

39. A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Falkland on Mar 18 1940 the following Members being Present Mr A. Humphries Mr H. Pickett F. MOUNTY the Minutes of the last Meeting being read and Approved
the Clerk reported that he Had Posted Notice of Allotments to let but had received no application the chairman suggest (*sic*) that the matter lay over until next Meeting to see if any application be made for it and Approved
A Letter was read from Mr V. Witcombe to say that he would serve on the Council as Coopted Member and approved
A Letter was read from Mr W.B. Kent requesting the Collection of Waste Paper in the Parish the Clerk reported he was making arrangements for this to be done and Approved
A Precept was Made out to the Frome rating Athourity for the sum of 20£ for the Coming year
the following cheques was withdrawn E.W. Farwell allotment rent £3 Clerk Salary 10£ and £2/0/5 to Clerk for various items making total of £12/0/5 and Approved
40. it was decided to hold the Annual Parish Meeting in the schoolroom Falkland on Monday April the 13th at 7PM 1940 And Approved
Signed A. Humphries 15/4/40

The Annual Parish Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Falkland on April 15th 1940 Mr A. Humphries was in the Chair supported by Clerk the following Members of the Parish Council being present Mr R. Carter F. MOUNTY S. Bryant V. Witcombe who had been Elected to fill the Vacant seat upon Council through the resignation of Mr H. Pitman who had left the Parish A reasonable Compy being Present the Financial statement was read by the Clerk showing that Balance in Hand at Commencement for the year was £26/13/- income was £27/11/11 and Expenditure £27/12/2 leaving Balance in Hand £26/12/9 The statement was Proposed by Mr R. Carter seconded by T. Gray And Accepted

the Clerk reported that he had not secured any application for 22 ½ Perch of Allotment that was to let and that it was in a very bad condition and he had discussed the letting of it with Mr T. Craddock in view of becoming the Tenant of Putting it into Arable Condition for the year 1940 it was Unanimously Agreed that Mr Craddock offer be accepted

41. A Discussion arose as to the Condition of Mr J. Hughes and F. Wheeler Allotments being in a bad Condition it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk interview them to Put it into Arable Condition as it Most Neserary (*sic*) in the Dig for Victory in this Campaign and Approved

The Clerk reported that the Fence around the Allotment was in a Bad State it was proposed that the Clerk order Fence Posts from Mr Charlton and ask Mr Jesse Humphries to Erect it And Approved

A letter was read from Mr Edgell Foxcote saying the style was Broken down and it was suggested that the Clerk with Members of the Parish Council View it and get an Estimate from Mr Hughes to do the repairs and Approved

Mr F. MOUNTY reported that the foot Brige (*sic*) Across Lipyeat footpath need repairs it was Pro sec that members of the Council to see what need to be done in compy with the Clerk and approved

Signed A. Humphries 29th July 1940

42. A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Falkland July 29th 1940 the following Members being Present Mr A. Humphries R. Carter F. MOUNTY H. Pickett V. Witcombe the Minutes of Last Meeting being read and approved
some discussion took Place about the Condition of Allotments not being Put into Cultivation by 3 tenants it was Proposed by Mr Carter seconded by Mr V. Witcombe that the Clerk write to these tenants to ask them to Cultivate or otherwise the Council would Consider what action they must take if not done one Calendar Month from this date And approved

the Clerk stated New Post had been Erected around the Allotment and was now in Good Condition also new style had been Erected at Foxcote the clerk in Compy with Members of Council had viewed the work and Considered the work done very satisfactory and Approved

it was Proposed by Mr Carter and approved that the Clerk write to Mr Kent to ask if a Stirrip (*sic*) Pump Could be Provided for the Parish

the Clerk stated that he had received a Complaint that the footbridge at Hemington was broken it was Agreed that Members of the Council Make appointment to Go to view it and report what needed to be done and approved

43. it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk ask Mr Jesse Humphries to Cut back the under growth in Hollow Pit lane and Grove Lane and Approved

it was reported that the Plank leading across the footpath at Lipyeat was fallen in and needed Cleaning the Gullies it was Proposed that the Clerk see Mr Scamell and ask him to Give it Attention And Approved

Signed A. Humphries 25th September 1940

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Wed September 25th 1940 the following Members being Present A. Humphries R. Carter S. Bryant V. Witcombe the Minutes of last Meeting being read and Approved
the Clerk reported that the under Growth in Hollow Pit lane Grove lane had been Cut back and the Path from Turners tower to Hemington had been Put in repair and was Completed Very Satisfactory and Approved

it was Pro by Mr Carter seconded by Mr Bryant that the Clerk see Mr Jesse Humphries and ask him to repair the footpath at Lipyeat and Approved

the Clerk stated he had sent letters to 3 tenants asking them to put their Allotments into Cultivation But Nothing had been done up to the Present time

44. the Clerk stated he had received Notice from Mr F. Thick to Give up 10 Perch of His Allotment also Give Notice to Give up his own 18 Perch and Approved

the Clerk reported that Mr Jesse Humphries had repaired the footbridge at Hemington

The following Cheques was (*sic*) withdrawn one to E.W. Farwell 3£ allotment rent one to the Clerk for 3£ one shilling for Audit stamp and Various items

Signed A. Humphries 12th Nov 1940

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland Nov 12 1940 the following Members being Present Mr A. Humphries R. Carter F. MOUNTY S. Bryant V. Witcombe the Minutes of the Last Meeting being read and Approved

The Clerk read a letter from Mr R. Edgell Foxcote to say that some of the styles was (*sic*) in need of repair it was Proposed by Mr Carter sec by Mr Bryant that the Clerk in Compy with Members of Parish Council visit the styles and ask Mr Jesse Humphries to Carry out repairs And Approved

it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk write to the Bristol Tramway Compy to ask if a reinstatement of the Sunday Buse (*sic*) service from Radstock to Frome Could be Considered by the Bus Compy and Approved

45. The Clerk stated that the Allotment Hedge had been Cut by Mr Jesse Humphries and Approved

it was unanimously agreed to put the Collection of salvage in the United Parishes of Hemington Hardington Foxcote Mr V. Francis rep of the Rural District Council being Present said it was decided that Every Parish was requested to take this in Hand and after A Good surplus had been it Could be sold and the money used as the Committee think fit it was Pro by Mr S. Bryant Sec by Mr F. Mounty that the Clerk appoint Lads to do the Collecting on Saturday mornings also to add Mr T. Nicholas Mr T. Craddock Rev Owen Jones and Mr Joseph Green to the Committee and Approved

Signed A. Humphries 18/3/41

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Falkland on Mar 18 1941 the following Members being Present A. Humphries R. Carter F. Mounty H. Pickett V. Witcombe S. Bryant the Minutes of the last Meeting being read and approved

A Letter was Read from Mr T. Nicholas who was Present and Rev Owen Jones to Put before the Parish Council the need of New Burial Ground for the Parish of Hemington it was moved and seconded that the Matter be left over until April 17 at the annual Parish **46.** Meeting to be held in the schoolroom Falkland at 6.30 PM and unanimously Approved

the Clerk reported that the styles at Foxcote had been Put in repair also that the wicket Post on Causely footpath was broken down it was Proposed that the Clerk visit Mr H. Ludwell to see what repairs need to be Carried out and approved

The Clerk Read a Letter from the Bristol Tramway Compy regarding the reinstatement Sunday service of Buses from Frome to Radstock saying that owing to the Ration of Fuel they was unable to do so at the Present it was Pro by Mr R. Carter that the Clerk Acknowledge their letter also to ask if their (*sic*) would be any likelihood of reinstatement in the Near Future and approved

The Clerk reported that the dump of salvage was Practically full it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk write to Mr Burt Sanitary surveyor to know if he Could recomind (*sic*) a Purchaser and approved

the Clerk reported that all the Allotments had been let for the Coming year also that fresh wooden blocks was needed to fasten down the Seats on the Village Green it was Pro sec that the Clerk Make Purchase of sleeper wood for this Purpose and approved

A Precept was Laid to the Frome rating Athourity (*sic*) for the sum of twelve Pounds for the Coming Year

47. it was Proposed by Mr R. Carter sec by Mr Pickett to write to Mr Kent Clerk to The District Council of Frome to Know if some sand Could be Placed at Ruckly Ford and Foxcote in case of a Blitz and Approved

The following Cheques was (*sic*) Withdrawn E.W. Farwell 3£ allotment rent one to Clerk Salary 10£ and £2/4/6 for Stamps Stationery and Various items

Signed A. Humphries 17/4/41

The Annual Parish Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Falkland on Thursday april 17 Mr A. Humphries Chairman Presided the following Member (*sic*) being present R. Carter F. Mounty S. Bryant the Clerk Gave the Financial Statement for the year Ending Mar 31 1941 their (*sic*) was Balance in hand at Commencement of the year £26/12/9 the total income of £54/0/9 and expenditure £21/9/8 Leaving a Balance in hand of £32/11/3 Rev Owen Jones moved that the report be adopted seconded by Mr T. Nicholas and Unanimously Approved

Mr T. Nicholas reported that some large stones had been strewn upon the footpath from Turners Tower to Hemington the Clerk reported that a man had been employed on two occasions to Clear the footpath also the Parish Council had asked the school masters to warn the Boys in school and approved

48. ther (*sic*) was some Discussion of the Postal delivery being late in the village and was said to be very inconvenient for People in Business Mr S. Bryant said we must all be Prepared to meet with difficulties in Present state of Affairs and he believed Everything was being done as well as it Could be done in the interest of the Public

A Letter was read by the chairman from the Bristol Tramway Compy saying the (*sic*) could be no reinstatement of the Sunday Bus service from Radstock to Frome at Present

The Clerk reported that the wicket on Causly footpath was Broken down and the other one needed repairs and Estimate had been received from Mr Hughes to do the work for the sum of £2 it was Proposed by F. Mounty sec by R. Carter that the Clerk let Mr Hughes Commence the work at once and approved

the Clerk was instructed to have the seats fixed (*sic*) on the Village Green for the summer months and to have them fixed up with Concrete so as they Could not be Placed about on the Green and to ask Mr Hughes to do the work and Approved

A Letter was read from the Church Council Correspondent Mr T. Nicholas stating that there was only enough Burial Accomadation (*sic*) in the old churchyard at Hemington to last until the End of the year 1942 and that the church Council had unanimously decided to make application to the Parish Council to Provide other accommodation by time this expired

49. the following Church Council Members being Present to state the Views to the Annual Parish Meeting the Rev Owen Jones rector of Hemington Mrs C. Scamell and Mr T. Nicholas after some lengthy Discussion upon the Matter the Chairman of the parish Council asked the rector if he thought an Arrangement Could be Come to by the Right Hon Lord Hylton for that Peice (*sic*) of Land Attached to the front of the Church Now being used as a Garden to be extended for Burial Purpose as he thought if some Arrangment (*sic*) could be made with his Lordship it would save the parish of being involved in such Heavy expenditure at the Present time and would serve the United Parishes Purpose for some years the rector replied that he Could Not say what attitude his Lordship would adopt but he thought he Could be Approached upon the Matter and see if some arrangment (*sic*) Could be made it was Proposed by the Rev Owen Jones rector of Hemington seconded by Mr T. Nicholas that the Matter be left in the Hands of the Parish Council and was Unanimously Approved

Signed A. Humphries 8th August 1941

50. A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Falkland on Aug 8th 1941 the following Members being Present Mr A. Humphries H. Pickett V. Witcombe S. Bryant the Minutes of Last Meeting was Read and Unanimously Approved

the Clerk reported that the wickets on Causely footpath had been replaced and Considered Satisfactory

A letter was Read from the Post Master General to say that Enquiries was being made with a View to Provideing (*sic*) an Earlier delivery in the District and the Matter will Not be lost sight of and at some future date it shall be Carried out and Approved

some discussion took Place about the Parish Council Providing New Burial Ground for the United Parishes the Chairman stated that the church Council had been unable to arrange with his Lordship in taking in the Peice (*sic*) of land adjoining the church it was unanimously Agreed that the Parish Council Meet at Hemington on thursday Aug 11 1941 at 7 o clock and Approved

the Chairman reported that Complaints had been Made about the styles leading from Frome road to Hemington it was Agreed to visit the Places the same time on Thursday Aug 11 to see what repair was Needed And Approved

51. A letter was read from the Somerset County Garden Produce Committee the clerk said he had acknowledged the letter saying that Everything was being done by the Parish Council to Encourage the Growing of More food and approved

A cheque was withdrawn to the Clerk for the sum of £2/2/4 for Various items

Signed A. Humphries 11th Sept 1941

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the chapel schoolroom Falkland on Thursday Sep 11th 1941 the following Members being Present A. Humphries R. Carter H. Pickett F. Mounty the Minutes of the last Meeting being Read and Approved

A Letter was Read from the Minister of Health in reference to the New Burial Ground to be Provided by the Parish Council for the Year Ending 1942 Rev Owen Jones and T. Nicholas Members of the Church Council being Present the Chairman Pointed out that the Ministry was not Prepared (*sic*) to sanction the raising of a Loan at the Present Unless it was fully Proved by the Parish Council it was a Nescetty (*sic*) some Discussion took Place upon the Matter when the Chairman wished to Know what area there was left in the Old Churchyard for Burial **52**. Mr Nicholas replied that there was a Peice (*sic*) at the Head of the church that had Not been used for a Numbers (*sic*) of years it was suggested by the Rev Owen Jones and Unanimously agreed that the Chairman Meet Mr Nicholas at the church to see the Area that was still available (*sic*) for Burial Purposes and report to the Parish Council on Friday Next Sep 19th 1941 before a reply was forwarded (*sic*) to the Ministry and was unanimously Approved

A Cheque was withdrawn to E.W. Farwell for the sum of Three Pounds £3 for Half Year's allotment Rent
Signed A. Humphries 19th September 1941

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland Sep 19 1941 the following Members being present A. Humphries R. Carter F. Mounty V. Witcombe the Minutes of the Last Meeting being Read and Unanimously Approved
the Chairman stated he had met the church Council in reference to Providing the New Burial Ground and there was Not Enough Ground to last until the year of 1942 as was stated by the Church Council but if Permission was Given for the use of the Peice (*sic*) of land at the Head of the church where the remains of the People lay that was interred in the year of the Black Plague there would be enough of Ground to last a further 4 years at the Average of 10 Burials Per Year it was unanimously Agreed that this information be forwarded to the Ministry of Health

Signed A. Humphries 30/1/42

53. A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Falkland on Friday Jan 30 1942 the following Members being present A. Humphries R. Carter F. Mounty H. Pickett V. Witcombe S. Bryant the Minutes of Last Meeting was Read and Unanimously Approved
the Clerk stated he Had written to W. B. Kent to Know if any Appointment had been made with the Medical Officer of Health in reference to Provide New Burial for the United Parishes and Mr Kent had replied to say it was receiving Attention it was Pro by Mr Carter sec by H. Pickett that the Clerk and the Chairman Meet the Medical Officer at the church if their (*sic*) services are required and was Unanimously Approved

The Clerk reported that a report had been sent to him to say that the footpath Leading from Foxcote Cottages had been Closed by Mr Warren and he had written to Mr Warren to ask him to remove any obstruction that had been Placed upon the Public footpath and the Clerk and Mr F. Mounty had visited the Path and it was Now in Order and Approved

The Clerk reported that some charge was to be made by the Parish Council to Tenants occupying (*sic*) Peices (*sic*) of Ground when left in Delapidated (*sic*) state the Clerk stated he had been asked if Artificial Manure **54**. Could be obtained from the War Executive Committee (*sic*) for all Persons having Plots of Garden Mr Carter Proposed that the Clerk Make enquiry sec by H. Pickett and approved
it was Proposed by Mr R. Carter sec by Mr V. Witcombe that a Precept be served upon the Frome Rating Athourity (*sic*) for the sum of £12 for the Coming year and was Unanimously Approved

The Clerk reported that two Bondsmen was required for himself in two Sureties of £10 Each. Mr A. Humphries Chairman of the council of 74 North Road Midsomer Norton Consented to become one surety for the Clerk. And Mr S.J. Bryant Consented to Act as another in the sum of £10 Jan 30th 1942 and was Unanimously Approved

the Clerk reported that Hollow Pit Lane and Grove lane had been trimmed and the footpath from Turners Tower to Hemington and the Allotment (*sic*) Hedges had been cut and was Approved

The following Cheques was withdrawn to the Clerk £1/17/6 for various item and one for 10/- shillings for Audit stamps and approved

Signed A. Humphries 20th March 1942

55. A Parish Council Meting was held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Friday Mar 20 1942 the following Members being present A. Humphries R. Carter V. Witcombe F. Mounty the Minutes of the Last Meeting being (*sic*) Read and Unanimously Approved

A Letter was Read from the Medical Officer of health saying further to our Conversation yesterday regarding the use of Hemington Churchyard as a Burial Ground I wish to Confirm that I do not Consider there is any Contraindication for its use for that Purpose from any infectious Point of View Yours Sincerely Hector Denham Md DPH the Clerk stated he had sent a Copy of this letter to Mr T. Nicholas church Council Correspondent and was Approved

the Clerk stated that in view if the approaching summer months the Village Green seats need Painting and to be fixed in a Concrete Bed as they were very roughly used owing to not being fastened down it was Proposed by Mr R. Carter sec by F. Mounty that the Clerk invite and (*sic*) Estimate from V. Francis and Mr J. Greenland Contractors to Carry out the work and report at the Annual Parish Meeting and approved

the following cheques was withdrawn one to E.W. Farwell Estate Agen (*sic*) for **56**. £3 Pounds Half Year Allotments rent and one to the clerk for £10/18/5 for salary Postage and stationery and for Hire of Faulkland school room for Parish Council Meetings

it was Unanimously approved that the Annual Parish Meeting be Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Friday April the 17 at seven PM and Approved

Mr C. Powill County instructor in Horticulture was Present at the invitation of the Parish Council to speak to allotment (*sic*) Holders and others on Vegetable Production A Good Company being Present and his Lecture being Very Much appreciated by all Present after some Discussion it was unanimously agreed to form an allotments and Garden socoety (*sic*) in the Atuam (*sic*) to obtain as Many as Possible to take an interest in The Dig for Victory Campaign it was agreed to meet again on Friday Mar 27 and ask Mr A. Humphries Chairman of Parish Council to Make Enquiries at F. Shearn Midsomer Norton to see if any fertilisers for Garden Purposes could be Obtained for the Present Season also Mr Powill would make inquiry and let the Clerk Know by Mar 27 1942 the Chairman moved a Vote of thanks to Mr Powill for Coming up and giving such an interesting Lecture and the Parish Council would bear in mind next September that a Meeting be Called to form an association and Approved

Signed A. Humphries 17th April 1942

57. The Annual Parish Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Friday evening April the 17th 1942 The Chairman of the parish Council Mr A. Humphries Presided supported by the following Parish Councillers Mr V. Witcombe F. Mounty and H. Pickett Mr R. Carter being indisposed was Unable to be present the Attendance was small

The Financial stated (*sic*) by the Clerk was read which showed Balance in hand at Commencement of the year £32/11/3 income £19/19/5 expenditure £21/8/3 and Balance at the end of the £31/2/5 it was Proposed by Mr F. Mounty seconded (*sic*) by Mr H. Pickett that the Statement be adopted and Unanimously Approved

The Clerk Read 2 estimates for fixing seats on Village Green one from Mr Greenland Builder and Contractor (*sic*) Norton

St Philip for £7/10/- and one from Mr V. Francis Builder and Contractor Faulkland for 6£ six Pounds to lay a Concrete Bed 9 ft long 4 ft wide and fix with Bolts so as the seats could be Properly secured it was Pro by Mr Pickett sec by F. Mouny that Mr Francis Estimate be accepted and was Unanimously agreed

the Clerk stated that all the allotments (*sic*) rent had been collected and Paid to Bank and that all Plots had been let for the coming year and was Considered satisfactory

58. the Chairman said we was (*sic*) all sorry to hear of Mr R. Carter illness (*sic*) he had been a very interested Member in the Councils Business and we all hope he would soon be restored to his Normal health and that the Clerk write a letter expressing the sympathy (*sic*) of all the Members of the Parish Council and Unanimously Approved

Signed A. Humphries 25th September 1942

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Friday Sep 25/1942 the following Members being present Mr A. Humphries V. Witcombe S. Bryant F. Mouny the Minutes of last Meeting being read and Unanimously Approved

The Members of the Council Considered the work Carried out on the Village Green by Mr Francis in laying Concrete beds and fixing the seats Very satisfactory and it was suggested and agreed that the Clerk make Arrangements for them to be stored away for the winter Months

The Clerk stated that there would be Several Plots of Allotment (*sic*) to let in the following year and if no applications was Made for them he would Post Notices in View of obtaining (*sic*) tenants and Approved

it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk ask Mr Jesse Humphries **59.** to trim Hollow Pit and Grove lane also to cut the allotment Hedge and Approved

it was Unanimously agreed that the Parish Council make arrangements be made (*sic*) to hold a Public Meeting in the schoolroom Faulkland on Friday oct 16th at 7 PM with a view of Forming an Allotment Holders Association the Clerk to Post Notices and Approved

A Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland oct 16 1942 with the View of Forming Village food Production Club and only small Number being present Mr B. Priestly Proposed sec by Mr B. Robbins that the Clerk Make Arrangements with Mr H. Milner Secretary Somerset County Gardens Produce Committee and Mr Powill to Attend and Give an address and outline the Benefits to all Members if a Club is formed and approved

A further Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland Nov 30th 1942 A.H. Loader Presided supported by Mr H. Milner and Mr Powell they Both gave an interesting Lecture upon Gardening and the Benefits that Could be obtained if a Produce Club was formed it was Unanimously agreed that a Chairman secretary and treasure (*sic*) be chosen at the Next Meeting Mr Loader thanked Mr H. Milner and Mr Powell for their attendance and their Address had been very interesting And all was (*sic*) Unanimously agreed they would do all the (*sic*) could to Make the Club sucesful (*sic*) and Approved

60. The Parish Council Held a Meeting in the schoolroom Faulkland Jan 15 1943 to see if a Voluntary fire guard Could be formed for the United Parishes of Hemington Hardington & Foxcote Mr A. Humphries Chairman of the Parish Council Presided their (*sic*) being a small attendance Present Mr E. Carey Senior Head Warden of Buckland Dinham gave a Lecture and Diagram and explained the the (*sic*) Methods of Dealing with new fire Bombs the Enemy now used A Letter being read by the chairman from Major Lintern Shore Fire guard Staff Officer For Frome Rural District Council with the View of Training Fire guards in the Villags (*sic*) and Hamlets for fire fighting with the Best Means Available. Mr T. Nicholas Senior Warden Stated that Meeting had been held in the school Room to see if a Voluntary fire guard Could be formed but had been Poorly attended but several Ladies had Volunteered their services and their Names would be fowared (*sic*) to the District Council at Frome in Due Course and hoped that some of the men would be able to give their Services Mr A. Humphries Moved a Vote of thanks to Mr Carey for his interesting Lecture and Diagram showing how to Deal with Fires and Bombs and he hoped thar (*sic*) would be Strong Fire guard Formed in the Villages and Hamlets if Ever the Emergency Arose Several Questions was (*sic*) asked and suitably answered by Mr Carey how to Deal with live Bombs the Meeting Closed all expressing thanks to Mr Carey for his valuable information
Signed Reg. J. Carter 19.3.42

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Mar 19/1943 the following Members being Present R.J. Carter V. Witcombe F. Mouny S. Bryant the Minutes of the last Meeting being Read and Approved

61. A Letter was read from Mr A. Humphries regretting being unable to attend he very much regretted that he would have to resign his Duties as his Petrol had been Cancelled it was Unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to the Petroleum Officer to see if any revision Could be made to allow him to Carry on with his Duties and the Council Very Much regretted losing him and await an (*sic*) reply from the Petroleum officer before Accepting his resignation and unanimously agreed

it was reported that Mr Raisey allowed his horse to stray on the Village green it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk write a letter to him and ask him to refrain from so doing and that the Council would hold him responsible (*sic*) if any accident occurs (*sic*)

The Clerk reported that all the allotments was now tenated (*sic*) and the allotment (*sic*) Hedges had been trimmed it was unanimously agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting be Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Friday 16 day April 1943 at 7/45

the following cheques was (*sic*) withdrawn one to E.W. Farwell for 3£ allotment rent one to The Clerk £13/15/1 for various items Salary £10 stamps stationery 8/3 Hadden Best Ltd 8/4 Hire of school **62.** room for Meetings 12/- To Jesse Humphries work on Footpaths £1/19/- and 7/6 for Cutting Allotment Hedges

Mar 21 1943 To Mr Lloyd Petroleum Officer Bristol

Dear Sir,

we have received a letter from Mr A. Humphries Chairman of United Parishes of Hemington Hardington & Foxcote and representative of this body on the school Managers of Hemington and Writhlington also Trustee of the Bamfylde Vigors Charity regretting his inability to attend in his Capacity owing to the Discontinuance of the Petrol grant which has been Allowed during the Past three half Years this is deeply regretted by the Members of the Parish Council as in this Capacity he has loyally served the Council and his services have been greatly appreciated and it was understood that it was Most essential to Carry on for the Duration we Cannot understand Your action in this Direction as the work done by the Chairman was Quite Voluntary and in the Publics interest and it is Most Necessary to retain him in this Capacity we Sincerely hope you will give further Consideration to this Appeal and we await Your Observation

I am Sir Yours Respectfully

A.H. Loader

Clerk to parish Council

Signed A. Humphries 16th April 1943

63. The Annual Parish Meeting was Held in schoolroom Faulkland on Friday April 17 1943 Mr A. Humphries Chairman of the Parish Council Presided supported by the following Members of the Council Messers R. Carter Mr V. Witcombe H. Pickett F. Mounty S. Bryant there was small Attendance Present

The clerk stated he had written To Mr A. Raisey asking him To refrain from putting his Horse on The Village green as Complaints had been Made and to the Danger of the Children Mr A. Raisey being Present and Disputed the legal Rights of the Parish Council in having Control over the Village Green the chairman Pointed out that they (*sic*) Transfer had been Completed from the Rht Hon Lord Hylton and the Council would Protect it for the use of the Publics use (*sic*) and would also hold Mr A. Raisey responsible for any Accident occouring (*sic*) therefrom if he did not refrain from using it for feeding purposes and the Council would be Compelled to reported (*sic*) the Matter To Higher Power And was Unanimously agreed To by all Present

The Clerk reported that he had taken the Matter up with the Petroleum officer applying for the renewal of the Petrol Grant for chairman to Carry on his duties but had received no reply and would Communicate with them again and the Council would hold over the Chairmans resignation until an (*sic*) reply had been received and approved

64. The Financial statement was Presented by the clerk showing a Balance in hand at the Commenceing (*sic*) of The £31/2/5 (*sic*) Frome Rating Athourity 12£ allotment 7/12/4 expenditure £26/11/9 showing a Balance in hand of £24/3/- The accounts being Approved and Unanimously Adopted

Signed A. Humphries 16th July 1942 (*sic*)

A Parish Council Meeting was held in the Schoolroom Faulkland Friday July 26 (*sic*) 1943 The following Members being Present A. Humphries R. Carter V. Witcombe F. Mounty the Minutes of the last Meeting being read and was Unanimously Adopted

A Discussion took Place over Mr A. Raisey for useing (*sic*) the Village green for feeding Purposes the Chairman Pointed out that Deeds of gift was in Possession (*sic*) of the Council and was Read to the Members by him the Clerk stated he had written to Mr W.B. Kent of Rural District Frome telling of the Nuisance caused there by animals and would he Kindly advise the Council what Procedure the Council should adopt to end the Nuisance but had received no reply up to date of the Parish Council Meeting it was Pro by Mr Carter sec by F. Mounty that the Clerk have an interview with Mr Kent and report at the Next Parish Council Meeting to be held Monday July 26 at 7/30 PM and was unaniously Approved

it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk see Mr Ludwell as Causly were the footpath Runs across (*sic*) to see if it Could be arranged to spare the footpath from being broken and Approved

65. the Clerk stated he had Visited the wicket at Causely footpath and it had been repaired it was Pro sec that the Clerk ask Mr Jesse Humphries to cut the over hanging growth on the footpath leading from Turner's Tower to Hemington

The chairman stated that the Petrol grant had been renewed and he would be able to Carry on with his duties in the future and was Much Appreciated by all Member (*sic*) of the Council

Signed A. Humphries 26th July 1943

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland July 26 1943 the following Members being Present Mr A. Humphries R. Carter V. Witcombe F. Mounty H. Pickett S. Bryant the minutes of the last Meeting being Read and Unanimously Approved

The Clerk stated that he had an interview Concerning the feeding of animals on the Village Green also a letter was read from Mr Kent advising the Council what Procedure to adopt if the Nuisance was Still Continued The clerk stated he had asked the Police to warn Mr Raisey if he Continued to Put his Horse on the Green the they (*sic*) Very Much regretted they would have to take action it was Unanimously agreed that Mr W.B. Kent advice be accepted

66. the Clerk stated he had visited Turners Tower footpath and would give his attention as soon as the Corn was being Cut A cheque was withdrawn to the Clerk for the sum of one Pound for 2 10/- audit stamp (*sic*) for the years 1942 1943

Signed A. Humphries 29th September 1943

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland Sep 29 1943 the following members being Present Mr A. Humphries V. Witcombe F. Mounty S. Bryant the Minutes of the last Meeting being Read and unaniously Approved

The Clerk stated that he had received Notice from Mrs Smith 12 Lansdown View to give up her allotment Next Mar 25 1944 it was suggested by the Members of the Parish Council to try and let it and approved

The Clerk stated he had seen Mr Jesse Humphries to Cut the overhanging Grass on the footpath leading from the Tower to Hemington also Grove lane and Hallow (*sic*) Pit lane and the Ploughing up of Causely had begun and he would see Mr Jesse Humphries and ask him to Put it in shape again as well as he can and see the Pipes leading across was in order also to cut the allotment (*sic*) Hedges and approved

The Clerk reported that the Police had an interview with Mr A. Raisey and ask him to refrain from feeding his animals on the Village Green and he had Accepted that the Members of the Parish Council was the Legal body to Control the Village Green and had discontinued from doing so since visited by the Police and was **67.** Considered to be very satisfactory to the Members of the Parish Council the chairman remarking he was sure all the Members was Pleased to hear this as it would avoid any Unpleasantness arising between Mr Raisey and the Members of the Parish Council and was Unanimously (*sic*) Accepted

A Cheque was withdrawn to E.W. Farwell for the sum of £3 ½ Years Allotment Rent

Signed A. Humphries 14th Jan 1944

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland Jan 14 1944 the following Members being Present A. Humphries R. Carter F. Mounty H. Pickett S. Bryant the Minutes of the last Meeting being Read and Approved by all Members

The Clerk reported that he had Visited Causely Footpath since it had been Ploughed up and Mr Jesse Humphries had removed the Lumps of turf and was now in his Opinion to be in a satisfactory Condition and approved

A Letter was Read from the inhabitants of Foxcote applying for a wicket Gate to be Erected at the End of the footpath leading from Foxcote into the Highway Leading to single Hill as they had to fetch their water some distance in the field and it was a difficulty in getting over the style The Clerk stated he had Visited the style and it had been there a good number of years to his Knowledge and there was a wicket Entrance some few yards above leading to the front of the Cottages and he thought if Permission was Granted by the neighbours it would avoid Climbing over the style the Council after Careful Consideration said they fully sympathised (*sic*) **68.** with them in their difficulty but Could not see at the Present time their way clear to Erect a Wicket Gate and was Unanimously (*sic*) approved

it was Proposed by Mr R. Carter seconded (*sic*) by Mr H. Pickett that the Clerk invite Mr V. Francis representative for the United Parishes of the Rural District Council to see if any Proposal had been Made in the interest of the inhabitants on Post war Reconstruction and approved

A Cheque was withdrawn to the Clerk for the sum of £2/16/6 to Pay as follows Mr Jesse Humphries for work done on Footpaths £2/11/- and 5 shillings and sixpence to Hadden & Best for Stationery
Signed A. Humphries 24th Mar 1944

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Friday Mar 24th 1944 the following Members being Present A. Humphries R. Carter H. Pickett F. MOUNTY V. Witcombe Mr V. Francis District Counciller for the Parishes of Hemington the Minutes of the last Meeting being Read and was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed to have the Seats on the Village Green repainted with 2 Coats of Green Paint Mr V. Francis being asked to Give an Estimate to Carry out the work and report at the Annual Parish Meeting and approved

The Clerk reported he was Collecting in the Allotment (*sic*) Rent and hoped to have all rents due to the Council in by the time of the Annual Parish Meeting and Approved

Mr R. Carter said it had been reported to him by some owner of the Cottage at Ruckly Ford about their supply of water **69**, after a Discussion about the supply of water which was badly needed in the parish the Clerk was instructed to visit the Owners of the Property and Make a report about the Matter to the Rural District Council Frome the Clerk stated that Mr T. Nicholas had Complained to him about the Supply of Water it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed that the Clerk see Mr Nicholas and explain the Position of the parish Council in reference to the Water Supply at Terry Hill and forward (*sic*) the Tenants application at the Same time and was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved by all Members

Mr Francis outlined the intentions of the Rural District Council of From (*sic*) and stated it was agreed that the water Supply would be the first thing after Post war reconstruction which was badly needed then would follow in 2 years after the Erecting of New Houses also they had the Sewage scheme in Mind but he could not say definelly (*sic*) when that would be Carried out but he believed the District Council would Carry all of the schemes forward at their earliest opportunity Several Questions was asked by the members of the Parish Council relating to Various things to be Carried out in the United Parishes after Post war reconstruction and was answered Most Satisfactory by Mr Francis the chairman expressed thanks to Mr Francis on behalf of the Parish Council and said it was very interesting to know that the Rural District Council had their schemes Ready to put in hand after the War for the interest of the People resident in the United Parishes and was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved by all Members

A Precept was laid and signed to Rural District Council for the sum of 15 Pounds to carry out the work of the Council for the Coming Year

A Cheque was withdrawn to the Clerk for the sum of £11/0/3 also one to E.W. Farwell £3 for ½ years Allotment (*sic*) Rent and approved

Signed A. Humphries 14/4/44

70. The Annual Parish Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Friday April 14th 1944 Mr A. Humphries chairman of the Parish Council Presided a Good Number of Parishioners Attending including Mr V. Francis representative of the Frome Rural District Council for the United Parishes of Hemington Hardington & Foxcote The Clerk Present (*sic*) the Financial statement for the Year Ending Mar 31st 1944 Balance in hand at the Commencement of the year £24/3/- income for the year £22/15/8 expenditure for the Year £20/16/9 Balance in Bank to the Credit of the Council £26/1/11 on the Proposition of Mr R. Carter seconded by Mr T. Nicholas the Accounts were Unanimously (*sic*) Adopted

Much Discussion took Place to a Petition handed in by Mr T. Nicholas signed by the householders of Terry Hill and Turners Tower applying for an adequate supply of water which he felt was badly needed and long overdue. Mr V. Francis stated it had already been settled by the Frome Rural District Council of Frome (*sic*) to supply the Villages with a supply of water and it would be Put into operation after the war also an application for a Kiosk Box was Made by the inhabitants of Terry Hill and District the Clerk was instructed to forward these applications to the Proper Quarter and was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved an Estimate was Received by (*sic*) Mr H.G. Francis for Cleaning off and Painting seats on Village Green for the sum of £1/15/- it was Proposed and seconded (*sic*) that the Estimate be Accepted and approved

Signed A. Humphries 22/9/44

71. A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland Sep 22 1944 the following Members being Present Mr A. Humphries H. Pickett S. Bryant F. MOUNTY the Minutes of last Meeting being read and was Unanimously Approved A letter was Read in reference to Playing Ground for the United Parishes after some lengthy Discussion it was decided the Clerk have an interview with Mr V. Francis and forwards (*sic*) the forms with him to have the Rural District Council opinionion (*sic*) and report at the Next Meeting and Approved

A Letter was Read from Mr Kent Saying that instructions have already been given to the Councils Engineers to Prepare Plans for the Provision of a Piped water supply to these Places and the work will be Carried out as soon as Possible after the war for Terry Hill and Turners Tower Ruckly Ford would have further Consideration it was Proposed and seconded that Mr Kents letter be accepted and was Unanimously (*sic*) approved

A Letter was Read from the Poster (*sic*) Master General saying it was Not Possible to meet the request of The Village of Terry Hill for a Kiosk box to be Erected there at Present it was necessary (*sic*) to Conserve supplies for more urgent cases owing to the Acute shortage of Labour it was Unanimously (*sic*) Agreed that the matter be left over until after the war

A Letter was read from E.W. Farwell asking was opportune to Erect the Bus shelter at Terry Hill as the Right Hon was Prepared to look out the site where it Could be Erected near the Bus stop **72**, it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed that the Clerk reply to this letter thanking E.W. Farwell and the Right Hon Lord Hylton for being interested in the Bus shelter wich (*sic*) was so badly needed and that the Council would act with it as soon as the opportunity arose and was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed to

The Clerk was instructed to ask Jesse Humphries if he would trim the under Growth in Hollow Pit lane also Grove lane and the overhanging Grass on the footpath from Turners Tower to Hemington also trim the Allotment (*sic*) Hedges and also to Clean out the Pipes on Causley footpath

The following cheques was (*sic*) withdrawn E.W. Farwell £3 half Years Allotment Rent one to Mr Francis for repairing and Painting the seats on the Village Green £1/15/-

The Clerk stated he had a interview with Mr S. Burt regarding the increased Cost for the Use of Faulkland schoolroom and a Decision had been Made for the Parish Council to Carry on as before for 2/- Per Meeting and was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

Signed V. Witcombe 24/11/44

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on the 24 November 1944 the following Members being Present Mr V. Witcombe Mr S. Bryant Mr H. Pickett Mr V. Witcombe was Elected to take the Chair in the absence of the Chairman the Minutes of Last Meeting being read and was Unanimously (*sic*) adopted

A Letter was Read from Mr R. Carter tendering his resignation from the Parish Council and was accepted with regret Mr Carter have now left **73.** the District it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed to leave the seat Vacant until Next Meeting then Council would discuss and (*sic*) Coopted Member until there is another Election of Parish Councillers takes Place (*sic*) and was unanimously approved

it was Proposed by Mr V. Witcombe seconded by Mr S. Bryant that Mr H. Pickett be Elected as trustee for Distribution of the Bampfylde and Vigor Charities in the Place of Mr R. Carter now resigned and unanimously (*sic*) approved

the Clerk stated he had an interview with Mr Francis District Counciller for the united Parishes in reference to Playing field for the united Parishes it was Considered Very Satisfactory and if Nothing further was Heard to Place it on the Agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting when it could be fully Discussed and approved

The Clerk stated he had seen Mr Jesse Humphries and he was Completing the Nessecary (*sic*) work on footpaths and Drains and allotment Hedges and was Considered Satisfactory

To Discuss the appointment of a Clerk to the Parish Council to fill the Place of A.H. Loader who is resigning 31 of March Next 1945

Signed A. Humphries 19th January 1945

74. A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Jan 19th 1945 the following Members being Present Mr A. Humphries V. Witcombe H. Pickett S. Bryant F. Mounty the Minutes of the last Meeting being read and was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

The Chairman stated they all regretted to hear the Resignation from the Council of Mr Carter as he was a Very Active Member During the Period he was Elected as a Memember (*sic*) it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk send Mr Carter a letter thanking him for his Past service to the Parish Council and to sympathise with him in his illness hoping he would soon be restored to his Health again And Approved

the Clerk stated Jesse Humphries had Cleaned out the Pipes at Causely footpath and trimmed the undergrowth in Hollow Pit Lane and Grove lane and cleaned the footpath from Turners Tower to Hemington also cut the allotment (*sic*) Hedges and was Considered satisfactory

The Clerk reported there was (*sic*) several Tenants giving up their Allotments (*sic*) Mar 31 1945 it was Proposed and sec that the Clerk Post Notices of allotments (*sic*) to be let and approved

it was Proposed and seconded (*sic*) that the Clerk have an interview with Mr V. Francis Representative to the Rural District Council for the Parish of Hemington to become Coopted Member of the Parish Council failing to act (*sic*) the Clerk to approach (*sic*) Mr Geo. Loader to serve and was unanimously (*sic*) approved

A cheque was With drawn to the Clerk for the **75.** the (*sic*) sum of one Pound two shillings tenpence 10/- audit stamp and 12/- shillings 10 Pence Hadden & Best for stationery etc

Signed A. Humphries 21/3/45

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Mar 21 1945 the following Members Present Mr A. Humphries Mr V. Francis Mr F. Mounty the Minutes of the last Meeting was Read and unanimously (*sic*) Approved

The chairman remarked that the P Council welcomed the Presence of Mr Francis as Coopted Member for Parish Council until the time arises for the Election of Parish Councillers (*sic*) again and that his service would be Very Helffull (*sic*) to them and was Unanimously (*sic*) approved

The Clerk stated he had received a Complaint from Mr A. Drewitt Oar Stone Cottage that the sewage did not Run away from the Cottages owing the (*sic*) Poor Drainage and that he had been advised to report to the PC Council it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed that the Clerk foward (*sic*) the report to Mr Burt Sanitary Surveyor and approved

The clerk stated he had not been successful in letting all the allotments (*sic*) there was (*sic*) 2 10 Perch Peices (*sic*) untenanted it was Pro and seconded to leave it with the Clerk to see if Tenants Could be found to take it on and was approved

A Precept was served to The Frome Rating Athourity (*sic*) for the sum of £15 for the Coming year it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting be Held in **76.** schoolroom Faulkland on Friday April 13th at 7 PM A cheque was withdrawn to E.W. Farwell for the sum of £3 half year's Allotment rent and one to the Clerk for £13/5/5 as follows

Clerk salary	£10	
Stamps Stationery	10/5	
Hire of Faulkland schoolroom	10/-	
Mr Jesse Humphries	£ 2/ 5/5	£13/5/5

Signed A. Humphries 13th April 1945

77. April 15 1945 (*sic*)

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the schoolroom Faulkland 13th April 1945 and was well attended Mr A. Humphries chairman Presided supported by the following Members of the parish Council H. Pickett F. Mounty V. Witcombe S. Bryant and Mr V. Francis the Chairman expressed pleasure of seeing such a Good Compy Present the Financial statement by the Clerk was as follows Balance in hand at the Commencement of the year £26/1/11 income for the year £22/15/8 expenditure £22/3/3 Balance in Bank £26/14/4 and the Accounts was unanimously (*sic*) Approved by All Present

The chairman stated that the Question of a Playing field had Arisen for the united Parishes of Hemington Hardington Foxcote and it was agreed that it was Most essential that some Ground be Available for football and other Games for the Young Men and women Returning from the Forces also there was the Need of the children to have somewhere to Play to keep them off the Highway following a Discussion it was decided to apply for 6 acres of the old Football Ground adjoining Hemington Lane this being Considered Most Centralised the Clerk was instructed to write to Somerset Community Council for full Particulars as to Procedure and unanimously (*sic*) Approved

it was agreed to hold Red Cross Victory week in aid of the Red Cross and St John's Funds the Clerk to write to all Local organisations to attend a Meeting at Faulkland schoolroom on april 20th to help arrange Various Programmes for the week and Approved

78. it was reported that the Pond in the Village Centre was Causing an (*sic*) Disagreeable smell and that the Village Pump was Constantly out of action it was decided that the Clerk write to the sanitary Surveyor upon the Matter and Approved

it was decided that now the end of the war was in sight to reopen the Question of the Bus shelter at Terry Hill with a view of getting it Erected for the Coming winter And was Unanimously (*sic*) approved

at a Parish Council Meeting which followed the Clerk stated he had been succesfull (*sic*) in finding Tenants for two 10 Perch Allotments (*sic*) and there was (*sic*) others to let and he would Endeavour to find tenants for those it was decided that all tenants giving up their allotments must give notice to the Clerk in writing on or before Sep 29th or Mar 25 and Approved

Signed A. Humphries 3rd Aug 1945

79. under The Auspices of the Parish Council a Public Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Friday April 20 a Good repretatives (*sic*) from all Local Bodies Being Present Mr A. Humphries Presided saying he was very Pleased to see such a Good Company

present and he think they all understood that the Meeting being Postponed from the Annual Parish Meeting to invite all Local Bodies Concerned to Assist in Holding A Red Cross Victory week and to Form themselves in to a Committee to Make it a success it was Proposed by Mr Francis sec by Mr Witcombe that a full weeks Programe (*sic*) be Carried out and was unamiously (*sic*) approved Mr T. Nicholas Proposed that a Dance be Held Sec by Mr Miles it was Proposed by Mrs G. Chambers seconded (*sic*) by Mrs Lovell that a Fete be arranged for Sat May 26th and approved it was Proposed that a Fancy Dress be Held from the Village Green it was Proposed and seconded that the right Hon Lady Hylton and Miss trotter (*sic*) be asked to become Judges of the Fancy Dress and approved Mr Loader was asked to find out if the services of the Single Hill Silver Band Could be obtained for the Saturday it was also decided to have the skittle Boards Mr T. Nicholas Very Kindly Promised his Side Shows Etc to do whatever he could to make the Event every success it was Proposed that a Ring Enclosure be formed for Dancing in the evening and that the Charge be 1/- Per couple it was suggested to Hold whist drive Mrs Burt Mrs Berry undertook to make all arrangements and the tickets be 1/6 Each The Ladies to make arrangements with the womens institute to Give a concert in Hemington schoolroom **80**, and report at the Next Meeting all the Ladies Promising to assist with the refreshments it was Pro and sec that and (*sic*) Auction Sale be Held in the schoolroom on the 23 of May it was Proposed and sec that Mr Francis assisted by Mr Miles Conduct the Sale Several Ladies Promised Prizes for the Whist drive. it was unamiously (*sic*) decided by the Ladies to organise a Jumble Sale Stall and agreed it was Proposed to Hold Tug of War open to all it was extend (*sic*) to Hold tug of War for the Laides (*sic*) and be open to all teams Mr V. Francis undertaking to see to the skittle Boards if Mr Wilson Could Kindly fetch them from Wellow Monday was left an open event to be Discussed at the Next meeting it was then agreed that all Present be Constituted into a Committee to make their own arrangements to Make it a Good Success to aid the Red Cross Fund and was Unamiously (*sic*) approved The Chairman Mr Humphries thanking everyone Present for their readiness in Coming foward to assist the Parish Council in Making it a Good Success in aid of the Red Cross he also regretted that he would Not be able to attend all Meetings being so far but would Give all the assistance he could Mr Nicholas expressing thanks to the Chairman for Presiding and regretted he would Not be able to attend he would Propose that Mr V. Francis be chairman in the Absence of Mr Humphries and was unamiously (*sic*) approved it was Decided to Hold an open air Service on Sunday May 25 at 6.30 PM on Village Green with all united churches Mr T. Nicholas Mr V. Francis Mr A. Humphries Promised to inform the Rector and Mr Francis Mr Humphries the chapel Preachers or Ministers and was unamiously (*sic*) approved it was decided to Hold the Next Meeting on May 3 to draw up all arrangements at 7/30 PM

Signed A. Humphries 3/5/45

81. A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the Schoolroom Faulkland on Aug 3 1945 the following Members being Present A. Humphries V. Francis V. Witcombe S. Bryant the Minutes of the last being read and Unamiously (*sic*) approved some Discussion took Place in reference to the Cleaning up around the Village Pond it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk write to Mr Burt Sanitary Surveyor and ask if arrangements Could be Made with Mr Widdicombe for the Council Men could do the work at the same time as they was (*sic*) cleaning up the Village and approved

The Clerk reported that he had received Complaints about the styles been (*sic*) down at Foxcote and he had Visited the spot and had an interview with Mr J. Humphries to see if he could do the work but he stated the Journey was to (*sic*) far it was decided that the Chairman see Mr J. Humphries again and if unable to do the work the Clerk to see Mr F. Burgess and ask him to undertake to do the work and approved

the Clerk reported that the hand Rails was down on Bladdock footbridge and it was Unamiously (*sic*) agreed that the work be done at the same time

Signed A. Humphries 28th Sept 1945

82. A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the Chapel Schoolroom Faulkland on Sep 28 1945 the following Members Being Present Mr A. Humphries V. Francis F. Mouny H. Pickett V. Witcombe the Minutes of the Last Meeting was (*sic*) Read and Unamiously (*sic*) Approved

The clerk stated that Mr F. Burgess had Erected New style at Foxcote and one at the Mill Hill Foxcote and Placed New Hand Rails on the footbridge at Bladdock and he had viewed the work and Considered it Very Satisfactory

it was then unamiously (*sic*) approved that the Clerk ask Mr F. Burgess to cut the Allottment (*sic*) Hedges also to trim the overgrowth in Hollow Pit Lane and Grove lane it was Proposed and sec. that the Clerk write to Mr J. Humphries who was giving up the Council work thanking him for his services Rendered to the Council in Past Years and Unamiously (*sic*) approved

an account was Received from Mr R. Edgell Foxcote for supplying timber to the Council for the repairing of Styles for the sum of £1/5/- it was Pro and seconded that the Clerk Pay the account and approved

The Clerk stated he had Notice that Style was down at Turners Tower on the Proposition of Mr Francis it was decided that the Matter be left in the hands of the Clerk to View the style and to us (*sic*) his own Judgement and approved

The Clerk reported that he has received the Notice of one tenant expireing (*sic*) Mar 25 Next and he hoped something would be done in future with the allottments (*sic*) as it was becoming Problem (*sic*) that Need to be dealt with as there was already two Peices (*sic*) untenanted there this year the chairman stated something would have to be done on Matter it was decided to leave it until the annual Parish Meeting

83. two cheques was (*sic*) withdrawn one to E.W. Farwell £3 for Allottments (*sic*) Rent one to the Clerk for following item Mr F. Burgess Erecting styles £1/1/- Hadden Best for Stationery 12 shillings and fourpence and R. Edgell for supplying timber to Council £1/5/- Making total of £2/18/4 and approved

Signed A. Humphries 21st January 1946

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the Schoolroom Faulkland on Jan 21 1946 the following Members being Present Mr A. Humphries V. Francis F. Mouny V. Witcombe S. Bryant H. Pickett the Minutes of the last Meeting being read and was Unamiously (*sic*) approved

The Chairman stated that the application for Bus Shelter to be Erected at Terry Hill had been Granted from the County Council and chairman and with the Clerk (*sic*) they had Met Lord Hylton to Point out the spot for its Erection and that Lord Hylton had Very Kindly Promised to present the Council with it and also wishes the Council to take Control for its upkeep and to see it is Kept in Proper order on the Proposition of Mr V. Francis seconded by Mr Bryant that the Clerk write to Lord Hylton on behalf of the Council thanking him for his Generous Gift which would be very much appreciated by all the People of the Parish and was Unamiously (*sic*) approved by all Members of the Council

A Letter was Read from the County Council shall indemfy (*sic*) the County Council against all expenses in connection with the Erection of the shelter and against all Claims there was (*sic*) Good Many Clauses in the letter that the Council was asked to Comply with it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk write to The County Council to say that Parish Council would accept all the Proposals Laid down in their letter and was Unamiously (*sic*) approved

84. after some discussion it was unamiously (*sic*) agreed that the Clerk write to the County Council for Permission to Erect a shelter at Hemington Cross for the People of Hemington and Approved

Mr Pickett proposed that the Clerk write to the Post Master General to ask if an Earlier Delivery of letters Could be Arranged in the District Mornings as it was very inconvenient at Present for Business People also if the (*sic*) was any Prospect of the second delivery being restored and approved

it was reported that the style leading from Tuckers Grave across(*sic*) Mr Vokes field was fastened up with Wire Mr Francis Proposed seconded by Mr Bryant the (*sic*) Mr Mouny and Mr Pickett and the Clerk Visit the footpath and see if the styles was in Need of Repairs and was Unanimously (*sic*) approved

Signed A. Humphries 22nd Feb 1946

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the Schoolroom Faulkland Feb 22 1946 the following Members being Present Mr A. Humphries V. Francis F. Mouny H. Pickett the Minutes of the Last Meeting being Read and unamiously (*sic*) Approved

a Letter was Read from the Post Master General that the (*sic*) could not Give an Earlier Delivery of Letters to the Residents of Hemington at present and that afternoon Deliveries had not been Athourised (*sic*) but when it is Possible our request would not be overlooked

The Clerk stated that Mr F. Mouny had visited the footpath Leading from Faulkland to Tuckers Grave and they needed repair he also had an interview with Mr Vokes about the style being barricaded up on **85**. his Land and that the ordance (*sic*) map did not give footpath there but he would see the survey Maps at the Public Offices Frome and let the Clerk know

with reference to the Erection of the Bus Shelter at Terry Hill the Bristol tramway Co Ltd replied they still Honoured its Promise of 5£ towards the Cost of the shelter and that the Sunday Service between Radstock and Frome would be restored as soon as the staff become Availbe (*sic*)

the Clerk stated in Compy with F. Mouny he had an interview Mr Scamill about Peice (*sic*) of his land as suggested by the Council for Playind (*sic*) Field for the united Parishes and Mr Scamill he could not Part with this Particular Peice (*sic*) of land the Clerk suggested that he make an alternative offer but had not heard from Mr Scamell

the Clerk stated that when himself and the chairman met Lord Hylton at Terry Hill in view of the Bus Shelter the Clerk approached his Lordship upon the subject and His Lordship ask to Kept (*sic*) informed about Playing field for Faulkland it was Pro and seconded that the Clerk write to Lord Hylton and inform him of what had been done and approved by all Members an (*sic*) letter was Read from the Somerset appeal department Taunton to see if something Could be done in the United parishes to assist in helping to arrange some Event to assist the soldiers sailors and airmen families association fo (*sic*) the County of Somerset it was Proposed and seconded that the Matter be left over for the Annual Parish Meeting to decide and approved

Signed A. Humphries 8th March 1946

86. A Parish Council meeting was Held in the Schoolroom Faulkland on Friday Mar 8th 1946 the following being present Mr A. Humphries V. Francis F. Mouny H. Pickett the Minutes of the Last Meeting being Read and Unamiously (*sic*) Approved

the Clerk reported that he had no further information from Mr Vokes with reference to the footpath at Tuckers Grave

The County surveyor had written to say he had received a letter from E. W. Farwell Giving the Type of shelter his Lordship was willing to Present to the Council at Terry Hill. and he wishes to Point out According to the sketch Plan that had been forwarded (*sic*) to him there would not be enough Margin showing to the highway and asked if some reduction Could be made in the size of the. (*sic*) Clerk reported that he had written to E. W. Farwell upon the matter and stated there would be a Parish Council Meeting on Friday 8th instant and he would bring it to the notice of the Council after some Discussion it was Proposed by Mr Francis seconded that if his Lordship would Kindly Consent for it to be Erected with small Portion of the wall being moved the difficulty would be over Come the Clerk stated that with the chairman they would be willing to meet his Lord Hylton (*sic*) on the spot if he Desired and approved

the Clerk stated with reference to a visit to Mr Scamell to make an application for Peice (*sic*) of Land for Playing field and at the request of his Lordship he had written to inform him of the Procedure of the Council in the Question involved and approved

87. The Annual Parish (*sic*) was Held in the Schoolroom Faulkland on Monday Mar 11th 1946 Mr A. Humphries Presided there was Good Compy of Electors Present explaning (*sic*) the Purpose of the meeting for the Election of 6 Members of the Parish Council to take office after Monday April 15 1946 there was (*sic*) 10 Nomination Papers Handed in for the 6 Vacant Seats the Election was then Proceeded with the results as Follows Elected Members to Form the New Council was Carried out by the show of Hands the Chairman declared the following Members Elected Mr T. Craddock 24 Mr V. Francis 25 Mr G. Loader 25 Mr F. C. Francis 21 Mr W.G. Miles 19 Mr H. Pickett 35

Not Elected Mr. G. Chambers 14 Mr F. Green 18 Mr F. Gray 11 Mr V. Weaver No Vote

Mr S.L. Rich acting as teller

The chairman made mention of the succesful (*sic*) work the Council had carried out the Transfer had been made by the Council for the transfer of the Village Green from the late Lord Hylton to the council and was very much appreciated by the united Parishoners (*sic*) Efforts had been made to get the Pre war bus service restarted through Faulkland and Neighbouring District also the Sunday Service from Radstock to Frome also the Council had taken up the of Erecting (*sic*) Bus shelters at Terry Hill and the top of Hemington Hill the chairman stated in Compy with the Clerk he had met Lord Hylton and Major Farwell to select suitable Positions for the Erection of the Shelters the Chairman stated that Lord Hylton had Very Kindly Presented one of the shelters to the Parish Council which was very much Appreciated by all Present The Chairman also stated that an application had been made for a Playing field at Faulkland to take **88**. the children away from the dangers of the Roads but so far it was unsuceful (*sic*) the Question of the allottmed (*sic*) was Mentioned the Clerk stating the Present Conditions was far from satisfactory it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed that the Clerk call another Meeting of Allottment Holders on Mar 19th at 7/30 PM The Question were (*sic*) Raised about the Mid day Meals at Hemington Council school the chairman stated he was always Keenly interested in trying to Make better Provision for the children also of the children having to drink Cold Milk in winter Months the Clerk replying stated he had Not been able to attend all Managers Meetings but he believed every Effort had been Made to get hot Meals served at the school Mrs C. Scamill said she was always very interested in the children and the Managers was (*sic*) always doing their Best to bring about improvements it was decided to have the Matter again at the Managers Meeting Many other Matters was Discussed of interest to the Parish the Chairman stating an application had been Made for an Earlier delivery of Letters in the Parish and it had been Promised that the Councils request would receive attention as soon as the labour became available the Chairman stated that full Discussion upon the Matters of interest to the Parishes Concerned had been brought foward which he Very Much Appreciated this Brought the Meeting to a Close

Signed A. Humphries 15th April 1946

A Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland Mar 19 1946 A Good Number of Allottment (*sic*) Holders being Present Mr A. Humphries chairman Presided and stated that the Meeting had been Convened by the parish Council to See if arrangements Could be Made Amongst the tenants to Occupy all allottments (*sic*) following Each Other the Clerk stated he had difficulty in finding tenants as the allottments (*sic*) was (*sic*) so scattered and if they Could arrange between themselves to have all Allottments More Compact he would **89**. be able to find tenants for the whole allottment (*sic*) to be Put under Cultivation after some lengthy Discussion No Agreement was reached it

was Proposed and seconded that the Tenants Meet Members of the Parish Council at the allotments (*sic*) Mar 20 To see if the Difficulty Could be overcome and Unanimously (*sic*) approved

The following cheques was withdrawn E.W. Farwell Allotment Rent £ 3
A.H. Loader salary stamps stationery etc £13/ 4 / 8
W. B. Kent Returning officer Parish Council 16/11

A Precept was forward to Frome Rating Authority (*sic*) for the sum of £15 Pounds for the Coming year
Signed A. Humphries 15th April 1946

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the Schoolroom Faulkland on Monday the 5 day of April 1946 the following Members being Present Mr A. Humphries H. Pickett S. Bryant the Financial Statement was Given by the clerk as follows Balance in Hand at the Commencement of the year was £26/14/4 income for the year £22/9/- expenditure for the year £22/19/10 leaving Balance in the Bank Mar 31 1946 to the Credit of the Council £26/3/6 it was Proposed by H. Pickett sec by Mr S. Bryant that statement of Accounts be adopted and Approved

it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk ask Mr Francis for an Estimate to Paint the seats and repair with 2 Coats of Green Paint on the Village Green and was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

90. A Letter was Read respecting the Erection of the Bus Shelter at Terry Hill it was unanimously (*sic*) agreed that the Clerk have an interview with E.W. Farwell to see what was required to be done on the site before it was Erected

the Clerk stated that all the Allotments (*sic*) would be under Cultivation this year the Clerk Made Mention that would be the last Meeting of some of the Members he expressed his thanks to them for their Service rendered in the interest of the Combined Parishes in the Past Years there had been Good Many things done for interest of the People he would have liked to have seen the Bus Shelters Erected during their term of office but he was Confident that the New Members of the Council would do Everything in their Power to see work Carried on and Approved

The Clerk stated he had forwarded the Precept to the Frome Rating (*sic*) Authority (*sic*) for the sum of £15 and was Approved
Signed V. Francis 2nd May 1946

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the Schoolroom Faulkland on May 2nd 1946 the following Members being Present Mr V. Francis W.G. Miles G. Loader F.C. Francis T. Craddock H. Pickett The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by all Members of the Council it was then Pro by Mr W. Miles sec by G. Loader that Mr V. Francis be Elected chairman for the ensuing year and was unanimously (*sic*) Approved it was Proposed and seconded that Mr W.G. Miles be Vice chairman for the year And was Approved by all Members Mr V. Francis then occupied the Chair the Clerk then Read the Minutes of the Last Meeting **91.** and was Unanimously (*sic*) approved

The Council decided to Form themselves into Committee for all Purposes it was Pro sec that Mr A. Loader Mr V. Francis for the Next 3 years both Consenting to take Office as school Managers for Hemington school it was Proposed and seconded that Mr H. Pickett and Mr T. Craddock be Elected trustees of the Bamfylde and Vigor Charities for the Next 3 years and was Duly Carried

The clerk stated he had an interview With Lord Hylton agent in reference to the Bus Shelter at Terry Hill it was then approved by all Members that the Clerk in Company with Mr V. Francis Make an appointment to Meet E.W. Farwell to see exactly what was required to be done on the site and was duly Approved

an Estimate was received from Mr Francis to repair and Paint with 2 Coats of Green Paint for the sum of £2/5/- it was Proposed and unanimously (*sic*) agreed that Mr Francis tender be accepted

it was Proposed and seconded (*sic*) that the Clerk write to see if a light Could be fixed in the Phone box at Faulkland as it was difficult to follow the directory dark Nights and was Unanimously (*sic*) approved

it was Proposed that the Clerk send Letter to Mr A. Humphries the late chairman of the council expressing the thanks of all Members of the council for his loyal Services Rendered in the Past Years in the interest of the Combined Parishes also that a letter be sent to Mr V. Widcome (*sic*) expressing the councils thanks for his services and was Unanimously (*sic*) approved

The Clerk stated that 2 Bondsmen was (*sic*) required for himself in a surety of £10 Pounds Each

92. Mr Pickett stated he would become surety for the Clerk and Mr C. E. Francis Kindly Consented to become (*sic*) the other and Approved

it was then decided at the Request of the chairman to Visit the site at Terry Hill where the Bus Shelter was intended to be Erected and approved

it was Proposed by Mr C. Francis seconded (*sic*) by Mr W. Miles that the Clerk and Mr V. Francis be Elected upon the school Management Board for ensuing 3 years And unanimously (*sic*) approved

A Deputation of the Parish Council Held a Meeting at Turners Tower on Sep 8 1946 with the presence of Mr Llewellyn Miners Agent and the welfare Committee with a View of Purchasing the Hut of the Miners Welfare to be reconditioned for Bus Shelter at Hemington Cross Roads for the use of Persons using (*sic*) the Bus Service after Lengthy Discussion the Clerk agreed to Purchase in the absence of the Chairman who was unable to attend for the sum of 6 Pounds and was approved by all Member of the Parish Council

Signed V. Francis

The Members of the Parish Council being Present were as follows Mr T. Craddock Mr H. Pickett Mr C.F. Francis Mr Geo. Loader The Chairman Mr V. Francis being unable to Attend. Sep 8 1946

93. a Parish Council Meeting was Held in the Schoolroom Faulkland Sep 24 1946 the following Members of the Council being Present Mr Victor Francis chairman Mr W. Miles Mr. Howard Pickett Mr T. Craddock Mr F.C. Francis the Minutes of the last Meeting was read and unanimously (*sic*) approved by all Members of the Council

A Letter was Read from the Education officer for the Appointment from the Parish Council of two representatives to be Elected to serve on the school Managers Committee for the Norton Radstock Writhlington Council schools it was Proposed by Mr W. Miles seconded by Mr H. Pickett that Mr Victor Francis be Elected for the Norton Radstock schools and it was proposed by Mr F. C. Francis seconded by Mr T. Craddock that Mr Miles be Elected to serve on the School Manager's Committee for Writhlington school and both Member Consenting to serve and was Unanimously (*sic*) approved by all Members of the Council

The Clerk stated that he could not obtain any information (*sic*) of Mr West Who had left the district and was in arrears with his allotment (*sic*) rent three shillings and four Pence and there was No hope of recovery of the Amount due to Parish Council it was Proposed by Mr T. Craddock seconded by Mr H. Pickett and Unanimously (*sic*) approved by all Members of the Council that the Clerk write the arrears off and if he ever returned to the district or any News of his whereabouts Could be Obtained Notice would be served on him for the sum of 3s 4d due to the Parish Council and approved Sep 24 1946

The Clerk stated that the stocks on the village Green need repairing it was Proposed by Mr T. Craddock seconded by Mr H. Pickett Mr V. Francis be asked to do the repairs and was unanimously (*sic*) approved by all Members of the Council

94. A letter was Read from the Post Master General saying that the lighting up of the Kiosk box in Faulkland was receiving attention and would be Carried out in the Near Future And was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved by all Members of the Council

it was Unanimously (*sic*) approved by all Members that the 3 cheques be Withdrawn to Pay the following Accounts
Painting repairing seats on Village Green Mr V. Francis £2/5/-
half years allotment (*sic*) Rent Mr Thomas £3
The Clerk A.H. Loader £4/9/5 to Pay following Mr F. Burgess for work done
10/- audit stamp 1945
Hadden Best 10/5

Some discussion as what the Council would Suggest in appointing two representative to attend the Parish Council Conference it was Unanimously (*sic*) Agreed that the Clerk find out if Any of the Members Could attend and report to Next Parish Council Meeting and Approved by All Members
Signed V. Francis 20 Dec 1946

A parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Dec 20 1946 the following Members being present Mr V. Francis Mr H. Pickett and C.E. Francis the Minutes of the last Meeting being read and was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

The Clerk reported that an application Had been made to him by Mr C. Smith for 10 Perch of Allotment (*sic*) for this season if arrangements Could be Made by the Council it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk Make arrangements for Mr Smith to Rent 10 Perch of Allotment (*sic*) from the Council Commencing (*sic*) Mar 25 1947

95. The Clerk stated that the Stocks on the Village Green had been repaired and the Members Approved that the work had been done Very Satisfactory also the Application for lighting up the Kiosk box had been Conceded and the work was being Proceeded with and Approved

A Complaint was Made to the Parish Council with reference to the secondary scholars attending school at Frome had difficulty of returning from school in the afternoon as the bus was full of Ordinary (*sic*) Passengers this Meant one Hours wait for the Next Bus as some of the Children had long Distance to go after leaveing (*sic*) the Bus it was late until the (*sic*) reached home the Clerk was instructed to write to Chief Education Officer to see if some alteration Could be Made and was approved
the Clerk stated that His Bondsman was requested to Draft Copies of their surity (*sic*) to be forwarded to the Treasurer of Hemington Hardington Foxcote Parish Council

Copy as follows Deposited with treasure (*sic*) of the Above Parish Council
Dec 20 1946

Hemington Hardington Foxcote Parish council
To the Trustee of the above Parish Council
Dear Sir,

I hereby agree to become Bondsman in a surety of Ten Pounds for the Clerk A.H. Loader of 16 Lansdown View Faulkland Nr Bath Som Clerk to the above Parish Council for My Term of Office ending Mar 31 1949 *Signed* H. Pickett

96. Dec 20 1946

Hemington Hardington Foxcote Parish Council
To Treasure (*sic*) of the above Parish Council
Dear Sir,

I hereby agree to become Bondsman in a surety of Ten Pounds for the Clerk A. H. Loader of 16 Lansdown View Faulkland Nr Bath dureing (*sic*) My Term of Office Mar 31 1949 *Signed* C. E. Francis

it was Unanimously (*sic*) Agreed that two cheques be withdrawn to Pay the following Accounts
repairing Stocks on Village Green Mr Victor Francis £1/5/0
one to Clerk to Pay Mr F. Burgess for work on footpaths and Cutting allotment Hedges £2/19/-
10/- for Audit Stamps Due to the Clerk 10/-
£3/ 9/-

Signed V. Francis

re Playing Field for the united Parishes of Hemington Hardington & Foxcote

A Public Meeting was Held in the Schoolroom Faulkland on January 6th 1947 the following Members being Present Mr V. Francis Mr T. Craddock Mr F. C. Francis Mr W. Miles Mr Thomas Estate agent being Present representing Lord Hylton Mr V. Francis occupied the Chair and stated the Meeting had been arranged for the Purpose of trying to obtain field as near the Village as Possible for the young men and Girls and children to have somewhere to spend their Leisure Hours in recreation field The Young men needed Somewhere to Play football and other Games and it was Most Vital that the children should have somewhere to play to Keep **97.** them from the Dangers of the Highway that some little time ago the matter was discussed by the late Parish Council and Himself and Mr F. Mounty was asked to interview with Mr C. Scamell Faulkland Farm to see if he would be willing to Let 6 acres of the field facing (*sic*) the Council Houses but was Unsuccessful (*sic*) Mr Thomas stated that Lord Hylton would do all in his Power to help Provide a field for the Village after Some Discussion which would be most suitable field for this Purpose and it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed by all Present that the field facing (*sic*) the council Houses was the most suitable Mr Thomas said he would convey the Views of the Meeting to Lord Hylton and he was Quite Sure his Lordship would all in his Powers (*sic*) to Provide the Village with a field A Vote of thanks was passed by the Chairman to Mr Thomas and Lord Hylton for their Assistance and was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved by all Present

Signed V. Francis 24th March 1947

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Mar 24 1947 the following Members being Present Mr V. Francis Mr W. Miles Mr T. Craddock Mr H. Pickett Mr F. C. Francis being unable to attend through Business Matter Mr G. Loader being indisposed

It was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed that Precept be forwarded to Frome Rateing (*sic*) Athourity (*sic*) for the sum of fifteen Pounds for the Comeing (*sic*) year

Mr C. Smith applied for 10 Perch of allotment (*sic*) after Very Careful Consideration as the Council had Difficulty in finding tenants in the last year the clerk stated he had an interview with Mr Green and he would be Prepared to **98.** to let Mr Smith have 10 Perch as soon as Arrangements could be Made. it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed that the Clerk inform Mr C. Smith of the Councils Decision the Clerk stated he had received all the Rents due to the Council for the Year Ending Mar 25th 1947 and was Considered Very satisfactory by all Members of the Council

A Letter was read from Mr Thomas Estate agent that the Question of Playing field for Faulkland was still being Negotiated and that he would Notify its Decision to the Council as soon as Possible

To (*sic*) cheques was withdrawn to Pay the following accounts
one to the Clerk as follows for Salary for the Year £10
Hire of schoolroom for Meetings up to Mar 24 1947 12/6

for stamps stationery to Clerk Mar 24 1947 10/5 Total £11/2/11
half Years allotment (sic) rent due to Lord Hylton Mar 25 1947 £3

A Letter was read from the County surveyor Taunton asking if it Could be arranged for some Members of the Parish Council could Meet him at Terry Hill to view the site where it was considered to Erect the bus shelter it was Unanimously (sic) agreed that the Clerk Make arrangement for the Chairman and Himself to Meet the surveyor and Unanimously (sic) approved

it was Unanimously (sic) agreed that the annual Parish Meeting be Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Monday April 14th 1947 at 7 PM and Approved

Signed V. Francis 14th April 1947

99. The Annual Parish Meeting was Held in the Schoolroom Faulkland on Monday April 14 1947 there was only small attendance of Parishioners (sic) Present Mr V. Francis Presided supported by the following Members of the Council Mr W. Miles G. Loader F. C. Francis T. Craddock H. Pickett Clerk A.H. Loader. the Chairman gave a survey of the work done during the year remarking on the Pleasure of having the Bus Service reinstated to the village. the Council had also assisted in arrangeing (sic) for the Hardington children to be Conveyed to school and the telephone Kiosk to be fitted up with Electric lights The Financial Statement was Given by the Clerk for the Year Ending Mar 31 1947 was as follows

Balance at Beginning of year	26 / 3/6	
income for the Year Frome Rateing athourity	15 / 0/-	
Allotment Rent Mar 25 1947	7/15/2	total £48/19/2
expenditure for the year was as follows	£28/15/6	
Balance in Bank to Credit of Council Mar 31 1947	£20/3/8	

it was Proposed by Mr F. C. Francis seconded by Mr W. Miles that the Accounts be accepted and was Unanimously (sic) Approved

A Parish Council Meeting followed Mr V. Francis Presiding for Another Year . the Minutes of the last Meeting being read and was Unanimously (sic) Approved

A Letter was read from the Estate agent Mr Thomas saying that Lord Hylton Very Much regretted that he Could not advise Mr C. Scamell to let any of his fields to the Council for this Purpose as the tenants Claimed it was Good Arable Land the chairman stated that he and the Council Much regretted to hear this but the Council would Keep it Mind (sic) that if any Opportunity did arise they would do all they could for the interest of the united Parishes

100. A Letter was Read from Mr H. Ludwell Complaining about the Conditions of the styles on the footpath leading from Turners Tower to Writhlington the Clerk stated he had Made an inspection since receiving Mr Ludwells report and found one of the styles in a Very bad state and it Needed New style and Post to do the work it was Proposed and seconded that the Clerk Purchas (sic) New timber and to Ask Mr Burgess to Complete the Styles and all repairs that was Needed as Early as Possible and was Unanimously (sic) Approved by all Members of the Council

Signed V. Francis 30 May '47

at The request of the Miners Welfare Committee Turners Tower The Members of the Parish Council was (sic) invited to attend a Combined Meeting To Discuss the Needs of Playing field for the united Parishes of Hemington Hardington Foxcote Mr V. Francis chairman of the Council stated Negoations (sic) had been Going on for some time to try and Provide the Village with Playing field and that Lord Hylton had assisted the Council in trying some of (sic) his tenants to Provide the village with a field but without any success The Clerk of the Parish Council had appealed through the press to the owners and tenants To help overcome the difficulty as Everyone Present would agree that it was essential (sic) the children should have somewhere to go and Play and to keep them from the dangers of the Highway unfortunately (sic) all the fields near the Village was (sic) Arable land and the tenants was (sic) Not Prepared to Part with it a Resolution was unaniously (sic) Passed that the Clerk of the Council write to Mr W. B. Kent to bring the Matter before the Rural District Council Frome or if he would Give advice as to what Procedure the Meeting should Adopt the following Members of the Parish Council being Present Mr V. Francis chairman Mr W. Miles Mr T. Craddock Mr Geo Loader

Signed V. Francis, Chairman 10th May 1947

101. A Parish Council Meeting was Held at the Village rooms Turners Tower on May 30 1947 the following members being Present Mr. V. Francis Presiding also present Mr T. Craddock G. Loader F. C. Francis the Minutes of the last Meeting being read and unaniously (sic) approved by All Members

the Clerk stated that New Style had been Erected and wicket repaired on Causely footpath By Mr Burgess and he Considered the work that had been done was Very Satisfactory and would last Number of Years and was Unanimously (sic) Approved

The clerk stated that the allotment (sic) Gate Post had decayed away and he had Purchased New one from M. Craddock Oak Post for the sum of five shillings and was Unanimously (sic) Approved

it was Unanimously (sic) agreed to the Motion Proposed by Mr Craddock Seconded by G. Loader and adopted by all Members of the council that Mr F. Burgess be Paid 1/6 Per Hour for work done for the Council and was Unanimously (sic) approved

A Meeting followed re Playing fields after with a small number of the committee of the Miners welfare the chairman of the Parish Council Presided stating that letter had been forwarded by the Parish Council to the Rural District Council to hear their views the Clerk had replied to their letter saying Either the Parish Council or the District Council can Acquire Playing fields if the parish Council needs Compulsory Powers they must apply to the County Council to obtain necessary order it is far better if a field can be obtained without the trouble and expense of a Compulsory order there may also be some difficulty in getting and (sic) order as their (sic) is nothing suitable near the Village of Faulkland excepting Arable Land the Chairman stated that the Parish Council would Keep it on the agenda in the **102.** future if at any time a field became Availabe (sic) the Council with the support of the parishioners would do all they Could in Promoting a Playing field for the United Parishes And was Unanimously (sic) Approved

A Cheque was withdrawn to the Clerk for the sum of £2/10/6 To Pay the following Accounts

Erecting Styles Mr F. Burgess	£1/13/-	
Supplying Timber Mr G. Beck	12/6	
supplying Oak Gate Post Mr T. Craddock	5/-	£2/10/6

Signed V. Francis (Chairman) 25 Sep 1947

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland Sep 25 1947 the following Members being present Mr V. Francis Mr W. Miles Mr Geo Loader Mr H. Pickett the Minutes of Last Meeting being read and was Unanimously (sic) Approved A Letter was Read from Mr MaKensie (sic) with reference to the Duties and Hours of the Postman (sic) serving in the Rural Districts and the Trades Council would wish to Know if the Members of the Parish Council would agree that Postman in the Rural Areas be Granted the Same Privaleges (sic) in working Hours as the Town Postman The Clerk was instructe (sic) to reply to Mr MaKenzie (sic) saying that the Parish

Council of Hemington Unanimously (*sic*) Approved that the Same Hours should be Granted to all full time Postman and was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

it was stated that Complaints had been made about the unpleasant smell of the Village Pond which required Cleaning out on the proposition of Mr Miles seconded by Geo Loader the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Burt Sanitary Surveyor to see if he would Make Preparations to have the Pond Cleaned And Unanimously (*sic*) Approved by all Members of the Council

103. The clerk was instructed to write to Mr Widdicombe District Surveyor to see if he would have the Gutter Piped Leading for about 100 yds on the left hand side of the Road through the Village of Faulkland it was about 15 inches deep and Dangerous to People Alighting from the Bus in the Dark nights and Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

The Clerk reported that Mr T. Craddock was Giving up his allotment (*sic*) Mar 25 1948 and he had received an application from Mr J. Green to Become Tenant it was Proposed by Mr H. Pickett sec by Geo Loader that the Clerk accept the Application of Mr Green and Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed that the Clerk ask Mr F. Burgess to carry out the nesecary (*sic*) work on the following footpaths Trimming the overhanging Growth in Grove lane and also Hollow Pit Lane and at Turners Tower to Hemington church Path Mr Miles stated some improvements needed to be done on the footpath leading from Foxcote to Writhlington The Clerk stating (*sic*) he would ask Mr Burgess to carry out the work he would also visit the footbridge at Hemington and see what Needed to be Done and report to the next Parish Council Meeting and Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

the following cheque was Withdrawn to Mr Thomas Estate Agent for the sum of Three Pounds for Half Years allotment (*sic*) Rent £3

it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed to fix all Parish Council Meetings on Mondays on the Proceeding Monday before the Holiday the Clerk to have Permission to call the Members Together at any Date between these dates if nesecary (*sic*) And was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

Signed V. Francis Chairman

104. Hemington Terry Hill Bus shelter Declared open on Aug 23 1947 Erected by Voluntary subcriptions (*sic*)

A Fete was Arranged by the parish Council Members to meet the expenditure of Erecting and Carrying out the of (*sic*) the two Bus shelters which was responded to Very Liberally by the People of the Combined Parishes of Hemington Hardington & Foxcote A Fete was Held in a field Very Kindly Lent by Mr T. Craddock for the occasion and Good Programme of Sports was arranged by the Committee which Proved Very successful The Single Hill Silver Band Being in attendance Mr Mrs A.R. Gifford received a Hearty Welcome from all Present when they declared the fete open having so many old friends in the parish from which they used to reside the Parish Council and womens institute then Proceeded (*sic*) to Terry Hill To Meet Lord and Lady Hylton To Declare the Bus shelter open to the public use. Lady Hylton in Declaring the shelter open to the public said it gave her Very Great Pleasure in being asked to come to Terry Hill in such an (*sic*) splendid occasion and she thought the parish Council had done Magnificent Peice (*sic*) of work in Provideing (*sic*) the shelter for the People who used the Bus Service and it Gave her Very Great Pleasure in Declareing (*sic*) the two shelters open Lord Hylton responed (*sic*) with few well chosen words and Congratulated the Parish Council on their Splendid Effort and the interest they took in the the (*sic*) People in Provideing (*sic*) them with the Bus shelters Mr V. Francis chairman of the Council replied on behalf of the council and the Womens institute and it Gave them all Very Great Pleasure in Meeting Lord and Lady Hylton He would like to thank Lord Lady Hylton on behalf of the council in coming forward to assist in the work and making such a splendid **105.** Gift to the council in Presenting the Bus Shelter of Terry Hill to the Council which Played a Very important Part in getting the shelters Erected as it would all be done by Voluntary subscription Mr A. Loader Clerk to Parish Council said he was very Pleased to see the work had been carried and he would like to Congratulate Messers Pratten Builders Midsomer Norton and and (*sic*) Mr V. Francis Builders in the Very Satisfactory way they had Carried out the work it had been a long time about but he Considered it was well worth waiting for and it would be Very Much Appreciated by the People of the the (*sic*) United Parishes an Agreement had been drawn up by the Parish Council and the County Council for the Erection of the shelters and had been Carried out to their satisfaction and the members of the council had Presented their Signatures to the County Council to see the two shelters Protected and Properly used to preserve and Maintain and Kept in Good order they was insured by the Radstock Co op Society for the sum of 18/- Per Annuam (*sic*) becomeing (*sic*) Due in the Months (*sic*) of October to Mr S. Whittock 4 West Hill gardens Radstock agent after Meeting all expenses there is a surplus Balance to the Credit of the Parish Council of £17/8/3

expenses as follows	Miners W Hut	£6/ 0/-
	insurance	£1/10/6
	Draft County Council	10/-
	Stamps stationery	5/8
	Pratten Builders	£21/ 5/-
	H.G. Francis	£24/ 7/4
	insurance 1947	18/-
	items	3/-
		<u>£54/19/6</u>
Money received	Dance	£18/ 0/-
	Lord Hylton	£20/ 5/-
	Bristol Bus Compy	5/ 0/-
	Proceeds of Fete	£27/12/9
	Mr V. Francis	1/ 0/-
		<u>£72/ 7/9</u> Balance in Hand £17/9/3

Signed V. Francis Chairman

106. A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the Schoolroom Faulkland on Dec 22 the following Members being Present Mr V. Francis H. Pickett Geo Loader T. Craddock F.C. Francis the Minutes of the Last Meeting being read and Unanimously (*sic*) approved by All Members of the council

The Clerk reported that the work on Various footpaths had been Completed Satisfactory also the Village Pond had been Cleaned out satisfactory to the Sanitary surveyor of Frome Rural District Council the District Surveyor (*sic*) attention had been Called to the Dangerous Gullie at the Cross Roads Faulkland where the Bus Stop which increase the danger on dark nights the Clerk read letter from the District Surveyor to say the work was included in his Estimate for Road improvement the Reply was noted with thanks and a Request for attention to the matter as Early as Possible the Council agreed Unanimously (*sic*) to take an (*sic*) House to House Collection in Aid to the China Fund the clerk to make Arrangements for Collecting Boxes and flags etc

it was decided to Convene a meeting of Allotment Tenants Early 1948 for Discussion with the Council Concerning the allotments (*sic*) the Clerk to send invitations to all allotment (*sic*) Holders to attend and Approved

it was decided to Make and (*sic*) arrangement to call Meeting of the United Parishes to ascertain the views of the People on silver Lining Week Mar 13 to 20th it was decided to leave it Mr Francis and the clerk to Arrange date of the Meeting and Approved

The Clerk reported he received Complaints about the rain Blowing in on the seats at Terry Hill Bus shelter he had Visited the Shelter and found that was so the council agreed they would Endeavour to make the shelter as Convenient as Possible as their Balance in hand to carry out the alteration the Clerk was instructed to write to Messers Pratten & co Builders Midsomer Norton for an Estimate for fixing two **107.** two (*sic*) half slideing (*sic*) Doors which would Prevent the trouble and Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

The clerk reported he had received applications for allotments (*sic*) from Mr Geo Portingale Mr Pratten Mr Smith Each required 20 Perch it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed that the Council would be Prepared to accept them as tenants commencing from Mar 25 1948 And approved

two Cheques was withdrawn one to the clerk A.H. Loader to Pay following accounts work on footpaths Mr F. Burgess £2/19/-
Cutting Allotment Hedges 15/-
£3/14/-

One to Hadden Best & Co Books & Stationery Etc £1/3/4
Signed V. Francis Chairman 20th Jan 1948

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland January 20 1948 the following Members being present Mr V. Francis Geo Loader T. Craddock W. Miles with the Clerk Mr F. C. Francis was absent being indisposed

the allotment (*sic*) Holders were invited and Good Number attended to hear the Discussion on the Question of Erecting a new fence around the Council allotments (*sic*) the Chairman explained that the Council had come to the Conclusion that it was impossible to Carry out the necessary work of Provideing (*sic*) a new fence to Protect the crops without an increase in the rent and before doing this the (*sic*) wanted the Holders views The Clerk reported that he had visited the allotments (*sic*) and found the Fence in a very bad state it needed new Post and Wire for a distance of 70 yds and there was nothing of any Consequence left to Prevent straying cattle from Entering the allotments (*sic*) the Council were willing to do all in their Power to avoid damage to the crops but the additional expense had to be faced following an (*sic*) **108.** Discussion the Tenants agreed for the rents to be increased from 4d Pence Per Perch to 8d Pence Per Perch from Mar 25 1948 to meet the Cost of the repairs the chairman thanked the Allotment (*sic*) Holders for their Attendance and for the Cordial way they had decided to assist the Council to Carry out the work and was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

Mr W. Miles of Foxcote Farm reported their (*sic*) had be (*sic*) an accident on the Foxcote to single Hill road at the Point where the road is very narrow the Clerk was instructed to write to the district surveyor of the Frome Rural District Council and suggest that he meet Mr Miles where the accident happened with view of improving the Road to avoid futur (*sic*) accidents and approved by all Members of the Council

when the Question of Conveying the children from 5 years of age up to 8 years of age to Hemington Primary school the Council learned with regret that no decision had been made for the children in of (*sic*) Faulkland Etc and it was decided to Protest strongly against the decision and Clerk was instructed to write to the Education office at Taunton for an explanation and approved

The clerk was instructed to write to Wessex Electricity Company asking if an Early Consideration Could be given to extending the supply to Hemington Turners Tower and Terryhill it would be very much appreciated by all residents especially Farmers and Places of worship and the council school and approved

it was Unanimously (*sic*) agreed to accept (*sic*) an Estimate from Prattens Co Builders Midsomer Norton for the work of Erecting to (*sic*) half slideing (*sic*) doors to the Bus Shelter at Terry hill in order to Prevent the rain Blowing in and to ask the firm to Carry out the work at an Early Date And approved

Signed V. Francis Chairman 23rd March 1948

109. A Public Meeting was Held in the Faulkland schoolroom on Tuesday Feb 3rd 1948 the following Members of the Parish Council being Present Mr V. Francis Mr Geo Loader Mr H. Pickett T. Craddock Mr W. Miles Mr F.C. Francis there was very small Company Present Mr V. Francis occupied the chair and stated had been called for the Purpose of Hearing the views of the People United Parishes (*sic*) as to see what could be done to assist in the Silver Lining Campaign in the Rural District of Frome the chairman Pointed out the necessity for Everyone to assist in the Savings Campaign and the members of the Parish Council would be Quite willing to do all in their Power to make it a success the chairman invited Proposition (*sic*) from the meeting as to what their feelings was in the Matter but no Propal (*sic*) to Continue with the Campaign was Forthcoming after Lengthly (*sic*) Discussion the Meeting was Abandoned

A Parish Council Meeting followed the Clerk reported that in Co with Mr Pickett the Aid to the China Fund Collecting boxes Contained the sum of two Pounds and nine Pence halfpenny the Clerk was asked to fowards (*sic*) the proceeds to Head Quarter (*sic*) in London the Clerk he would like to see the sum made up to £2/2/- Mr F. C. Francis Very Kindly agreed to Make it up to the sum and received thanks from all the Council Members

the Clerk was ask (*sic*) to bring to the notice of the Post Master General at Bath that the Kiosk box at Faulkland did not light up in the evenings only come on at Midnight to the Early Hours of the Mornings the clerk stated he would Notify the Postmaster general on the Matter and approved

The Clerk was instructed to write to The Bristol Tramway Co see if there was an Opportunity of getting the late Bus Service from Frome to Radstock reinstated if only for Wednesdays and Saturdays it would be very much Appreciated by the users of the Service also to write to Bath Tramway Compy to see if their service to the Route of Trowbrige (*sic*) could be altered from Wed to Tuesdays this being Trowbrig (*sic*) Market day Wednesday being Early Closeing (*sic*) the service not being Convenient also **110.** to ask if More Buses could be Put on between the Hours Now serving the district the clerk stated he would take the matter up with both tramway Co (*sic*)

The clerk reported that Mr T. Pratten Had now withdrawn also Mr C. Smith from takeing (*sic*) on any allotment (*sic*) and Mr Buck had also Decided to Give up his 10 Perch the clerk that (*sic*) Mr J. Green would take the ground on that became vacant at 25 March 1948 the Clerk reported that he had let the Peice (*sic*) of 10 Perch to Mr F. thick and was Unanimously (*sic*) appr

Some Discussion took Place as to wether (*sic*) the parish would become associated to the Parish Council association it was decided to let the matter stand in obeyance (*sic*) until the Next Meeting and Approved

Signed V. Francis Mar 23rd 1948

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland Mar 23 1948 the following members being present Mr V. Francis Mr W. Miles Mr Geo Loader Mr T. Craddock Mr F. C. Francis the Minutes of the last Meeting being read and Unanimously (*sic*) approved

A Letter was Read from the manager of the Bristol tramway Co with reference to Parish Council Relief (*sic*) Bus from Frome to Radstock the Company regretted that it was impossible at the Present to introduce relief Buses owing to the shortage of staff but the Matter

would be borne in mind when Circumstances change. the Clerk was instructed to Acknowledge their letter with thanks from the Council hoping to hear in the near future that the difficulty would soon be overcome

also to write and acknowledge the letter from the Bath Tramway and to enquire if **111.** there is any Likehood (*sic*) of any change being made in the near future and to make an application for another Bus to Put on between the Hours 2/10 and 8/10PM as the Council Considered it to (*sic*) long without the service between these Hours And approved

Mr Miles reported their (*sic*) had been another accident at the same spot as one recently reported to the District Surveyor the Clerk was instructed to make a report to the District Surveyor and approved

The clerk was instructed to write to Education office Taunton expressing the Parish Council thanks to himself (*sic*) and the Education Committee in making (*sic*) their Decision in Conveying the children from Faulkland to Hemington school also to state their (*sic*) was few scholars in Lansdown View that was a few yards over the one mile limit and could any arrangements (*sic*) be made by the Education Committee in getting these small scholars included to Convey them to school when recommenced next October 1948 and was Unanimously (*sic*) approved

Fencing the allotments (*sic*) was Discussed a Letter was read from Mr Thomas Estate agent to Lord Hylton wrote saying that no Post could be purchased from the Estate the Clerk reported that he had written to Mr Beck for Enquiry and he stated he had Post and would be Pleased to meet the members on the spot by appointment it was unanimously (*sic*) agreed that the Clerk Make arrangements for Mr T. Craddock and himself to meet Mr Beck and was approved by all Members

the Clerk stated the Doors had not been attached yet to the Terry Hill Bus Shelter but he would write to Messer Pratten and Co Ltd Midsomer Norton to find out what was Causing the Delay and approved

112. To (*sic*) cheques was withdrawn to Pay the following account Mr Thomas Estate agent half years Allotment (*sic*) rent Three Pounds

and one to the clerk to Pay the following	Clerk Salary for the year	£3
	One pound Due to Clerk for Audit stamp	£10
	stamps and stationery	£1
	Hire of school for Parish Council Meetings	15/11
		<u>15/-</u>
	Total	12/10/11

it was decided that the chairman make enquiries about the Parish Council routine of Business with the parish Council association and the Parish Could Make their Decision to become affiliated to the association and approved

it was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved that the annual Parish Meeting be Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on Wednesday april 4th 1948 at 7PM and Approved

Signed V. Francis 15th April 1948

at the Annual Parish Meeting Held in the schoolroom Faulkland for the Combined Parishes of Hemington Hardington Foxcote the chairman Mr V. Francis gave an interesting resume of the work Carried out by the Council during the year Twelve Meetings during the year 1947.8 in addition to Many Sub Committees their Efforts had resulted in the Bus shelters being Erected at two Points Frome Radstock Road Dangerous Gutters had been filled in at Faulkland Village the stocks on the village Green Put in Condition attempts had been made to run Silver Lining week with success and to get an extension of the Electric for the Neighbouring Villages but without success **113.** and the council had done there (*sic*) Best for Playing field for the United Parishes which was badly needed and would be Kept on the agenda for future Discussion Mr V. Francis Paid a fitting tribute to the work of the Clerk Mr A.H. Loader for the Manner he had Carried out his Duties During the year and also thanked the Members of the Council for their attendance at meetings and their Help on various ways the Reading of the Bampfylde and Vigor charities showed that disbursement for the year was £ 29/2/6 Mr T. Craddock and Mr H. Pickett Members of the Council were thanked for representing the Parish Council on the committee on the Question of Joining the Parish Council association Mr Francis reported on Meetings he had attended as representative of the Frome RDC and He Considered it would be very useful to become affiliated to the Association Mr Miles and Mr V. Francis was asked to Attend a Meeting (*sic*) at Wells on May 1st 1948 and to Discuss affiliation to the parish Councils Association at the next Meeting a Letter was read from the Rural District Surveyor over Dangerous Corners on Foxcote Road which showed that until the owner ship (*sic*) of the Land was settled no improvement at this spot was impossible (*sic*) The Clerk stated that the Bath tramway Co was considering the Councils request for revision of the Bus Service to trowbridge (*sic*) and there was Good Prospect of the Buses being run Tuesday instead of Wednesday Many other Matters were Discussed and thanks was expressed to the guardian for their helpful reports The Chairman said he was sorry Parishoners (*sic*) did did (*sic*) not attend the Meetings to Pass an opinion on the Councils Efforts in respect of the Combined Parishes they had done what they could to improve Conditions and would Continue to do so The financial Statement was Presented by the Clerk Showing Balance in Hand at the Commencement of **114.** Year was as follows

	20/ 3/8	
income for the Frome Rating athourity (<i>sic</i>)		15/ 0/-
Allotment Rent		<u>7/15/8</u>
total		42/19/4
expenditure for the year was follows (<i>sic</i>)	25/18/9	
Balance in Bank Mar 31 1948	<u>17/ 0/7</u>	
	42/19/4	

the following Members being Present Mr V. Francis chairman Mr W. Miles Mr H. Pickett Mr T. Craddock Mr F. C. Francis being unable to attend

Signed V. Francis 20th May 1948

A Parish Council Meeting was Held in the schoolroom Faulkland on May 20 1948 the minutes of the last meeting being read and was Unanimously (*sic*) Approved the following Members being present Mr V. Francis Mr W. Miles Mr Geo Loader Mr H. Pickett Mr T. Craddock Mr F. C. Francis

on the Question of the Fencing of the allotments the Clerk reported that the work had been Carried out by Mr F. Burgess and in his opinion it was very satisfactory the Council after Viewing the work endorsed the report of the Clerk and Passed the accounts for Payment

after Hearing the report of the Chairman and Mr W. Miles of the parish Council Conference Held at Wells on May 1st 1948 it was Unanimously (*sic*) decided the Council become Affiliated to the Parish Councils Association

The Tenant of the field leading to Green Parlour asked for the footpath to be diverted it was found However that the Pathway was in Kilmersdon District Mr W. Miles Promised to notify the Tenant of this and he Could make an application to Kilmersdon Parish Council and Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

A Petition was Handed in from the People living near **115**. the Foxcote Colliery stating (*sic*) that the Batch was on fire the fumes Creating a nuisance to Everybody living near the Colliery it was decided that the Clerk write to the National Coal Board asking for action to be taken in the Matter and Unanimously (*sic*) Approved

Some Discussion took Place in respect to the footpath leading across Causely which was Ploughed up During the war by the War Executive Committee the Clerk was instructed to write to the agricultuar (*sic*) war executive Committee asking if they would restore the Path to it (*sic*) Pre war Condition and approved by all Member (*sic*)

As the chains around the Village Green was (*sic*) removed and taken away During the war and Applications for Compensation had to be submitted before June 1st 1948 the Council decided the Clerk should write to the Regional Compensation Surveyor asking if this fence could be restored and thus avoid any nuisance being Created to the inhabitants living around the Green and Approved

A Complaint was made to the Council of the Delapidated (*sic*) Building near the footpath leading down the footpath to Mr W. Becks the Council viewing this Building Considered it was Dangerous and may Collapse at any time the clerk was instructed to write to Mr Thomas Estate agent and inform him of the Condition of the building and was approved by all Members

the wicket at Turners Tower leading to Causely footpath being inspected by the council which had been subjected to very rough use it was decided to have style to the Pattern of the one at Green Parlour it was left to the Clerk and Mr T. Craddock to make arrangements (*sic*) for this work to be Carried out And was unanimously (*sic*) approved

after Proceeding to Terry Hill to view the Two slideing (*sic*) doors that was (*sic*) Erected by Messers Pratten & Co Prevent the rain from Blowing into the Bus Shelter which was Erected by the council from Voluntary subcriptons (*sic*) and the slideing (*sic*) doors would be Paid for with the surplus money in hand and the Council Considered the work to be very satisfactory and it was decided that the Clerk inform the Public **116**. that their Cooperation would be nesecary (*sic*) in Keeping the doors Closed and report to the Clerk if at any time there was Evidence of Wilful Damage being done to the shelter as any Nuisance being Created the council would take Action and was unanimously (*sic*) Approved

Signed V. Francis Chairman 5th Aug 1948

A Parish Council meeting was held at the Faulkland Schoolroom, on Thursday Aug 5th 1948 the following members being present. Mr C. Francis, Mr T. Cradock, Mr G. Loader Mr H. Pickett, Mr W. Miles, Mr V. Francis was in the Chair

The Chairman referred to the death of their Clerk Mr A. Loader, who he said, was one of the best public spirited men that this parish had produced. He had served on the council for 22 years, and for 12 of these years he had been Clerk. The chairman said that in his opinion no other man could be more zealous in his work for the village. The whole council agreed in one accord that the district is all the better for the life of the late Clerk. The whole council then rose in silence for a minute as a Token of respect. It was decided unanimously (*sic*), to send a letter of sympathy and appreciation to the widow and family of the late Clerk.

The appointment of a new clerk was next considered, and it was unanimously (*sic*) decided to ask Mr G. Loader to take the office, his reply that he would inform the chairman by Monday Aug 9th 1948.

It was also agreed that the Clerk **117**. Salary should remain at £10 until the end of the current year, when it should come up for revision.

It was moved and carried that in the event of Mr G. Loader accepting the clerkship, that Mr F. Green be asked to serve on the council until the end of the term him being the person with the next highest number of votes at the Parish Council Election on March 11th 1946. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved.

The matters arising from the minutes were fully dealt with and all reply's (*sic*) were very satisfactory, the council decided to await further action by the coal board re. the batch at Foxcote. The chairman and Mr T. Cradock gave a brief report on the meeting of the National Parish Councils Association held at Bruton, and it was decided that members should attend the parish council association meetings at Bruton in Alphabetical order and that Mr T. Cradock and Mr C. Francis be appointed to attend the next meeting to be held at Bruton on Oct 19th at 7p.m.

The meeting decided that the seat on Faulkland green should be repaired and Mr H.G. Francis should carry out these repairs.

Mr C. Francis strongly protested against the way the County Education Committee had run the free place examinations to Grammar Schools and it was decided that a letter be written to the Education Committee concerned, protesting against the present method used

118. Mr G. Loader was unanimously (*sic*) elected to serve on the Hemington School Managers in place of the late Mr A. Loader.
Signed V. Francis Chairman 13th Oct 1948

A Parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland Schoolroom on Wed Oct 13th 1948 Councillors being present were Mr L.V. Francis (Chairman) Mr T. Cradock, Mr W. Miles and Mr F. Green.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously approved, arising from the minutes of which included much of the good work done by the late Clerk Mr G. Loader moved a vote of thanks to the members of the Parish Council for the great Tribute they had all shown to him. To this the Chairman responded, and then welcomed Mr F. Green to the council. A letter was then read by the Clerk from Mr Owen youth organiser for the council to consider of what benefit a youth Club would be to the village, and after careful consideration the council felt that under the present circumstances there was no useful purpose at present. It was also agreed to organise a Dance etc for to raise funds for Insurance & maintenance of the bus Shelter this being left to Mr T. Cradock and Mr F. Green to arrange. It was then unanimously agreed that Mr Burgess should cut the Allotment (*sic*) hedge at the rate of 2/- per hour, the clerk to instruct Mr Burgess to do so. A letter was then read from the Ministry of Health regarding the expenses of parish Councillors for any time lost when attending meetings and, then, it was decided to be left for the time being, and to be brought up for session when ever necessary (*sic*). It was then unanimously agreed that a notice be put up on the Bus Shelter refrain any damage that may be done to them (*sic*). The meeting was then open for any complaints one of which was brought foward (*sic*) by Mr F. Green saying that the village pump was far from being in Order the Clerk being instructed to write to the Sanitary Inspector reporting the condition **119**. of same, following this, it was unanimously decided that the Clerk write to the post Master General stating the need of a public Telephone Kiosk at Hemington of which the parishoners (*sic*) concerned would very much appreciate. Mr Miles also brought foward (*sic*) a complaint regarding the collection of Refuse stating that none had been collected at Foxcote for some considerable time and that nothing looked worse than to see a lot of Rubbish stacked on the highway for such a period, the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Alford & Sons asking them to kindly attend to the Foxcote area. A cheque was drawn for the sum of £3 due to Mr Thomas for ½ years rent for allotments.

Signed V. Francis Chairman 26 Jan 1949

A parish Council Meeting was held in the Faulkland Schoolroom on Wed Jan 26th, The following members being present Mr W. Miles, Mr C. Francis, Mr T. Cradock, Mr F. Green, Mr H. Pickett, with Mr L.V. Francis in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously (*sic*) adopted. Arising from the minutes, the Clerk reading a report, stated that a dance had been held at Turners Tower on Dec 18th, which had been splendidly arranged by Mr T. Cradock and Mr F. Green,

and in this grand effort the Sum of £12/6/11 had been realized and the chairman thanked these two Councillors for their work, this being appreciated by the whole Council.

Following this the question of the allotment (*sic*) hedge arose, and as Mr Burgess had not cut the hedge as instructed, the council felt that it should now be left until the following season this being unanimously (*sic*) approved. The chairman then stated that the notices had been placed in the two Shelters, and he hoped that the people would use the shelter with respect. An account was settled with Mr H.G. Francis to the amount of 15/- for painting, printing, and posting those two notices in the **120**. Shelter this naturally being taken from the Bus Shelter Fund, and also another account which amounted to £1/3/6 for repairing the seats on the village Green this of course taken from the parish Councils Accounts. Following this, the question of the public Telephone Kiosk at Hemington was discussed, and the clerk read a letter from the Area Manager Stating that they were prepared to erect a Kiosk at Hemington, but as the expense involved in providing and maintaining facilities of this nature would not be justified by the prospective receipts from the Kiosk they would desire the Council to give and (*sic*) undertaking to pay the Sum of £4 per annum for 5 years dating the day the Kiosk opened, and providing a suitable site would be forthcoming when applied for.

After some considerable discussion, the whole Council agreed that they should call a meeting for the Residents of Hemington to hear their views on this subject, and in the meantime the Clerk was instructed to inquire of what the terms would be, to erect a Kiosk between Turners Tower and Terry Hill. Then came the question of the salvage of waste paper, and the council felt that from the examples set in outstanding area's (*sic*) the Salvage in our area was extremely satisfactory to the Council.

An appeal for the Blind Association was soon discussed, and all agreed to have a house to house Collection, and regarding the King Georges Fund for Sailors, it was decided that this be left aside for the time being. The Clerk stated that an application had been made for the extension of Electricity to Turners Tower, Terry Hill, and Hemington, and a reply had been received stating that the Southern Electricity Board would make a survey of these districts and notify the Council as soon as possible.

A report had been received, stating the condition of a Style on the Hemington & Foxcote boundary and the Clerk stated that he, accompanied by Councillor Mr F. Green, had visited the style in question and found several rails broke (*sic*). It was decided that Mr Burgess be asked by the Clerk to replace the same, and Councillor Mr W. Miles, living in that Area made an offer to give the four rails and haul them to the site, this being Greatly appreciated **121**. by the council. Members were then selected to attend the Association of parish Councils meeting to be held at Bruton on March 1st Members selected were Mr W. Miles, Mr H. Pickett, Mr F. Green and the Clerk if possible.

The chairman stated there was one item missing on the Agenda which he thought was now the time to discuss; this being the revision of the Clerk's Salary, and after careful consideration Mr W. Miles proposed that the Clerk's Salary be raised from the present £10 to £15 and to commence from March 31st 1949, this was seconded by Mr T. Cradock and unanimously (*sic*) carried.

To conclude the meeting, the date of the next meeting was arranged for March 23rd at 7 o'clock pm.

Signed V. Francis 23rd March

A Meeting was held in the Faulkland Schoolroom on Wed March 23rd. Councillors present were Mr T. Cradock, Mr W. Miles, Mr C. Francis, Mr F. Green, Mr L.V. Francis, Mr H. Pickett was unable to attend as he was unfortunately ill. Mr L. V. Francis presided and in opening the meeting stated, that he was delighted to be back with the Council once again after his recent illness, and he hoped that Mr H. Pickett, too, would have a speedy recovery. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously (*sic*) adopted. Business arising from the minutes chiefly, were Kiosk site at Hemington, and when a reply was received from the Area Manager, the Clerk was instructed to reply stating the Council view of same, and if necessary contact Mr B.J. Thomas, but to conclude the business the Chairman stated we as a council, must congratulate the Hemington Kiosk Committee, of which was formed at a Meeting held in Hemington Council School on Feb 3rd on the way they had responded to the parish Council call.

A letter had been received from the Blind Association, and after being read the Council took the view, that if they done (*sic*) anything for the cause, they felt that it was worth doing well, **122**. so they considered that a Sunday service collection, as was requested in the letter, would not be sufficient for the cause, the Clerk was instructed to put it on the Agenda towards the end of the Summer, when a Whist Drive or Dance would be arranged. The question of compensation for re-chain, which was took (*sic*) from the village Green during the war period, was again discussed and the Clerk was instructed to inquire of what progress was being made. Mr Miles put forward another complaint, regarding the non-collection of Refuse in the parish of Foxcote, the Clerk being instructed to write this time to the Clerk of Rural District Council on the matter.

The Chairman stated that the people of Hemington had made application to him, for another post Box, at the end of the village, the Clerk being instructed to write to post master General on the matter.

The precept was served on the Rating Authority for the Year ending March 31st 1950, for the Sum of £23, and 3 Cheques were withdrawn, one to Mr B. J. Thomas for ½ Years Allotment (*sic*) £3, and one to Mrs Sarah Ann Loader for £3/11/7 for 4 months Salary and Stationary, for the late Clerks service during that Year. and one to the present Clerk for £9/7/7 for 8 months Salary.

Stationary, hire of rooms, and Duplicate Book. The Annual Assembly was arranged for Wed, April 13th at 7-30pm, and it was hoped that parishoners (*sic*) would attend, to hear the review, of the work recorded, during the present parish Councils Term of office.

Another style was reported, and it was stated to have been repaired with barbed wire, this being an offence, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the tenant of the field concerned, asking him to kindly remove same.

Signed V. Francis Chairman April 13th 1949

123. The Annual meeting was held in the Faulkland Schoolroom on wed, April 13th 1949. A good number of parishoners (*sic*) were present, which helped to make the meeting very Interesting. The clerk presented the Financial Statement for the Year ending March 31st 1949, which showed an income and balance of £50/11/11 and the expenditure £36/13/4 leaving a balance in hand amounting to £13/18/7, these accounts being unanimously (*sic*) approved. A Statement on the new Bus Shelter Fund, was also produced, which showed a balance in hand of £11/11/10. The list of the Bamfylde and Vigor Charities showed a disbursement of £29 among the poor and needy cases in the parish. The chairman, Mr L.V. Francis, gave an interesting review of the work, done by the present parish Council, during its Term of office, which consisted of many items, and many other matters, given thoughtful consideration. The chairman also paid a Tribute to the late Clerk, Mr A.H. Loader, and stated that he had been missed by the council and the parish, and congratulating the new Clerk on the way he had carried out his duties entrusted to him, he stated that the new parish Council would find a good Clerk in him. A discussion then arose on the question of a playing field, and during this debate, Mr Miles, again offered a field for sport at Ruckley Ford, The chairman thanked Mr Miles, and said he hoped the youth of the village would take the advantage of the offer, until a more central field could be obtained. Mr T. Nicholas paid a tribute to the council for their splendid service, and stated that in his opinion the members should be reelected. To conclude this meeting the chairman thanked Mr Nicholas for his compliments, and also the parishoners (*sic*) for their Attendance

Signed V. Francis 25th May 1949

A parish Council meeting followed, the minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously (*sic*) adopted. Arising from the minutes was a letter from the compensation Surveyor for re-chain stating that as so many other applications had been received some further delay was inevitable before he could reply.

124. Also a letter was received from the post master General, stating he regret (*sic*) being unable to supply another post Box, for the village of Hemington, as new Housing estates, and other villages without one was (*sic*) given priority. The Clerk also stated that he had approached one of the Tenants where the style was fenced with barbed wire, and these two tenants agreed to put the matter in its proper order. A letter was also read from Mr T. Williams, and Mr W.J. Farthing regarding the footpath at Turners Tower which was ploughed up by the War Agriculture during the war, and it stated that as the occupier (*sic*) of the land concerned, did not sign the necessary (*sic*) forms, he therefore evidently ploughed up the path on his own initiative and took the risk attendant upon that course, and the Council, after some consideration, took the view, that as the occupier (*sic*) did not sign any form, nor plough up the field in the first instance, he therefore accepted no liability, and the clerk was instructed to write to Mr Farthing, Mr T. Williams, and also Mr Sterry, secretary to the Association of parish Councils.

Councillors present at both meetings were Mr T. Cradock, Mr L.V. Francis, Mr W. Miles, and Mr F. Green. *Signed V. Francis May 25th 1949*

An election of parish Councillors for the United Parishes of Hemington Hardington, & Foxcote, took place in the Faulkland Schoolroom on Sat May 14th 1949 from 12 o'clock, (noon) until 5 o'clock pm, Eleven Candidates contested the election, and the duly elected parish Councillors were as follows.

<u>Elected</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>NOT Elected</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
Cradock Thomas Edwin	196	William Edward Beck	144
Francis Charles Edwin	195	Green Richard Joseph	102
Francis Lewis Victor	191	Penney Frank William	95
Green Francis Joseph	147	Rossiter Percival Henry	74
Miles Wilfred George	192	Wilkins Clifford Herbert	118
Pickett Howard	214		

Signed V. Francis May 25th 1949

125. A meeting of the newly elected parish Council took place in the Faulkland Schoolroom on Wed, May 25th 1949. Members present were Messrs. L.V. Francis, C.E. Francis, Mr F. Green, Mr W. Miles, Mr T. Cradock, and Mr H. Pickett. The acceptance of Office forms, were signed, and it was unanimously agreed that Mr L.V. Francis be elected Chairman, with Mr W. Miles, vice-Chairman for the ensuing Year.

A Report of the Annual Assembly, and the minutes of the last meeting, were then read, both being unanimously accepted. Representatives were then appointed to serve on the Midsomer Norton, Radstock, and the Writhlington School managing bodies, the following councillors being unanimously appointed, Mr L.V. Francis, Mr C.E. Francis and Mr W. Miles, and for the Hemington primary school Mr G. Loader, and Mr L.V. Francis, and Trustees to the Bampfylde and Vigor Charities, to remain the same, this being Mr H. Pickett, and Mr T. Cradock.

The Council also agreed to rejoin the Somerset Association of Parish Councils, and a Cheque was withdrawn amounting to £1/10/- for re-registration of same, and it was agreed that Mr L.V. Francis, Mr T. Cradock, and the Clerk, attend the meeting to be held at Bruton on May 31st. It was also requested, that the Clerk report the non-collection of refuse again in the Foxcote area, and also to report to the district surveyor the condition of railings at the Foxcote Mill.

After a letter had been read from the playing fields association, it was agreed that Mr Miles, and Mr F. Green, to attend a meeting to be held at the Pavilion, Bath, on June 7th. The question of a village Hall arose, and also the painting of the two Bus Shelters, both being deferred to the next meeting. On behalf of the residents at Turners Tower Mr Pickett, applied for a seat to be placed at the entrance of Hollopit (*sic*) lane, the Clerk being instructed to write **126.** to the clerk of R.D.C. on the matter. It was also agreed that the Clerk write to the Area Telephone Office to inquire of what progress had been made regarding the site of Kiosk, to be placed at Hemington and also if the application for the one at Turners Tower or Terry Hill had been considered. The question of a 30 mile limit through the village of Faulkland also arose, the Clerk also instructed to write to the District surveyor on this matter. The clerk also was instructed to place a notice on the parish Council Board, forbidding the playing of Cricket and football on the village Green.

A Cheque was also withdrawn to the clerk, amounting to to (*sic*) £1/7/- for 17/- he had paid Mr Burgess for repairing Style and also 10/- for Audit Stamp. Mr T. Cradock also gave a donation, amounting to £1/10/- toward the Bus Shelter Fund this of which he had received for the salvage of waste paper, this being greatly appreciated by the council..

Signed V. Francis 29th Sep 1949

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland Schoolroom on Thursday Sept. 29th, 1949. Mr L. V. Francis presided, supported by Mr T. Cradock, Mr C. E. Francis, Mr W. Miles, Mr F. Green, Mr H. Pickett, with their Clerk Mr G. Loader. Much business was discussed from matters arising from the minutes, which included the Roadside Seat at Turners Tower, and a letter was read from the county Council, and also Rural District Council, granting permission for same to be erected, also an estimate had been received from Mr W. A. Hooper Stating that he would prepare concrete bed, and fix the seat for the sum of £4/5/-, and it was decided to accept his estimate, with a further decision to organise a Dance to raise funds to meet the expense involved, the latter being left to Mr Cradock, Mr F. Green, and the Clerk, to arrange followed by the support of the remaining Councillors.

A letter was read, concerning the site of the Telephone Kiosk at Hemington, and the decision deferred owing to the **127.** plans for an alternative site not being to hand.

Dissapointment (*sic*) was also expressed at the reply to the application for a 30 mile limit being imposed through the village of Faulkland, which stated that the volume of Traffic, under the Road Traffic Act 1934, did not warrant it, and it did not also, have the necessary Characteristics of a built up area.

Mr Miles also reported, that the collection of Refuse, in the Foxcote area was at present very satisfactory, also the lane leading to the Foxcote Colliery, had recently been repaired and this too were very satisfactory.

Tenders for the painting of the exterior of the two Bus Shelters were also received, and after consideration, it was decided to accept the estimate of Mr T. Box of Radstock, which stated that he was prepared to carry out the work for the Sum of £9/17/- with two coats of best Green paint.

The council in one accord, appreciated a donation of £1/2/9 toward the Bus Shelter Fund, which had been received from the local W.E.A. Class, which had now ceased to function.

A Cheque was also withdrawn amounting to £10/13/2, to meet the expense of the recent parish Council Election and approved.

It was also agreed that Mr Burgess should cut the allotment hedge (*sic*), and it was proposed by Mr C. Francis, seconded by Mr T. Cradock, that a letter should be written to Mr R. Smith, drawing his attention to the terrible state of his 5 perch of allotment (*sic*) trusting

that he would put it in proper order or otherwise he would be reported to the A.E.C., and a further Cheque was withdrawn to the sum of £3 for ½ Years allotment rent.

It was also agreed that arrangements, to be put to hand to organize a Whist Drive in Aid of the London Blind association.

It was also agreed that a letter should be written **128.** to Mr C. Scammell, and also to the manager of the Radstock Co-operative Society regarding obstructions on footpath in their fields concerned. At the motion of Mr H. Pickett, seconded by Mr C. Francis it was decided to deffer (*sic*) the question of the village Hall, until circumstances were more convenient when a further reproach (*sic*) would be made. Regarding the electricity supplies, being extended to Hemington, Turners Tower, & Terry Hill, it was stated that there was a possibility of Hemington receiving same, but Turners Tower and Terry Hill were not so successful, at present, but the Councils decision was that a further reproach (*sic*) should be made for the latter. The clerk was also granted permission to obtain a Survey Map of the United Parishes, providing that it met the approval of the Council. Mr F. Green reported the nuisance, borne by many parishoners (*sic*), of the site of the Gentlemans convenience, at the New Inn Faulkland, and it was resolved that the Clerk should write to the appropriate body concerned. The Clerk was also instructed to inquire of the Liability for accident on public Seats.

Signed V. Francis Feb 8th 1950