

A Transcription
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of

**THE BOOK OF MINUTES
of
VARIOUS PARISH MEETINGS
1853 to 1894
and
PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS
1894 to 1930
held at
POTTERSPURY
in the
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON**

1992

THE TRANSCRIBER'S NOTES

The pages of this transcription follow the order in which they appear in the original document but are not the same length. In the actual minute book the pages are not numbered but this transcription has page numbers so as to make reference easier.

Pages 1 to 19 contain minutes of various parish meetings mainly concerned with the Poor Rates and Highway Rates and the election of Constables, Overseers of the Poor, Waywardens, and Guardians of the Poor.

From page 20 to 124 are recorded the minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council from December 4th 1894 until January 30th 1930. Details of the distribution of goods or payments from the various charities are also included.

The first Chairman of the Council was His Grace the 7th Duke of Grafton. He attended almost every meeting until about 1908 after which his attendances became more sporadic. He attended his last meeting in January 1912 although the Council continued to elect him as Chairman until 1914. He died in 1918 at the age of 97.

The first Clerk to the Council was Mr. A. J. Smith, the headmaster of the village school, who remained as clerk for 25 years until his retirement in 1919.

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Charity Lists

Coal The following 27 persons have each received 2 cwts of coal, viz:-
 Harriet Brackwell, Eliza Howard, Alice Ratcliffe, Mary Morris,
 Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Sam. Henson, Mrs. Peter Wootton, Stephen Lambert,
 Thos. Owen, Emily Frost, Widow Eli Meakins, Mrs. Chris. Meakins,
 Mrs. Adam Henson, Mrs. James Church, Mrs. Scott Senr, Mrs.
 Caroline Henson, George Green, Mrs. Fred Scrivener, Mrs. Guile,
 Charles Osborne, Mrs. Glenn, Widow David Meakins, Mrs. Walter Wise,
 Mrs. Job Meakins, Mrs. Cherry, Mrs. Newman Widow Wm. Ratliffe, Mary
 Owen.

Bread The following 10 persons each received five 4d loaves, viz:-
 Mrs. Scott Senr, Alice Ratcliffe, Mrs. Peter Wootton, Stephen
 Lambert, Emily Frost, Widow Sam. Henson, Widow Fred. Scrivener,
 Widow Adam Henson, Widow Eli Meakins, Mrs. Cherry.

The Final Meeting of the Council was held on Monday March 18th
 at 7.

There were present Messrs S. Smith, Bliss, Hinds, Druce and
 Bird. Mr Druce was voted to the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Cheques Two cheques in discharge of last 12 mo's expenditure viz:- £2=2=
 and £1=8=6 were signed.

Charities The Parish Meeting was now held, and the lists of recipients of
 the Coal and Bread Charities were read.

The accounts of the parochial charities were presented and
 signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Meeting was fixed for Monday April 15th.

Mr Bliss proposed and Mr. Smith seconded that the District
 Council be requested to remove once a quarter, old hardware,
 bottles & other refuse, which are a nuisance and eyesore to the
 Village.

Signed John Chettle

Chairman

The Annual Meeting was held on Monday April 15th at 7.

Present Messrs Chettle, Paterson, Druce, Bliss, Alderman, Bird
 and Hinds.

Mr Chettle took the Chair. Mr. Alderman signed the Roll.

Chair His Grace the Duke of Grafton was appointed Chairman and Mr
 Vice Chettle Vice Chairman.

Overseers Messrs Pratt & Druce were re-elected Overseers with thanks for
 their past services.

Ac/s The accounts for the 12 mos. ended Mch. 31st 1912 were
 presented & signed.

San The following resolution was again duly passed, viz "That Mr
 Sansum be paid the half-yearly sum of £2 for the collection of the
 Sanitray Rate for the year ending March 31st 1913."

Orly The following dates were fixed upon for the ensuing quarterly
 Mtgs meetings viz July 15th, October 28 and January 20th 1913 at 7 p.m.

Scavenging A letter was read from the District Council regretting their
 inability to collect old rubbish in the village, and one directed

to be sent in reply asking for re-consideration and expressing the opinion that the Parish Council has no authority to incur expense for that work.

A letter from the Towcester Fire Brigade asking for a contribution of £2.10.0 was ordered to be laid on the table.

Signed John Chettle

Chairman

A Special Meeting was held on Monday June 10th at 7 p.m.

His Grace the Duke of Grafton and Wm. Paterson Esqr were unable to attend. There were present Mr. Chettle, in the chair, and Messrs. Alderman, Bliss, Smith, Bird and Hinds.

Refuse collection
A further letter from the District Council was read, finally declining to collect the cast away rubbish about the Parish.

Closure of Post Office
A letter was read from the Post Office authorities re. closing the Village post office one afternoon per week at 1 p.m.

It was decided that no objection be made to this, provided that (1) Telegrams can be despatched in very urgent cases (2) that telegrams be sent from Stony Stratford free of mileage charges at Potterspury.

Thursday was recommended as a suitable day for the closure.

A communication was received from the Board of Agriculture, offering to send their leaflets free of charge for distribution. It was resolved that application for and distribution be made.

Signed

Will Paterson

Chairman.

An ordinary meeting was called on Monday October 28th. There were present Messrs Wm. Paterson, J. Hinds, & R. Bird. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed - there was no other business to be transacted.

Will Paterson

Chairman

The fourth Quarterly Meeting was held on Monday Jan 20th at 7. Present Wm. Paterson Esqr in the chair and Messrs S., Smith, Druce, Bird & Hinds.

The minutes of the previous Meetings were read.

Collection
A letter was read from the L.G.B. in reply to one ordered to be of written, was read to the Meeting stating that the District Council was now willing to collect cast away rubbish and that a special rate would be levied. It was resolved to await receipt of a letter from above body announcing what line of action it was proposed to adopt.

Parish Constable
It was resolved that the same names as last year be submitted to the Justices for the office of Parish Constable viz:- Messrs H. B. Jefcoate, Hy Toombs & Hy Jefcoate.

Election date
Mch 17th (Monday) was mentioned as a convenient day wheron to elect Parish Councillors and to hold the Parish Meeting.

Water
A conversation upon the village water supply then took place,

Supply

the Chairman reading two adverse analytical reports upon water samples.

Signed

Will Paterson

Chairman