proposed work would be about Fifty pounds, and that his committee would provide the necessary funds. It was proposed by Mr Eller and seconded by Mr Reeves that Mr Sims be asked to draw up plans to be submitted at the next meeting of the Council, and that, in the event of their acceptance, no charge shall be made during the period required for raising the funds either for rent of Reading Room or for use of Parish Hall for entertainments in aid of such funds (carried unanimously)

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Gymnasium It was proposed by Mr Darlington and seconded by Mr Eller that the use of the large hall be granted to the Reading Room Committee for the purposes of a gymnasium.
(Carried unanimously.)

Rating of Hall. It was proposed by Mr Eller and seconded by Mr Gaskins that the Overseers reduce the Rating on the Parish Hall from £15 to £6. (Carried unanimously.)

Recreation Grounds. It was proposed by Mr Judge and seconded by Mr Darlington that a committee consisting of Messrs Hickman, Judge and Towns shall be appointed to inspect the Recreation Grounds and report upon the condition thereof
(Carried unanimously.)

accounts. The Clerk presented the following accounts for which a cheque value £2. 2. 7 was signed.

Gas for Hall	11. 11	paid
Taxes & Edned	15. 8	
Council & Comts	15. 0	
	<u>£2. 2. 7</u>	

A. Hickman

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on Nov 19th 1906

Present Mr Hickman (Chairman)
Mr G Eller } Mr W. H. Judge
Mr J. Reeves } Mr L. E. Lester
Mr J. E. Smith } Mr C. J. Biggs
Mr W. P. Town, J. W. T. Downes (Clerk)

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Agenda To further discuss the proposed extension of Premises and receive Plans for same

To Receive report of the Committee in their inspection of the Recreation Ground

To discuss complaint re defective roof gutters in Charing Street

Expenditure Bills

Laps	10. 6
Stone for Bridges	10 - 6
Briery	5 - 0
Briery for Laps	5 - 0
Sericks	2 2 - 0
Refreshments	4
	3. 17. 0

Cheque for above was drawn

Retention Mr A Sims laid before the Council the Plans for extension of Premises

Dec 10th 1906

After the Council had fully examined the Plans Mr G. Ellen proposed and Mr J. Peers seconded that the Plans as presented be accepted and that permission be given for the erection of the Room and that a small committee be appointed to confer with Mr Sims as to the carrying out of the work

Carried unanimously

Committee Mr P. Lunn proposed & Mr. Buff seconded that the Committee consist of Mr. A. Hickman, Mr G. Ellen & Mr J. Peers

Carried unanimously

Recreation Ground Mr. Hickman reported that he and Mr. Judge had inspected the Recreation Ground and found it in a bad state and that they had called the attention of Mr. Howland to it and had given him to understand that he must keep it in a state according to agreement otherwise the Council would have to give him notice to leave it

Roof Tiles

Some discussion took place when it was resolved that the Clerk write the Owners calling their attention to same

Stove Gas fitting & Blinds

M. Lester proposed and Mr. Hickman seconded that the Council provide Stove, Gas fitting, and Blinds to the new Room

Carried unanimously

A. Hickman
Jan 7th 1907

W. J. Downes
absconding

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Parish Council convened by the Chairman & Overseers of the Poor to consider the Position of the Council relating to Assistant Overseer Mr W. J. Downes who had absconded

There were Present Mr A. Hickman, Mr W. H. Judge, Mr J. C. Smith, Mr Buff, Mr W. P. Jordan, Mr G. Ellen, Mr Lester, Mr J. Peers, and Mr Darlington

Mr G. S. Langley (under invitation from the Chairman) kindly attended to instruct the Council

Assistant
Surveyor Clerk
Appointments

A discussion took place as to the power of the Council to terminate the appointment of W. J. Downes, eventually it was proposed by Mr. Darlington and seconded by Mr. Ellen that the appointment terminate as from the 4th December

Carried unanimously

Accounts

Mr. Ellen stated that under the advice of the Auditor he should place the Late Accounts in the hands of an Accountant to be made up and balanced, Mr. Ellen presented a rough statement of the Rate a/c showing a deficiency of nearly £150 from account of Late Assistant Overseer

Prosecution A Consideration ensued as to the advisability of prosecuting W. Y. Downes but the Council let the matter drop.

Appointing**of Assistant****Council Clerk**

The Matter of appointing an Assistant Council Clerk to the Council was next considered when Mr Peens proposed, and Mr Judge seconded that Mr Darlington be appointed as temporary Assistant to March 25th 1907

Mr Lester proposed (as an amendment) and Mr Town seconded that Mr George Valentine Ullieu be appointed, when they voted for the amendment Mr Hickman Mr Town Mr Lester Mr Bigg and Mr Ullieu and for the ~~Prosecution~~ Proposition Mr Peens Mr Judge & Mr Smith

Salary

It was afterwards resolved that Mr G. V. Ullieu's Salary be equal to one half Year Salary as paid to Downes

Bond

It was decided that a Bond for £100 be given by Mr G. V. Ullieu

A Hickman

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held

Monday Jan 7th 1907

Present

The Chairman Mr A Hickman Mr J Reeves Mr S Darlington Mr C T Bigg Mr J D Smith & Clerk G V Ullieu Mr B Town came later in the evening

The Minutes of the two last meetings were read and confirmed

Connecting

W C
with Main
Swer

Mr Reeves proposed and Mr Bigg seconded that Mr Clark Estimate for this be accepted and permission be given to District Council to erect ventilator this was carried unanimously

Mr Clark Estimate for above was £5-5

**Ludwell
Charity**

Mr Darlington proposed that this be left over to next Parish Meeting, in the meantime the clerk to write to the Charity Commissioners, failing that, the Board of Education, asking their opinion as to the disposal of the Ludwell Charity Mr Bigg seconded and it was carried unanimously

Bills

The Clerk produced the following bills

Mr Dinnett	11-6	Mr Gales	3-8
Fire Insurance	1-7-6	Mr Edmed	2-14-2
Mr Miss	15-0	+ Interest for loan on Hall	
		7-5-3	

A Cheque was drawn for £7-5-3 also for £5-1-8 to meet the bills of Mr Edmed Mr

Miles & the Fire Insurance The Clerk had paid the other two from money received for use of Hall

A Precept for Twenty Pounds for Parish Council Expences was served upon the Overseers

A. Hickman

Precept

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

held March 4th 1907

Present

Messrs A. Hickman (Chairman) G. Ellen S. Darlington C. J. Bigg E. E. Lester W. B. Town J. Reeves W. H. Judge T. Thomas & Smith

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

Receipts
from
Parish Hall

Mr. Judge proposed that in the future the Clerk should bank all moneys he received for use of Hall. The money to be put in the bank at least once a month. Mr. Darlington seconded this proposition & it was carried unanimously.

Sudwell
Charity

The Clerk was instructed to write board of Education asking for a reply to his letter of the 8th of January. This was proposed by Mr. Ellen & seconded by Mr. S. Darlington

Appointment
of
Assistant
Overseer

Mr. Judge proposed that the appointment of Assistant Overseer should take place on Monday the 18th of March 1907 & that

the Clerk should put a notice on the Parish Hall notice board to that effect

This was seconded by Mr. E. Lester & carried unanimously

Rev Penfolds

Bible Class

Mr. Hickman read a letter from the Rev. E. B. Penfold asking for use of small rooms at the Parish Hall for Bible Class on Sunday afternoons between the hours of 2-30 & 3-30

Mr. Judge proposed that a charge of Ten Shillings per annum should be made for this purpose. The Council to find firing only. The Rev. E. B. Penfold to pay for preparing the rooms, such as sweeping, dusting, & laying fires etc. Mr. Ellen seconded & it was carried unanimously.

Precept

Public
Lights
&
Inferior
Gas

A Precept for Forty Pounds for Lighting & Watchung expenses was served on the Overseers. Mr. Lester & complained about the shut gas we were having. Mr. Judge suggested that the street lamp standing at the station yard gate should be moved from there to the top of the station bridge now that the gas company had laid a main along the Pluckley road.

After some discussion on the subject it was proposed by Mr. Judge & seconded by Mr. Hickman that the Lighting inspectors Mr. Darlington & Mr. Reeves should inquire into the matter & decide what should be done. The question was left over to the next meeting.

This was carried unanimously.

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Register of Mortgages of the Charing
Parish Council.

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Date	Mortgagors	Principal	Half yearly payment
No 1. 1897 Dec 14 th	Charing Friendly Society	£286.	7. 5. 3

Terms - Interest at 3% per annum, to be repaid by 60 Half yearly Instalments including Principal & Interest. -
Instalments payable June 14th and Dec 14th in each year.

Parish Councillors

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No	Name	When Elected or Re-elected				
1	Ady Leo W. H.	Dec 27 1894	March 9 1896	Mar 18 1897	Mar 14 1898	Mar 6 ^{1st} 1899
2	Moir David	"	"	~	~	~
3	Gee George	"	Resigned	~	~	~
4	Sayer John	"	1896	1897	1898	1899
5	Yawn Robert	"	"	"	1898	1899
6	Winder Fred K.	"	"	"	1898	1899
7	Jennings Will.	"	"	"	1898	1899
8	Elroy Walter G.	"	"	"	1898	1899
9	Edwards Philip	"	"	"	~	~
	Horton Alex ^{son}	~	1896	"	~	~
	Edmed Will. Jas.	~	~	"	~	~
	Norwood Chas	~	~	1898	1899	1900
	Reeves John	~	~	1898	1899	1900
	Coast Rob ^t	~	~	"	1898	1899
	Dickeman Alfred	~	~	~	~	1900
	Hemp Ernest	~	~	~	~	1900

Footpath Committee. The whole of the Parish Councillors, who appoint a sub-committee, when occasion may require, to attend to any matter.

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Recreation Ground Committee

No.	Name	When Elected
1	Sayer John Esq.	1895
2	Jennings Will	Jan "
3	Town Robt.	5 th

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Lighting Committee

1	Elvy Walter Geo.	1895	Nov 5
2	Lee Geo.	"	
3	Edwards P.	"	

Trustees of Parochial Charities

1	Moir David	1895	-99
2	Town Robt.	Nov 1 st	1897-1901
	P Edwards	98-97	12 th Nov 1 st 1901-5.

1899-03.
" 1904 to 1908

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Income Tax It was decided to deduct income tax duty from the next cheque for interest on loan

A. Hickman

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held March 18th 1907

Present

The Chairman Mr A Hickman Mr Bigg
Mr Darlington Mr T G Smith Mr Judge Mr Town
Mr Lester & Mr G Ellen & Mr Reeves

Inferior Lights

The minutes of last meeting were passed as corrected
The lighting inspectors reported that they had looked round the strut lamps & they thought the faulty light was due to bad mantles

Moving Street Lamps Etc

Mr Darlington suggested that we should ^{try to} get the railway company to take over the lamp at the station gate & erect another one on the south side of the railway bridge

A letter was read from Dr Hardwick saying that he should like to call the attention of the Parish Council to the dangerous condition of the road on entering Charing on dark nights from the south & approaching the railway bridge he also stated that he feared sooner or later there would be a serious accident due to the absence of a gas lamp

After a lengthy discussion on the subject it was proposed by Mr Bigg & seconded by Mr Darlington that this should be left in the hands of the lighting committee to approach the railway company on the subject

This was carried unanimously

Collection of Assistant Overseer & Clerk

720
Mr Ellen proposed that the bond of the Assistant Overseer should be £200 this was seconded by Mr Bigg & carried unanimously

Mr Darlington stated that he had applied for the post but owing to pressure brought on him by one of the school managers (who he stated was in favour of another candidate) he was compelled to withdraw his application

Applications

The Chairman then read the applications for the post which were from J H Lindridge George V Ellen John Reeves & William Matcham J H Lindridge did not get proposed George V Ellen was proposed by Mr Town & seconded by Mr Ellen John Reeves was proposed by Mr Judge & seconded by Mr Darlington W Matcham did not get proposed

Voting

The Chairman ruled that Mr Reeves was not entitled to vote for himself

It was proposed by Mr Hickman & seconded by Mr Ellen that the voting be done by ballot

Voting papers were then handed round to the members & on being returned to the Chairman & counted there were found to be four ^{for} each

The Chairman at the conclusion of a few remarks gave the casting vote in favour of George V Ellen

Bills

The following bills were passed

Sittatree 4/- 7 3/4 & Plater 5/6 Dennett 4/3
Kingsnorth £2-8-3 Poor rates 3/9-1/- 2/6
£1-15-0 Income Tax 15/- Cornes 15/-
Knight & Co 1/4 & 3/2 Dennett 19/6
Lionste 2/- Clarks bills £13-2-6
Charing Gas Company £22-15-7

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Cheques

Cheques were drawn for Charing Gas Company
J & S Clark & George V Ellen the amounts being
£22-15-7 - £3-2-6 & £4-5-10

Preparing
books for
Audit

The Clerk agreed to prepare the Parish Council
books for the Audit free of charge

Assistant

There voted for Mr Reeves (S Darlington Smith
~~Mr Lester~~ Mr Judge for Mr G Ellen.
There voted for G V Ellen Mr Hickman
Mr Town Mr Bigg & Mr Ellen

A. Hickman

Declaration

Office

Chairman
Pro tem

Chairman
for the
year

Vice Chair

Minutes
&
Voting by
Ballot

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held ~~Mo~~ April 15th 1907

Present Messrs A Hickman G. Ellen
S Darlington & S Lester W R Town
J Reeves C J Bigg & A G Jenkins

The above Gentlemen all signed
declaration accepting office

Mr Ellen proposed that Mr Darlington
should take the chair Pro tem this was
seconded by Mr Hickman & carried

Mr Ellen proposed & Mr Town seconded that
Mr Hickman should be re elected chairman
for ensuing year

There voted for this proposition G Ellen
W R Town A G Jenkins & C J Bigg

Mr Hickman proposed Mr Darlington as
Vice Chairman for the year

This was seconded by Mr Reeves and
carried unanimously

On the minutes of the last meeting
being read it was found that Mr Reeves
objected to passing them as correct on the
ground that the voting was done by ballot
for the appointment of Assistant Overseer

The chairman remarked that it had
always been the custom to vote by ballot for the
appointment of Assistant Overseer & that
when it was proposed & seconded at the previous
meeting to again do the same there was no

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Voting by
ballot
continued

amendment
~~counter proposition~~ & he could not quite understand why Mr Reeves did not object to it then & not leave it till now

Mr Reeves replied that it was time the business was conducted by the rules of the Local Government Acts & not by the stockbreeder & he also read a letter that he had received from Mr Prosser relating to the chairmans ruling at the previous meeting in which Mr Prosser stated that he thought Mr Hickman's ruling was wrong when he ruled that Mr Reeves should not vote for himself for the app post of Assistant Overseer. & he also stated that he had other counsels opinions on the matter but he did not let the meeting know what they were

Mr Hickman said that he also had obtained legal advice on the matter & the advice that he had was that he had ruled according to law & he ^{also} noticed that Mr Prosser stated that he thought his ruling was wrong which showed that he was not certain of it

after a few more breezy remarks it was proposed by Mr Darlington that the clerk should enter the names of the persons who voted & how they voted & then perhaps Mr Reeves would allow the minutes to be passed as correct

The clerk accordingly entered the names of the persons who voted & how they voted & the minutes were then passed

appointment
of
Overseers

Mr Jenkins proposed that Mr Ellen Mr Tester & Mr Town should be re appointed as Overseers for the year this was seconded by Mr Darlington & carried unanimously

Audit
representative

Repairs to
^{Hock} bridge

bills
cheques

Salary
Assistant
Overseer

774
Mr Ellen proposed that Mr Tester be appointed to represent the Parish Council at the Audit of accounts for the year ending March 31st 1907

Mr Ellen stated that the bridge at Hock stile was in a dangerous condition owing to one or two of the boards being decayed

Mr Ellen proposed that Mr Sattree be asked to repair same as early as possible

Mr Reeves seconded & it was carried unanimously

The Clerk produced the following bills
Sharing Gas bo Street Lighting £18 - 0 - 0
" " " Parish Hall Gas 1 - 11 - 3
19 - 11 - 3

Returning Officers charges 11 - 0
Audit Stamp 2 - 0 - 0
£2 - 11 - 0

Cheques for above were drawn

A Warrant of Appointment of George Ellen as Assistant Overseer was signed The Salary being Forty Pounds a year

A. Hickman

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Minutes of Council Meeting May 13th 1907

Present

The chairman Mr Hickman Mr Bigg Mr Lester
Mr Reeves Mr Darlington Mr Dryland Mr Town & Mr Ellen
& Mr Jenkins

Declaration
of Office
Minutes

Mr Dryland signed declaration of Office
The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

Trustee of
Ludwell
Charity
3 years

It was proposed by Mr Ellen & seconded by Mr Dryland that Mr Langley be appointed Trustee of the Ludwell Charity

Mr Darlington proposed that Mr Edwards should be re-elected Trustee. This was seconded by Mr Jenkins & on being put to the meeting there voted for the amendment Mr Reeves Mr Darlington & Mr Jenkins & for Mr Ellens proposition Mr Hickman Mr Bigg Mr Lester Mr Town Mr Dryland & Mr Ellen
The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Langley the Rev Penfold & Mr Edwards informing them of the result of the meeting

Flushing
Water
Clossets

After a lengthy discussion on this subject Mr Reeves proposed & Mr Ellen seconded that the caretaker be offered 5/- per annum to keep the W.C. flushed out by means of pail & water
This proposition was carried unanimously

A. Hickman

A. Hickman

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Minutes of Meeting Held
August 19th 1907

Present

Mr A Hickman Chairman Mr Dryland
Mr Ellen Mr Jenkins & Mr Darlington

The Minutes of last meeting were passed as read

Insurance
of Servants

Mr Ellen proposed that caretaker should be insured against accidents, Mr Jenkins seconded & it was carried unanimously
The Clerk was instructed to insure the above at once

The matter of insuring Assistant Overseer was left over to the next meeting

Mr Jenkins proposed that the Clerk should write to Gas Company asking their terms for lighting Charing Street for the coming winter Mr Ellen seconded & it was carried unanimously It was left in the hands of the chairman to decide whether the company's terms should be accepted, or not, when they replied to clerks letter

Mr Darlington reported that he had written to the Railway Company with regard to the moving of the Lamp from the Station gate & their only reply as yet was "They would consider the matter"

The Clerk was instructed to find out if all the Bridle & Footpaths in the Parish were open to the public

Mr Hickman proposed & Mr Darlington seconded that the blinds & fittings that were required for the Hall should be obtained

Street
Lighting

Samps

Footpaths

Blinds

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Hall Cleaning	from Messrs Evenden & Cornes This was carried unanimously	
Recreation Ground	It was left with the Clerk to see Mr Dennett & find out what his lowest price would be for thoroughly cleaning the Hall & windows	
Bills	Mr Dryland reported that the Recreation Ground at Charing Heath was unfit for children to play in owing to the tenant not having had the thistly spudded	
	The Clerk was instructed to write the Tenant Mr Howland a rather strong letter on the matter as this was not the first time he had let it get in this state	
	The following bills were ordered to be paid	
	Evenden & Cornes 4/- S Naines 3/- 7" 11 Sidwell 2/6 Charing Gas Co 9/8 12. 2 Mr Dennett 4/- Edmed £2. 2. 4 2.. 13 " 4 <hr/> £3 " 13 " 5	
Present	Loan & Interest on Hall 7" 5" 3	
Insurance of Servants	Cheques for the above amounts were drawn	
	A. Hickman	
	Parish Council Meeting held Monday Oct 7 th 1907 Mr A Hickman (Chairman) Messrs A Jenkins G Ellen & T Bigg & C Lester W R Town & Dryland & Darlington & Reeves & the Clerk	
	The Clerk reported that he had insured the caretaker the Premium being 2/6 per annum & the cost of insuring Ass't Overseer would be 7/6 per annum. Mr Dryland proposed	
Street Lighting	that the Ass't Overseer should be insured against accidents at the cost mentioned by the Clerk	
Erection of New Lamp	This was seconded by Mr Bigg & carried unanimously	
Insurance of Firemen	Mr Ellen proposed that Mr Ball's tender for this for three years be accepted Mr Lester sec & it was carried	
Repairs to fire Engine House	Mr Lester proposed that this be left over to next winter. This was sec by Mr Jenkins & carried unanimously	
Receipt	The Clerk was instructed to write Dr Hardwick informing him of the Council's decision in this matter	
Bills	Mr Reeves proposed that the Firemen be insured against accidents in the Kent Fire Office at the price of £3 per annum as submitted by them. This was sec by Mr Ellen & carried unanimously	
New Hose for Fire Engine	Mr Ellen proposed that the Lighting Committee should ascertain the cost of repairing this & if it was reasonable to accept same. This was sec by Mr Bigg & carried unanimously A Receipt of £25 for Parish Council Expenses was signed	
Singing classes	Cheques were signed in payment of the following Thompson 6.0 Firemen's practices 1" 11" 0 April rates 15.0 Repairs to Engine 1" 4" 5 Insurance of caretaker 2" 6 Attending Fire 13" 4" 3 Mr Dennett 15.6 Insurance of Firemen 3.. 0.. 0 <hr/> 1" 19 " 0 18" 19" 8	
	Mr Ellen proposed that the Lighting Committee should obtain the necessary Hose for Engine. Mr Bigg sec & it was carried unanimously Mr Lester proposed that the charge for this should be 3/6 Mr Darlington sec & it was carried unanimously A. Hickman	

Present

Meeting held Jan 6th 1907
 Mr Hickman (Chairman) Mr Reeves
 Mr Jenkins Mr Ellen Mr Lester Mr Biggs
 & The Clerk

Minutes
clerk's report

The minutes of last meeting were passed as correct
 The clerk produced book of receipts & deposits
 which were checked with the bank pass book
 & found correct

Estimat

of repairs
to Fire Engine
House

Mr Reeves reported that he had seen
 Mr Chatree with regard to this & he had
 given an estimate for same which amounted
 to £3 6" 0 & which estimate the Lighting
 Committee had accepted & the work of
 repairs were now nearly done

revision of
Engine
Charges

Mr Ellen proposed that the clerk should
 scale of fire write to the Fire Brigades near &
 ascertain their scale of charges

Mr Jenkins sec & it was carried unanimously
 Mr Darlington wrote saying that owing
 to illness he should not be able to attend
 & also that he hoped the Parish Council
 would oppose any proposal to devote it to
 religious instruction, as he thought we had
 enough wrangling about the religious difficulty
 in the county without introducing it into
 our own Parish

One of the Trustees of this charity Mr G
 Langley sent in a report of what he had
 done in this matter which report will
 be found in full in the new minute book

Mr Ellen proposed that if possible this
 should go towards the relief of the Education
 rates in this Parish, or otherwise, to be
 given to the old & Poor Housekeepers in

the Parish, the same as another part
 of Ludwell Charity is devoted viz.

Mr Lester sec & it was carried
 unanimously

Mr Lester Mr Reeves mentioned that
 by Mr Edmonds bill he found we were being
 charged 6 each for mantles which he
 thought could be supplied at 4½

Mr Lester proposed that the clerk
 should see Mr Edmed & see if he would
 supply same at 4½ per dozen
 This was see by Mr Ellen & carried unani
 The Clerk was instructed to get a new
 minute book

Mr ~~Langley~~
 proposed that Miss Langley
 be charged 6^{each time} for use of small room for
 Bible classes Mr Hickman sec &
 it was carried unanimously

There being 2 forms in the Hall broken
 the clerk was instructed to have them
 repaired

The clerk was instructed to obtain
 this license at the expiration of present one
 The clerk reported that he required
 some Parish Meeting Notices, Agenda
 Forms &

Mr Hickman proposed that the
 clerk should get 500 of each from Mr Hale
 Mr Ellen sec & it was carried unani

Bills

Hatsback
Mantles

Minute
Book
Bible Class

Forms

Dramatic
License

Printing

The following bills were ordered to
 be paid & cheques were signed in
 payment thereof

List of Furniture &c

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Gas Meter and fittings

12 Windsor Chairs 7¹/₂ Rush Chairs 4 Benches
4¹/₂ Forms, Four Tables, 1 Tortoise Stove,

Admission Tickets 42 Rack Seats 68 Sec Seats 44 Reserve Seats

113

79

36

48

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folios Minus Be

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Drum's at 2/-

100 Whymans

119 Wall's

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CHARING

Coronation

In account with the

CHARING PARISH COUNCIL.

	Sweets	5/-
250 Children at 6d	6	3/-
50 Adults @ 6d	1	5/-
273 Milk Pails at 2/-	27	6/-
Oranges	1	5/-
Refreshment Tickets	1	15 3
(Flaggs 500) Bonfire Expenses	5	16 6
 Printing & Other Expenses	 2	 13 7

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