

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland Schoolroom on Wednesday Feb. 8th 1950, Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by the following Councillors, Messrs. T. Cradock, W. Miles, C.E. Francis, H. Pickett and F. Green. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously approved. Business arising from the minutes chiefly were, that a Dance had been held at Turners Tower recently, in order to raise funds to provide a Seat at Turners Tower, which had resulted in the grand sum of £13/10/6, the clerk stated that the seat had been purchased, amounting to £6/6/9 and the account settled, and the council agreed that it should be erected in April. A letter was also read from the London Blind Association expressing high appreciation of the Council attitude to the blind, resulting in the grand sum of £8/9/- from a Whist drive being held in December.

The clerk reported that all books and documents 129. had been presented to the Auditors, and certified as correct, also, that as Mr Burgess was unable to cut the allotment hedge, Mr W. Weaver had consented to do the work at 2/- per hour, and the work had been completed, and accounts produced, which was (*sic*) settled in favour of the whole Council, therefore a Cheque was withdrawn amounting to £4 to the Clerk, which to pay Mr Weaver £3, and £1 for Audit Stamp. A letter was also read from the Manager of the Radstock Co-op. Society, stating that he was prepared to carry out the necessary repair at Hardington, recently reported to him, and it was also agreed that if Mr Scammell had not removed the barbed wire, as recently reported, the Clerk should send him another letter. A letter was also read from the post Office Telephone Manager stating, that arrangements have now been made with Ammerdown Estate regarding the site of the Kiosk at Hemington, and that work would be put in hand as soon as possible, also that new schemes had been introduced, therefore no payments would be required in respect of Kiosk, to this Mr C. Francis proposed, sec. by Mr Cradock, that the Balance in hand for the Kiosk, remains until the Kiosk has been erected, and all approved.

The councillors, also decided, to renew their application for restoration of re chains around village green, and also to the Agriculture Executive Committee, regarding the footpath at Turners Tower, the clerk being instructed to write to the appropriate bodies concerned. Co-operation was also expressed with the R.D.C. regarding Future Housing programme, and it was stressed that as soon as the proposed water scheme commences, the proposed 8 Council Houses should also commence, also that at least 20 houses be the minimum for the parish. A Letter was also to hand from Mr J. Martin, asking the council to help him to find a house, and it was decided that the Clerk should write expressing the Councils sympathy, and also that as he was a newcomer to the parish, he was asking priority over 130. other parishioners. A discussion also took place regarding the amount required under precept for the forthcoming year, and the amount decided upon was £25, and also a complaint was received, regarding the state of the road at Foxcote, where timber hauling was in progress, and upon the motion of Mr F. Green, sec. by Mr C. Francis, it was decided to write to the contractors concerned, and regarding a complaint of a style at Foxcote, this was left to Mr Miles and the C Clerk to view and report to the next meeting, of which was arranged for March 20th.

Signed V. Francis 20 March 1950

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland Schoolroom on Monday, March 20th. 1950. The meeting was arranged, this being the last before the Annual Assembly, Mr L.V. Francis, presided, supported by the following councillors. Messrs. T. Cradock, W. Miles, C.E. Francis, H. Pickett, and F. Green. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously adopted, arising from the minutes, chiefly, was the re-chains from the village green, and the footpath at Turners Tower, a letter was read relating to the former, stating, that the regional compensation office was prepared to recommend a payment to the council, in full and final settlement, amounting to £7/5/-, and it was proposed by Mr Cradock, sec. by F. Green, that the council accept this offer, and unanimously approved. A letter was also to hand relating to the latter, which also recommended a payment amounting to £25, and it was decided unanimous (*sic*) to be unsatisfactory, and the Clerk was instructed to reply, stating that the estimated cost of restoring the footpath far exceeded the offer they had made. Regarding the obstruction on the footpath at Pond Farm, it was decided to defer to a later date, and regarding the obstruction at Foxcote, it was proposed by C.E. Francis, sec. by Mr F. Green, that this matter be also deferred, until after the annual meeting, when the Council in ful (*sic*) should visit the site, and all approved.

131. It was also reported that the Kiosk at Hemington was now completed and was now in use, the Clerk being instructed to write to the appropriate body, expressing the councils appreciation, and satisfaction, and also it was arranged to meet the Kiosk committee, to discuss, and if possible, disburse, the amount which was raised in respect of the Kiosk, this if possible to take place on Tuesday April 18th @ 7.30. An appeal from the British Red Cross, was also discussed, the council, eventually asking the Clerk to make the need widely known in the district, and they would give what help they could in the matter. The accounts for the year were presented, and unanimous (*sic*) approved, and the precept was duly signed, and served upon the Rating authority amounting to £25.

A Cheque was also withdrawn to the Clerk amounting to £16/16/4 including, Salary, stamps and stationary, and hire of room for meetings, and also for B.J. Thomas amounting to £3 for ½ Years allotment rent, and it was also decided to ask Mr Hooper to erect the roadside seat at Turners Tower, and also for the Clerk to ask Mr R. Smith, that as he wish to give 6 months notice for his 5 perch of allotment, would he be prepared to leave it in good condition, or otherwise pay a years rent, following this, the Annual meeting was arranged for Monday April 3rd @ 7.30, when parishioners (*sic*) would be requested to attend to put forward any suggestions for future consideration of the Council

Signed V. Francis April 3rd 1950

The Annual Assembly was held in the Faulkland Schoolroom on Monday April 3rd., only a small number of people attended, but the meeting became very interesting. The Clerk presented the Financial Statement for the Year ending March 31st 1950, which showed a balance brought forward amounting to £16/17/11, income £38/11/4, expenditure £42/15/10, leaving a credit balance in favour to the Council of £12/3/5. The Bus Shelter Fund showed a satisfactory balance in hand of £3/9/7. It was proposed by Mr F. Penney, sec by Mr C. E. Francis that the Financial Statement be accepted, and proposed by Mr C. E. Francis, sec by Mr T. 132. Cradock, that the Bus Shelter Fund be accepted, and all approved. The list of the Bampfylde and Vigor Charities, to hand also showed that a disbursement amounting to £29, had been distributed, to the poor and needy cases in the parish. Mr L. V. Francis, the Chairman, then gave an interesting review of the work recorded during the year. which included; a telephone Kiosk being installed at Hemington, electricity being extended to Hemington, representation being made to extend electricity supplies to Turners Tower, and Terry Hill, collection of salvage, and road repairs at Foxcote, road side seat at Turners Tower, whist Drive in aid of the Blind, stiles repaired, Compensation for re-chains removed from the village Green, and also representation to the R.D.C. regarding the housing programme. The Chairman also expressed thanks to the Councillors, for the way in which they had attended the meetings, also to the Clerk, for the splendid way in which he had carried out his duties entrusted to him. The meeting was then open for any suggestions for future consideration, when Mr F. Penney stated he would like to see, a renewed application for the electricity being extended to Turners Tower and Terry Hill, and also on the 30 mile limit through the village of Faulkland, and it was decided to write to the M.P. for the Wells Division, on the latter. Mrs. Martin complained of the present state of the village green, and Mr G. Green asked if a decrease in the allotment Rent could be considered, this was decided to be discussed at the next meeting. The Chairman then thanked the parishioners for their attendance, and informed them that their questions would be borne in mind.

Signed V. Francis 31 May 1950

A short parish Council meeting followed, in which Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by the following Councillors, Messrs. T. Cradock, C.E. Francis, H. Pickett, Mr F. Green, and an apology of absence was received from Mr Miles. The minutes of the last meeting were read

and unanimously approved. Regarding the footpath at **133**, Foxcote, it was decided, that if the wire recently reported, was not in the parish, that the Clerk write to Mr York stating (*sic*) the same and also that the Clerk see Mr Smith regarding his allotment, and also that the Clerk, with Mr V. Francis, and Mr Cradock, attend the next meeting at Bruton. The outstanding business of this meeting was brought forward by Mr F. Green, where he asked for an improved Bus Service through the village of Faulkland, also if an official Bus Stop, and if possible, to Change the service from Wednesdays to Tuesdays, the clerk being instructed to write a letter regarding this matter. It was also agreed to rejoin the parish Council Association and a Cheque was prepared amounting to £1/10/-

Signed V. Francis May 31st 1950

A meeting was held at Hemington on Tuesday April 18th 1950 to discuss with the Subscribers, to the phone Kiosk Fund, the disbursement of the £25/10/- in respect to the same. It was proposed by Mr G. Eastment, Sec. by Mr H. Tarrant, that the amount be equally divided between the parish Church and the Methodist Chapel for to help meet the cost for the installation of electricity. Mr L.V. Francis made an amendment and suggested that the amount be divided between the Chapel, Church and the Hemington Bus shelter, but on a show of hands it was finally decided that the amount be divided between the Chapel and Church.

Signed V. Francis May 31st 1950

The Annual Meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland Schoolroom on Wed May 31st over which Mr L.V. Francis presided, after being re-elected Chairman, together with Mr W. Miles (vice Chairman, supported by the remaining councillors, H. Pickett, F. Green, and C.E. Francis. The minutes of the last meeting were read together with the Annual Assembly, and the meeting recently held at Hemington, all being unanimously adopted.

134. Chiefly arising from the minutes were the replies, from Col. D.C. Boles, and also Alfred Barnes, the Minister of Transport, regarding the 30 mile limit through the village of Faulkland, which states from the Minister of Transport, that a 30 mile limit could not be granted at present, and from Mr Boles expressing his sympathy, not being able to meet our request, but felt that if he pressed the matter, he considered it would not be a success, this being satisfied to a point, to the council, and the Clerk was instructed to write to both concerned, expressing the Councils appreciation, for the work these two people had put forward in the Councils renewed application. Regarding the decrease in the allotment rent, this was deferred until later in the year, and the Clerk on reporting the need of an allotment Gate, was instructed to write to the Estate Office, inquiring as to whether they would supply same, and it was decided unanimous (*sic*) to leave this matter to the Chairman and Clerk. The Clerk also stated he had consulted Mr Smith regarding his notice, and the terrible state of his allotment, and he was prepared to pay 12 months rent, instead of the agreed six months, and the clerk agreed to cut the grass on this allotment, so as to encourage other neighbouring tenants, and approved. The reply from the Bath Tramways was not too satisfactory, and the Clerk was instructed to write regarding the official Bus Stop, and the Council granted permission for a Fare Stage to be posted on the Green and approved. The account for the roadside seat was not sufficient in detail to the Council, the Clerk being instructed to consult Mr Hooper asking for a separate account, irrespective of the Estimate already to hand, stating clearly the work, for the extras included in the account and approved this being a proposition of C. E. Francis, sec. by Mr W. Miles. The reply from post Office Telephones, were too, unsatisfactory and the clerk was instructed to reply stating the need of an improved service, as it was stated, that there was much dissatisfaction, regarding the overhanging of peoples **135.** conservations (*sic*), the agreed compensation for railings took from the village Green was also to hand, and it was decided unanimous, to hold this in Trust, for the time being, and regarding a letter being read in respect to accommodation available, in reception areas for evacuees and their welfare, it was left for the Clerk to consult Mr E. Burt and reply accordingly. A Report was also put forward of the present State of the two Lanes in the parish and it was decided to write the Surveyor asking his views on the matter, and approved. A Stile, and a foot bridge, was (*sic*) also reported, and the former being left to the Clerk to see Mr Penney, and the latter being left to the chairman and Mr F. Green. The meeting also decided to ask the postmaster General if a letter Box could be provided in the Foxcote area, and restrictions were also made, regarding the playing of Football, and Cricket etc, on the village green, the Clerk being instructed to post same on the parish Council Notice Board, Regretting to having to impose these conditions, the councillors all expressed the hope that a playing field would eventually be provided, to solve this problem.

Signed L.V. Francis 24th Aug 1950

A meeting of the Hemington Parish Council was held in the Faulkland Schoolroom on Wed. Aug 30th 1950. Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by the following Councillors. Messrs. T. Cradock, C.E. Francis, W. Miles, and F. Green. Arising from the minutes were, the overgrowth in Hollowpit Lane, and after some discussion, it was proposed by Mr C. E. Francis seconded by Mr F. Green, that the Clerk write a letter to the Divisional Surveyor, asking if there was any possibilities (*sic*) of him, to send some men to cut the overgrowth, and approved. Mr Hoopers account, for the Roadside seat was also to hand, and it was proposed by Mr Cradock, sec. by Mr C. E. Francis to accept this account amounting to £5/5/-, the Clerk being **136.** instructed to settle same from the present Fund, and approved.

Letters were also to hand, regarding the allotment gate, stating, that the Hylton estate office, were prepared to supply the Council with same, at a cost of £1/10/0, the clerk stated, that on receiving this letter, he consulted the Chairman and it was agreed to accept this, and also ask Mr H. Pitman, and F. Penney, to undertake this work, and their account was produced and settled in favour to the Council, amounting to £2. and a Cheque was prepared for B.J. Thomas, amounting to £4/10/- to meet the expense of the gate, and also ½ years allotment Rent, and all approved. A letter was read from the Bath Tramway Co. stating it was impracticable to alter the Bus Time Table at present, and the Head Postmaster replied stating he was unable to meet the Councils request, for a Post Box in the Foxcote area, and a letter from the Post Office Telephones was considered satisfactory to a point, and the Clerk reported, having renewed the application for the request of a Telephone Kiosk at Terry Hill. After a discussion on the Faulkland Schoolroom, it was proposed by Mr T. Cradock, sec. by C.E. Francis, that the Clerk write the appropriate body to inquire if there was any possibility of the Council being given the opportunity to take over the school, with a view of making an extension, so as to provide a suitable Hall for the parish and approved. The Meeting also decided to run a series of Whist Drives, to raise Funds, to give old age pensioners an extra Treat for the Christmas Festival.

Attention was also drawn to the nuisance of sewage running across a footpath at Hemington, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Tenant of the field concerned, and approved.

Outstanding business of the meeting was a discussion on the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act. 1949. and surveys of Maps and Public rights of way. It was agreed to commence on this work at once.

Signed L.V. Francis Oct 31st 1950

137. A meeting of the Hemington Parish Council was held in the Faulkland Schoolroom on Tuesday Oct. 31st 1950. Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by the following councillors. H. Pickett, T. Cradock, C.E. Francis, and F. Green The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously adopted.

overgrowth in Hollowpit (*sic*) Lane. A reply was to hand, regarding the overgrowth in Hollowpit Lane, and following a short discussion, it was proposed by C.E. Francis, seconded by T. Cradock, that the Clerk see Mr H. Pitman, and F. Penney, to inquire as to whether they would undertake this work, and unanimously approved.

Old Folks Festival. The reply, regarding the Faulkland Schoolroom, was not at hand, and the Clerk presented the balance sheet for Whist Drive, recently held, in aid of the Old Folks Festival, which showed a balance of £8/0/6, plus a donation of £1/3/- from Mr E. Burt, both being greatly appreciated, and it was agreed to arrange another Whist Drive for Saturday Nov. 18th.

Sewage at Hemington. The clerk also reported that the Sewage, at Hemington had been attended to, and also that the books had recently been Audited.

Compensation for footpath. A reply was also to hand from the Ministry of Agriculture, stating, that they were not prepared to increase their offer of £25 pounds, in full and final settlement, of claim for footpath at Turners Tower, O.S. No. 624, and after some consideration, it was proposed by Mr C. E. Francis, sec. by F. Green that the Council accept this offer, and hold in Trust until the Annual Assembly for discussion and the clerk was given permission to sign the form of Receipt enclosed, and approved.

Postal Delivery. A letter was also read, outlining the improved postal delivery, and the clerk was instructed to write **138**. to post master General thanking him for his thoughtful consideration.

Appeal for Blind. An appeal for the Blind Association was deferred until the New Year, and also an appeal for King Georges Fund for Sailors was left without a decision for the time being.

Mr H. Pickett proposed that the allotment hedge to be (*sic*) cut, sec. by C.E. Francis, the clerk to make the necessary arrangements and all approved.

Cheque to the Clerk. A Cheque was also prepared, to pay the clerk, amounting to £1/11/3, for (1949-50, Audit Stamp,) and Stationary. At the request of Mr C. E. Francis, the meeting decided that the clerk write to the Divisional Surveyor asking for an additional sign post in the Laverton District, and also report the condition of the Paving Kerbs in the village of Faulkland, and all approved.

Damage to Bus Shelters. The serious damage to the Bus Shelters, and the indecent writing in them was also reported, and it was agreed to notify the Police, and approved.

Public Rights of Way. The Survey of public rights of way was dealt with and considered satisfactory, and a Public Meeting was arranged for Wednesday Nov 29th, and approved.

Signed L.V. Francis 29th Nov 50

Public Rights of Way

A public meeting was convened in the Faulkland School on Wednesday, Nov 29th, 1950, for the purpose of discussing the Survey of public Rights of Way etc. Mr. L. V. Francis presided, supported by the remaining Councillors. Mr Miles, Mr T. Cradock, Mr C.E. Francis, Mr F. Green. Only a few parishoners (*sic*) attended, but the meeting became very interesting, and it was agreed that the parish Council make Representations regarding certain footpath **139**. in the parish. The Footpaths mentioned in the Council Schedule were as follows.

Representations of Footpaths. That No. 20 F.P. be diverted at Lime Kiln Farm, down the Track to Orestone Cottages, also No 33 F.P. of which proved to be of no further use, No 35 F.P. it was decided that a portion of this path is of no further use, and the other end, it was agreed to ask for diversion (*sic*), along the old Tramline, and Nos. 39 F.P. 42 F.P., 43 F.P., 44 F.P. it was decided that these footpaths is of no further use, and it was unanimously approved by parishoners (*sic*) present.

Overtgrowth in Hollowpit Lane, and Account. A parish Council meeting followed, and the Clerk reported that the work in Hollowpit Lane had now been completed and was satisfactory, this being endorsed, and account passed for payment for F. Penney and H. Pitman amounting to £4 and approved. The reply from the Divisional Surveyor regarding additional sign post in the Laverton District, and also Pavement Kerbs at Faulkland was considered satisfactory, and a letter was read from the A.E.C regarding payment of Compensation for footpath ploughed up during the War, amounting to £25, the clerk reported this having been paid to the Bank, and approved.

A letter was to hand, regarding Civil Defence, and it was decided to hold a public meeting in the New Year. The Clerk was also instructed to inform the post master General that there had been some delay of letters, which had borne the correct address. An appeal from the Blind was deferred until the New Year. It was also proposed by F. Green, Sec. by T. Cradock that another Whist Drive be arranged for the Old Folks Fund, and a donation of £1 from W. Institute was noted with appreciation. The question of what should be done for the old Folks was discussed with Interest, and it **140**. was unanimously agreed that each person over 65 Years, and also widows, each household receive a Christmas parcel, and the clerk was instructed to contact Wholesale and Retail Grocers, inquiring the contents of 7/6 and 10/- parcels, and as to whether they would undertake this work, and approved.

Signed L.V. Francis 13th Feb 1951

A Parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday Feb. 13th 1951, over which Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by the following Councillors. Messrs T. Cradock, C.E. Francis, H. Pickett, and F. Green and an apology of absence was received from Mr Miles. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously adopted.

Letters from Old folks. Arising from the minutes were letters from Old people and widows, expressing their appreciation and Thanks for the parcels received from the efforts organised by the parish Council. The clerk was also instructed to write to post master General regarding the delay of letters, and also of the late delivery. The meeting also decided that the Civil Defence meeting be arranged at the same time as the Annual Assembly, and also a collection throughout the parish, this to be in aid of Blind Association.

Decrease in Allotment Rent. It was also proposed by Mr C. E. Francis, seconded by H. Pickett, that the allotment Rent be decreased from the present 8d per perch, to 6d per perch, commencing as from March 31st 1951 and approved.

Salvage. The meeting also decided that the collection of Salvage to re-commence, the Clerk being instructed to approach Mrs Noakes and make the necessary arrangements.

Precept. It was also proposed by Mr C.E. Francis, sec. by Mr T. Cradock, that the Clerk make application for a precept amounting to £25, and approved. A Letter from the Southern Electricity Board was considered very unsatisfactory, and it was proposed by Mr Cradock **141**. Seconded by Mr Francis, that the Clerk forward (*sic*) a Copy of this letter to Col. D. C. Boles, and approved. and reply to Electricity Board accordingly.

Piece of Land. The Clerk reported that he considered the piece of Triangle Green, near the Telephone Kiosk, useless, and it was decided that Mr V. Francis approach the Surveyor on the matter and approved.

Village Green. The chairman also reported that he had received a complaint from Lord Hylton regarding the present state of the village Green, and it was decided that the Clerk write to the Secretary to Association of parish Councils, asking for a ruling with regard to fencing of the village Green and approved.

Conveyance of School Children. It was also agreed that the Clerk write to the Rector, inquiring the reason of delay of disbursement of Bampfylde and Vigor Charities, and also that a letter be written to Education Offices regarding the early conveyance of the junior children to the Hemington primary School, and approved.

Signed W.G. Miles 22 March 1951

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday March 22nd 1951, over which Mr Miles presided, owing to the fact that Mr L.V. Francis was unable to attend, and was supported by Councillors H. Pickett and T. Cradock. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously adopted.

Collection for Blind. Arising from the minutes were a letter from the Association of the Blind regarding the collection arranged, and it proposed (*sic*) by H. Pickett Sec. by T. Cradock that the Clerk write and ask that the necessary boxes be forwarded (*sic*) on.

142. Reply from Col. Boles and E. Board for extension (*sic*) of Electricity. Letters were to hand from Col. D. C. Boles, and also the Chairman of the Southern Electricity Board, which stated that he regret to say that he was unable to offer any more reasonable Terms than those already received for the supply being extended to Turners Tower and Terry Hill, and it was decided to write to Col. Boles, expressing the councils Thanks and appreciation.

fencing of village Green. The question of fencing the village Green also came up for revision, and the clerk was instructed to write asking for a quotation of price per Yd. and Standards, and also place this Subject on the Agenda for discussion at the Annual Assembly, and also to write to R.D.C. for Rateable Value for parish of Hemington, and approved.

A letter from Education Officer, relating to conveying of children to Primary School, was considered unsatisfactory, and the clerk was instructed to write again on the matter. Accounts were to hand for allotment hedge and endorsed for payment, together with allotment Rent, and Clerks Salary, and expenses, of which Cheque were (*sic*) withdrawn as follows

Allotment hedge.	H. Pitman and F. Penney for allotment hedge	£2
	B.J. H. Thomas for half Years allotment Rent	£3
Clerk Salary	Clerk Salary	£15
and expenses	Hire of School for meetings	17/6
	Stationary	19/2

These accounts, together with Parish Council accounts for Year ending March 31st 1951 were unanimously accepted.

The Precept for Year ending March 31st 1952 was duly signed and served upon the Rating Authority.

State of Lanes at Foxcote. The Chairman of the meeting also stated that the lanes in the Foxcote area were in a serious state of affair (*sic*) and the Clerk was instructed to write to Surveyor asking him to meet Mr Miles and point out the necessary repairs needed.

143. Cycle Track at Refuse Dump. Mr H. Pickett asked if it was possible for the children to use a space in the Refuse dump for a Cycle Track, and it was agreed that Mr Cradock, Mr Pickett and the Clerk visit the site and report at next meeting. Annual Assembly. The Annual Assembly was then arranged for Thursday April 5th at 7-30 pm.

Signed L.V. Francis 5th April 1951

The Annual Assembly was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday April 5th 1951 with Mr L.V. Francis presiding, supported by a full council, and a good number of parishoners (*sic*) was (*sic*) in attendance.

Financial Statement Mar 1951. The Clerk read the Financial Statement, of which showed a balance in hand amounting to £49/11/10, and it was proposed by H. Padfield, sec. by F. Penney that this Financial Statement be accepted and unanimously approved. The account of the Bus Shelter Fund, Old Peoples Fund and Roadside Seat Fund also proved satisfactory. The list of the Bampfylde and Vigor Charities were also read and showed a disbursement of £29 and it was proposed by Mr C. Wilkins, sec. by Mr Kemp that this also be accepted, and approved. The chairman gave an interesting Review of work Recorded during the previous year, which was met with every approval.

Remarks to Clerk. He also thanked the Clerk, and also the local Press for their efficient Services and Co-operation. Civil Defence. The question of Civil Defence was also discussed but met with very little practical Response, and after some discussion of fencing the village Green, it was prop. by Mr Kemp, sec. by Mr C. E. Francis to write **144.** to Somt. Community Council for Legal advice, as to whether any Financial Grant could be obtained from any source, this being unanimously approved.

The urgent provision of a playing field was again considered and the meeting agreed to contact Lord Hylton asking his views on the allotment, if at any time this Piece of Land became vacant, this also was approved. Mr Richardson commented that he would like to see more co-operation in various Local organisations, to which the chairman replied that the present Council would support any organisation trying to improve local conditions.

Bus Shelter. Mrs W. Gray asked if the Parish Council could provide a small Bus Shelter at the Top of Pillar Lane, and the chairman replied by saying The council would investigate into the matter. Mr C. Wilkins inquired as to when the proposed water scheme was likely to commence, the reply being in the fall of Year. Mr F. Penney also made inquiries to the village Hall, to which the Chairman replied that the council were still awaiting replies. To conclude this meeting the chairman expressed thanks to the parishoners (*sic*) for their splendid attendance.

A short parish Council meeting followed, the minutes of the last meeting being read and unanimously adopted. The meeting decided to rejoin the Association of Parish Councils for another Year, and a Cheque was prepared for this amounting to £1/10/-, and regarding the Lanes at Foxcote, Mr Miles stated he had met the Surveyor on these sites and he had agreed to put same in good condition, and regarding the proposed Cycle dirt Track, it was proposed by C. E. Francis sec. by H. Pickett, that the clerk write to R.D.C. on the matter, and approved.

It was also decided to write to Superintendent of Police regarding the Signs erected in the lanes, by Army Authorities whilst on Manoeuvres, and also **145.** to the manager of Co-operative Farms regarding the footbridge recently Removed.

Signed L.V. Francis May 30th 1951

The Annual meeting of the parish Council was held at Faulkland House on Wed. May 5th 1951.

Mr L. V. Francis was again re-elected Chairman a proposal of which was put forward by Mr Miles, Seconded by Mr C.E. Francis, and unanimously approved. Mr W. Miles was also re-elected vice Chairman this also being unanimous.

The minutes of the Annual Assembly and previous parish Council meeting were then read and approved.

village Green. Matters arising from the minutes were the village Green and after some lengthly (*sic*) discussion, it was proposed by Mr L.V. Francis, sec. by Mr C.E. Francis, that the Clerk put an advert in the evening paper, for 200 Yds of ornamental Chains suitable for fencing the Green, this was sec. by F. Green and approved.

Bus Shelter. Regarding the proposed Bus Shelter at Top of pillar Lane, It was proposed by C. E. Francis, sec. by T. Cradock that the Clerk write to Buckland Parish Council, asking their views on the matter, and if a suitable reply is received, then write to District Surveyor.

playing field. Matters relating to a playing field were left to Mr V. Francis to approach Mr B.J. Thomas. The clerk was also instructed to write to the Surveyor, expressing the council appreciation of improvement of the Lanes at Foxcote and additional signpost at Laverton, and approved.

Cycle Track. It was also decided to defer the Cycle dirt question until the next meeting, and also write to Manager of Co-operative Farms, on the matter relating to F.B. **146**, and obstructions in the footpath, and also agreed to renew Insurance Policy on the Bus Shelter, with the same Co. when present one expires.

Relief Bus. The Clerk reported the inconvenience of a relief Bus, which passed through to Frome empty at 1.30 pm on Saturdays, to which, he was instructed, to write to the Bus Co concerned, asking if some means could be devised to remedy this.

£1/18/- for Blind. A letter from the Blind was read expressing appreciation for sum of £1/18/- as the result of an effort recently organised by the parish Council. This meeting was supported by a full Council, with the exception of Mr Pickett.

Signed V. Francis 31 July 1951

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland School, on Tuesday July 31st 1951, over which Mr L. V. Francis presided, supported by T. Cradock, H. Pickett, C.E. Francis, W. Miles and F. Green. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and unanimously adopted.

Bus Co, and Co-op Manager. Matters arising from the minutes, relating to the village Green, were discussed, and finally deferred until next meeting. Regarding the proposed Bus Shelter, it was unanimously decided to contact the Bristol Bus Co., and also the Co-operative Committee, asking if there was any possibility of a Subscription forthcoming, with an additional motion by F. Green, sec. by T. Cradock, to hold a dance at Turners Tower, in order to help meet the expenses toward this project, and also to approach Mrs Gray asking the residents of Hardington, to help make this scheme a success, and approved.

Dirt Track. As the proposed dirt Track had failed through lack of interest, the meeting decided that the Clerk should notify the Clerk of County Council of same.

The meeting also decided that the clerk should write to Area Transport Manager, on the question of the relief Bus **147**, to Frome, and also ask for an improved Service through the village of Faulkland.

Kiosk at Terry Hill. On the question of the additional phone Kiosk, recently erected at Terry Hill, the clerk was instructed to write to the appropriate (*sic*) body, stating the Councils appreciation of an additional Kiosk, to the parish, together with a disapproval of the site, and regretting the Council was not consulted on the matter, and approved.

allotment Hedge. It was also decided that the Clerk approach F. Penney and H. Pitman as to the Trimming of the allotment hedge and repair the wicket Gate. The clerk reported that the Salvage collected in the parish was very satisfactory and Mr Miles reported the overgrowth on a footpath at Foxcote, this being left for Mr Miles to approach Mr Phillips on the matter. On a report of the overgrowth in the back lane at Faulkland, the clerk was instructed to write to the Surveyor on this matter, and regarding a report on a stile in Fulwell Lane, the councillors agreed to inspect, when passing by.

Roadside Seat. Mr H. Pickett reported that the public requested a roadside Seat on the Corner at the entrance to Fulwell Lane, the councils decision was that they regret being unable to meet this request.

village pond and Island. The clerk reported the deplorable state of the village pond and the Island adjoining (*sic*) it, the Councils decision that the matter be referred to the Sanitary Inspector.

Signed L.V. Francis 2nd Oct 1951

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday Oct. 2nd, with Mr L.V. Francis presiding, supported by Mr C.E. Francis, T. Cradock, W. Miles and H. Pickett. Matters arising from the minutes chiefly were the village Green, and a letter was read from the Town and county Planning officer, stating that planning permission was not required to fence the village Green, and after a discussion on this, the matter was deferred for the Time being.

Grant to Bus Shelter. The question of the Hardington proposed Shelter also arose from the minutes, and a letter relating this, from the Bus Co. stating that they were prepared to make an offer of not exceeding £10, was read and appreciated, and it was decided to contact the Town and Country planning officer, inquiring if any further progress had been made.

Terry Hill Kiosk. The reply from the telephone Authority, relating to the site of the Kiosk, on the Frome County Road A362, stated that if the Council urgently requested an alternative site, there would be a probability of losing the Kiosk, but assurance was given that the Parish Council would be notified, regarding the site, if any additional Kiosks would be required.

Improved Bus Service. The Clerk gave the Specific details, of which he had sent to the Area Traffic Manager, relating to an improved Service through the village of Faulkland to which the council unanimously approved.

danger of precipice. Mr Miles reported that attention was needed to a dangerous Spot on the old Tramline, leading from Foxcote Batch to Writhlington Colliery, and the clerk was instructed to contact the Radstock Midsomer Norton Surveyor.

B.W. obstruction. The meeting also decided to write to Mr Scammell asking him to kindly co operate with the council, in moving the Barbed Wire obstruction, on a path leading to Foxcote.

Hedge and village pump. Other matters discussed were the high hedge on the corner at the Top of Ruckly Ford hill, and repairs to the village pump, the Clerk **149**, being instructed to contact the appropriate authorities on these matters

Old Folks Fund. To conclude the meeting arrangements were made to organise a Whist Drive and Dance in order to raise a fund for the Old people at Xmas. The Clerk also agreed to meet the manager of the Co-operative Farms, relating to footbridges and Barbed wire obstructions.

Signed L.V. Francis 29th Nov 1951

A parish Council Meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday, Nov. 29th 1951, over which Mr L. V. Francis presided, supported by Mr T. Cradock, Mr. Miles, Mr C. E. Francis and H. Pickett, with an apology of absence from Mr. F. Green. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously adopted.

Bus Shelter. Arising from the minutes were the proposed Bus Shelter at the top of Pillar Lane, a letter being to hand from the Divisional Surveyor, which stated that he had no objection regarding the site, but it is necessary for the Council to enter into an agreement with the County Council, and after some discussion on the matter, it was decided to write to the area Town and Country planning officer.

Old Folks and Widows parcels 1951. The question of the old peoples and widows Xmas parcels were discussed, and it was proposed by Mr T. Cradock, seconded by Mr C. E. Francis, that the Clerk place the order of 34 Single 7/6 parcels and 16 Double parcels @ 12/6, a Total amount of £22/15/-.

Complaint of Dangerous Surface. A letter, from F. Penney, was to hand, complaining of the dangerous surface of the road in the hill at Ruckley Ford, and it was decided **150**, to write to the surveyor, pointing out this, and also ask him to meet Mr Miles on the site, and that Mr Miles would also point out the condition of the road at Foxcote Church.

B.W. obstruction. A complaint was also to hand relating to a B.W. obstruction in marrow pole Lane in the Laverton district, and it was decided to write to the owner of the Land asking her to kindly co-operate in removing same.

3 Cheques withdrawn. It was proposed by Mr C. E. Francis, sec. by T. Cradock, to settle the following accounts, Humphries and West for Stationary, amounting to £1/19/6, and H. Pitman and F. Penney's account for repair to wicket Gate at the allotments, and Trimming the allotment hedge amounting to £2/12/6, and one to the clerk for 1950-51 Audit Stamp, and Cheque Book amounting to £2/4/-.

Electricity Supply for Foxcote. The Clerk stated that the Residents at the (*sic*) Foxcote were anxious for the supply of electricity and it was agreed to write to the Electricity Board concerned.

Timber in Hollowpit Lane. The clerk also stated that H. Barnett and T. Morris were anxious to cut the big Timber in Hollowpit (*sic*) Lane providing they could have same, and the council agreed to inspect this before giving consent, and on inspecting this on Dec. 2nd, it was proposed by Mr Miles, sec. by T. Cradock, to give consent to these people, providing they kept within the boundary and cleared everything with the exception of Trees thus leaving a clear passage, and approved.

Matters to be carried forward were improved Bus Service, Old Tram Line at Foxcote, and village pump.
Signed L.V. Francis 20th Feb 1952

151. A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Wed. Feb. 20th 1952 with Mr L. V. Francis in the chair.

His Majesty King George VI. Before the business commenced the Chairman referred to the death of His Majesty King George VI, and the Council stood for a minutes silence, he also stated that the Clerk had recently sent a Telegram of Sympathy, on behalf of the United Parishes to the members of the Royal Family, and further stated that we all Trust that the New Queens Reign would be a successful one, This being met with every approval, and it was proposed by Mr V. Francis, seconded by F. Green, that the cost of the Telegram be paid from the Rates, and also approved.

Bus Shelter. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously adopted. Relating to the proposed Bus Shelter at Pillar Lane, a letter from the Area Town and Country planning officer stated that the matter was being discussed at the County Councils February meeting, followed by further communication.

Old People. Many letters read from the Old People and Widows, expressing their Thanks for Xmas parcels, and was noted with appreciation.

Ruckly Ford Hill. The meeting decided that the clerk write to the Divisional Surveyor, thanking him for his prompt action in dealing the (*sic*) dangerous surface at Ruckley Ford, also notify him of further outbreak.

Supplies of Electricity for Foxcote. Foxcote Old Tramline. The reply from the Electricity Board, regarding supplies for Foxcote, proved unsatisfactory, and relating to the Old Tramline at Foxcote, the Coal Board stated they would fence the dangerous spot already mentioned.

Nursing Association. A Letter from the Peasdown & District Nursing association, asking for representation from the Foxcote parish. It was agreed to appoint Mrs Jones and Mrs Coles. and approved.

152. The amount required under precept was discussed and Mr Miles proposed to accept £20, sec. by Mr Cradock, and approved.

C. Smiths allotment. The clerk stated that Mr C. Smith was prepared to take over the 5 perch of allotment which was now vacant, provided the Council agreed to a Twelve months free Tenancy. This being unanimously approved.

Mr Miles Representation. As Mr Miles representation to the School managing body of Writhlington School was due to expire, he gave the council a brief outlook of the business transacted during his Term of office, and of the support given him by Mr A. Humphries, his wish being that the Clerk write Mr Humphries Thanking him for same.

Footpath Obstructions. Relating to footpath obstructions, on the footpath from Turners Tower to Hemington, it was agreed to write to Mr Dando, pointing out that this was not the Councils liability.

Bus Service. A reply from the Area Traffic managers stated that new proposals were being prepared to provide improved facilities on the Trowbridge Service through Faulkland. Pending Mr Scammells failure to remove his B. wire Obstruction, the Clerk was instructed to write him also. Members present at this meeting in addition to the Chairman were Mr Cradock, Mr Miles, Mr Pickett and F. Green, with an apology of absence from Mr C. E. Francis.

Dance at Turners Tower. Arrangements were made for a Social evening & Dance at Turners Tower on March 1st in aid of the present Bus Shelters.

The Clerk was also instructed to write Somt. Community Council, with reference to Barbed Wire obstruction.

Signed L.V. Francis 19 March 1952

153. A meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Wed. March 19th 1952. Mr L.V. Francis presided, and was supported by Messrs. T. Cradock, F. Green, C.E. Francis, W. Miles and H. Pickett. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Ruckly Ford Hill. Matters arising from the minutes were dangerous road surface at Ruckley Ford, on which the Surveyor had agreed to give further attention, and relating to proposed Bus Shelter, the chairman stated he had received a message, stating that the matter was agreed to at the County Works Committee, in February, and it was agreed for the Clerk and Chairman to take the necessary arrangements in their own hands.

Letter from Mr A. Humphries. A Letter was read from Mr A. Humphries, stating how a great pleasure (*sic*) it was to serve with Mr Miles on the managing body to the Writhlington School, this being met with appreciation.

Social & Dance at Turners Tower. The Clerk gave the accounts of the Dance, recently held at Turners Tower, in aid of the present Bus Shelter, of which showed a splendid balance of £9/11/3, The Chairman expressed a vote of Thanks to the Clerk and all who helped to make it such a success, and approved.

Footpath Obstruction. The meeting also agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Scammell and Mr Dando on their splendid co-operation with the Council.

Precept 1952. The precept was duly signed to be served upon the Rating Authority amounting to £20.

Electricity Supplies. The Clerk stated he should like to see a further application for Electricity Supplies being extended to Turners Tower and Terry Hill, this being unanimously approved, and it was agreed to write to Hardington on matters relating to Footbridges and Barbed Wire obstructions, and also to the Rector for a reply relating to the Parish Council Taking over the Old School at Faulkland.

154. The Annual Parish Meeting was arranged for Monday March 31st 1952 when it was requested that the parishoners (*sic*) should attend.

Accounts were passed for payment as such

B.J. Thomas for allotment Rent	£3
Clerks Salary	£10
School for parish Council Meetings	£1
Stamps and Stationary	£2/8/9

Signed L.V. Francis, 31st March 1952

The annual parish meeting of the united parishes was held in the Faulkland School on Monday March 31st 1952. Mr L.V. Francis presided and a fair number of parishoners (*sic*) attended.

Financial Statement. The clerk gave the Financial Statement for the year ending March 31st 1952 of which showed a balance of £51/10/3. It was proposed by Mr Miles, sec. by F. Penney, that the Financial Statement be accepted as read, and unanimously approved.

Bus Shelter. A Report on the Bus Shelter Fund also showed a balance in hand, amounting to £10/12/4, it being proposed by G. Hayward, sec. by F. Green, that this account be accepted.

Roadside Seat. It was also proposed by W. Miles, sec. by C.E. Francis that the roadside seat Fund be accepted, which showed a balance of £1/16/6, and the Old Peoples and Widows Fund showed a balance of £1/17/- this being proposed by F. Penney, sec. by H. Pickett, to be accepted.

Bus Shelter at Pillar Lane. The Fund for the proposed Bus Shelter to be erected at the entrance to Pillar Lane showed a balance of £10/13/-. The chairman proposed a vote of Thanks to the public for supporting the above Funds.

Charities. The Bampfylde & Vigor Charities showed a disbursement of £29/2/6.

The chairman then gave an interesting report on work **155.** recorded during parish Councils Term of office, of which included many Items, as previously recorded, and was very interesting to all present, with a special appreciation to Mrs Noakes for her splendid collection of salvage, and to the officers of the Parish Council *BIG BLOT!* their duties of representation to the various School managing bodys, and Trustees to the Bampfylde and Vigor Charities, and to the clerk for his duties, so ably carried out.

Any Questions.

path adjoining (*sic*) village pond. Mr F. Mounty inquired as to whether any improvement to the path adjoining (*sic*) the village pond could be made, to which the Chairman replied that the matter would be considered.

water Scheme. Housing Scheme. Questions followed by C. Wilkins, F. Penney, relating to the proposed water scheme, Housing scheme, and matters relating to a village Hall, these being replied to, with satisfaction. Mr J. Shaw inquired if any improvement could be made to the village pump, the reply being that it should have been attended to.

a Vote of Thanks. Mrs. K. James proposed a vote of Thanks to the Council for their Splendid duties during their Term of office and the Chairman expressed a vote of thanks to the parishoners (*sic*) for their attendance.

Signed L.V. Francis

A parish Council meeting g followed, the minutes of the last meeting being accepted as read.

Matters arising, chiefly were a reply from the Electricity Board relating to the supplies being extended to Turners Tower and Terry Hill, which was proved unsatisfactory.

old School. The meeting also agreed that the chairman contact Mr Nicholas, in matters relating to the old schoolroom, and Mr Mountys question to be placed on agenda of next meeting.

156. obstructions. matters carried foward were obstructions at Hardington.

A full Council were in attendance at both meetings.

Signed L.V. Francis

An election of Parish Councillors took place in the Faulkland School, on Monday May 5th 1952 (10AM to 8pm) Thirteen Candidates contested the election and the duly elected Councillors were as follows.

Elected		Not elected	
C.E. Francis	190	W. Beck	152
T. Cradock	188	C.H. Wilkins	143
W.G. Miles	184	G. Chambers	115
L.V. Francis	180	F. Penney	113
H. Loader	167	F. Green	104
H. Pickett	166	T. Nicholas	84
		R. Green	70

Signed L.V. Francis

The Annual meeting of the newly elected parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Wed. May 21st 1952 The acceptance book being signed and it was proposed by Mr Miles, sec. by C.E. Francis, that Mr L.V. Francis be elected Chairman for the ensuing Year, and Mr C.E. Francis proposed that Mr miles be vice Chairman, sec. by T. Cradock all being unanimously approved.

£10 from the Bus Co. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously adopted. Matters arising chiefly were the Bus Shelter, of which had been erected recently, and a letter was read from the Bus Co. and appreciation was shown to the donation of £10 received from this Co. in Respect of same.

157. Services rendered by F. Green. The chairman welcomed the newly elected Councillors to the Council and also paid a respect to the services rendered by Mr F. Green, and it was decided that the Clerk write him a letter thanking him for his services.

Matters of Old School. The Chairman stated that he had made the necessary inquiries to matters relating to the old school, of which was brought foward at the Annual assembly, and found to be satisfactory, and following a discussion on the position of the Schoolroom, it was decided to write to the Rector asking him to arrange a meeting between the Church wardens and the Council.

Mr Cradock proposed that Mr Miles, Mr L.V. Francis and C.E. Francis attend a meeting at Midsomer Norton, in which to appoint Mr Miles to serve on the school managing body of the Writhlington Schools this being sec. by H. Loader and approved. It was also unanimously agreed that Mr L.V. Francis and G. Loader continue to serve on the managing body to the Hemington Primary School.

Bondsmen. Mr T. Cradock & C.E. Francis also agreed to become Bondsmen to the Clerk for a surity (*sic*) of £10. It was also proposed by L.V. Francis, sec. by C.E. Francis, that Mr Cradock and Mr. Pickett serve as trustees to the Bampfylde & Vigor Charities.

Account. The meeting also decided to rejoin the association of parish Councils and that the clerk write and ask if there was any possibility of obtaining R. Cottam to Lecture on the subject of village Halls, and a Cheque was withdrawn amounting to £1/10/- for registration fee to this association.

Collection for the Blind. A letter was to hand from the Blind association asking for the councils help in their effort, **158.** and it was agreed to make a collection for the effort.

Loan for water Refused. The council also viewed with grave concern the appalling news of loan, for the proposed water scheme through Faulkland and it was decided that the Clerk write to the M.P. for the division, and also to the clerk to the R.D.C.

Council Meetings. The meeting also decided that the council meetings be held on Tuesday if possible, and at 7-30 pm.

Septic Tank at Foxcote and electricity supply. Mr Miles reported the Septic Tank in the Colliery Yard at Foxcote as a danger to the health of the residents living there and it was decided to write to the Sanitary Inspector, asking him to meet Mr Miles, and also he reported that there was every possibility of the Cottages at Foxcote receiving the electricity supply.

Footpath and village pond inspection. The Council inspected the village pond and the path adjoining (*sic*) it, the decision that Mr C. E Francis bring the matter forward at the next meeting of the R.D.C., and regarding the latter, it was felt impossible to be able to fence this owing to the right of way for the cattle.

Rough surface at Turners Tower. Mr H. Loader also commented on the rough surface on the track leading to Lower Turners Tower, the Council felt that this may be a private Track.

Members attending this meeting were L.V. Francis, W. Miles, C.E. Francis, H. Loader, T. Cradock and an apology of absence was received from H. Pickett.

Signed L.V. Francis 29th July 1952

159. A meeting of the parish Council and Church wardens together with members of the church Council, was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday June 19th 1952, to discuss the position of the possibility of the handing over of the Faulkland School to the parish Council. Mr L.V. Francis presided and outlined the parish Councils intentions of which was met with every approval.

The Rector stated that no reply had yet been received from Lord Hylton on the matter which the parish Council Requested.

Mr T. Nicholas stated that the Church Wardens were prepared to hand the School over to the parish Council, providing that the Church could have the use of the building when necessary, the Chairman replied, stating that as far as the parish Council is concerned, they would be prepared to serve the Church to the utmost of their ability.

Mr Nicholas also stated that it was his wish for some years to enlarge the school, and also that it was the Late Lord Hylton's wish, and that a Fund was commenced for this purpose, and that there was still £37/17/- in that Fund, and if the parish Council was successful in this effort, he had no doubt but what this amount would be handed over to them, this being met with appreciation.

The final decision, agreed upon, was that the Rector and Church Wardens approach Lord Hylton asking him to give the matter consideration, and to relinquish the Church wardens under that Trustee.

To Conclude the meeting, the Chairman thanked **160.** every one for their attendance.

Parish Councillors present were L.V. Francis, T. Cradock, B. Loader, with the Clerk, and apologies (*sic*) of absence were to hand from W. Miles and C.E. Francis.

Signed L.V. Francis 28 July 1952

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday July 29th 1952.

Mr L. V. Francis presided, supported by the following members, Mr T. Cradock, H. Pickett, W. Miles, C.E. Francis, and an apology of absence was to hand from H. Loader.

the minutes of the last meeting were read, and unanimously accepted as read.

proposed Water Scheme. Letters to hand, relating to the proposed water scheme were satisfactory, and it was resolved that the Clerk write to the M.P. for the Wells Division, together with the Secretary to the M.F.U. expressing the councils thanks and appreciation, for their prompt action, in dealing with same.

Collection for Blind. Appreciation was shown to a letter from the Blind Association expressing thanks for the Sum amounting to £5/5/-, as a result of the councils recent effort.

village pond. The village pond was again discussed and this was left to C.E. Francis to inquire at the next meeting of the R.D.C., and Mr Miles to inquire as to the owner of this property.

Septic Tank. A decision reached on the Septic Tank at Foxcote was that Mr Miles make further inquiries. Matters relating to the Old School was deferred owing to insufficient correspondence.

Ladies Conveniences. The clerk stated that a request had been made to Trowbridge Urban Council, for a **161.** Ladies convenience, the reply that, as new Bus Station was being prepared, and the request would therefore be borne in mind.

Miners Welfare property. A letter was to hand from the Miners Welfare Officer, relating to the Welfare property at Turners Tower, and finally decided, that the Clerk write inquiring of the nature of the agreement requested, and of the Councils position regarding to depreciation.

allotment Hedge. The meeting also decided to have the allotment hedge trimmed, and also preparations made as to organising a skittle week for the Old Folks and Widows Fund and Mr C. E. Francis proposed that Mr Miles should organise this, this motion being sec. by T. Cradock and unanimously approved.

Hedges at Mill Hill and Style at Foxcote. Mr Miles reported that the hedges being trimmed at Mill Hill and also that Mr Candy had provided a suitable step for the style recently complained of, and appreciation was shown to Mr Candy and Mr Miles.

Bread delivery at Knoll Cottages. The Clerk reported that on behalf of the council he had taken up the matter of the bread delivery to the Knoll Cottages, with a result that the residents were now able to obtain a supply three times a week.

Seat on Green. The meeting also decided that Mr Francis repair the seats on the village Green, and that the Clerk contact Mr Scammell regarding the trimmings in the lane near the allotments and also to inspect the footbridges etc at Hardington.

Signed L.V. Francis 30th Sep 1952

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Lynmouth Dulverton Distressed Areas. On behalf of the distressed areas of Lynmouth and Dulverton a house to house collection was arranged on August 19th and 20th 1952 throughout the united Parishes, by the parish Council, the Womens Institute and the Womens Voluntary Service. As a result to this effort the Splendid Sum of £47/8/- was realized, this amount being handed by Cheque to Lord Hylton, the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, by the Chairman of the parish Council, Mr L.V. Francis. The parish Council have expressed their thanks and appreciation, through the press, to all who supported this worthy cause.

Signed L.V. Francis Sep 30th 1952

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday Sept 30th 1952. Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by the following; Mr W. Miles, T. Cradock, H. Loader, H. Pickett and C.E. Francis. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously adopted

village pond. Matters relating to the village pond were left to C.E. Francis, to bring the matter forward (*sic*) at the next meeting of the R.D.C., failing this, the Council agreed to accept Mr C.E. Francis offer to dispose of the growth, which at present was causing a nuisance.

Drain at Foxcote. The matters relating to the drain leading to the Septic Tank at Foxcote was reported by Mr Miles as very unsatisfactory a decision reached, that the matter be reported to the Sanitary Inspector.

Village Hall. After a discussion on the Village Hall it was decided to arrange a parish meeting, for a wider discussion **163.** on the matter, and at the same time, discuss a Programme for the forthcoming Coronation. This being arranged for the 15th of October.

Miners Welfare property. There was no reply to the matters relating to the Miners Welfare property at Turners Tower.

Skittle Week. The Chairman expressed a vote of Thanks to Mr Miles for the organisation of the Skittle Week and to all who helped to make it such a Success. The event realizing a Gratifying Sum of £28/19/3.

Footbridge at Hardington. After a discussion on the Footbridge and B.W. obstructions, at Hardington, it was decided to write to General Manager, expressing Thanks and appreciation, for work completed, and asking for further co-operation to the work not completed.

parish Council Election expenses. A Cheque was withdrawn amounting to £14/10/11 for the recent parish Council Election expenses, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Clerk to the R.D.C. stating the Councils unsatisfactory view in the matter, and asking that every precaution be taken to leviat (*sic*) these expenses at the next election.

Letter to R. Cottam. The Clerk was also instructed to write to R. Cottam asking him to favour the Council with a report on any buildings (with the exception of a wooden structure) of which he considered would be suitable for a village Hall.

B.W. obstruction. The meeting also agreed that Mr Miles contact Mr Candy on a B.W. obstruction in the Foxcote area.

Mill Hill. Mr Miles reported the surface of the road at the Mill Hill, Foxcote, and Mr H. Loader asked if there was any possibility of widening the Hill in any place, as to allow two vehicles to pass, and a decision **164.** was reached, that the Clerk write to the Divisional Surveyor on the matter.

Bus Service. The clerk reported the inconvenience of the present Bus Service and it was decided to write to the Bus Co.

Allotment Rent. A Cheque was also withdrawn to B. J. Thomas for half Years allotment rent.

Signed V. Francis Dec 1st 1952

Village Hall

A parish meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Wed Oct 15th 1952.

With Mr L.V. Francis presiding, in order to discuss with the problems arising, in providing a village Hall The Chairman outlined the situation, and felt that the parish Council could not take over the Old School at present, owing to that fact that grant would not be forthcoming so easy in accepting the Building Leasehold, but he felt that something should be done to improve the school until such time as a Village Hall would be forthcoming

Finally Mrs K. Shaw proposed that the parish Council discuss the matter with the Committee present, and approved.

Coronation 1953. Coronation. A discussion also took place on what should be done to Celebrate the forthcoming Coronation, arranged for June 2nd 1953, and it was finally decided to elect a Committee for this purpose, from the meeting, and after many propositions, a Committee was formed including all members of parish Council and their Clerk.

Bus Service. The Request for the improvement of the present Bus Service was also approved.

Signed V. Francis Dec 1st 1952

165. A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Monday Dec. 1st 1952.

Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by the following members of the Council. Messrs. C.E. Francis, W. Miles, T. Cradock, H. Loader, and their Clerk G. Loader.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously adopted.

Mill Hill and Septic Tank. Mr Miles reported that the Mill Hill and the Septic Tank at Foxcote, were now satisfactory.

Bus Service. The reply from the Bus Co stated that the Councils request will be considered, if a revision is possible, in the near future.

village pond. The village pond also came up for discussion, the clerk being instructed to seek the advice of the Avon Catchment Board.

The question of the parish Council and the Clerk being co-opted to the Faulkland Schoolroom committee was also discussed, to which a proposition was moved by C. E. Francis, seconded by T. Cradock that a meeting be arranged for this to take place if the Committee desired so, and agreed.

Old Folks parcels. The scheme for the Widows and old Folks Xmas parcels were considered with interest, and finally agreed to place the order for *BLANK* parcels with the agreed provision merchant.

King George VI memorial Fund. A letter was to hand from the R.D.C. Clerk, asking for support for the King George VI national memorial Fund, the Clerk being instructed to inquire if this could be postponed, until after the Celebration of the forthcoming Coronation.

Trimmings in Lane. The Clerk reported the nuisance of Trimmings in the Lane at Turners Tower **166.** and the overgrowth in the ditches at Laverton, which caused the Lane becoming flooded in the event of heavy rain, the Clerk being instructed to write to the Tenant of the adjoining (*sic*) land, regarding the former, and to the Divisional Surveyor on the latter. Mr L.V. Francis, T. Cradock and the Clerk agreed to attend the meeting of Council Representatives at Bruton on Dec 9th

Signed L.V. Francis 24th Feb 1953

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Feb 24th 1953, with Mr L.V. Francis presiding, supported by a complement of members. (*sic*)

village pond) The village pond was again discussed, and finally decided to write to R.D.C., pointing out the adequate powers, given them, under section 259, or 260 (2) of the public Health Act, 1936.

Old people and widows parcels. Letters from the old people, and widows of the parish, were read and noted with appreciation.

King George VI memorial Fund) Matters relating to King George VI memorial Fund were deferred for the time being.

(Ditches at Laverton) It was also reported that the ditches at Laverton had now received attention.

(precept) The amount required under precept was also discussed, and it was proposed by Mr W. Miles, seconded by C.E. Francis that application be made for the sum of £25, and approved.

Electricity at Foxcote) The meeting also agreed that the clerk write to the S.W. Electricity Board in support of the recent application for the electricity supplies being extended to the Foxcote Area, and the application for Turners Tower and Terry Hill being deferred until the next meeting.

167. Flood and Tempest Fund. A letter relating to the Flood and Tempest Fund, expressing Thanks and appreciation, to the Residents of the parish, who contributed, and to the Collectors, and parish Council, for the Gratifying Sum of £45, received.

Councillors L.V. Francis, H. Pickett, B. Loader and the clerk agreed to attend the next meeting at Bruton, and the allotment hedge was deferred until next season. Mr H. Loader asked if some improvement could be made to prevent the road from becoming flooded (*at Faulkland*) in the event of heavy rain, the Clerk being instructed to write to the Divisional Surveyor.

Trees on Village Green) Mr L.V. Francis asked for permission to cut the low lying branches on the Trees on the village Green, to which permission was granted.

Hardington Bus Shelter) The clerk stated he had received complaints of the wet seats etc, in the Hardington Bus shelter, the Chairman agreed to Inspect this.

A/C for seats on village Green. Accounts were to hand and approved in favour of H.G. Francis, for repair of seats on village Green amounting to £4/13/10, and for the floor in the Hardington Bus Shelter amounting to £4/5/6.

Signed L.V. Francis 23rd March 1953

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Monday March 23rd 1953. Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by C.E. Francis, T. Cradock, W. Miles and H. Loader.

(Faulkland pond) A Letter was read from the Rural District Council stating their regrets of being able to meet the parish Councils request on the question of the village pond, and it was agreed that the matter be deferred for the time being, and a letter from the electricity Board regarding the supplies being extended to Foxcote was **168**, considered as unsatisfactory, the matter being deferred for further investigation.

Road at Faulkland. No replies were to hand relating to the road becoming flooded, near the Kiosk at Faulkland.

precept) The precept was duly signed and served upon the Rating Authority for the sum of £25.

(Accounts) Accounts were passed for payment, which included a Cheque to B.J. Thomas for allotment Rent, and one to the clerk amounting to £18/7/2, this included Salary £15, 1951-52 Audit Stamp £1, and £1/7/6 for hire of Schoolroom, and 19/8 for postage etc.

The date of the Annual Assembly was arranged for Thursday, April 2nd at 7-30 pm.

Signed L.V. Francis

The Annual Parish meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday April 2nd 1953, with Mr L.V. Francis presiding.

The Representation of parishoners (*sic*) being very poor, but was supported by Councillors H. Pickett, W. Miles, T. Cradock and C.E. Francis, Mr H. Loader being unable to attend.

Financial Statement. The Financial Statement for the Year ending March 31st 1953 were (*sic*) read, and it was proposed by Mr R. Green, sec. by T. Cradock, to accept the accounts as read, and was unanimously approved, The Credit Balance being £37/19/4.

Bus Shelter Funds etc. Other Financial Statements were read and approved including credit Balances as follows, Bus Shelter Fund £6/17/7, Old Folks and Widows Fund, £9/14/7 and wayside seat Fund £1/15/2.

The Bampfylde and Vigor Charities showed a disbursement of £29.

The Chairman gave an interesting report on the various **169** items achieved by the parish Council during the previous Year, he also expressed thanks to the Councillors for their attendance, and representation on the various bodies, and to the press for the report of the meetings, and to the Clerk for his duties, so ably carried out.

Any Questions. village pond) Mr R. Green commented that he hoped the council would keep the question of the village pond in mind until success had been achieved, the reply being that the Council would do all in their power to try and alleviate the position, when the water scheme had been achieved.

Old School and Road at Faulkland) A parish council meeting followed, to which replies were to hand relating to the old Schoolroom and the road, near the Kiosk at Faulkland.

Signed L.V. Francis 25th June 1953

Annual meeting. The annual meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday June 25th 1953.

The re-election of officers resulted in Mr L.V. Francis being Chairman and Mr W. Miles vice-chairman.

The minutes of the annual assembly were read and accepted as read.

association of parish Councils) The meeting agreed to rejoin the association of parish councils and a cheque was prepared for this, amounting to £1/10/-.

The Clerk was also instructed to write to the Sun Insurance Co. and ask for a proposal Form relating to Third party Insurance.

A letter was to hand from the London Blind **170** association, asking for a helping hand again, and it was agreed to make a collection.

Old Schoolroom. A letter was to hand from Lord Hylton which stated that he was prepared to hand over the Faulkland old School, and the Land adjoining (*sic*) it, Freehold, for the Sum of £1, as a Coronation Gesture to the parish of Hemington, on condition that the council would be responsible for the legal Charges involved in connection with the Conveyance, and that a suitable Plaque be placed on the building commemorating His Lordship's Gift to the parish. After some discussion it was decided to accept this offer, and the clerk was instructed to write to Lord Hylton, expressing the councils appreciation.

Drock under Green. Complaints were to hand relating to the path adjoining (*sic*) the pond, and also the drock which had collapsed (*sic*) running under the village Green, but the question of the village pond was deferred until the next meeting. Councillors present at this meeting were H. Loader and T. Cradock.

Signed L.V. Francis 14th Sep 1953

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School, on Monday Sept 14th 1953 Mr L.V. Francis presided, and Councillors present were C.E. Francis, T. Cradock, W. Miles and Mr H. Loader.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and unanimously adopted.

Third party Insurance. A letter was to hand from the Sun Insurance Co. Stating they were prepared to Insure The Hemington parish Council for a premium of £1/10/-, 171. plus 5/- for the additional Employers Liability policy, and after a discussion on the matter, It was proposed by C.E. Francis seconded by T. Cradock, to accept, and unanimously approved.

village pond. The question of the village pond was discussed when the council decided to volunteer to clean it out.

Old Schoolroom. A letter was to hand from Lord Hylton, stating that the Legal expenses for the preparation of the conveyance of the Old School will not exceed £10, The council agreed to accept these Terms, the clerk being instructed to notify Lord Hylton accordingly.

Old Folks. The question of What should be done to add to the existing Fund for the old Folks and Widows and it was decided to arrange 4 Skittle evenings the first to commence on Oct 2nd

Trimming of Allotment Hedge. It was also agreed to arrange for the allotment hedge to be cut, these arrangements being left to the Clerk.

Coronation Fund. The Coronation Fund, of which had been agreed to be handed over to the parish Council for the old Schoolroom, it was agreed to be left in the Bank until required.

Allotment Rent. A Cheque was also prepared for the allotment Rent amounting to £3.

Improper use of Shelters. The Clerk reported the improper use of the Bus Shelters, and it was decided to write to the Superintendent of police.

Mill Hill. Complaints were reported by W. Miles regarding the hedges at Mill Hill, and H. Loader reported the water of which accumulated near the kiosk, at Faulkland, and also the fence at the refuse Dump, and the Clerk reported the inconvenience at the bottom of Tynning Hill, at Hemington, **172**. often experienced by motorists and pedestrians, and the Clerk was instructed to report these matters to the Divisional Surveyor.

Bus Service. Mr H. Loader asked if there was any possibility of an improvement in the present Bus Service to Trowbridge, it was finally decided to contact Kilmersdon parish Council, asking their views on the matter.

The question of painting the two Bus Shelters was discussed, and a decision reached that the Chairman inspect the same.

Signed L.V. Francis 10 Dec 1953

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday Dec 10th. Mr L. V. Francis presided, supported by Councillors B. Loader, C.E. Francis, T. Cradock and their Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

(Old School) Matters arising chiefly (*sic*), were from Messrs Withers & Co, in connection with the Old School, inquiring as to whether the Council wish to be represented by a Firm of Solicitors, or should they Represent both parties, also stating that the legal expenses involved would be approximately £10, plus Stamp duty, etc.

The Council agreed to the Terms therein, and to be (*sic*) agreed to be Represented by Messrs Withers & Co.

Old Folks parcels. The question of the Old Folks and widows parcels were discussed, and it was agreed to place an order for 47 parcels with Sydney Bush & Co of Bath.

173. Westminster Abbey appeal. A letter from the Rural District Council, asking for support of the Westminster Abbey appeal, was discussed, and finally agreed to be deferred.

Septic Tank. The nuisance of the Septic Tank at Foxcote was reported and the clerk was instructed to write to the Sanitary Inspector on the matter.

Obstruction at Foxcote. Obstructions of Footpaths, and condition of Stiles at Foxcote, were also reported, the matter being deferred, owing to the uncertain position of the parish Council and county Council

Welfare property. The Miners Regional Welfare Officer was present at the commencement of the meeting in order to discuss a Gentlemens agreement, on the Welfare property, now in the hands of the parish Council.

White Line or Cats Eyes and Red Disc. Mr. H. Loader asked if there was a possibility of obtaining a white line, or preferably (Cats eyes) were (*sic*), necessary and also the erection of a Red Disc at the road junction near the Council Houses, and it was decided to be passed to the appropriate authority through the district Council Representative.

additional electric Light. Mr T. Cradock asked for an additional electric light to be fitted to the exterior of the Schoolroom at Faulkland, this being left for the Clerk to make the necessary inquiries.

A Cheque was also prepared to the Clerk amounting to £2/5/8 for an Audit Stamp for the years accounts, ending March 31st 1953, and £1/5/8 for Stationary.

Signed L.V. Francis 19th Jan 1954

174. A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday Jan 19th 1954 with Mr L.V. Francis in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

Old School. A letter was to hand relating to the Old School, which stated that the Minister of Education now had jurisdiction, under the Charitable Trusts Acts, over this foundation in consequence of certain orders made in 1949-50. After a discussion on the matter the Clerk was instructed to reply accordingly.

Old Folks. Letters were to hand from the Old people and widows of the parish, expressing Thanks and appreciation for their Xmas parcels, and the clerk was instructed to write to Sydney Bush & Son, expressing Thanks and appreciation for their splendid services in preparing them.

Septic Tank at Foxcote. A letter from the Sanitary Inspector stated that the nuisance caused by the Septic Tank at Foxcote had now been abated.

Welfare agreement. It was proposed by C.E. Francis, seconded by T. Cradock, and unanimously carried, to accept the Terms provided for, in the agreement relating to the Welfare property.

Electric Light. The clerk stated that he had made the necessary inquiries regarding to the electric light being fitted to the exterior of the School.

Stile at Foxcote. Appreciation was shown to Mr Miles in his voluntary work of repairing the Stile, recently complained of at Foxcote.

precept for Year 1954. The amount required under precept for the Year commencing 1954 was discussed, and upon a proposition from Mr C. E. Francis, and seconded by H. Loader, it was decided to make **175.** an application for £30.

parish Scrap Book. The clerk stated he was prepared to open a parish Scrap Book, and that he would welcome any Information regarding the History of the parish of Hemington.

Mud on road at Foxcote. The Clerk reported on the state of the road at Foxcote and finally a decision was reached to contact the Surveyor.

In addition to the chairman and Clerk, councillors present at this meeting were C.E. Francis, H. Loader, T. Cradock, W. Miles and an apology of absence from H. Pickett.

Signed L.V. Francis 16th March 1954.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday March 16th 1954 over which Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by H. Loader, T. Cradock and the Clerk G. Loader. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

Trustees to the Old School. Matters arising, chiefly, were the matters relating to the old School, of which the necessary forms were to hand, requiring Signatures, to serve as the new Trustees to this, and were prepared by L.V. Francis (Chairman) H. Loader and T. Cradock, and Signatures had already been obtained from the Rev. G.R.O. Jones, C.A.J. Scammell and T. Nicholas, in order to relinquish their post as Trustees.

Welfare property. Should application be made at any time, for the hire and use of the welfare property, the Clerk was given permission to Grant this, providing care and attention was given to the inventory of **176.** equipment applied for.

A/C for Electric Light. Stile at Foxcote. The clerk stated that the account to hand, for the electric light, recently fitted to the exterior of the school, had now been settled, but was unable to state as to whether the stile at Foxcote had been repaired.

notice to quit allotment and application for ½ acre of allotment. Notice was to hand from G. Portingale to quit 20 perch of his present 30 perch of allotment, and also application to hand, from F.K. James, for ½ an acre of allotment, and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on the matter, a decision was reached, that if Mr Green was prepared to let Mr James have some allotment immediately, that they agree on their own terms, failing this, the council felt that, if Mr James application still stood good at Sept 25th 1954, the council would then give Mr Green 6 months notice, to support Mr James' application, but in any case, the Council was prepared to accept Mr James as a Tenant for Mr Portingales' 20 perch, if he was prepared to accept it.

sliding doors. Mr H. Loader reported that the stops on the sliding doors of the Terry Hill shelter were broken, this it was agreed to be inspected, and the Clerk reported that the notice Board, on the village Green, needed repairing and painting, this also being agreed to be done.

accounts to hand. Accounts were to hand for allotment hedge from F. Penney & G. Loader, which met the Councils approval, amounting to £3/5/-, also £1/16/- for hire of school, 10/6 Stamp etc, £15 for Clerk's Salary, and £3 to B.J. Thomas for half years allotment Rent, and the Annual Assembly was arranged for Wednesday March 31st at 7-30pm.

Signed L.V. Francis

177. The Annual parish meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Wed March 31st 1954, with Mr L.V. Francis presiding. Only a few parishoners (*sic*) attended the meeting and members of the present parish Council in attendance were H. Pickett, H. Loader, T. Cradock and C.E. Francis.

The Clerk gave the Financial Statement for the Year ending March 31st 1954, which showed a satisfactory balance amounting to £42/11/8 and it was proposed by H. Parfitt, seconded by T. Green, that these accounts be accepted and approved unanimous (*sic*). The Roadside Seat, Bus Shelter and Old peoples Funds all showed a satisfactory balance, it being proposed by C. Weaver, seconded by H. Parfitt, that these be accepted.

The Bampfylde and Vigor Charities showed a disbursement of £29.

The chairman gave an interesting report on the various Items achieved and recorded to the parish Council during the past Year.

He also expressed Thanks to the Councillors for their attendance and Representation to the various bodies, and to the press, and to the Clerk for his duties.

Any questions. Mr T. Green asked if there was any possibility of getting the island adjoining (*sic*) the pond cleaned out, as he thought it rather a disgrace, the reply being that the Council did not know who the pond actually belonged to.

The chairman then thanked the parishoners (*sic*) for their attendance, and a short Council meeting followed, the minutes of the last meeting being read **178.** and accepted as read.

½ acre of allotment. The question of application for ½ acre of allotment was again discussed and it was decided to accept Mr F. James for the 20 perch for the present but the application for the ½ acre was deferred until Sept next, when a further discussion would arise, and rules made accordingly.

notice Board. The chairman stated that he was Repairing and painting the notice board, and a letter to hand showed satisfactory progress in matters relating to the old school.

Signed L.V. Francis June 2nd 1954

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Wed June 2nd 1954, with Mr L.V. Francis presiding supported by the following Council, Mr H. Loader, H. Pickett, C.E. Francis, T. Cradock and W. Miles.

This being the annual meeting of the Council, it was proposed by W. Miles, seconded by H. Pickett, the (*sic*) Mr L.V. Francis be again re-elected as Chairman, and proposed by H. Loader, seconded by C.E. Francis, the (*sic*) Mr W. Miles be re-elected as Vice Chairman, and approved.

Old School Insurance. Letters were to hand stating that the Council were now accepted as Trustees to the Faulkland Old School, and the clerk was instructed to contact the Sun Insurance Co, regarding Insurance on the building and its contents therein.

St Dunstons. A letter from St Dunstons was read and it was decided to be left on the table.

179. playing Field. A letter was to hand from Lord Hylton stating that he was prepared to offer the parish a playing Field if they were still in need of one, and after a discussion, it was decided to arrange a meeting with Mr B.J. Thomas for a wider discussion on the matter.

National Jubilee Conference. After a discussion on the Representation to the National Jubilee Conference, it was felt that it would be inconvenient for any members to attend.

association of parish Councils. The meeting also agreed to re-join the association of parish Councils, and a Cheque was prepared amounting to £1/10/-

Filthy writing in shelters. Complaints were to hand regarding filthy writing in the Hardington Bus Shelter, and it was agreed that the clerk contact the Superintendent of police, appreciation was also expressed for the persons who had brushed out the shelters, and a decision was reached that the shelters should be painted and it was proposed by W. Miles seconded by C.E. Francis, that the expenses involved, be borne by the Ratepayers, and approved.

Sewage at Hemington. Reports were to hand regarding sewage running across a footpath at Hemington the clerk being instructed to contact Mr Dando. Mr Miles reported that the Septic Tank at Foxcote appeared to be satisfactory at present, but he doubted as to whether it would continue to be so.

Purchase of Brief Case. The clerk was also granted permission to purchase a Brief Case for Parish Council use.

Signed L.V. Francis 19 Aug 1954.

180. A public meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Wed Aug 18th 1954 in order to discuss with the parish Council the need of a playing Field for the parish of Hemington, as Lord Hylton had so generously offered to the parish 2 acres of Land, at a reasonable Rent of £3 per acre per annum.

Representation. The chairman of the parish Council Mr L.V. Francis outlined the position, to an audience of 12 parishoners (*sic*) and members of the parish Council and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion Mr W. Beck urged the acceptance of this offer, as he felt the youth of the parish was desperately in need of a playing field. Finally the offer was accepted and a committee formed, with W. Beck, Chairman, and C.E. Francis Vice chairman, the latter with Mr G. Loader, to represent the Parish Council on the committee, and it was decided to accept it under a Twenty-one Year Lease, in order to obtain any Grants.

Expression. Thanks and appreciation were expressed, on behalf of Lord Hyltons offer, by L.V. Francis and W. Beck and W. Richardson.

A parish council meeting followed, the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

Hedges at Laverton and Faulkland. Complaints were to hand regarding a footbridge at Laverton, and also the overgrowing hedges at Cherry Lane at Laverton, and Lypeate Lane at Faulkland, the Clerk being instructed to report the matter to the divisional surveyor, the former being left in the hands of Mr C.E. Francis.

Old School. Replies were not to hand in this matter, but the clerk reported that the present Insurance **181.** had now been transferred in favour to the council.

Social Arrangements. The Clerk was also instructed to arrange a social event, in order to add to the old peoples Fund. accounts. Accounts were settled in favour, to Sun Insurance Co to £1/15/-, B.J. Thomas for ½ Years allotment Rent £3 and to the clerk for £3/10 (including £2 for Brief Case, £1 for 1953-54 audit Stamp, and 10/- compensation for 3 hours work, lost while attending for parish Council Audit.

Members present at this meeting were L.V. Francis, T. Cradock, H. Pickett, H. Loader and C.E. Francis.

Signed L.V. Francis

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Wed Oct 13th 1954. Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by T. Cradock, H. Pickett and H. Loader. Apologies of absence were received from C.E. Francis and W. Miles.

Old school expenses, and Inscription. Letters were received from Lord Hylton and his Solicitors, regarding the Inscription to be placed on the plaque, to commemorate Lord Hyltons Gift to the parish of Hemington, and the Solicitors account amounted to £13, and it was agreed to pay the account from the surplus, left over from the Coronation Funds and it was agreed to ask for Transfer to the parish Council of the Fund as agreed by Mr T. Nicholas.

overgrowth at Lypeate and Cherry Lane. Appreciation was expressed at a Letter from **182.** the Divisional Highway Surveyor, stating that the overgrowth of hedge in Lypeate Lane and Cherry Garden Lane had been dealt with, and the overgrown hedge at Mill Hill, and flooding of the road near Single Hill were receiving attention.

playing Field agreement. The proposed playing field agreement was discussed and it was proposed by T. Cradock, seconded by B. Loader, to accept this and approved.

The account to Regent Service in connection to playing field copies was discussed and it was decided that the Council settle this by paying 2/- each.

Election expenses. The Summary of Recommendations to parish Council elections expenses were discussed and agreed to.

Electricity Supplies. It was also agreed to renew the application for electricity supplies to Turners Tower and Terry Hill, the clerk to inquire as to whether the area could not be included, in view of Government (*sic*) Grants, which was (*sic*) being extended to Rural areas.

Concert at Hemington. A letter from the London Blind association was deferred until the New Year, and further arrangements were made regarding the proposed Concert at Hemington, to be held on Oct 30th.

Signed L.V. Francis 29th Nov 1954

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Monday Nov 29th 1954, with Mr L.V. Francis presiding, supported by T. Cradock and C.E. Francis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

old School. Letters were to hand in connection with the old School, relating to the Solicitors account, in **183.** which the clerk was given permission to settle this account, providing Legal advice on the agreement was satisfactory, and a letter from Lord Hylton, regarding the plaque to be placed on the old school, was discussed, and left in the hands of the Chairman, to make inquiries as regarding the price etc.

playing Field account. An account to hand, in connection with the Transfer of playing field to the parish Council was handed to the playing field Committee,

Road Safety. A letter, to hand, from the F.R.D.C. asking for support in connection with the Road Safety Campaign was discussed, and it was proposed by C.E. Francis, seconded by T. Cradock, that the Clerk approach Mr W. Beck on the matter and approved.

Coronation Funds. The Clerk stated that he had now received the Sum of £13/3/10 from Mr F. Francis the (pro tem) Treasurer to the Coronation Committee. Arrangements were made for the Clerk to purchase 45 Xmas parcels for the Old Folks and Widows in the parish.

Account for Bus Shelters. An account was to hand amounting to £17/7/8 for H.G. Francis, and a Cheque was prepared to settle same, in respect to painting and Repair to 2 Bus Shelters.

water Hydrants Indicators on village Green. A reply from the Rural District Council to the complaint regarding the erection of water Hydrant Indicators, recently placed on the village Green, stated that the matter was receiving attention.

Signed L.V. Francis 18th January 1955

184. A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday Jan 18th 1955. Mr L.V. Francis presided, and was supported by councillors C.E. Francis and T. Cradock.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

Affairs in connection to Old School. Letters were to hand from the association of parish councils, questioning as to how the order came into being, by the minister of Education, and after a discussion on the matter, the clerk was instructed to reply, asking for further advice on the matter.

Balance of Funds raised during pre-war years. Appreciation was expressed on behalf to (*sic*) Mr Nicholas for being Guardian to the account, for which was raised during pre-war years, for improvement to the old School, and now handed to the parish Council, amounting to £10/14/1, The Clerk being instructed to write to Mr. Nicholas.

water Hydrants. Appreciation was also expressed concerning the removal of water Hydrant Indicators, on the village green, and for the letters to hand from the Old people, expressing their Thanks, for the Council's thoughtful consideration during the Xmas Festival.

Electricity Supplies to Terry Hill and Turners Tower. The council were delighted at a reply from the southern Electricity Board in connection with the supplies being extended to Terry Hill and Turners Tower, which stated that the preliminary work was under way, but the supply may not be available to the premises until the Spring of 1956.

precept. The amount required under precept for the Year ending March 31st was discussed and finally prop. by C.E. Francis, seconded by T. Cradock, to make application for £40.

185. Management of the Old School. Matters relating to the management of the Old School were discussed, and the council felt that it was their duty to take the whole thing over, and the clerk was instructed to write to Mrs G. Chambers, requesting the pleasure of her company at the next meeting of the Council.

obstruction on highway at Foxcote. Complaints were to hand relating to obstruction on the highway at Foxcote, the clerk being instructed to write to the Divisional Surveyor on the matter.

Signed L.V. Francis March 2nd 1955

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday March 1st 1955.

Mr L.V. Francis presided, and was supported by Councillors W. Miles, H. Loader, T. Cradock and C.E. Francis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

Old School. Matters relating to the management of the Old School were discussed, and the clerk was instructed to take over the letting of the School etc. as from March 31st 1955.

plaque. A quotation was to hand in connection to the plaque to be placed on the building and after a discussion it was decided that the clerk write for further quotations.

County Library. A letter was to hand from the County Library requesting a Library for the parish, and it was finally decided to invite the County Librarian to the annual parish meeting.

186. application for 10 perch of Allotment. An application of 10 perch of allotment to Mr R. Cradock and the clerk instructed to measure out same.

Repair to Chairs. The Clerk reported that the Chairs in the School needed repairing and it was prop. by C.E. Francis, sec. by T. Cradock, that the clerk see Mr Richardson to inquire if the youth Club would be interested, and if so, when the work was completed, the council would possibly favour a donation (*sic*) in support to the Club Funds.

Accounts. Accounts for the year ending March 31st 1955 were approved, and Cheques withdrawn to the following B.J. Thomas £3 allotment Rent, H.G. Francis to Repair notice Board, £2/11/6, Hadden Best & Co Stationary, £3/15/8, Humphries & West £1/17/- for writing Books, and to the Clerk amounting to £17,15/4, including Salary £15, Stamps and Cheque Book £1/0/4 Hire of School £1/15/- . The annual parish meeting was arranged for Tuesday March 29th @ 7-30 pm.

Signed L.V. Francis

The Annual parish meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday March 29th 1955 over which Mr L.V. Francis presided, at which about eleven parishoners (*sic*) attended, in addition to the existing members of the parish Council.

Library at Faulkland. At the request of the parish Council, the County Librarian was also present, to discuss with the parishoners (*sic*) and Council the need of a Library for Faulkland and district, and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion, it was unanimously decided to run a Library centre at the Faulkland village Hall under the supervision of Mrs Mundy, kindly assisted by Mr R. Cradock.

The Chairman expressed a vote of Thanks to Miss 187. McGirrick for her useful information and attendance.

Financial Statement. The Clerk gave the financial statement for the year ending March 31st 1955 amounting to income and balance £84/5/2, expenditure £56/2/2, of which left a balance in the Bank amounting to £28/3/- and upon a proposition of Mr W. Beck, seconded by C.E. Francis, this account was unanimously accepted. The Bus Shelter, Old peoples and Roadside seat Funds was also accepted unanimous (*sic*).

The Bampfylde and Vigor Charities also showed a disbursement amounting to £28/10.

Chairmans Remarks. The Chairman gave an interesting report on the work recorded during the Councils Term of office and expressed a vote of Thanks to the Representatives to the various bodies, and to the Clerk, and to the press for publications of the Council meetings.

presentation to Mrs Chambers. The chairman also stressed that the school room would now be managed by the parish Council, thus relinguishing (*sic*) Mrs Chambers of her duties as Secretary, a post of which had been held voluntarily, to the late committee over a period of Years, to which Mrs Chambers was presented with a Zip fastener writing Case, to which in reponse (*sic*), stated it had always been a pleasure to her, to fulfill (*sic*) these duties, and thanked the Council for their thoughtful consideration. The presentation, amounting to £1/5/-, was agreed to be paid from the School room Funds.

Any other Business. Under this heading complaints were expressed relating to water leakages, ditches, road surface, village pond and island, in response, the Chairman stated that these matters would be 188. be deferred for the newly elected Councils consideration.

Signed L.V. Francis.

A parish Council meeting followed, the minutes of the last meeting were read, and unanimously accepted as read.

Hall plaque. Quotations were to hand for the plaque to be placed on the village Hall, and a decision reached, that the Chairman contact Messrs. J. Long of Trowbridge, in response to his quotation.

pole on village Green. A letter was read from the Ammerdown Estate Co. in connection to a Request, from the G.P.O to erect a pole on the village Green, asking the councils observations on the matter, to which, after some consideration, they strongly objected.

Insurance. The meeting also agreed to a policy of insurance to hand, it being proposed by C. E. Frances, seconded by T. Cradock, that this being accepted, for the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements, and a Cheque was prepared amounting to 8/9 to cover Liabilities up to the 31st of May.

Repair of Seats on Green. The meeting also agreed that H.G. Francis repair the seats on the village Green.

Councillors present were W. Miles, C.E. Francis, T. Cradock and the Chairman.

Signed L.V. Francis

Election of Parish Councils 1955. An Election of parish Councils (*sic*), took place in the Faulkland School on Monday May 9th 1955. Seven Candidates contested the election, and the result was as follows.

Elected. T. Cradock 85, C.E. Francis 81, W.E. Beck 74, L.V. Francis 68, C.H. Wilkins 65, F.W. Penney 58.

Not elected H. Loader.

Signed L.V. Francis

189. A meeting of the newly elected Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday May 19th 1955.

The Clerk welcomed the members to the Council, and the acceptance of Office was duly signed.

Chairman V. Chairman. It was proposed by C.E. Francis, seconded by T. Cradock, that L.V. Francis be elected Chairman for the ensuing Year, and proposed by C. Wilkins, seconded by F. Penney, that W.E. Beck be elected as vice-chairman, both propositions being unanimously approved.

The minutes of the Annual parish meeting, and parish Council meeting were read and accepted as read.

Allotment Track. Matters arising to the road surface at Foxcote and the Knoll Lane, proved to be now satisfactory but the allotment Track was deferred (*sic*) until the harvest had been gathered.

Library Centre. Letters were read in connection with the proposed Library, of which stated that arrangements were made for the first session to commence on Jun 7th.

Causley footpath. After a discussion on the wicket Gate, on the Causley footpath, at Turners Tower, and the danger of which existed at the arch, on the same path, it was decided to repair the former and approach the National Coal Board on the latter.

Mr L.V. Francis and the Clerk were again re-elected to serve on the managing body of the Hemington primary School, and T. Cradock and C.E. Francis agreed to become bondsman to the Clerk.

A letter was read from the Electricity Consumers Council, to which the Council requested that the 190. Clerk write for the names of the Representatives for this area.

public Liability. The meeting also agreed to rejoin the association of parish Councils, to which payment was made amounting to £1/10/-, and also to renew the public Liability Insurance for £1/15/-.

The charges for the hire of the Old School were discussed and finally a decision reached that an increase be made for the purpose of Elections etc.

Obstructions. The Clerk was also instructed to write a letter expressing the councils thanks and appreciation for their services rendered to the Council, to Mr H. Pickett, with 18 Years service, Mr W. Miles with 9 Years, and H. Loader with 3 Years. Complaints were to hand regarding barbed wire obstructions, and the removal of a Footbridge at Hardington, the Clerk being instructed to write to the appropriate body concerned.

plaque on the Old School. The Chairman stated that he had not yet made the inquiries, as requested to this, but would do so at his earliest convenience.

Councillors present at this meeting were L.V. Francis, W.E. Beck, C. Wilkins, F. Penney, C.E. Francis and T. Cradock

Signed W.E. Beck 11th Aug 1955

191. A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday Aug 11th over which Mr W.E. Beck presided.

He referred to the indisposition of Mr L.V. Francis and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to him expressing the Councils sympathy, and there (*sic*) desire for a complete and speedy recovery, and It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as read.

Plaque. The plaque to hand, to be placed on the School, was inspected, and the account approved for settlement amounting to £11/3/-.

B.W. obstruction. It was reported that the Bridge, and barbed wire obstructions at Hardington, and wicket Gate at Turners Tower, were receiving attention, but no reply had been received regarding the attention to archway on the old Tramline and the Refuse collection at Foxcote was also receiving attention.

Old people. It was proposed by C.E. Francis, sec. by T. Cradock and unanimously agreed that the Council continue their effort of providing the widows and Old people something extra for the Xmas Festival.

Tender for Minor Repairs. It was also proposed by C.E. Wilkins (*sic*), sec. by C. Wilkins, and approved that the Council ask for Tenders for minor repairs to the school, including the repair to the Roof, windows and porch, and erection of plaque.

notice to quit allotment. Notice from Mr C. Smith to quit his 5 perch of allotment, on March 31st 1956 was accepted.

Election expenses. An account was to hand, relating to expenses involved in the recent parish Council election and owing to questions arising, the account was **192.** Deferred, and the clerk was instructed to write to the Clerk of the R.D.C. raising the points in the matter.

Mr T. Cradock and F. Penney agreed to Represent the Council on the Bampfylde and Vigor Charities for a period of 3 Years.

Obstruction at Foxcote. Complaints were to hand relating to an obstruction on a footpath at Foxcote, the Clerk being instructed to write to the person complaining, asking him to carry out his duty requested in a letter from the R.D.C.

Insurance. It was also agreed to renew the Employers Liability policy of insurance when due, amounting to 5/-.

Tuning of piano. A letter was also to hand from the W.I. requesting that the piano be Tuned in the School these arrangements being left to the Clerk.

Members present at this meeting were W.E. Beck, C.E. Francis, T. Cradock, C. Wilkins and F. Penney.

Signed L.V. Francis

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Wed Oct 26th 1955 with Mr L. Francis presiding, supported by C.E. Francis, F.W. Penney, C. Wilkins, W.E. Beck and an apology of absence was received from T. Cradock.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

Committee of Management. Matters arising in connection to the Old School were discussed, and finally it was decided to form a Committee of Management, and the clerk was instructed to the secretaries (*sic*) of the various organisations, asking for Representatives to this committee, and to the Chief Education Officer for advisory service, to Mr C. Cradock for his useful **193.** information, and to the Miners Regional Welfare Officer, for Representation.

Repairs. The inquiry of the necessary Repairs out for Tender was left in the hands of the Chairman.

Election expenses. A letter was to hand in reply to the inquiry into the recent parish Council election expenses, and finally payment was made, amounting to £20/0/6 although the Councils feeling remained that the account was extremely high, and payment also being prepared to Hylton Estate office, for half Years allotment Rent amounting to £3.

Archway and W. Gate. A letter was to hand stating that the archway on the Causley footpath would receive attention, and the Style and Wicket Gate was partially repaired but not completed, this being left for W.E. Beck to make further inquiries, and relating to the complaint of obstruction at Foxcote, the council felt this was a matter for the Clerk of the R.D.C. to decide.

New Housing Site. A letter was to hand from the R.D.C. requesting a name for the new houseing (*sic*) site at Faulkland, and after a discussion it was finally proposed by W.E. Beck, seconded by C.E. Francis, that this be named and numbered as (1 to 8 Churchway.)

Water supply at Ruckly Ford. A letter was to hand from a Resident at Ruckly Ford, requesting for an improved water supply there, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to the Chairman of the R.D.C. on the matter.

Tidy village Competition) After a discussion on the request from the Somerset Community Council for the parish Council to enter for the Tidy village competition, it was unanimously agreed that the council could not compete owing to the parish being so scattered.

194. The Clerk reported delapidated fence at the allotment of which had been burned accidentally (*sic*), or otherwise from fire in the adjoining field, and also of the fence which had not been restored by the contractors to the recent water scheme, finally it was proposed by C. E. Francis, seconded by F.W. Penney that the Clerk write to the offender to the former, and to the Clerk of the R.D.C. on the latter, with a further approach to ask Mr F. Thick to trim the allotment hedge.

The amalgamation of the Funds of the old School to the parish Council accounts was discussed and deferred (*sic*).

Refuse Tip. Mr C. Wilkins reported the irregular collections of refuse at Foxcote district, and F.W. Penney reported the nuisance caused by smoke from the Refuse dump. The Clerk being instructed to report the matter to the Clerk of the R.D.C.

Xmas Fund. Arrangements were also made in connection with a proposed social event to be held at Hemington and a Whist Drive, at Faulkland, in aid of the Old Folks and Widows Xmas Fund.

Signed V. Francis

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday Dec 1st with Mr L.V. Francis presiding, supported by C.E. Francis, C.H. Wilkins, F.W. Penney, T. Cradock and W.E. Beck.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and accepted as read.

Committee of Management. A Committee of Management to the Old School had recently been formed, of which consisted of Two members of the following organisations Flower Show Committee, Womens Institute, British Legion, with a possibility of two Representatives from the Miners Welfare.

195. obstruction at Foxcote. A letter was to hand from the Clerk of the R.D.C. of which proved to be satisfactory, relating to the obstruction.

New housing site. Also a letter was to hand accepting the Councils recommendation that the new housing site at Faulkland be numbered and named 1 to 8 Churchway, and approved.

Water Supply at Ruckly Ford. A letter to hand relating to the proposed extension of water supply to Ruckly Ford stated that the proposed extensions will be reviewed at a later date, and in all probability this application will be taken into consideration.

Allotment Fence. A letter in respect to the allotment fence proved to be unsatisfactory, the Clerk being instructed to submit (*sic*) a further protest, and it was stated that Mr Dando had agreed to repair his portion of fence.

Wicket Gate at Causley. Mr W.E. Beck stated that the wicket Gate at Causley was receiving further attention.

Allotment Hedge. An account to hand, for trimming the allotment hedge from R. Thick, was approved, and a Cheque amounting to £2/10/- was prepared.

Old Folks parcels. The arrangements for the Old Folks Xmas parcels were left in the hands of the Chairman and the Clerk.
Signed L.V. Francis 29th Feb 1956.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Wed Feb 29th 1956. Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by a full Council. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously approved.

There were letters to hand of which were read and approved that the Council, together with the management Committee, would do all in their power to support a 50% of the costs, in the proposed renovation to the old School.

196. obstruction at Foxcote. As there were no further correspondence on this matter it was decided to be left on the table.

Allotment Fence. It was decided that the Clerk write to the Clerk of the R.D.C. urging a reply as to their intentions to the repair to the allotment fence.

Report of Accident. A letter was to hand from Mr J. Green. stating that a Jersey Heifer owned by him, had unfortunately got his foot between a footbridge stone and a wall, in the field O.S.N. 270, of which had resulted in a Green Stitch (*sic*) Fracture, with a further inquiry as to whether a claim could be supported, to cover the cost, it would involve, and after inspection, and discussion on this subject, it was finally decided, to forward (*sic*) the letter to the appropriate Insurance Co, and also a letter to be written to Mr Green, expressing the councils sympathy in the matter.

Resurfacing of Bishop St. The question of resurfacing the street commonly known as Bishop St, at Faulkland, was discussed and finally decided that the clerk write to the divisional surveyor on the matter.

Common Land. The council felt that they were unable to attend a meeting arranged for the discussion of Common Land and its uses, but it was hoped that a report of the meeting would be circulated, also regret was expressed of being unable to enter for the Best kept village competition, of which was being sponsored by the parish Councils association, but it would do a lot of good, if it was possible, was the general feeling.

The council noted with regret, the sand, of which had recently been put on the village Green, but hopeful that any further nuisance of this kind would be abated.

The meeting also agreed that W.E. Beck and the chairman to attend the meeting at Bruton on March 13th.

The balance sheet for year ending March 31st 1956 was open for inspection, and approved and Cheques were prepared for the following, G. Beck £1/5/- to repair of wicket Gate, B.J. Thomas £3 allotment Rent, and to **197.** G. Loader for Salary £15, + 1954-55 Audit Stamp £1. Hire to School £1/5/-, Stamps and Stationary £1/10/3.

Precept 1956-57. It was also discussed, and agreed that the necessary precept to be served upon the Rating Authority amounting to £40, and the meeting also dealt with a complaint regarding hedge trimmings in the Lane, commonly known as Grove Lane, and also overgrowth at the other end, and permission was granted Messrs J. Snook and W. Braidly to cut the overgrowth, in return for the firewood, provided they cleaned up the same, and also that the Clerk write to Mr Scammell on the cleaning up of the hedge trimmings.

Hollowpit Lane. I (*sic*) view to complaint, regarding to hollowpit (*sic*) Lane, as above, it was decided that W.E. Beck inspect and report to the clerk accordingly.

The council expressed their good wishes for a speedy recovery to the clerk, who was unfortunately ill, and could not attend, and owing to his indisposition, the Annual Assembly was deferred until April 11th @ 7-30 pm.

Signed L.V. Francis

The Annual Assembly was held in the Faulkland School on Wed April 11th, to which Mr L.V. Francis presided, and only two parishioners (*sic*) attended, in addition to members of the council. Apology of absence was received from C.E. Francis.

Financial Statement. The financial Statement of parish Council accounts were read, together with those relating to The Old peoples, Roadside Seat, Bus Shelter, and Schoolroom Funds, and received with satisfaction and unanimously approved. Charities. The Bampfylde Charities showed a disbursement amounting to £28/7/6.

The Chairman gave an interesting talk, on the work the Council had undertaken during the previous **198.** Year, and expressed a vote of Thanks to the Librarians Mrs Mundy and R. Cradock, and to the Representation to the various bodies, the Council, and Clerk, for their attendance, and duties entrusted to them.

Any Questions. Questions to various items were asked and answered.

A parish Council Meeting followed, the minutes of the last meeting being read, and accepted as read.

Hollowpit Lane. Mr W. Beck stated that the Hollowpit lane was obstructed by hedge Trimmings, and a decision reached that a letter be written to Mr Dando, asking him to favour the council by cleaning up of same.

Reports on the allotment fence, received by the R.D.C. stated that this was to be repaired. Letters to hand from the Cancer Relief, and Playing Field association were read, and a decision reached, that this matter be left on the Table.

Salvage. A suggestion on the agenda relating to collection of waste paper, and using the returns in aid of the Old School was discussed, but it was felt that there was no suitable place for the Salvage to be placed.

Whist Tables. The question of Whist Tables was discussed, but it was felt that no purchase could be made before viewing same.

Arrangements were completed for a Whist Drive to be held in aid of the Old School.

Signed L.V. Francis

199. The Annual meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday May 29th.

Mr L.V. Francis was again unanimously elected as Chairman, with C.E. Francis as Vice Chairman.

Illness of the Clerk and Good Wishes for the Future. The Chairman stated how pleased the Council were to have the Clerk present again after his long illness, and expressed their good wishes for his good health in the future.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously accepted. It was noted with appreciation that the portion of allotment fence, responsible to the R.D.C. for repair, had now been completed with satisfaction, but it was agreed, that the Clerk write to R.C. Dando, in respect to his portion of allotment fence, and to the clearing of hedge trimmings, of which was an obstruction, in the hollowpit (*sic*) Lane.

Salvage. In view of Mrs Noakes being unable to collect the salvage, no suitable plan could be found whereby to dump this, so this collection would now cease, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs Noakes, expressing the Councils appreciation for her response to their call in this National effort.

Old School. It was proposed by C.E. Francis, sec. by W.E. Beck, and approved that the Council renew the new, and approved, affiliation Fee to the association of parish Councils, this being reduced from £1/10/- to 13/- and a Cheque was prepared for this amount **200.** and arrangements were made for the Clerk, F.W. Penney, and C.E. Francis to attend the meeting at Bruton.

Insurance. The Council also agreed to renew their Public Liability Policy of insurance, amounting to £1/15/-.

A/C An account was to hand from J.G. Green and Sons in respect to an accident to Jersey Heifer, in respect to attention by the veterinary (*sic*) Surgeon, amounting to £7/13/6, and after a discussion on this, it was proposed by C.E. Francis, sec. G.W (*sic*) Beck, and approved, that the Clerk forward this account to the appropriate (*sic*) Insurance Co.

Seat on Village Green. An account was to hand from H. G. Francis and settled in favour, for repair to seats on the village Green.

Nuisance of Smoke. A letter was to hand from the Tenant of No 7 Churchway, complaining of the nuisance of smoke from the Refuse dump, and also asking if the builders shed could be removed, the Clerk was instructed to forward this letter, with the Councils support, to the clerk of the R.D.C.

Electricity Supplies at Ruckly Ford. The Clerk asked if there was a possibility of of (*sic*) the Electricity Supplies to Ruckly Ford, to which he was instructed to obtain a petition from the tenants of the Cottages there, requesting these supplies, and forward same to Southern Electricity Board, with the Councils support.

Old School. The clerk was instructed to inquire further into the purchase of Whist Tables, and also write to Mr E. Davies on the question of Architecture on the School.

Grove Lane. Regarding complaints of obstruction in Grove Lane, it was decided to defer this and await **201**. for further complaints in writing.

Signed L.V. Francis 25th July 1956.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Wed July 25th 1956, with Mr L.V. Francis presiding and a full Council in attendance.

Allotment Fence and obstruction Hollowpit Lane. The question of repair to allotment Fence and the alleged obstruction in Hollowpit Lane was again discussed, and it was proposed by C.E. Francis, seconded by W.E. Beck, that the Clerk approach Mr Dando regarding the former, and the latter be reported to the Clerk of the R.D.C. and unanimously approved.

A letter was to hand in acknowledgement to the smoke nuisance at the Refuse Tip, but it was noted that nothing had been done in the matter.

Grove Lane. The meeting also agreed that W.E. Beck make the preliminary arrangements for the cleaning of Grove Lane.

Electricity at Ruckley Ford. A letter was read from the Southern Electricity Board, stating that they had initiated a small scheme, to make an electricity supply available to the premises at Ruckley Ford, providing each of the interested participants agreed to guarantee an annual Revenue of £17 for 5 Years, and an annual revenue of £35 from the farm. This being left for the participants to decide.

202. Re Claim for accident to Jersey Heifer. Arrangements were also made for a settlement to the claim, of which was to hand, in respect to expenses involved in the recent accident to Jersey Heifer, belonging to J.G. Green & Sons amounting to £7/13/6, on the understanding that such settlement was granted without any admission of Liability on the part of the parish Council, this being unanimously approved, and for the Clerk to Counter Claim.

Village pond. A report of the present state of the village pond was discussed, and it was decided to inquire if anyone would be interested to undertake to clean same.

Report of Style. A report to hand stated that the Style leading to Little Slough needed repair, but this was deferred until a later date.

Water at Ruckly Ford. Mr C.H. Wilkins asked if there was a possibility of receiving the water supply at Ruckley Ford, but the Council felt this impossible until the additional proposed scheme was in progress.

Bus Shelter. The meeting also agreed to have the Hardington Bus Shelter painted, the seat on the village Green repaired, and to organise various events in support to the Old Folks Fund.

Signed L.V. Francis 19 Sep 1956

203. A meeting of the parish Council was held in the Old School on Wed. Sept 19th 1956. Mr L.V. Francis presided, and members present were T. Cradock, W.E. Beck, C.H. Wilkins, F.W. Penney and an apology of absence was received from C.E. Francis.

The minutes of the last meeting being read and accepted.

Village pond. The matters arising appeared to be satisfactory, with the exception to that of the village pond, and it was decided to make further inquiries into this, and W. Beck reported that the R.D.C. had made arrangements to clear the obstruction in Hollowpit Lane.

Grove lane. After a report on the Grove Lane, an account was settled in favour to Mr V. Wilkins amounting to £3, and appreciation expressed for this improvement.

Bus Service. A letter was read from the Frome and district Chamber of commerce, stating that efforts were being made to improve the Bus Service between Frome and the surrounding villages, and that they would welcome suggestions from the Council the way in which they desire improvements, and their support and it was decided that the Clerk submit a suitable suggestion, of which he thought would meet the approval of the public.

Applications were to hand from Mr F. Penney and T. Scoble for 10 perch of allotment and granted.

The public Insurance policy for employers Liability was also renewed.

204. Crickets at Churchway. Mr F.W. Penney inquired if any thing could be done to abate the nuisance of the plague of Crickets at the Refuse dump, and in the houses at Churchway, and it was decided that the Clerk report the matter to the Sanitary Inspector.

A discussion arose on the question of the intermitent (*sic*) water supply, and a letter was read stating that there is a view of improvement in the situation, as upon completion of the North Eastern area Water Supply Scheme there will be a second source of water to draw upon in time of need.

Allotment Hedge. It was proposed by C.H. Wilkins, seconded by T. Cradock, that the Clerk approach Mr V. Wilkins to cut the allotment hedge.

Arrangements were also made regarding a Whist Drive and concert in aid of the Old people.

Signed L.V. Francis Nov 1st 1956

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday Nov 1st 1956.

Mr L.V. Francis presided and was supported by C.E. Francis, C.H. Wilkins, F.W. Penney, W. Beck and T. Cradock. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Old peoples Fund. Balance sheets in relation to the Whist Drive and Concert, held recently in aid of the Old People and Widows Fund, was approved, and agreed, and agreed to hold a further Whist **205**. Drive of Nov 24th

Preparations were also made for the proposed Xmas parcels, and it was proposed by C.E. Francis, seconded by W.E. Beck to favour Mr Stranks with this order, and approved.

Smell of Sewer. The clerk reported the smell from the sewer in Fulwell Lane, the matter being deferred.

Mr C. E. Francis also agreed to inquire into the intermitent (*sic*) water supply.

Signed L.V. Francis 29th Nov 1956

A parish council meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday Nov. 29th 1956, with Mr L.V. Francis presiding, and members present were C.H. Wilkins, T. Cradock and W.E. Beck, with an apology of absence from C.E. Francis.

Old Folks parcels. Arrangements were made for the delivery of 52 Old Folks and Widows Xmas parcels, on Dec 20th.

The clerk asked if the white Line through the village could be renewed, and also if there was a possibility of cats eyes to be inserted on the bend near the chapel, and Red Danger Discs on the corner of Bishop Street, and at the top of the village, at the road junction, leading to Hemington and it was agreed to write to the Rural District Council on the matter.

Mr C.H. Wilkins complained of the road being flooded at Foxcote, and it was agreed that this be inspected again.

Hungary Relief Fund. A letter was to hand from the Rural District Council appealing for support to the Hungary Relief Fund, and it was resolved to support this appeal, as **206.** vigorously as possible, with a house to house collection, and with the assistance of the Womens Institute.

Signed V. Francis 10 Jan 1957

A meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday Jan 10th 1957.

Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by the following members T. Cradock, W.E. Beck, C.E. Francis, F.W. Penney and C.H. Wilkins.

Old Folks parcels. Numerous letters were to hand, and read, from the Old People, expressing their Thanks and appreciation to the council for their thoughtful consideration in providing them with the Xmas parcels once again.

Cats Eyes and Danger Disc. It was noted with appreciation the Cats Eyes and Danger Disc, of which had been recently erected at the Parish Councils Request, and unanimously decided to write to the Divisional Surveyor, expressing the Councils appreciation for his prompt action in the matter.

Hungarian Relief Fund. It was also noted with appreciation the result of the recent house to house collection for the Hungarian Relief Fund, of which had amounted to £9/16/4, this effort being undertaken by the parish Council and the Womens Institute.

precept. 1957-58. The amount required under precept was discussed, and unanimously agreed to the Sum of Forty pounds.

An account was also settled to Mr V. **207.** Wilkins for cutting the allotment hedge and clearing up of same, amounting in all to £2.

Signed L.V. Francis March 5th 1957

A meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday March 5th 1957, over which Mr L.V. Francis presided, supported by T. Cradock, W.E. Beck, F.W. Penney, C.H. Wilkins, and an apology was to hand from C.E. Francis.

The minutes of the last meeting being read and accepted as read.

Accounts were produced and settled in favour to the following. H.G. Francis, for repair to the seat on the village Green £1/2/6, B.J. Thomas, ½ Year allotment Rent £3, and to the clerk amounting to £17/19/10 including Salary £15, 4 meetings at 5/- and 5 at 5/6 = £2/7/6, and also 12/4 for stamps etc.

post Box at Ruckley Ford. Mr C.H. Wilkins asked if there was a possibility of a letter box to be erected at Ruckley Ford, this being accepted as a motion, and seconded by W.E. Beck, and approved that the clerk write to the post master in the matter.

pavement at Churchway Faulkland. Mr F.W. Penney asked if it was possible for the council to complete of what he thought to be proposed pavements at Churchway Faulkland, and it was decided to write to the R.D.C. on the matter.

208. obstruction in back Lane. A complaint was to hand regarding an Obstruction caused by a wall of which had collapsed, in the back Lane at Faulkland, of which commences at the Old School and leads to the direction of Faulkland Farm, and it was decided to write to the Ammerdown Estate Co on the matter.

Letter from Auditors. A letter was to hand from the Auditors regarding that the village Hall accounts to be kept as a separate account, and not to be intermixed with parish Council accounts.

The date of the annual assembly was arranged for Tuesday March 26th at 7-30 pm.

Signed L.V. Francis 15th May 1957

The Annual parish Assembly was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday March 26th over which Mr L.V. Francis presided, and only one parishoner (*sic*) attended.

Members present were C.H. Wilkins, W.E. Beck, and C.E. Francis, and apologies of absence were received from T.E. Cradock and F.W. Penney.

Financial Statements relating to the parish Council Old Folks Fund, and Village Hall Fund were unanimously approved.

Charities. The Bampfyld and Vigor Charities showed a disbursement amounting to £28/12/6.

Chairmans Report. The chairman gave a brief report on the efforts of the parish Council during the past year, of which including application for Electricity Supplies to Ruckley Ford, Hungarian Relief Fund, re Trimming in Grove Lane, repair to seats on village green, Old Folks parcels, application for post Box at Ruckley Ford, and various other matters.

A Report to hand from the Local Librarian **209.** stated that not only had the Interest been maintained, but had steadily increased, and that the children also took a lively Interest, and proved to be very keen borrowers, it also stated that the Faulkland Branch has scope for many more readers and can cater for all ages and tastes. The chairman expressed a vote of Thanks to Mrs Mundy and Mr R. Cradock for their Interest of which they both took in the Library.

He also Thanked the members of the council for their attendance at the meetings, and the clerk for his service, during the past Year.

Any Questions. Mrs. Mundy asked if any thing could be done to improve the surface of the village green, and preservation of the Stocks thereon, and it was proposed by C.E. Francis, sec. by W. E. Beck, to ask Mr J. Green if he would be good enough to roll the Green when convenient.

Rats at Refuse Dump. Mr C.H. Wilkins asked if any thing could be done to destroy the plague of Rats at the Refuse dump at Faulkland, and it was decided that the clerk write to the sanitary Inspector on the matter.

After the parish meeting representation was made and approved relating to the Draft Maps, and statements, and approved.

Signed L.V. Francis 15th May 1957

210. The Annual meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Wed May 15th 1957.

Election of officers. Mr L.V. Francis was again re-elected Chairman, and Mr C.E. Francis Vice Chairman and approved unanimous.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously approved.

There were 3 matters arising namely pavements at Churchway.

1. A letter to hand stated that the R.D.C. agreed not to provide pavements at Churchway Faulkland and hope the parish Council would appreciate their urgent need to reduce costs, with a view to keeping the rental within reasonable limits.
Overgrowth in Hollowpit Lane.

2. A letter from the Divisional Surveyor stated that he would do what he could to improve the overgrowth in Hollowpit lane.
Post Box at Ruckly Ford

3. Regarding this application to a post Box at Ruckley Ford, only a card of acknowledgement was to hand, and further communication was to follow.

Nameplate at Churchway. Mr F.W. Penney asked if there was any possibility of erecting a Nameplate at Churchway, Faulkland, as people were confused as to where Churchway was, and it was unanimously decided to make an application for this request.

The repair to stocks and Shelter. The meeting unanimously agreed that L.V. Francis repair the Stocks on the village Green, and insert a pane of Glass in **211**. in the Bus Shelter at Terry Hill.

Damage to disposal works. A letter was also to hand from the Sanitary Inspector, containing a complaint to the damage recently done to the revolving arm at the disposal works, in Fulwell Lane, and after a discussion on the matter, it was decided that the Clerk write, advising a notice to be erected, warning the children against any further damage.

Affiliation (sic) Fees. It was proposed by C.E. Francis, seconded by W.E. Beck, that the council be re affiliated to the association of Parish Councils, and also to renew the Councils public Liability of Insurance, the former amounting to 13/2, and the latter £1/15/-

Road Surface at Lippiat Hill and Lane. Mr T. Cradock asked if any thing could be done to improve the road surface at the hill in Lippiat Lane and thereon, and after a discussion it was finally decided to write to the Divisional Surveyor on the matter.

Signed L.V. Francis 16th July 1957

212. A meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday July 16th 1957 with Mr L.V. Francis presiding, and the following members were present T.E. Cradock, C.E. Francis, C.H. Wilkins, W.E. Beck and an apology of absence was received from F.W. Penney.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously approved.

Name plate at Churchway. From the matters arising, two letters stated that 1. There shall be provision of a Name plate, erected at Churchway, Faulkland, 2. That a notice of 'trespassers will be prosecuted' to be erected at the disposal works in Fulwell Lane.

post Box at Ruckly Ford. A letter was also to hand relating to the Request of a post Box, to serve the Residents at Ruckley Ford, which stated that, owing to the sparsely populated nature of Ruckley Ford, the post Master felt that its use would not justify its cost of installation, however, it further stated that he would be prepared to provide a small box, to be sited nearer Foxcote, to which the Council accepted, but also felt that Ruckley Ford should be considered another time, and the Clerk was instructed to reply accordingly.

Road Surface at Lippiat. In view of the improvement of the road surface at Lippiat, it was unanimously decided to write to the divisional Surveyor Thanking him for his prompt Cooperation in the matter.

A letter was to hand from A.H. Batten Pool of the Royal Marine Hotel, Dublin, with **213**. an inquiry as to whether the Clerk could provide him with details of the Year of when the Stocks was (*sic*) erected on the village Green, and the Year of when they were last employed, also stating that he would very much like to send a Subscription to repair of the Stocks, to which the Clerk replied, and in return received a most remarkable subscription, amounting to the Sum of £5, to which Council accepted with admiration, and the Clerk was instructed to reply expressing the Councils appreciation, and also pay the Sum to the Westminster Bank, to the Credit of the Council, and also decided to add, to the minor repair of the Stocks, of which had already been done.

Water Supply at Ruckley Ford. In view of application to the R.D.C. 18 months ago, and to the present situation, of the supply of water at Ruckly Ford, it was unanimously agreed to renew the application, asking the R.D.C. to favour the Council, and the Residents, with immediate attention to this matter.

Bus Shelter Complaint. Owing to further complaints to the improper use of the Bus Shelter at Terry Hill, it was proposed by C.E. Francis, sec. by W. Beck, that a letter be written to the Superintendent of police, asking if the patrol officer could look in the Shelter, whereby to prevent any further complaint of this nature.

214. Convenience at Tuckers Grave. The clerk reported that he had received complaints regarding the situation of the Gentlemans convenience at Tuckers Grave Inn, and it was decided that the Chairman report the matter to the Estate Agent, and approved.

Village pond. Matters relating to the village pond were deferred (*sic*) for the time being.

Signed C.E. Francis Oct 10th 1957

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland school on Thursday Oct 10th 1957.

Mr C.E. Francis presided, and members present were T. Cradock, C.H. Wilkins, W.E. Beck and apologies of absence were received from L.V. Francis and F.W. Penney.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously approved.

post Box at Ruckly Ford. Arising from the minutes chiefly were the post Box at Ruckly Ford. and water supplies for Ruckly Ford.

The clerk stated that he had met a post office Official at Foxcote, and he was prepared to erect an additional Box, to serve the purpose of Ruckley Ford and Foxcote, but on no account could he supply Ruckly Ford alone, and after canvassing the residents in that area, they found a majority was in favour of a Box between the two places, and approved.

Water Supply. Regarding the Water extension to Ruckly Ford, a letter from the R.D.C. stated that the proposal had been considered by the appropriate Committee, and it was decided to consider **215**. all the factors involved in detail when the rate estimates are presented for examination in respect of the financial Year commencing April 1st 1958, this being unanimously approved.

Damage to Bus Shelter. A letter from the Superintendent of police stated that they would attend the matter relating to the misuse of the Bus Shelter.

convenience at Tuckers Grave. The clerk stated that he had received no communications relating to the convenience at Tuckers Grave, and matter relating to the village pond was again deferred.

A/C for Wicket Gate. An account to hand from Mr V. Wilkins amounting to 10/- was settled, and it was proposed by T. Cradock, sec. by W.E. Beck to ask Mr Wilkins to cut the allotment hedge.

Archway at Turners Tower. Complaints were to hand of an obstruction at the archway on the Causley footpath, and also the stile adjoining (*sic*), and it was proposed by W.E. Beck, sec. by C.H. Wilkins, to write to the Ammerdown Estate Co, asking permission to cut the posts and rails, in the wood nearby, and asking them to kindly remove the obstruction.

The clerk reported the state of the surface of the pavements in the village of Faulkland, and also the overgrowth in the back lane, and it was decided to write the divisional surveyor on the matter.

Old Folks Xmas Fund. The meeting also decided to continue their effort in providing the old Folks and Widows something extra for Xmas, and arrangements were made for two Whist Drives in aid of this.

Signed L.V. Francis Dec 3rd 1957

216. A meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday Dec 3rd 1957.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted unanimous (*sic*).

pavements at Faulkland. Matters arising, 1. It was noted with appreciation the improvements in the pavements at Lower end of the village of Faulkland, but the council felt that the repairs carried out at the pavement near the Kiosk, and from there to the post office, appeared to be unsatisfactory, and it was decided that the Clerk write to the Divisional Surveyor explaining same.

Debris on the Causely Footpath. 2. As no reply had been received from Ammerdown Estate Co regarding nuisance of debris on the Archway, on the Causely Footpath, it was decided that the Clerk inspect, and write to the office accordingly, and unanimously approved.

3. As the damage, recently done to the Bus Shelter doors, was causing a little inconvenience, it was now decided to ask Mr Francis to repair.

Old Folks Xmas parcels. Preparation was made to place an order with Sydney Bush & Son for 52 Old Folks and Widows parcels, for delivery on Monday Dec 23rd, and also arrangements were made regarding a proposed Skittle week, to be held in the New Year, in support to this.

Precept. The amount required under precept, for the coming Year, was discussed, and it was proposed by C.E. Francis, sec. by W.E. Beck, to make application for £40, and approved.

Notice to quit his 10 perch of allotment was received from H.C. Quinton and accepted.

Signed L.V. Francis 6th Feb 1958

217. A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday Feb 6th. Members present, Chairman L.V. Francis, C.E. Francis, F.W. Penney, W.E. Beck and T. Cradock.

The minutes of the last meeting being read and unanimously accepted.

Debris on Footpath. A letter was read from the Ammerdown Estate Co stating that the obstruction on the footpath at Turners Tower would be looked into, and a further letter would follow to the Council.

Old Folks Xmas parcels. Numerous letters were to hand, and read from the Old people and Widows, expressing Their appreciation to the Council for their thoughtful consideration, and as the result of the recent Skittle Week was so Gratifying, it was decided to make Mrs H. Eyers a presentation of a 2lb box of chocolates.

Financial support, to upkeep of Churchyard. A letter was to hand from the Methodist Chapel Trustees, inquiring if the Council were in favour of Financially supporting the upkeep of the Hemington Churchyard, a power given them under the 1957 parish Council Act, and after some consideration, it was decided to defer the matter to see what reaction the New Vicar might take in the matter, and unanimously approved.

application for Allotment. Application for 10 perch of allotment was to hand from W. Frikes, and it was agreed to accept him as a Tenant, subject to any becoming vacant, otherwise 6 months notice would have to be given to Mr Green for such an amount.

218. Insurance for parish Councillors. It was also agreed that the Clerk write to inquire as to what the premium would be for Insurance on Councillors, when attending meetings.

Accounts were prepared for settlement in favour to L.V. Francis £2/17/6 to repair of Stocks and Bus Shelter, Hadden Best, 18/1for Stationary, B.J. Thomas £3 , V. Wilkins, for allotment hedge £2/10/-, and to the clerk for Salary £15, hire of room for meetings £1/13/-, and 13/11 for Stamps Stationary etc.

Signed L.V. Francis

The Annual parish meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Monday, March 31st 1958. Mr L.V. Francis presided and 13 parishoners (*sic*) attended, in addition to the following members of the parish Council, C.E. Francis, F.W. Penney, T. Cradock, C.H. Wilkins, W.E. Beck and the Clerk, G. Loader.

The Clerk gave a report of the financial Statement of which was unanimously accepted after being proposed by C.H. Wilkins, seconded by Mrs Mundy. Also a report of the village Hall Funds showed a satisfactory Balance of £199/18/8 and the roadside Seat Fund £1/8/6, and the Old Peoples Fund amounted to £9/3/6 ½ , all being unanimously accepted.

Report on Library. Mrs Mundy, the Local Librarian gave a report on the library in which she stated that there were 105 members, and every application for requests, had been met with success, also of the splendid cooperation of the public, **219.** and above all, there appeared to be no defaulters.

The Chairman expressed appreciation to Mrs Mundy for her Interest taken in the Library, and also the public, of whom had subscribed (*sic*) to Funds, of which had so unanimously approved (*sic*). He then gave a brief report on the various work, of which the Council had dealt with, this being unanimously approved.

Smell of sewer water Leakage. Mr T. Green reported the water leakage in Bishop St. Faulkland, Mr K. Shaw asked if anything could be done to abate the smell of sewer in the Island and at the bottom of G. Greens Garden, and the Clerk reported the smell of sewer in Fulwell Lane, and it was unanimously agreed to report these matters to the Sanitary Inspector.

pot Holes. pot holes in the road, at the Foxcote Mill, were also reported, and agreed to report to the surveyor.

obstruction at Turners Tower. Mr H. Parfitt asked if the obstruction on the Causley footpath could be dealt with, and also if it would not be better to use piping to replace, the wooden stiles, the Chairman replied, stating that the former, was being dealt with, and latter would in all probability be given consideration.

cleaning out of village pond. Mrs K. Shaw inquired if there was a possibility of cleaning out the village pond but it was agreed to defer the matter, until a reply had been received from the Sanitary Inspector.

A short Council Meeting followed and the minutes being read and approved,

220. The insurance for parish Councillors, was deferred until the new Council took Office.

Miners Welfare Stage. At the Request of the Faulkland Flower Show the Clerk asked permission for use of the Stage, belonging to the Miners Welfare for the above organisation, for the use of Skittle Boards, and that the above organisation were prepared to provide an extension, and that any organisation in the parish could use it free of all charges, with the exception of any political body, when a nominal charge would be made suitable to both bodies, and the charge thereon be evenly distributed to them.

The Council unanimously agreed to this and permission was granted.

On April 16th 1958 nomination (*sic*) for a parish Council were received, at the public Offices Frome, the result being, that no Election was held as the present parish Council, returned unopposed (*sic*), thus the Members being L.V. Francis, W.E. Beck, C.E. Francis, C.H. Wilkins, F.W. Penney and T.E. Cradock.

Signed L.V. Francis 27th May 1958.

221. The Annual Meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday May 27th 1958. It was proposed by W.E. Beck, seconded by F.W. Penney, that L.V. Francis be re-elected as Chairman, and proposed by T.E. Cradock, seconded by F.W. Penney that C.E. Francis be Vice –Chairman, both propositions being unanimously approved.

pot Holes. It was noted, with appreciation, in matters arising from the minutes, that the pot holes at Foxcote had been dealt with, and the nuisance arising from the sewer in Fulwell Lane, had been abated, but it was agreed to keep the matter under observation.

Footpath obstruction. The obstruction on the Causley Footpath, was reported to have been removed, but the Stiles had not yet been repaired, but it was agreed to accept the offer, from the Estate Co, providing the cost involved was reasonable.

Affiliation Fees and Liability Insurance. It was proposed by C.E. Francis seconded by W. E. Beck and approved, to renew the public Liability Insurance of £1/15/-, and also the Re affiliation to the association of parish Councils, amounting to 13/-.

Representation to Hemington primary School. It was proposed by C.E. Francis seconded by F.W. Penney that L.V. Francis, and G. Loader, represent the Council on the School Managing body, to the Hemington primary School, and the meeting also agreed that F.W. Penney, and T. Cradock be re-elected to serve on the Bampfylde & Vigor Charities Committees.

pavement at Terry Hill. Mr F.W. Penney reported the State of the pavement and Kerbs, at Terry Hill, and Mr C.H. Wilkins, reported the overgrowth of hedge, of which appeared to create a blind corner, at the Top of Ruckly Ford Hill, and it was agreed to write to the Surveyor on both **222.** these Subjects.

Insurance of parish Councillors. The question of Insurance for parish Councillors, when attending meetings, was again discussed and deferred for the time being.

Signed L.V. Francis 28th July 1958.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School, on Monday July 28th 1958.

Mr L.V. Francis presided, and members present were F.W. Penney, C.H. Wilkins and T. Cradock. Apologies of absence were received from C.E. Francis and W.E. Beck.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and unanimously accepted.

Causley Footpath. The Clerk reported that the obstruction on the Causley footpath, had been removed and that timber was at Heywood Farm for the erection of the two new stiles, and the clerk was instructed to write to Geo. Beck asking him to complete this at his earliest Convenience.

overgrowth of Hedge. It was also reported that the overgrowth of hedge at Ruckly Ford Corner had now been cut, but nothing further had been done to the pavement and Kerbs, recently reported at Terry Hill, and it was decided that the Clerk write again concerning the latter.

village pond. The village pond was again discussed and deferred until the next meeting, the clerk being instructed to write to the Secretary of the Association of parish Councils asking his view on the matter.

Insurance of parish Councillors. The insurance for parish Councillors when attending **223.** meetings, was again deferred until next meeting.

Allotment Fence. The Chairman stated that since the last meeting, sheep, belonging to Mr A. T. Watts had unfortunately entered the allotment and created a little damage to the existing crops, and therefore the council had to make some effort to repair, and in contacting Mr Watts, had found him very Cooperative in which Mr Watts, offered to purchase the material required, and also erect a new fence, provided the Council paid for the material, the Clerk, Chairman, and Vice-Chairman, granted permission, to this splendid offer, trusting the remaining councillors agreed, and after a discussion on the matter this was unanimously approved, and an account to hand for material purchased was settled in favour to Mr Watts amounting to £7/0/2.

The Clerk being instructed to write to Mr Watts Thanking him for his splendid Cooperation in this matter.

overgrowth of hedge at Churchway. The Clerk reported that he had received Complaints regarding the Hedge at Churchway, Faulkland, belonging to the Rural District Council, and it was decided, the matter be reported to the Clerk of the R.D.C.

Bus Shelter. It was noted with regret, that now glass had been broken at the Terry Hill Shelter, but it was decided to defer repair for the time being.

Signed V. Francis 2nd Oct 1958

224. A meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday Oct 2nd 1958.

Mr L.V. Francis presided and members present were C.E. Francis, W.E. Beck, C.H. Wilkins, T. Cradock, F.W. Penney.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously accepted.

Insurance for parish Councillors. Matters arising chiefly, were Insurance for parish Councillors, and the village pond. After a discussion on Insurance for parish Councillors, it was proposed by W.E. Beck, seconded by C.H. Wilkins, to Insure, and unanimously approved

Village pond. Matters relating to the village pond were deferred until a reply had been received from the M.P.

The meeting agreed to have the allotment hedge cut, and the wicket Gate repaired.

parish Administration. A discussion arose on the purchase of the Book ('parish Administration') published by Arnold Baker and it was proposed by C.E. Francis, seconded F.W. Penney, to purchase this book for future Reference, and approved.

overgrowth at Greenparlour. Mr Wilkins stated that he had received complaints of overgrowth of Hedge at Green parlour in the Foxcote district, and as this was found to be in the Kilmersdon district, it was decided to write to the complainee asking him to refer the matter to the Council concerned.

Cricket plague at Refuse Dump. Mr F. Penney complained of the nuisance of the plague of Crickets at the Refuse dump, and it was decided to refer the matter to the appropriate (*sic*) Authority.

Accounts were prepared for payment to the following. G. Beck, for repair to Stiles, £4/0/9 Estate Co £4 for supply of Timber, allotment Rent £3, uncounted Election expenses £3/14/11 and parish Administration £2/2/-

Signed L.V. Francis 8th Dec 1958

225. A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Monday Dec 8th 1958.

Mr L.V. Francis presided, and the following members were present C.E Francis, W.E. Beck, C.H. Wilkins, F.W. Penney and an apology of absence was received from T. Cradock.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and unanimously approved.

Cricket plague. It was noted with appreciation that the nuisance of the Cricket plague, had at least been Temporarily abated.

village pond. After a discussion on the village pond, it was finally decided that the Clerk write to the M.P. for the Wells Division, Thanking him for his Interest, recently taken in matters relating to the pond, and also inquire if the parish Council could obtain a Copy of his Letter recently sent to the R.D.C. on this matter.

Allotment Track. Complaints were to hand relating to the present Track of which runs through the allotment, and it was agreed that the Clerk meet with T. Green and discuss the matter with him.

Old Folks Xmas parcels. Arrangements were made, regarding the delivery of 57 Old Folks, and Widows, Xmas parcels, on Monday Dec 22nd.

precept. After a discussion on the precept for the Year ending March 31st 1960, it was proposed by C.E. Francis seconded by W.E. Beck to accept £40.

Notice to Quit allotment. A Termination of notice to quit his allotment was to hand from H.C. Quinton.

A Report to hand was discussed of the State of the Roads, at Foxcote 226, this being mud from Tractors, and it was decided to write to the Radstock police Station on the matter.

Signed L.V. Francis 18th Feb 1959

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Wed Feb 18th 1959. Mr L.V. Francis presided, and a Full Council was in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously accepted.

Copy of letter to R.D.C. relating to v. pond. Matters arising chiefly were a letter from the M.P. in matters relating to the village pond, and it approved satisfactory.

Numerous Letters. Numerous letters were to hand from the old Folks and Widows, expressing their Thanks and appreciation for the Thoughtful Consideration the Council had given them again during the Festive Season.

Mr Francis, W.E. Beck, and the Clerk agreed to attend a meeting of parish Councils at Bruton on Tuesday March 24th.

Cheques were prepared for settlement of accounts due to Ammerdown Estate Co, for allotment Rent £3. Hadden Best Ltd. for Stationary 19/8. Clerks Salary £15. hire of room for 6 meetings £1/13/-. 1947-48 (*sic*) Audit Stamp £1 and 10/5 Stamps etc.

The Annual meeting was arranged for Tuesday March 31st at 7-30pm.

227. The Annual parish meeting was held in the Faulkland Old School on Tuesday Mar 31st 1959. In addition to a Full Council only one parishoner (*sic*) was present. Mr L.V. Francis presided, but the Clerk was unfortunately indisposed, and the meeting expressed their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Financial Statement, relating to the parish Council, and various other accounts was received with satisfaction. It was noted with appreciation that the village Hall Fund stood to date at £284/4/10 ½ .

County Library. A Report from the Local Librarian stated that borrowings have not been so high as last year, but the interest has been maintained, by a Group of constant Readers. In some cases, it is true to say that the introduction of Televisions, in some homes, curtails a demand, as readers ask for some books, the Stories of which has been seen on Television, however, the Library was not being used to its fullest capacity, therefore the Librarian would like to urge to those who have not yet visited the Library to do so at once, and see what it offers. The Chairman expressed the Councils Thanks and Appreciation to Mrs Mundy, and Mr R. Cradock for their interest in the Library.

village pond. The village pond was discussed, and it was felt that, when cleaned out, it would be better to have it filled to its capacity with water again.

228. Closing of Radstock Railway. The meeting also viewed with grave concern the possibly (*sic*), from the report, that the passenger services, on the Bristol to Frome Railway, might be withdrawn in the near future, although the freight services would continue.

The meeting realized the inconvenience this would cause to this area, such as people getting to Bristol, and to work, beside adding to the already congestible (*sic*) situation on the Highway, and also affect the postal delivery service, therefore the meeting decided that a letter be written to the Divisional Superintendent of the Western Region.

Gravel on Road. Mr T. Green raised the question of Gravel strewn about the Highway at Faulkland, and C.H. Wilkins spoke of the same at Ruckly Ford, and it was agreed to pass the matter to the appropriate (*sic*) authority.

Cats Eyes at Turners Tower. T. Cradock also asked if a white line, and Cats eyes, could be placed around the bend at Turners Tower, this also being agreed to pass to the appropriate (*sic*) Authority.

Signed L.V. Francis 27th May 1959

229. The Annual meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Wed May 27th 1959.

Mr L.V. Francis was again re-elected Chairman, and C.E. Francis vice Chairman and unanimously agreed.

Cleaning out of Village pond at Faulkland. It was noted with appreciation that the Divisional Surveyor had now commenced on the work, attached to the cleaning out of the village pond, and it was decided that after completion, the clerk write him a letter expressing the Councils appreciation in this matter.

proposed Closing of Radstock Frome Railway. Letters were read relating to the closing of Radstock-Frome Railway, and it was agreed that the Chairman represent the Council at the hearing on June 11th at Bristol.

Insurance on parish Councillors. It was unanimously agreed to renew the Councils re-affiliation to the Association of parish Councils, and also continue the present public Liability Insurance, and further more, it was agreed that the Councillors Insure themselves against personal accident when attending meetings, for a Capital Sum of £2,500, and a Cheque was prepared amounting to £3/1/6 to cover the three Items.

Old Folks Xmas Fund. The Council discussed the position of the Old Folks Xmas Fund, and finally the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that the wall around the Sewer in Fulwell Lane was down, and it was agreed to write to the Sanitary Inspector on the matter.

230. Water in Bishop St. The water Leakage in Bishop St was reported and it was agreed that this be left with Mr L.V. Francis to discuss with Sanitary Inspector or Divisional Surveyor.

The Clerk also reported the serious position of T. Sorbles allotment, and it was agreed that the Clerk write him on the matter.

painting of Bus Shelter. The meeting also agreed that the Clerk write to various contractors, asking for Tenders, for the painting of 2 Bus Shelters, on the Radstock-Frome Road, which included the following, Cleaning down, and painting in 2 coats of best quality paint, Tar varnish the roof of one, and repair to wood where necessary.

Signed L.V. Francis 2nd Sep 1959

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Wed Sept 2nd 1959, over which Mr L.V. Francis presided, and the following members were present, C.E. Francis, W.E. Beck, C.H. Wilkins, F.W. Penney and an Apology of absence was received from T. Cradock.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and accepted as read.

proposed Closing of Railway. The Chairman stated a few facts of which transacted at the meeting held at Bristol relating to the proposed closing of the passenger service from Radstock to Frome, and a letter was to hand, and after reading of same, it was noted from the

Transport Users' Consultation Committee, that they were of the opinion **231.** that the Bristol Transport Commission have substantiated their case on an economic basis, and having regard to all the facts, is recommending its support to the proposal.

water in Bishop St. Following the report of the recent water Leakage in Bishop St, at Faulkland, the Chairman stated that nothing could be done, as this was a private supply.

Tender for painting of Bus Shelters. One Tender was to hand for the painting and Repair to 2 Bus Shelters from Messrs Coombs Bros, of Norton St Phillip amounting to £38/15/-, this being deferred, and meanwhile the Clerk was instructed to write to more contractors whom he thought suitable.

Smell from the pond and Island. The Clerk stated that he had received complaints from the smell of sewer from the pond and Island, and also in Fulwell Lane, and it was agreed to report the matter to the public Health inspector.

Allotment Hedge. The meeting also agreed to have the allotment Hedge cut again, the Clerk being instructed to make the necessary arrangement as previous years.

Old Folks Xmas parcels. A lengthy (*sic*) discussion arose on the continuation of the effort in providing the old Folks and Widows with these Xmas parcels, an effort of which the council had continued since 1951. The Council felt, that as they had found it difficult on some occasions, to raise Funds for these amenities, that they should (much to their regret) discontinue this service for an indefinite period, until such time when the proposed improvement to the Hall is completed, **232.** and the prospect of raising Funds for such an effort might improve.

Signed L.V. Francis 21st Dec 1959

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland School, on Tuesday Dec 22nd 1959. Mr L.V. Francis presided, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved unanimously.

Village pond. Cats Eyes. It was noted with appreciation that the smell from the pond had now been abated, and the pond in general, appeared to be satisfactory and it was agreed to write to the divisional Surveyor, expressing the councils appreciation for the improvement, and also for the additional Cats Eyes of which had recently been erected.

painting Bus Shelters. Another Tender was to hand for the repair, and painting of 2 Bus Shelters on the Radstock-Frome Road, from H. Witcombe amounting to £17/5/-, and it was agreed to accept.

precept. The amount required under precept for the forthcoming year was also discussed, and it was unanimously approved to make application for the Sum of £40.

Wilts County Council proposal to take over R.D.C. Frome. The meeting also unanimously resolved to support the Council at Frome, in any action of resistance they might take, to prevent the Wiltshire County's proposal to take over the Rural and Urban District of Frome, the Clerk being instructed to write accordingly.

Water at Ruckly Ford. The Clerk was also instructed to make further inquiries regarding the recent proposal of an additional water supply at Ruckley Ford.

233. An account to hand, amounting to £2/15/- for the cutting of the allotment hedge, was settled in favour to Mr V. Wilkins.

Signed L.V. Francis March 1st 1960.