

Items of interest taken from the Hathern Parish Minutes during the period 1894 - 1908, by A.M. Swift.

The first Parish Meeting was held December 4th. 1894 in the Charity School Room and fifteen gentlemen were nominated to take part in the poll held on 15th. December, 1894 and the following Parish Councillors were elected - Thomas Alcock, John Bramley, Frederick Fuller, Silas Groves, James Mitchell, William Watts the younger, William Fuller and at the first meeting of the Council held December 31st. 1894, Mr. Fredrick Fuller was elected Chairman, Mr. James Mitchell - Vice Chairman, Mr. T. Alcock - Honorary Clerk and Mr. William Fuller as Treasurer.

It was agreed at this meeting to call a Parish Meeting on 15th. January, 1895 to discuss a communication stating that no further interments would be allowed in the church yard after 31st. April.

January 14th. 1895. Proposed that the Chairman and Clerk interview the District Councillor on the subject of new burial ground and working of the stone quarry. Proposed that the following gentlemen be appointed by the Council as Trustees on the Hathern Charity Estate - Messrs. F. Fuller, James Mitchell, Silas Groves. The following be appointed as Trustees of Bradfords Charity - Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Alcock. The Clerk to make a call upon the Overseers for details of liabilities to help in calculating the next rate.

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January 15th. To adopt 'The Burials Act.' The Chairman said it was nearly a year since a Government Inspector (Dr. Hoffman) came down by the invitation of the Rector, decided to recommend the closing of the Parish yard as a burial ground on 30th. April next. A committee was then appointed who did their best to secure land for a new burial ground but without success. They then decided that nothing more could be done until the Government Act of '94 came into force. The Chairman proposed the following resolution - 'That this meeting hereby adopts the adoptive act viz. (The Burials Act) 1852-1885' and authorises the Parish Council to take such steps as they may deem desirable to carry into effect the purchase and management of the new burial ground. Seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Carried unanimously.

28th. January, 1895. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to request the Chairman to interview the Bank Manager (Parrs) with a view to being Treasurer of the Parish. The Chairman stated that he and the Clerk had met the Executors of the late Rev. B.R. Boyer and his Solicitors relative to a Croft or Pingle owned by him and thought by the Council and also at a Parish Meeting strongly recommended as the most suitable site for a cemetery. The Clerk reported that he had two interviews with the Rector and the following documents were handed over to the Parish - (1) The Parish Award Map with number of deeds relating thereto enclosed in a tin case. (2) The original receipt of the amount paid for the purchase of quarry in Charnwood Forest to be used as a Stone Quarry, also abstracts of minutes out of Parish Vestry Minute Book relating to same from March 22nd. '57 - January 7th. '75. (3) Deeds relating to Hathern Charity Estate donar unknown earliest date January 21st. 1653. Income for 1894 as per balance sheet £85.17s.0d. The deed says that the Estate shall forever be disposed and employed for the common profit and good of all the parishoners and inhabitants of the said Parish and town of Hathern according to the charitable intent and meaning of the first givers. From the balance sheet of '94 it appeared that no-one had received any benefit from the Estate during the year but the Day School of the Parish to the amount of £36.1s.0d. although they have a balance in hand of £39.9s.1d. (4) Writings and letters relating to a charge of £1.6s.8d. made by one Ralph Pratt dated 1612 upon a piece of land in Bermondsey and same to be paid annually to the Rector and Churchwardens for the

benefit of the poor of Hathern. (5) The memorandum relating to a bequest of £300. made by Phoebe Elizabeth Bradford. The annual income from same to be expended in the purchase of coal and clothing which shall be distributed annually by the Rector and Churchwardens for the time being at Christmas among such poor widows of the Parish as they in their judgement shall deem most deserving. (6) Papers relating to two charities as follows - Richard Allsop £10. 0s.0d. Richard Benskin £15.0s.0d. invested 3% annuities.

Resolved that the next meeting of the Council be held on first Thursday in the month instead of the first Monday and that notice be given by the Town Cryer of the alteration.

February 1st. 1895. The Chairman reported that he had seen Mr. Kirk relative to the Treasurership and promised a report. The Council thought it would be advantageous to have a Bank Manager for the post. Mr. William Fuller the appointed Treasurer said he had no desire to hold the position if it was to their advantage to make another appointment. Mr. Kirk, Bank Manager of Parrs Bank, was then appointed.

February 7th. 1895. At the Charity School Room. Proposed the Chairman and Clerk to make enquiries into the trade of the village with a view to trying to induce a gentleman or company to come with some industry of some kind to find employment for surplus labour both male and female. The Clerk reported about 20 applicants for allotments or smallholdings and required between 30 and 40 acres. The Council heartily support District Councillor Harriman in his application for another seat on the District Council for the Parish of Hathern.

February 12th. 1895. The Clerk read letters from Messrs. Woolley, German, Jackson and Boyer relative to the new burial ground. Proposed by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. W. Watts that an offer of £150.0s.0d. be made to the Trustees of the late B.W. Boyer for 1 acre of ground on the Stints. This amount to include right of road thereto, also privilege of draining across the farm to the common issue dyke and all other charges to be included in the offer.

March 4th. 1895. The Chairman said that he had talked the matter of trade over with employers of labour and some good might be the outcome. Proposed that the Clerk write to Messrs. Cooper, Corah & Co. of Leicester asking if the Council could help them in any way towards introducing a branch in Hathern. The report on the allotments. It was reported that the Chairman and Clerk had seen Mr. German (De Lisle Steward) and also Mr. Withers and no arrangements as yet had been made. Councillor Bramley expressed a hope that if we took up land we should be able to do so at an ordinary rent, as he was sure the applications were not prepared to give fancy rents. The Chairman reported that after a great deal of trouble he had succeeded in arranging for the purchase of 1 acre of ground from the Trustees of the late Rev. Boyer for the sum of £165.0s.0d. for the new Cemetery. It was proposed by Mr. W. Fuller that Mr. Wilfred Moss - Solicitor, Loughborough act as Solicitor on behalf of the Council in preparing the conveyance of the new burial ground. It was proposed that Messrs. Jebez, Ratcliffe, William Aldridge, George Brown, John Bramley, to be chosen as Parish Constables.

March 7th. 1895. Committee inspected the drains at the top of Narrow Lane and the Clerk was instructed to report as follows - They considered the grates are not large enough they should be twice the size and brick pit formed for the reception of silt that had accumulated, this should be sufficiently large to prevent any getting into the drains and occasionally cleared out. The drain to be examined towards the top of Narrow Lane and cleared if necessary. All other drains are good.

Application to be made to the Home Office for an extension of the time beyond 31st. April to 31st. July for use of the Churchyard as a burial ground.

April 1st. 1895. Letters were read from Messrs. German and Alderman Manning in answer to applications for allotment land. The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had seen Alderman Manning by appointment and they had arranged to take about 25 acres from Alderman Manning and enter upon same next March. The ~~Way~~ Way Warden (F.Fuller) handed over to the Overseers £9.18s.1½d. being the amount realised by Lane Gardens and Town Field after paying expenses. He also handed over the Way Wardens book to the Clerk of the Parish Council. Proposed that Mr. Alcock be appointed to act as Trustee for small charities, i.e. Pratt's charity, Bradford's charity, Allsop's and Benskin's charity. Meeting to be called for Thursday at 8 o'clock in the Charity School for the purpose of re-letting the Town Close, Lane Gardens and Lanes and it was proposed that the Chairman and Clerk inspect the Town Field fences before the Thursday meeting and the Clerk to enquire if the Council have the legal powers to let the grass on the village lanes. Mr. George Davenport attended the Council Meeting and informed the Council that he was the custodian of certain morning or funeral vestments, i.e. 1 pall and 13 hatbands belonging to the Parish and he was prepared to give up same to the Council. It was proposed the Council take charge of these for the use of the Parish.

Committee Meeting April 3rd. 1895. To select six names as assessors of taxes. The following gentlemen were unanimously chosen - Mr. William Fuller, Mr. John Moulton, Mr. Fred Roper, Mr. E. Sibson, Mr. George Barker and Mr. J.E. Collington.

April 4th. 1895. Convened by the Town Cryer for the purpose of re-letting Town Close and Gardens. The highest offer for the Town Close was £6.10s.0d. by Mr. John Brookes who was informed that the hedges would be put in repair and he would be expected to leave them in as good a condition at the end of the year.

April 10th. 1895. Proposed that Mr. George Barrowcliffe be appointed Architect for the new burial ground.

Annual Council Meeting April 18th. 1895. It was reported that Dr. Hoffmann, Government Inspector for Burial Grounds, has viewed the land on the Stints chosen for the Cemetery on Saturday April 6th. He complimented the Council on their choice and said he would recommend same to the Home Secretary and would write to us during the following week. The Chairman reported that he had seen County Councillor Husbands about loan of money for payment of the new Cemetery. The following were appointed as Overseers for the coming year - Mr. Silas Groves, Mr. D. Alcock, Mr. Simkins (Assistant Overseer).

April 22nd. 1895. Proposed that Mr. German try and arrange compensation; with Mr. Sharpe (owner of land adjacent to the new Cemetery).

May 1st. 1895. Mr. Bramley be appointed to collect toll from persons occupying Village Green with stalls, swings or other vehicles.

May 24th. 1895. Messrs. Coltman be asked to tender for iron fencing. Mr. German to try if possible to procure a settlement with Mr. Sharpe for damage and giving up possession of the Cemetery field. The Clerk reported receiving a letter from the Home Secretary approving the ground chosen for the Cemetery.

May 29th. 1895. Proposed that the deeds relating to the Charity Estate now in the possession of the Clerk be handed over to the Clerk of the Charity Estate and also the papers relating to Phoebe Elizabeth Bradford's charity be handed over to the Rector. Proposed that £500.0s.0d. be the sum fixed upon to bring before the Parish meeting on May 3rd. to cover expenses of the new burial ground and that the County Council be asked their terms for procuring same. That the tender of Messrs. Gibbs Brothers be accepted for the supply of drain pipes.

May 30th. 1895. Strong protest was made against £22.18s.0d. the amount fixed by the valuer to be paid to Mr. Sharpe as compensation.

June 13th. 1895. An application from the Hathern Prize Band for the use of Round Bank on the evening of Sunday July 14th. cannot be entertained owing to a previous application from the old Prize Band for the same time and place. Mr. F. Fuller gave notice of bringing forward at the next meeting a motion to bring about a more satisfactory scheme for the use of the Round Bank for the two bands for concerts. Clerk to write to Mr. Johnson Ferguson M.P. asking him if he will use his influence with the President of the Board urging them to expedite our Cemetery business as our time is so very short. Proposed by Mr. J. Mitchell that as the owner of property opposite the Rev. J.G. Lawrence's has sent a letter complaining about overhanging trees darkening the houses and keeping same damp, That the Clerk write to the Reverend gentleman informing him of same urging his earliest attention and remedy. The Clerk to apply to the Home Secretary for an extension of time for at least four months owing to the preliminary arrangements taking up so much time. The Clerk to be instructed to write to Mr. Adams, Agent for Christ College, calling his attention to the very unsafe state of the old house in Dovecote Street and urge his immediate attention to same. The Clerk to reply to an advertisement enquiring for opening of a shoe factory.

July 1st. 1895. Letter received from the Rev. J.G. Lawrence saying he would be quite willing to meet the wishes of Mr. Price by lopping overhanging branches and the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Price of same. Proposed by Mr. F. Fuller saying it was impossible to give satisfaction to either of the bands or to the Parish Council by letting the Round Bank to them in the matter as before of first come first served are proposed the the Prize Band have the choice of Bank Holiday this year and in 1896 the Old Prize Band have the choice of Whitsuntide and August 1st. Bank Holiday and that the Prize Band have their choice at the Wake and in 1897 the Prize Band have the choice of Whitsuntide and August Bank Holiday and the Old Prize Band at the Wake and so change every year alternately giving each an equal share of choice. The District Council will be asked to try and arrange for asphalt in certain footpaths in the village and that the Chairman and Clerk interview Mr. Harriman respecting same. That the tender of Mr. George Moore for iron fencing for the new burial ground be accepted.

August 19th. 1895. The Clerk make out precept to Overseers for £15.0s.0d. The Council try and arrange for a Parish Meeting to take into consideration the desirability of altering the time for holding the Wake.

September 11th. 1895. Clerk to apply for an extension of time for the opening of Cemetery to March 25th. next. Mr. William Fuller being invited to collect Garden Field and Quarry rents. The sum of £4.0s.0d. to be allowed to Mr. H. Simkin for collecting the Cemetery rate.

October 21st. 1895. Chairman and the Clerk reported on the interview with District Councillor Harriman to urge him to bring before the Council the necessity of repairing the Hathern footpaths, also a conversation respecting the Parish Stone Quarry. Proposed that the opening of the

Stone Quarry be postponed for the present but that some legal information be obtained respecting the powers of the Council in the matter. Proposed that a Parish Meeting be called for sanction to try and get the Hathern Wake altered to Bank Holiday instead of a week or two before that time, as at present. Proposed that the Town Cross be pointed up when necessary and that Mr. Bramley of Kegworth to be instructed to do the work.

October 25th, 1895. Proposed that the Council apply to the Prudential Association for loan of £500.0s.0d. for Cemetery expenses. Rate of interest 3½% repayable in 30 years and the Clerk be instructed to fill in necessary forms for same. Proposed that the Chairman and Clerk wait upon the Rev. J.G. Lawrence asking for his co-operation in trying for an extension of time for closing the Churchyard as a burial ground.

November 5th, 1895. The Clerk read a letter from the Home Secretary saying that they would be grant a short extension of churchyard as a burial ground providing they could be assured we were doing out utmost to get the new ground ready.

November 8th, 1895. Clerk was instructed to answer a letter from Mr. Sharpe asking the kind of fence we proposed for the North and West sides of; the new cemetery. Proposed that Mr. George Moore's price for iron fencing gates etc. to be accepted viz. £68.3s.8d. Proposed that Messrs. Gibbs Bros. price for drainpipes amounting to £28.9s.3d. be accepted. The tenders for works connected with drainage, roads etc. as per plans and specification as prepared by Mr. G.H. Barrowcliffe, Surveyor, were opened. Before opening it was proposed that the lowest tender be accepted. The tenders were as follows - Messrs. T. Barker, Loughborough £185.0s.0d.
Messrs. Moss & Son, Loughborough, £173.10s.0d.
Mr. S. Mackley, Hathern £173. 3s.7d.
Mr. A. Fawkes, Loughborough £159. 0s.0d.
Mr. George Bramley, Kegworth £112.10s.0d.

Mr. Bramley's tender was accepted.

November 18th, 1895. Proposed that under the advice of the Architect, main drain from cemetery be carried on the bottom side of the pond in Mr. Sharpe's field. Mr. Sharpe asked about compensation if the top water in the hole near the north corner of Cemetery land was taken. He stated at the same time that the same was usually dry in the summer time and it was dry from 23rd. October '94 to the following April and from April to the present date there was no water in it. The Clerk presented the Indentor of Lease of 25 acres of land taken from Alderman Manning to be used as allotments.

November 29th, 1895. Clerk read the following letter received from the Rector -

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform the Parish Council of Hathern that the Bishop is prepared to follow the precedent set at Barrow-on-Soar re consecration of the new burial ground.

Signed - J. Glenn Lawrence.

Proposed the Clerk instruct the Surveyor to prepare a plan of the burial ground showing consecrated and unconsecrated portions and the same to be forwarded to the Secretary of State for approval. Proposed that the south east division of burial ground as far as the road be offered to the church for consecration in accordance with the letter received from the Rev. J.G. Lawrence, Rector of Hathern.

December 3rd. 1895. To consider the scale of charges for the new burial ground. Proposed that 1/4th. of each side of the ground nearest the south west by called Class 'A' upon which the following charges shall be made ~~for~~ for the purchase of a grave 9'x4' and to have exclusive right of burial in perpetuity 2 guineas.

For every interment hereon of any person over 10 years of age 10/6d.

For every interment hereon of any person under 10 years of age 5/0d.

For every interment hereon of a stillborn child 2/6d.

For a monument or tomb enclosed with pallisades 1 guinea.

For erecting a headstone 10/6d.

The 3/4ths. of each division be called class 'B' subject to the following charges -

For selection of an ordinary gravespace 9'x4' 5/0d.

Interment of any person over 10 years of age 2/0d.

Interment of any person under 10 years of age 1/0d.

Interment of a stillborn child 1/0d.

For erecting a headstone 5/0d.

Double fees in both classes for non-parishoners.

X December 9th. 1895. The Chairman, Mr. Silas Groves and Mr. James Mitchell to execute on behalf of the Parish Council the deed of mortgage to secure £500.0s.0d. advance by the Prudential Assurance Co. to the Council upon security of the poor rate of the Parish repayable with interest at the rate of 3½% per annum in 30 equal yearly instalments.

December 17th. 1895. Mr. W. Fuller and Mr. J. Bramley reported interview with Mr. Cumberland, keeper of the Loughborough Cemetery relative to the planting of the Fathern Cemetery he recommended procuring same from Barron's Nursery, Borrowash.

Mr. T. Allcock reported seeing the Charnwood Stone Company respecting stone required for the new Cemetery.

13th. January 1896. Proposed to execute the deed of arrangement as to the burial fees made between the Council of the first part, the Bishop of Peterborough of the second part, the Reverends Joseph Glenn La~~nce~~nce of the third part and Edward Grove of the fourth part.

The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary of State extending the time for burials in the churchyard to 31st. January.

The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary to the Bishop of Peterborough saying that he would fix a time for consecration when all the preliminaries were ready.

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Proposed by Mr. W. Fuller that a charge of 3d. per load be made to any parishoner for stone from our own quarry.

The question of opening the unconsecrated portion of the new Cemetery was next considered and it was proposed that the following reverend gentlemen be invited to attend and take part in same.

S.P. Carey - Baptist, J. Sedan - United Free Church, S.J. Burrell - Wesleyan, B.G. Archers - Congregational, J.T. Ecob - Primitive Methodist.

Committee Meeting held on the new burial ground at 9.30 a.m. January 16th.

Proposed that the Town Cryer be sent round asking for applications for the post of Sexton to the new cemetery.

Committee discussed the boundary fence adjoining Miss Sharpe's property and proposed that in case a gate could not be procured from the contractor, the Council provide Miss Sharpe with a new one and post in settlement of supposed difference relative to the boundary.

January 23rd. 1896. It is reported by Messrs. Groves and Bramley that they had been over to the quarry and made arrangements for procuring more stone for repairing the road leading to the cemetery and agreed for carting of same at 1/8d. per ton.

Reported that Mr. Jabez Ratcliffe and Mr. Thomas Cobley applied for the post of Sexton to the new Cemetery. Proposed by S. Groves, Seconded by W. Watts and carried unanimously that Mr. Jabez Ratcliffe receive the appointment.

February 7th. 1896. Proposed that the unconsecrated portion of the cemetery be dedicated by a public service on Wednesday February 12th. 1896 and that the Ministers previously named be invited, also the Rev. Hanford. Also proposed that a cheap tea be provided on the occasion.

February 10th. 1896. The clerk read a letter saying the Bishop would come to perform the consecration service on 26th. March at 11.30 a.m. on the church portion of the new cemetery.

Dedication of the non-conformist portion of the new cemetery. Present The Rev. S.P. Carey, M.A. Baptist Minister, R. Hanford, Baptist, B.G. Archer, Congregational, J.T. Ecob, Primitive Methodist, J. Sedan United Methodist Free Church.

Four hymns were sung (1) 'Brightly Gleams our Banner', (2) 'Jesus Lover of My Soul', (3) 'Rock of Ages Cleft for Me' (4) 'Forward be our Watchword.'

The addresses were delivered by the Chairman of the Parish Council Mr. F. Fuller and the Rev. S. B. Carey. The service was very largely attended by the parishoners of Hathern.

The committee of the Co-Operative Society kindly lent their hall and crockery etc. free of charge for a public tea, which was held after the service.

After tea very excellent addresses were delivered by the Rev. Ecob, Archer, Sedan and Carey.

February 12th. 1896. The Clerk read a letter from Miss Sharpe asking for an oak gate and post or 23/-d. in lieu.

Proposed by Mr. J. Mitchell that an offer by made of 20/-d.

The following were chosen as constables - Mr. Jabez Ratcliffe, Mr. George Brown, Mr. George Barker, Mr. William Orme .

February 21st. 1896. The attention of the meeting was called to the fact that two of the persons appointed as constables were not rated high enough. It was proposed that Mr. George Carrington be appointed in place of Mr. Orme and that Mr. William Pollard be appointed in place of Mr. George Barker.

March 30th. 1896. The question of rent and division of grassfield was talked over, after which it was proposed that the rent be fixed at £15.0s.0d. for the whole field and buildings. The Council reserving rights of way at all times through same for various tenants of the allotments.

Proposed that no travelling van be allowed to occupy The Green without an order from the Clerk.

April 7th. 1896. The Clerk reported and presented a letter from the Secretary of State with an enclosure of a letter addressed to the Secretary of State by the Rev. J.G. Lawrence praying the Secretary of State to order the Council to alter their plan of position of graves so that those on the consecrated portion should have their feet towards the east.

Application from Mr. Albert Crowson of Shepshed to lease the quarry-field was accepted at an annual rental of £1.7s.6d. paid half yearly.

Proposed that Mr. Simpkins bill of 12/-d. for fire and lights in the Charity School for Council meetings be paid.

Proposed that a Parish meeting be called for the purpose of re-letting townfield and lanes and also to consider the advisability of altering the date of the Wake to Bank Holiday.

First Meeting of the new Council, held in the Charity School Room at 6.30, Monday April 20th. 1896. Mr. F. Fuller appointed Chairman, Mr. James Mitchell, Vice Chairman.

Overseers appointed were Mr. Silas Groves and Mr. William Sharpe, farmer.

Mr. James Brookes being the highest bidder for the Town Close the Council agreed to let it for a term of 3 years at a rent of £5.0s.0d. per year on condition that he graze the field this year and also in 1898, i.e. graze two years and mow one year.

Mr. Brookes offer of 5/-d. for grazing in Pasture Lane for one year was accepted agreeing to use the lanes if he chose from sunrise to sunset.

April 23rd. 1896. Proposed that Mr. Henry Simpkin be appointed Assistant Overseer.

Proposed that the Clerk be requested to answer a scurrilous leader in the 'Monitor' complaining of the action of the Council re. 'Feet to the East.'

The Clerk reported that he had received an offer from Mr. Frank Pollard of 5/-d. for Shepshed and Long Whatton Lanes.

May 11th. 1896. The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary of State containing a copy of letter sent to him by the Rev. J.G. Lawrence complaining of the Council not complying with the wishes of the church and allow the feet to face the East when buried. A discussion followed after which the following resolution was proposed - 'That the letter received on 6th. May from the Secretary of State containing a letter addressed to him by the Rev. J.G. Lawrence respecting "Feet to the East". After carefully considering this letter, we find it very inaccurate and misleading. We still hold to our letter of 7th. April addressed to the Secretary of State on the subject stating (1) No application has been made to the Burial Board either from the Rector or any parishoner on the subject. (2) Our Surveyor thinks the other way best. (3) Graves in other churchyards including Hathern do not observe the orientation exclusively. (4) A plan submitted to the Secretary of State and the Bishop of Peterborough both showing the position of the graves was accepted and approved.'

June 8th. 1896. Mr. Jabez Ratcliffe had informed the Clerk that he would be obliged to resign owing to ill health.

Proposed that same be accepted and the Town Cryer be sent round asking for applicants.

Proposed that tenders be invited for the cemetery grass. The same to be carried away and not grazed on the ground.

June 15th. 1896. Mr. Pollard's offer of 20/-d. for the grass on the new cemetery be accepted.

That Mr. T. Berrington's application for the post of Sexton to the new cemetery be accepted.

Proposed that the Clerk write to Mr. W. Adams, the Gamekeeper, Mr. Walker respecting the trespassing on the allotment land.

Proposed Mr. Bramley be appointed to take toll and charges to any wagons or stalls that may like to remain on the village green and that the lowest charge for same be 6d. per wagon or cart or stall per night and that extra be charged if they open their establishment whatever it may be for trade or profit.

June 22nd. 1896. The Clerk reported that he had received no reply from the Rev. J.G. Lawrence to a letter respecting trustees appointed to act in conjunction with the Rector on small charities. Proposed that the Clerk inform the charity commissioners and ask their advice thereon.

The Solicitor, Mr. Wilfred Moss, said the Clerk to the Bishop would be glad for a remittance of his charges of 13 guineas for conecration.

Application was made from the Prize Band for the use of the bank on 30th. August for Sacred Concert for the benefit of Loughborough Infirmary.

October 26th. 1896. A letter was read from Mr. Simpkins suggesting ~~xxxx~~ the desirability of providing a recreation ground.

November 18th. 1896. The Clerk read a copy of a letter sent to the Charity Commissioners respecting distribution of small charities proposed and the Clerk called the attention of the Rector to the Government Act of '94 section 4 which provides for a statement of charity accounts to be laid before the Council and request him to forward same.

January 11th. 1897. Mr. Fuller reported that he had been twice to the Rector to pay the burial fees and had also left a message for the Rector to call at his house for same but he had not done so.

February 19th. 1897. Proposed that a Parish meeting be called for the purpose of considering the question of landlords paying the rates of small tenants.

The Clerk to be authorised to procure 4 loads of rammel for the purpose of repairing the round bank. The same to be placed in the worst parts and covered with engine ashes.

Proposed that in connection with the Queen's longest reign celebration the Clerk furnished the Hon. Sec. of the joint committee with names of landowners with a view to begging 3 or 4 acres for a playground.

The following were elected to serve as Parish Constables - Mr. George Carrington - Sawyer, Mr. Jabez Ratcliffe - Framework Knitter, Mr. William Pollard - Labourer, Mr. James Oxby - Farmer.

February 25th. 1897. Meeting composed of property owners and tenants both objecting to any alteration and passed a resolution requesting the Council to let the matters remain as at present is for the tenants to pay the rates and this was carried by a large majority.

Annual Parish Meeting held March 18th. 1897. C'td.....

Annual Parish Meeting held March 18th. 1897 in the Charity School Room for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Parish Council for the ensuing year. The Chair was taken by Mr. James Mitchell who called for nomination papers to be handed in. Only 7 papers were handed to the Chairman. Therefore, the following would constitute the Council - Thomas Alcock, John Bramley, Fred Fuller, William Fuller, James Mitchell, William Randon, Samuel Smith.

March 22nd. 1897. The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary of the Conservative Association requesting the Council to call a Parish meeting to consider the question of celebrating the Queen's longest reign. The Chairman agreed to take the calling of a meeting in hand as early as possible.

Assessors of Taxes. Proposed that Mr. J. Bowley be again nominated as collector of taxes. Mr. Bramley proposed an amendment and Mr. Mitchell seconded that Mr. J. Bowley's name be kept off the list ~~of~~ altogether. Three members voted for the amendment and two against. The Chairman declining to vote. Proposed and seconded that the following gentlemen be nominated - James Tollington, Arthur Burrowes, Arthur Haig, Fred Roper, George Barker, William Fuller.

Overseers. Proposed that Mr. James Monk, Mr. William Sharp serve as Overseers for the coming year. Proposed that Mr. Samuel Hunt and Mr. J. Bramley be appointed in the place of Churchwardens.

Certain complaints having been made respecting the Sexton. Mr. Fuller proposed and Mr. Hardy seconded that the Sexton be requested to meet the Council at their next meeting.

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Mr. Hardy paid over/the Clerk £9.10s.0d. on account of allotment rents collected by him.

Meeting held at Mr. Fuller's factory March 25th. 1897. Mr. Berrington, the Sexton, was interviewed respecting certain complaints which he promised to remedy. Proposed that the Sexton be paid 2/-d. for clearing snow on two occasions.

Proposed that the resolution respecting leaving of Mr. J. Bramley from the list of Assessors of Taxes be rescinded and that his name be placed at the head of the list. This was carried by four votes to three.

May 19th. 1897. Clerk read a letter from Mr. A. Haig asking the Council to receive a deputation from representatives of the church to consult with them the position of the graves in a consecrated portion of the cemetery and the Council agreed to receive a deputation.

Proposed that Mr. J. Bramley be appointed Manager and toll taker of the Round Bank.

Proposed that Mr. J. Monk be appointed to assist the Clerk in the management of the allotment ground and cemetery and receive such remuneration for same as may be agreed upon by the Council at the end of the year.

June 13th. 1897. Proposed that the half years rent of £30.00. (less £4.9s.0d. for income tax and new gates and fence) be paid to Alderman Manning.

Messrs. H. Simpkin and A Swift waited upon the Council by appointment to express their desire and also the wish of others that the position of the graves be altered on the consecrated portion of the cemetery. The Council promised to give the matter their careful consideration.

September 6th. 1897. In answer to a deputation asking the Council to allow the position of graves to be altered in the consecrated part of the cemetery, it was proposed that having fully considered the whole question of altering the position of the graves on the consecrated portion of the cemetery, the Council do not see their way to do so. Carried unanimously.

Proposed that the Sexton (Mr. Berrington) is to be invited to meet the Council to answer a complaint made against him respecting his duties.

As certain complaints have been made respecting the state of the foot-paths in the village, it was proposed that the Clerk write to the Chairman of the District Council calling their attention to same.

Proposed that a precept be made upon the Overseers for the payment of £30.0s.0d. to the Treasurer on or before 29th. instant to meet the cemetery loan and other expenses.

September 11th. 1897. Business to consider certain complaints against the Sexton. Proposed that certain complaints had been made against the way the Sexton performed his duties and as he had failed to attend a meeting of the Council when requested to do so, the Council herewith inform him that on and after September 18th. 1897 his services will not be required as Sexton.

Proposed that an advertisement be placed in two shop windows in the village for a new Sexton.

September 16th. 1897. Meeting was called ~~xxx~~ to meet a Mr. A.J. Baker from the County Council who was desirous to ascertain the local feeling respecting establishing a scheme for the variation of the subsisting scheme regulating the Hathern Charity Estate. Mr. Baker was asked to give a lecture on the subject which he promised to do on the following Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

October 1st. 1897. Mr. Jabez Ratcliffe was requested to meet the committee to confer relative to the post of Sexton. After a long consideration it was agreed to appoint Mr. Ratcliffe and the exact terms to be decided at a future meeting.

Proposed that Mr. Lamas be asked to measure the middle field in the allotment ground and divide the same according to instructions given to him.

December 15th. 1897. Attention was called to the cart road leading from the main street to the cemetery. The cemetery committee were instructed to inspect same and if necessary procure a few loads of granite to repair.

Proposed that the Sexton be paid at the rate of 4½d. per hour for the labouring work done at the cemetery.

Letter was read from Miss E. Sharp expressing a fear that the trees just planted in the cemetery might at some future time be detrimental to her property adjoining. The Clerk was instructed to reply informing here that they thought such fears were groundless, that the trees were

planted just as they were in other cemeteries all over the land.

21st. January 1898. Proposed that the road leading to the cemetery be repaired and the Clerk be instructed to enquire prices at x Mountsorrel and Shepshed and report at next meeting.

Proposed that a notice be posted on the cemetery board offering a reward of 10/-d. to anyone giving such information as shall lead to the conviction of any person wilfully damaging the shrubs on the cemetery ground.

January 25th. 1898. The Clerk reported that the prices of stone to repair the road leading to the cemetery as follows - Mountsorrel Rough Chips 1/-d. per ton. Fine Chips 2/-d. per ton. Gravel 2/-d. per ton all ex works. Boating to Zouch 1/9d. per ton. Carting to Fathern 1/-d. per ton.

Shepshed Rough Chips 1/6d. per ton. Carting 1/7d. per ton.

Proposed that five loads be ordered from Shepshed to begin with and a few loads of fine stuff if required.

Proposed that 80 yds. of wire fencing 4' wide 2" mesh be provided and that Mr. Rossell be ordered to fix same to cemetery palisades adjoining the footpath.

February 25th. 1898. Moved that the following four gentlemen be appointed as a choice for Parish constables - George Carrington, Jabez Ratcliffe, William Monk and George Brown.

March 14th. 1898. The propose for securing nominations for Parish Councillors for the forthcoming year.

The following nominations were handed in - George Brown, Framework knitter, Harry Chadburn, Framework knitter, William Fuller, Framework knitter, Silas Groves, Farmer, Fred Monk, Framework knitter, William Sibson, Framework knitter, Joseph Exon-Tollington, Framework knitter.

After waiting the usual time, the Chairman declared the above seven gentlemen duly elected.

March 28th. 1898. Resolved the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. J. Bramley for his services in connection with the Round Bank toll having collected the sum of £2.0s.3d. during the year.

The Chairman reported receiving a letter from the Jubilee Committee on the day the Jubilee Tree was planted being the last day in 1897.

Proposed that the above letter (from the Chairman of the District Council giving permission to plant the tree) be accepted by the Council.

Proposed that a sum of £4.10s.0d. be paid to Mr. Monk for managing allotment and other grounds, collecting rents and his work in connection with the cemetery.

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14th. April (?) 1898. The whole of the new Council were present and signed the declaration of office Messrs. G. Brown, W. Fuller, S. Groves, H. Chadburn, J. Monk, W. Sibson and J. Exon-Tollington.

Mr. W. Sibson elected Chairman, Mr. Chadburn Vice Chairman. Mr. J. Kirk Parrs Bank, Loughborough re-elected Treasurer. Mr. F. Monk Toll Collector.

April 18th. 1898. Applications from both bands for the use of the Round Bank on Whit Sunday and Wake Sunday was considered and it was resolved that the old band have Whit Sunday evening and Wake Sunday afternoon for their concerts and that the Prize Band have Whit Sunday afternoon and Wake Sunday evening.

The following were appointed Overseers of the poor - Samuel Hunt, John Monk, John Bramley and William Watts.

It was resolved that the Assistant Overseer (Mr. H. Simpkin) be Clerk to the Council.

April 21st. 1898. For the purpose of letting the Lanes and Cemetery grass.

Pasture Lane - Mr. Isaac Vickers - 1 guinea.
Shepshed and Whatton Roads - Mr. F. Russell - £1.0s.0d.
Cemetery grass - Mr. William Pollard - 10/6d.

May 2nd. 1898. A letter from the Chief Constable of Leicestershire was read asking the Council to provide a notice board in some public place for the publication of County and Police notices.

The Chairman introduced the question of lighting up the village and he gave notice that at the next monthly meeting of the Council he would move that the Council considered the advisability of adopting the Lighting Act .

It was resolved that the tools, planks, barrows etc. formerly used to work the stone quarry be removed from Mr. Alcock's to Mr. W. Fuller's premises.

16th. May 1898. Resolved that Mr. Fred Monk, Toll Collector have full discretionary power in letting the Round Bank to Showmen etc. with this one proviso that no Showman shall sub-let any stand on the bank he may have taken.

The Council then proceeded to consider the draft scheme of the Charity Estate and the whole question of the Charity and the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the whole Council. That the draft scheme clause II except that the Rector shall not be ex officio be approved of. That Clause IV be amended with the addition of the Rector being placed at the head of the list of co-opted trustees. The the clause in the principle scheme be amended so that the trustees shall elect their own Chairman annually instead of the Rector being perpetual Chairman. That this Parish Council desire that provisions be made in the draft scheme so that the revenues of the Charity Estate be devoted according to the original intent of the donar, which intent was practically carried out from 1802 - 1870 when the working people received grants of flour, coal and calico. That further, the Chairman of this Council lay the above resolutions and views of the council before the commissioners on May 19th., also that the Clerk write to Mr. Johnson-Ferguson, M.P. and solicit his aid to retain and

restore the Charity to its original intent and also that the Clerk notify by the Cryer to the inhabitants that the Commissioner will sit and hear the opinion of the Parish as regards the administration of the Charity.

25th. May 1898. Resolved that the Council meet Mr. Johnson Ferguson, M.P. at the Clerk's house, Tuesday May 31st. and that the Council meet in committee to prepare a scheme to submit to Mr. Johnson Ferguson.

A letter was read from the Rev. J.G. Lawrence complaining of the road to the cemetery and the state of the cemetery path and it was decided to order 2 gallons of 'Eureka' Weed Killer and place on the path in the Cemetery and also that the burial committee instruct the Sexton to attend to the Cemetery road immediately before each funeral so that it may be as clean as practicable.

27th. May 1898. The business of the Hathern Charity Estate was further considered and it was resolved that the Council express to Mr. Johnson-Ferguson, M.P. their desire that the funds of the Charity after paying for necessary expenses shall be devoted to the common good of all the people of Hathern by giving them some useful commodity, such as flour, coal or Calico. This being in accordance with the disposal of funds from 1803 -1871.

31st. May 1898. Mr. Johnson Ferguson, M.P. also attended with respect to the disposal of the funds of the Hathern Charity Estate. The Council laid upon Mr. Johnson Ferguson that the funds should be spent in some useful commodity for the people and Mr. Johnson-Ferguson said that there was not the remotest chance of inducing the Commissioners to grant this and thereupon, the Council asked Mr. Johnson-Ferguson to be good enough to put forward the following views of the Council before the Commissioners and use his best efforts to get them carried out.

(1) That it be a condition of paying the £20.0s.0d. to the Hathern National School and the Trustees have the right of electing two representatives on the Board of School Managers.

(2) That the £15.0s.0d. given in prizes be discontinued and if this is impracticable, that the amount be reduced as much as possible.

(3) That the residue left for disposal be paid over to the Parish Council for them to devote towards lighting up the Parish. Mr. Johnson-Ferguson promised to lay these views before the Charitable Commissioners and to support them with all the influence he could bring to bear.

June 6th. 1898. The adjourned question of a notice board was discussed and it was decided that the letter lie on the table. The Chairman asked for a further adjournment of his motion re. the Lighting of the Parish.

June 23rd. 1898. The Clerk reported a receipt from Messrs. Dean & Sons Solicitors with reference to a footpath across fields owned by Mr. W. B. Paget and occupied by Mr. H.T. Burrowes situate between Pasture Lane and Zouch Mills weir. Mr. Dean asserting that it was not a legal footpath. The Council having examined the and other maps it was resolved that two be deputed to interview Mr. Moss, Solicitor on the subject and it was further resolved that Mr. Fuller and the Clerk to be the deputation to see Mr. Moss and to report the result at the next meeting. The following old inhabitants were mentioned as being persons who could testify to the use of the road for sixty or seventy years.

Messrs. B . Fuller, S. Harriman, Joseph Brown, J. Hickling, I. Vickers, and S. Mitchell.

July 4th. 1898. Application from Mr. B.A. Woodcock to purchase stone from the parish quarry was considered and on the motion of the Chairman, the Clerk was directed to express to Mr. Woodcock the regret of the Council that owing to adverse circumstances connected with the quarry, they could not accede to his request.

Clerk was directed to see Mr. Harriman, District Councillor and draw his attention to the bad state of the footpath near Mr. Boyers cottages and also the dangerous state of the wall on property nearly opposite the Liberal Club.

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The Clerk reported/along with Mr. Fuller he had seen Messrs. Moss and Taylor with reference to the letter sent by Messrs. Dean & Son respecting the footpath across Mr. Burrowes fields. This letter was considered by committee and it was resolved to call a public meeting of parishoners on July 18th. to consider the question.

Special Meeting 15th. August 1898. The Clerk read a letter from the Leicestershire Footpath Association with reference to the footpath across Mr. Paget's fields advising the Parish Council to at once communicate with the District Council with a view to preserving the footpath. It was resolved that the Clerk write to the District Council and ask them to take the necessary steps to defend the three youths in the action commenced by Mr. W. B. Paget in the County Court and also endeavour to retain the footpath for use of the Parish and the Public and that the Chairman interview Mr. F. Farriman, District Councillor, and acquaint him with feelings and decision of the Council and enlist his co-operation and aid in the matter.

5th. September, ~~1888~~ 1898. ~~Meeting held 5th~~ A letter was read from the Local Government Board with reference to the powers of Parish Councils with regard to fire engines, Post Office facilities and Free Libraries and the Clerk was directed to write to the Town Clerk of Loughborough for the terms per annum for the use of the Borough Fire Engine etc. The Clerk drew the attention of the Council to the furious riding of cyclists on the Derby Road to the danger of the public. He was instructed to write to ~~the~~ Deputy G.C. Smith asking him to take steps to remove the danger as far as possible.

September 14th. 1898. The Clerk reported that Mr. Wilfred Moss, Solicitor had applied to the Council for the loan of the various maps and books relating to the roads etc. of the parish to enable him the better to defend the right of way in the law case coming on at the County Court on Friday next. It was resolved that the Clerk be authorised to furnish Mr. Moss with maps, books etc. that he requires.

3rd. October, 1898. The Clerk reported correspondence with the deputy Town Clerk of Loughborough with reference to the Fire Brigade but as no terms were mentioned, it was decided to let the matter drop.

The Chairman advised that the provision of an out-building at the cemetery for the use of the Sexton for tools etc. and it was resolved to erect a brick building 9'x6' and the burial committee was directed to obtain estimates of the cost.

Mr. Fuller reported that 4 youths had on Sunday morning last stolen his growing seed from the allotment ground. Two of the offenders were Ernest Monk and Lawson Groves and the other two were not yet known.