

A meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday March 1st 1960. Mr L.V. Francis presided, and members present were F.W. Penney, W.E. Beck, T. Cradock, C.H. Wilkins. Apology of absence was received from C.E. Francis.

Water Supply at Ruckley Ford. The Minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved. A letter was to hand, regarding the proposal, piped water supply, at Ruckley Ford, which stated, that unfortunately it was found necessary to abandon the scheme, on account of the Capital Cost involved, and the very small amount of Revenue, that would result each year by the Levy of water Charges.

The County Council, at least required 7 ½ % return on the capital outlay involved, and the Annual income from the proposed scheme was found to be considerably less.

proposal to take over R.D.C. and U.D.C. A reply from the R.D.C. to the parish Council resolution of resistance to the proposed take over of the R.D.C. by the Wiltshire County Council, stated that a Copy of the letter of Objection will be forwarded to Local Government Commission.

Survey of public Right of Way. Complaints were to hand from the Clerk of the County Council, and Ammerdown Estate Co relating to public Footpaths, and Bridleways, in the parish, to which the Council decided to keep FR.16 open, the ? from 6/5 to 6/11, 6/27 to 6/29, and also FR 15, the latter was found definite (*sic*), to be a footpath, and members of the **234**. Council agreed they had walked the path on many occasions.

But, regarding F.R. 12 at Hardington, the Council felt this was very confusing, as this path could not be found on the Map, therefore the Clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

proposals to further Housing Development. A letter was read from the R.D.C. requesting the parish Councils observations upon a suitable site for the proposed 6 Houses to be constructed in the parish of Hemington, and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on the Subject, it was unanimously decided to, preferably, recommend, the site at the rear of Churchway at Faulkland, already owned by the Council, with an alternative site at the rear of Pond Cottages.

Tenancy of Allotment. The Clerk stated notices to quit the allotment had been received from 4 Tenants, and applications received from Residents for new Tenancy (*sic*), was to be left to the Clerks discretion.

Accounts. Accounts were prepared for settlement to H.G. Francis for repair to Bus Shelter, amounting to £3/15/- and to the Clerk for Salary £15. Hire of room for meetings, Stamps and Stationary £1/17/6 and to the Ammerdown Estate Co for ½ Years Allotment Rent amounting to £3.

The Annual Assembly was arranged for Monday March 28th, at 7.30 pm.

Complaint of Obstruction. A Complaint was also to hand, relating to a car obstruction a footpath (*sic*), and the Clerk was instructed to write to the owner, kindly asking him to remove it, if possible within 7 days.

Signed L.V. Francis 28th March 1960.

235. The Annual parish Meeting was held in the Faulkland Old School on Monday, March 28th 1960. Two parishoners (*sic*) were present at the meeting, and also a Full Council was in attendance. Mr L.V. Francis presided, and the Clerk gave a Financial report on the parish Council accounts of which resulted with a balance of £62/8/1, and the Village Hall Fund showed a balance of £438/8/4, and it was proposed by C.E. Francis, seconded by T. Cradock, to accept the Accounts as read, and unanimously approved. The Chairman gave a brief report of matters that had been dealt with, such as cleaning out of village pond, additional Cats Eyes, Housing development site, Obstructions and various others.

Local Library. It was noted with regret, that the Local Library had now ceased to function, owing to the adoption of a new Mobile service, which was about to commence, a discussion arose on this question, and a general decision reached, that the new proposed scheme will not be so convenient to the public, and therefore the Clerk was instructed to point out these facts to the County Librarian.

Appreciation was also expressed, of the valuable work, and splendid service, of which had been given to many Readers, through the generosity of Mrs Mundy, and the assistance rendered on many occasions by Mr R. Cradock.

Any Questions. Mr T. Green asked if something could not be done to abate the water Leakage in Bishop Street and also the cleaning out of a ditch at the bottom of Tower Hill, and also the nuisance of water in Oldfield Lane.

236. pavement at Hemington. Mr F.W. Penney also raised a question relating to the surface on the pavement at Hemington, and it was unanimously agreed to pass the matter to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority, through the kindness of the Chairman.

Mr Green expressed appreciation to the Council for the recent matters, already dealt with, and the Rector Thanked the Trustees of the Bampfylde and Vigor Charities, for their Cooperation, and he also declared that arrangements relating to this had now been simplified, and this would enable them to keep to a more regular schedule.

The Chairman proposed a Vote of Thanks to the two parishoners (*sic*) for their Interest and attendance.

A parish Council Meeting followed, the minutes of the last meeting being read, and unanimously approved.

The Clerk stated the allotment position, relating to new Tenants, was now satisfactory, but as Mr F.W. Penney had now accepted the 10 perch which appeared to be in a delapidated (*sic*) state he asked if the council was prepared to let him have it at a 12 months free rental, in acknowledgement to his service, to put in good order, this being unanimously accepted.

Mr F.W. Penney also stated that he felt that when allotment, at any time became vacant that the Clerk should advertise it on the parish Council Notice Board, and state that all applications, to be in by some specified date, he thought this would be more convenient for the Clerk as well, this being unanimously accepted.

237. Footbridge at Hardington. The question of the footbridge at Hardington was again discussed, the Clerk being instructed to write to the owners of the field concerned on the matter.

Allotment wicket Gate. Mr F.W. Penney reported the condition of the Allotment Wicket Gate, and it was decided to leave the matter to the Chairman, regarding the prices of Iron Gate, and posts.

Signed L.V. Francis 24th May 1960.

The Annual meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday May 24th.

Mr L.V. Francis was again re-elected Chairman after a proposition, moved by W.E. Beck, seconded by T. Cradock, and unanimously approved. It was also proposed by T. Cradock, sec. by F.W. Penney, that C.E. Francis be elected Vice Chairman, and unanimously approved.

County Library. A letter from the County Librarian stated of the Appreciation shown to Mrs Mundy, for her voluntary service, of which she had given to the recent Library Centre, and that the new service would in all probability, bring a larger selection of books to the attention of Rural Readers, and also the consultation with a professional Librarian, and a much more economic use of the book stock.

The Clerk stated that the water nuisance in Bishop Street had received attention, and the footbridge at Hardington was receiving attention but the ditch at the bottom of Tower Hill, water nuisance at Oldfield Lane, pavement **238**. at Hemington, and overgrowth at Foxcote, it was decided to pass this to the appropriate Authority for attention.

Re affiliation. The meeting also agreed to renew the Affiliation to the Somt Association of parish Councils, at the Fee of 16/-, also the public Liability Insurance, at £1/15/-, and personal injuries Insurance, for 6 parish Councillors, at the fee of 13/6.

Seats on Village green. The meeting also agreed to have the seats on the village green painted, and Repaired, and also the one at Turners Tower to be painted.

Allotment wicket Gate. Inquiries had been made relating to an all Iron Wicket Gate for the Faulkland Allotments, this being found to be rather expensive, and the matter was deferred whilst further inquiries may be made.

Signed L.V. Francis 13th July 1960.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Wed. July 13th 1960.

Mr L. V. Francis presided, and the members present were C.E. Francis, T. Cradock, W.E. Beck, C.H. Wilkins, and an apology of absence was to hand from F.W. Penney. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously accepted.

Recent Reports. It was noted with appreciation that the matters recently reported had now been dealt with, such as the Footbridge at Hardington, ditch at the bottom of Turners Tower Hill, Blind Corner at Foxcote, and water nuisance at Oldfield Lane.

Repair of Stocks. A letter was to hand from Capt. A.H. Batten-Poole inquiring when the Stocks on the village green at Faulkland **239.** are likely to be repaired, and it was proposed by T. Cradock, seconded by W.E. Beck, that the repair be undertaken, and members of the Council to make inquiries of the purchase of some Old Oak, as near as possible as the Oak, in the present ones, and unanimously approved.

Youth Club Scheme. A letter was to hand, and read, from the Frome Rural District Council, relating to the consideration of the Formation of a youth Club scheme, under the Leadership of a Mobile Youth Leader, and it was decided to arrange a Parish Meeting, for consideration of this request, and approved.

A/C for Hadden Best Ltd. An account to hand was settled in favour to Messrs Hadden Best Ltd. for stationary, amounting to £1/2/8.

The Clerk reported that he had made inquiries from the District Auditors, as to the amount of time lost, and expenses involved, at the attendance of the Annual Audit, the reply being that the Clerks Salary covered all this.

Clerks Increase of Salary. However, an interesting discussion arose from this, and a proposition arose from L.V. Francis, seconded by C.H. Wilkins, that the Council increase the clerks Salary by £1 per Annum, thus making a Total of £16, the increase, it was suggested, would cover the expenses involved, when requested to Attend the Rural District Office for parish Council Audit, and this was unanimously approved, and to take effect from that date July 13th 1960.

Signed V. Francis 26th Oct 1960.

240. A Parish Meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Wed. July 20th for the purpose of meeting the youth of the parish, and also their parents, to discuss with them the possibility of the formation of a Youth Club Scheme, under the leadership of a Mobile Youth Leader. Members present were L.V. Francis, in the chair, T. Cradock, C.H. Wilkins, F.W. Penney, W.E. Beck, and an apology of absence was to hand from C.E. Francis.

The meeting was attended by 14 Youth, of various ages, who felt that the village was in need of a Youth Centre, however, it was decided to approach Mr & Mrs Davies, to see if they would be prepared to accept the responsibility of Local Senior Leadership, and the Clerk was instructed to reply to the Rural District Council accordingly.

Signed V. Francis 26th Oct 1960

A meeting of the Hemington Parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday Oct 27th 1960.

Mr L.V. Francis presided, and the following members were present, C.E. Francis, F.W. Penney, C.H. Wilkins. Apologies of absence were to hand from W.E. Beck and T. Cradock, both of whom were indisposed, and the meeting expressed their best wishes, and hoped they would be restored to good Health again, as soon as possible.

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

Restoration of The Stocks at Faulkland. It was noted with appreciation that the Ancient Stocks on the Village Green had now been restored, and a letter was to hand from Capt A.H. Batten-Poole on the restoration, and also a Cheque, amounting to £5 to defray the expenses involved, and further, stating **241.** that, if there remained any balance left over, that the amount be placed to the Credit of the Local Village Hall Fund, this being appreciated and approved, however, the Council also expressed their Appreciation, to H.G. Francis' employee, in the Craftsmanship applied to this Restoration, thus keeping in being to the original, and Ancient Structure.

Youth Scheme. There was not much to report on this proposed project, at the present stage, apart that the Council were pleased to see the report, that the Rural District Council were prepared to appoint a Mobile Youth Leader.

pavement at Hemington. A letter was to hand, and read, from the Divisional Surveyor, inquiring if there was any matter outstanding in the parish, of which had not received attention, to which F.W. Penney commented that the surface of the pavement at Hemington had not yet received attention, and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Surveyor on this question.

Collection of Refuse. Mr C. H. Wilkins raised the question of non- Collection of Refuse at Foxcote Colliery Cottages and Mr L.V. Francis spoke of the irregular collection at the Knoll, Faulkland, and it was agreed to pass this mater to the appropriate (*sic*) Authority for attention.

Allotment Hedge. The meeting also agreed to have the allotment Hedge cut, and the Clerk to make arrangements for V. Wilkins to carry out this.

Mr L.V. Francis, C.H. Wilkins and the Clerk agreed to attend the next meeting at Bruton.

Signed V. Francis 20th Dec 1960

242. A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday Dec 20th 1960

Mr L.V. Francis was in the Chair, and members present were C.H. Wilkins, F.W. Penney, T. Cradock, and W.E. Beck was indisposed, an apology of absence was to hand from C.E. Francis.

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

Ancient Stocks Account and Balance. An account was to hand from H.G. Francis for the restoration of the Ancient Stocks, on the village green, amounting to £7/17/6, and it was unanimously agreed to settle this account, and also prepare a Cheque amounting to £2/2/6 the remaining balance due to the Village Hall Fund as recently requested by Capt. A.H. Batten-Poole.

Account for Allotment Hedge. An Account was also to hand, and settled in favour to V. Wilkins for cutting the Allotment Hedge.

It was noted with appreciation, that the Rural District Council were preparing plans, whereby, in all probability, to introduce a youth scheme, under the leadership of a Mobile Youth Leader. A letter was to hand and read, in connection to the recent flooding at Faulkland, to which the Chairman gave a report on the action that the Clerk and himself had taken, with a possible view to obtain relief for the damage involved. He also stated, he trusted in the Councils Confidence, for the action taken in the matter. This was met with full Confidence, and appreciation shown, as the matter was under consideration.

Sewer nuisance at Foxcote. A report was to hand, by C.H. Wilkins, in connection to a sewer nuisance, at the cottages, in the Foxcote Colliery Yard, and it was agreed to write to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority on the question.

Lypiate Hill. The Clerk stated he had received a report on the present state of Lypiate Hill, in the Stony Littleton Lane, **243.** to which the Clerk stated he had visited the place in question, and found it to be a genuine complaint.

Browns Lane. A report was also given to a similar situation, by the Chairman, in Browns Lane, and F.W. Penney continued to raise the question of the surface of the pavement at Hemington, and it was decided to pass this matter to the Divisional Surveyor for attention, although the Council realised the pressure of many such other areas, caused by the recent flooding.

Precept. The amount was discussed of which was required under precept for the Year ending March 31st 1962, and it was unanimously decided to make application for £40.

Seats on V. Green. The meeting also agreed that H.G. Francis to undertake to repair and paint the seats on the Village Green.

Signed L.V. Francis 28 Feb 1961

A Parish meeting was convened in the Faulkland School, on Monday Feb 6th 1961, chiefly for the Youth and their parents, to obtain the views, and information, based upon the expressed opinion of any Local persons, in regard to the local needs and existing provision of an organisation for a Youth Scheme.

There were 20 Youths, of various ages, and about 14 Adults, present.

Also present was Mr L. Mills, Area Youth Leader, to outline the principles of a Youth movement, to which he stated that, A Youth movement needed good Senior Leadership, and perhaps Financial Support would be given for the first Year, **244.** when after that period, should be self-supporting, and members would have to pay their subscription, whether they attended or not, and that the Youths would be given the opportunity to learn Drama, Public Speaking, Arts, swimming, and many other items of Interest, and one person would be required to form the link to the R.D.C. Committee, this naturally, would be an R.D.C. Representative and also, it would probably be a one night, mixed Club, per week, and in all probability, this would be wound up in the early summer, and commence in the Autumn of this Year.

4 parish Councillors to youth Movement. A management Committee of Adults was arranged in support to this organisation, and the following members were elected to serve;

Mr Ted Green, Mr Gilbert Charlton, Mrs D. Wadsley, Mrs Webster, Mrs Mundy, Mr R. Swift, together with 4 parish Councillors, when elected.

Mr. L. V. Francis took the Chair, and stated how pleased he was, to be able to have Mr Mills present, and trusted that the Youth would support this opportunity with good and regular attendance and thus be able to make the Scheme one to be proud of.

The meeting closed with a special appreciation to all for their Interest and attendance.

Signed L.V. Francis 28th Feb 1961.

245. A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland School on Tuesday Feb 28th 1961. Mr L.V. Francis presided, and members present were F.W. Penney, T. Cradock, C.H. Wilkins, and an Apology of absence was to hand from W.E. Beck, who was still indisposed.

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

Arising from the minutes was the state of Lypeate Hill, Browns Lane, and also the surface of the pavement at Hemington, to which it was noted with appreciation, the prompt action of the Divisional Surveyor in the matter, and it was agreed to express this Appreciation, in writing to the Surveyor.

Foxcote Sewer Nuisance. Foxcote Sewer Nuisance again came up for discussion, as a result from a letter from the National Coal Board, stating that the trouble had arisen, owing to the fact that the Residents did not have a Refuse Collection of which they thought they were entitled to and for which they pay Rates, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Sanitary Inspector and enclose the N.C.B.s Letter as well, and agreed.

Hardington Bus Shelter. After a report that the roof of the Hardington Bus Shelter had blown off it was decided that H.G. Francis be asked to replace and repair where necessary, and at the same time to have the parish Council Notice Board repaired and painted.

A letter was to hand from the clerk of the R.D.C. and the Town and County Planning Authority under **246.** the Act of 1947 on the lists of buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest, within the parish, and the Councils observations on the matter were requested, and invitation to attend a Meeting, arranged for this Subject at the Council Offices Frome on Wed. March 22nd and the Council agreed, if possible, to attend, with any observations, before the provisional Lists became Statutory.

Bus Shelter. It was noted with appreciation, of the continued effort of Mr B. Presley, in brushing out the Bus Shelter at Terry Hill, and it was agreed to write a Letter expressing the Councils Appreciation in the matter.

Accounts. Accounts were also in favour to B.J. Thomas amounting to £3 for ½ Years allotment Rent, Messrs Hadden Best, amounting to £ (BLANK) for necessary stationary, Mr J. Ball, for New Wicket Gate at Faulkland Allotments amounting to £2/18/6, and to G. Loader amounting to £18/17/2 of which included £16 for Clerks Salary, and £2/4/- to the Faulkland Village Hall Committee for the hire of room for meetings, and 13/2 for stamps etc.

The meeting closed with arrangements to hand for the Annual Assembly to be held on March 30th at 7-30 pm, when parishioners (*sic*) would be invited to express their opinion on any Item of interest within the parish.

Signed L.V. Francis 30th March 1961

247. The Annual parish meeting was held in the Faulkland School on Thursday March 30th, to which 9 parishioners (*sic*) were present, in addition to the members of the parish Council, which included T. Cradock, F.W. Penney, C.H. Wilkins, C.E. Francis, and L.V. Francis was in the chair, Mr. W.E. Beck was still indisposed, and the meeting expressed their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Financial Statement. The Clerk gave the Financial Statement of the parish Council Accounts of which showed a Balance amounting to £67/8/3 and it was proposed by C.E. Francis and unanimously approved that the accounts be accepted as read.

Village Hall Accounts. The Accounts in connection to the Village Hall Fund was (*sic*) also declared, and resulted with a satisfactory Balance, amounting to £625/19/11 and it was unanimously agreed that these accounts be accepted.

Roadside Seat Fund. The Roadside Seat Fund also showed a Balance of £1/4/3 ½

Bampfylde Charities. The Rector gave a brief account on the existing Charities and stated that £28/19/8 was received each year from this, and every needy case was taken into consideration and he considered the disbursement was carried out in fairness to everyone, however, he paid a tribute to F.W. Penney and T. Cradock, for their attendance and help, every year, to carry out this distribution.

Chairmans Report. The Chairman gave a Report on the work recorded during the Councils Term of Office, of which included the Restoration of Village Stocks on the Green, Repair to Seats and Bus Shelters, Introduction of a Youth Scheme, attention to Collection of Refuse, and public rights of way, and many other items, but he stated he regret (*sic*) losing the Library Centre, in many ways.

The Chairman also expressed a Vote of Thanks to the parish Councillors for their attendance at the meetings, and their Thoughtful Consideration given to various matters, and to the Clerk for his duties, being well fulfilled to the Council.

Any other Business. Mrs Webster raised the question of the parking of Cars and Lorries on the corner near the Chapel, as she thought this was very dangerous, and it was agreed to keep the matter under observation.

Corner at Oldfield Farm. Mr Ted Green asked if it was possible for something to be done to improve the corner, of which he considered very dangerous to people approaching the oncoming Traffic, at Oldfield Farm Cottage.

The Council felt Mr Green had a point to this complaint and should be supported by writing to the Divisional Surveyor on the matter, and approved.

Brushing off pavement. Mr Davies thought it would be a good idea if the pavements were brushed off occasionally, and also if it was possible to roll the Green, to make it look a little more respectable.

Rolling of Village Green. The Chairman felt that the pavements arrived at the present State owing to the shortage of Labour, but referring to the latter, Mr T. Green offered to roll the Green at his earliest convenience, this was unanimously approved.

A Tribute to Rural Councillors. Mr C.E. Francis proposed a Vote of Thanks to Mr L.V. Francis, and W.E. Beck, the two existing Rural District Councillors for their continuous Services Rendered on behalf of the parish of Hemington, and this was unanimously accepted. The Chairman Thanked the parishoners for their attendance and their Items of interest.

Signed L.V. Francis 24th Aug 1961.

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

249. Foxcote Sewer Nuisance and Refuse Collection. It was noted with Appreciation that the Foxcote Sewer nuisance had now been Abated, and a letter from the Sanitary Inspector stated that a Refuse Collection would now be served to the Foxcote Colliery Cottages.

Danger Disc. A letter from the divisional Surveyor stated that a new Warning disc had been erected at Turners Tower.

Increase in Allotment Rent. A letter from the Agent of the Ammerdown Estates was discussed with Interest, in which it stated that as from Sept 1961, the Rent on the Allotments at Faulkland, it was proposed, to be increased from £6 per Annum, to £15 per Annum.

The Council unanimously agreed that this increase was far too much, and the Clerk was instructed to reply stating that the council felt that an 100 per cent increase to £12 per Annum should be sufficient and Reasonable Rent, and approved.

Old pump House at Faulkland. The Clerk Stated he had been approached on the situation of the Old Pump House at Faulkland, and it was decided to write to the Sanitary Inspector, for his observations on the matter.

Signed L.V. Francis Aug 24th 1961.

Parish Council Elections 1961. An Election for parish Councillors took place in the Hemington primary School on Saturday August 19th, when 7 Candidates contested 6 Seats. The Result being as follows.

Elected. Cradock Thomas Edwin, 42. Francis Lewis Victor, 43. Green Edward Arthur, 42. Hendy Thomas Henry, 37. Mouny Lilian May, 26. Wilkins Clifford Herbert, 31.

Not Elected, Shaw Katherine Margaret, 19.

Signed L.V. Francis Aug 24th 1961

250. A Meeting of the newly elected parish Council was held in the Faulkland Chapel Schoolroom, on Thursday Aug 24th. Members present were Mrs L.M. Mouny, T.E. Cradock, T.H. Hendy, E.A. Green, L.V. Francis, C.H. Wilkins.

First woman Member of parish Council. The Clerk, in opening, stated that the first Hemington parish Council was formed in 1894, and on searching the Records, he was delighted to say that Mrs Mouny was the first woman to serve on the said parish Council.

Resignations. He also stated that Mr C.E. Francis had now resigned after serving 15 Years on the Council, and F.W. Penney with six Years Service.

Tribute to Mr W. E. Beck. The meeting also stood in silent Tribute to the memory of Mr W.E. Beck, who had been a Member of the Council for a period of 6 Years.

Nominations for Chairman and V. Chairman. The Clerk then asked for nominations for Chairman and it was proposed by T. Hendy, seconded by T. Cradock, that L.V. Francis accept the Office of Chairman, and unanimously approved.

V. Chairman. Also it was proposed by C.H. Wilkins, seconded by T.H. Hendy that T.E. Cradock accept the Office as Vice-Chairman, this also being unanimously approved.

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

Increase in allotment Rent from Sept 29th 1961. Chiefly, arising from the minutes, the meeting debated the question of the proposed increase in the Allotment Rent, to which the Clerk stated, he had contacted the existing Tenants, to which they agreed to pay the increase, if the need arises, and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on the matter, it was proposed by T.H. Hendy seconded by Mrs L. Mouny, that the Council retain the Allotments, and accept the conditions laid down in the agreement, and approved.

251. Old Pump House at Faulkland. The question of the Old pump House, in Bishop St. was discussed, and it was stated that no further information had come to light, which would assist in determining ownership, therefore the matter was deferred.

Corner at Oldfield Farm. As no further information was to hand on this question, it was decided that the Clerk write a letter to the Divisional Surveyor, asking him to meet Mr T. Green and discuss the matter with him, and also the question of overgrowth further down the road opposite Lime-Kiln Farm.

School Managers. Representation from the Council, to serve on the Managing Body to the Hemington Primary School, and it was proposed by C.H. Wilkins, seconded by T. Hendy, that L. V. Francis and T.E. Green be accepted to Represent the Council, and approved.

Bampfylde Charities. It was also proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by Mrs L. Mouny that T. Cradock and T.E. Green be elected to serve on this Committee, and approved.

Youth Committee. The meeting also elected 4 Members to serve on the Youth Committee, and the members elected were Mrs L. Mouny, C.H. Wilkins, T. Cradock and T.H. Hendy.

Survey of Public Rights of Way. A letter was read from the Somt County Council, in relation to the Public Rights of Way, and the Clerk was instructed to write, stating the Councils observations in the best Public Interest.

Overgrowth at Foxcote. The Clerk stated that since the last meeting, he had received complaints from Residents at Foxcote, and he had passed the matter to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority for attention.

Housing Accommodation within the parish. A letter was read from the Clerk of the R.D.C. asking the Councils observations on the planning of housing Accommodation within the Parish.

252. After a discussion on the matter the Members of the Council felt that, owing to the dissatisfaction (*sic*) received from the recent Ministry Surveys, that a number of old peoples Bungalows should be provided to meet the need in the parish, providing that a suitable, and more Hygienic sewage scheme was available, and the Council intimated that they would be ready to point out some suitable sites.

Sewer Bed in Fulwell Lane and Refuse Tip. Complaints were also to hand, of the unsatisfactory sate of the Refuse Tip, and also the state of the wall around the sewer Bed in Fulwell Lane, and it was agreed to write to the appropriate (*sic*) Authority on the matter.

Mr T.H. Hendy also reported the nuisance of Hedge Trimmings in the lane at Norton St Phillips (*sic*), and it was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman to see the Surveyor.

Nuisance in Hemington Bus Shelter. The Council also referred to the recent Disgrace in the Hemington Bus Shelter, arising from a passer by, by deliberately disposing of Refuse, by placing it in the Shelter, and the police had been warned, of any further incidents of this nature.

Kiosk and Bus Service. Complaints were also to hand from the Clerk, regarding complications, in connection with the Kiosk at Faulkland and also the inconvenience caused by the alteration of Bus Services from Frome to Bath, the Clerk being instructed to deal with the matter in the most suitable way.

Hardington Bus Shelter. Reference was again made to the Hardington Bus Shelter, and it was agreed that the Clerk ask T.A.G. Loader to fix the Roof and Felt it, and any repair which was necessary.

Signed L.V. Francis 15th Nov 1961

253. The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wednesday March 28th 1962.

About 7 parishoners (*sic*) attended, in addition to members of the Council, and an apology of absence was to hand by Mrs Davis, and Mr L.V. Francis presided.

Financial Statement. The Financial Statement of parish Council accounts were given by the Clerk, and proposed by T. Green, seconded by T.H. Hendy, and unanimously approved.

Village Hall Fund. The Financial Statement of Village Hall Fund were also declared, and showed a balance of £101/13/3 this was accepted by a proposition of Rev. A. Durston, Sec. by Mrs L. Mouny, and Approved.

Roadside Seat Fund. The Roadside Seat Fund also showed a Satisfactory balance.

Bampfylde Charities. The Rector, reporting on the Bampfylde and Vigor Charities, stated that £28/19/8 had been received from the Charities, and £27/7/6 had been distributed to the poor and needy cases, and he also paid a Tribute to the Trustees, for their help in solving the difficult problem of distribution.

Chairmans Remarks. The Chairman stated that in the past year the Council had undertaken many difficult tasks in the parish, such as organisation of Youth Clubs, Repair to Stocks on the Village Green, corner at Oldfield Farm, public rights of way, support to Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, and many other Items of Interest.

Survey of Public Rights of Way. A letter was read from Somt County Council on 2 footpaths at Hemington and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on this Subject, it was proposed by Rev. A.G. Durston, seconded by E.A. Green to retain both Footpaths at Hemington.

254. Any other Business. Under this Item Mrs Rose Raised the question of the three cornered piece of Land, near the Kiosk at Faulkland, she thought that some improvement could be made, for Traffic, approaching the main road, from the upper part of the village Green, and it was agreed to write to the Divisional Surveyor on the matter. Mrs K. Shaw commented on the Rubbish of which had been thrown in the village pond, she thought it a disgrace, after all the work of which had recently been done.

Untidy Village. The meeting also felt that the village was too untidy to enter for competition, but it was hoped that this state of affairs would improve in due course.

Water on Roads. It was also agreed that the Clerk write to the Surveyor on the state of the road at Top of Tynning Hill, at Ruckley Ford, and pot hole near the cottages at Hemington.

Elm Tree on V. Green. A parish Council followed, the minutes being read and accepted. A letter was to hand from the Ammerdown Estate stating that the Elm Tree on the village Green was unsafe, the Council reply to the Estate stated the matter being left to their discretion, and approved.

Allotments. The Clerk was also instructed to write to the Estate pointing out the question on re-fencing the allotment.

Footpath at Stony Littleton. The question arising on the footpath at Stony Littleton, was discussed, and left to the discretion of the County Council.

Footpath at Ruckly Ford. The Clerk stated that Mr A.E. Green and himself had recently inspected the Footbridge at Ruckly Ford and found the Bridge in need of repair, to which the measurements had been taken for timber required. The Council decided to repair, the Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

Signed E.A. Green

255. A Meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Chapel Schoolroom, on Wed. Nov 15th 1961.

Mr L.V. Francis presided, and members present were Mrs L.M. Mouny, T.H. Hendy, E.A. Green., C.H. Wilkins, and Apology of Absence were to hand from T.E. Cradock.

The Members from the Somt County Council were also present, to discuss with the parish Council, the difficulties arising between them of matters relating to the Survey of Public Rights of Way, the meeting proved to be very satisfactory, and agreement reached between the two Councils, and Reference was made to the following footpaths. F.R. 12 from New Barn to Hardington Church, agreement was reached that this path found to be unnecessary, FR 13 at Foxcote, it was agreed to keep open the spur from Wellow Brook if necessary, FR14, at Enoxx (*sic*) Cottages at Hemington, this was proved to be necessary, FR 15 From Faulkland, by way of New Plantation, to Stony Littleton, it was agreed to await the views of Wellow parish Council on this matter. FR 16, proposed Bridleway at Southfield Hill to Hardington this was found to be unnecessary, and decided to close, and Finally FR17 From Tuckers Grave, to corner of Ramsgate Wood, this too was found unnecessary. Mr Francis expressed a Vote of Thanks to the Members of the County Council, and stated that the meeting had proved worthwhile.

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

Oldfield Corner. Letters to hand from the Rural District Council relating to Refuse Tip, Housing Accommodation, were satisfactory also a letter relating to the nuisance at the Kiosk, at Faulkland, but no further information was to hand relating to the corner at Oldfield Farm, and it was **256.** agreed that Mr Green Telephone Mr Widdicombe with arrangements to meet him and discuss the matter.

Seats on village Green. Accounts was settled in favour to H.G. Francis, for Repair to the two Seats on the Village Green and also a New Notice Board amounting to £21/5/6, also to T.A.G. Loader for repair to the Hardington Bus Shelter amounting to £3 and approved.

Any other Business. Mr T.H. Hendy inquired if something could be done to improve the corners at Laverton, near Row Farm, and it was decided to write to the Divisional Surveyor on the matter.

Mr C.H. Wilkins stated he had received complaints to the Big Elm Tree on the Village Green, and it was decided to keep the matter under observation, and report if necessary.

Signed L.V. Francis 17th Jan 1962.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Village Hall, on Wednesday Jan17th 1962.

Members present were E.A.. Green, C.H. Wilkins, Mrs L.M. Mouny, T. Cradock, T.H. Hendy.

Mr L.V. Francis presided, the minutes of the last meeting being read, and unanimously accepted as read.

Corners at Oldfield Farm and Laverton. It was noted with appreciation, the recent improvement on the corner at Oldfield Farm, and after a discussion on the corner in question at Row Farm, Laverton, it was decided to write to the Divisional Surveyor, expressing the Councils Appreciation on the former and kindly ask him to meet Mr Hendy, and discuss the latter with him, as Mr Hendy felt that an improvement could be made at very little cost.

257. Precept 1962-63. The meeting unanimously decided to precept the Rural District Council for £50 for the forthcoming Year.

Famine Relief. A letter was read from the Clerk of the Rural District Council relating to the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, and it was decided to defer the matter until the next meeting.

Terry Hill Shelter. The Clerk reported that the Terry Hill Shelter needed a minor Repair, and it was decided to ask Mr. T. Loader to repair.

Allotment Hedge. An account was to hand and settled in favour to F.G. Green, to cutting the Allotment Hedge.

Elm Tree on Village Green. A Letter was to hand from Residents living around the Village Green, on the condition of the Elm Tree, on the Green, and the Council decided that the matter be reported to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority.

Faulkland Allotments. Breach of Contract. A letter from the Ammerdown Estate stated that contrary to the terms of lease, under which the Council occupy the Allotments, Land was being used for purposes other than Allotments, in which this Contravened the agreement with the Estate. This, it was stated, was a Breach of Contract, and could not be allowed to continue.

After a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on this Subject, it was felt, and considered a breach of contract, and that there was only one decision to be made, which finally concluded, in giving 6 months notice, on this portion, as from March 25th 1962 and to expire on Sept 29th 1962.

Cheques were prepared in favour to the Clerk for Salary amounting to £16. ? ? 10/4. **258.** Hire of school for Meetings £1/15/-, and to the Ammerdown Estate, for Allotment Rent amounting to £7/10/-

Signed L.V. Francis.

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AB The Annual Meeting of the parish Council was held in The Faulkland Village Hall on Wednesday May 23rd 1962.

Appointment of Chairman V. Chairman. It was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by C.H. Wilkins, that E.A. Green, be elected Chairman and unanimously approved.

16 Years as Chairman. Mr L.V. Francis, the retiring Chairman had been Chairman of the Council for a period of 16 Years, and T.H. Hendy commented on Mr Francis' splendid service, during his office of Chairman, and furthermore, he trusted that Mr Green would take this as an example, and endeavour to fulfil the duties entrusted to him in the same manner, to which Mr Green replied that he would fulfil the duties to the best of his Ability.

V. Chairman. It was also proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.E. Cradock, that C.H. Wilkins, be elected as Vice-Chairman, and unanimously approved.

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

Oxford Committee. It was noted with appreciation that the House to House collection, sponsored by the Council, and undertaken by members of the Senior Youth Club members (*sic*), in aid of the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief resulted in a Total of £4/8/-.

Letter from Surveyor. A letter was to hand from the Divisional Surveyor stating that recent complaints to (*sic*) Tynning Hill, Ruckley Ford, Stoney Littleton Lane, and grass verge at Faulkland, was (*sic*) receiving attention.

Elm Tree. Footbridge. Appreciation was also shown in the matter relating to the Elm Tree on the Village Green and the Footbridge at Ruckley Ford.

It was also agreed to renew the Affiliation to the Association of parish Councils, and the various Insurance premiums.

Accounts were settled in favour to the Clerk, £2, for Audit Stamp, T.A.G. Loader to repair to Hemington and Terry Hill Shelter £1, F.V. Charlton to supply of Timber, £2/2/6, V. Wilkins, to repair of the footbridge, £1, and re-affiliation to Association of parish Councils, and insurance premiums = £3/4/6.

Auditors Request. The Clerk reported that the Auditors requested the following to be brought forward (*sic*) for discussion.

That the parish Council discuss, with a view of Insuring against Risk, a policy of up to cover, an Indemnity of about £100, on the Clerk.

It was strictly emphasised that in discussing this, however, no reflection, in any way, was cast upon the services of the Clerk, and after a discussion on the subject it was agreed, that the Clerk make the necessary inquiries.

The meeting also agreed that a playing Field Committee meeting be arranged to discuss various items arising.

Signed E.A. Green July 30 1962.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday July 30th 1962.

Mr. E.A. Green presided and other members present were Mrs L.M. Mouny, T.E. Cradock, L.V. Francis, C.H. Wilkins, and an apology of absence was to hand from T.H. Hendy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and **CD** Unanimously accepted.

Retiring Surveyor. The clerk reported that he had recently wrote (*sic*) to the retiring Divisional Surveyor, expressing the parish Councils good wishes for his retirement, and expressing their appreciation for the continuous cooperation, with them, over a long period of years.

playing Field. The Clerk also reported that he had not met with much success in calling the old members of the playing field Committee, however, if it was decided to make another effort, and if not successful, arrange a public meeting.

Upkeep of Foxcote Church Yard. A letter was to hand, and read, requesting the parish Council to take over the upkeep of the Foxcote Churchyard, and the Clerk read a letter also from the Vicar of Wellow, stating their reasons for being unable to maintain the same, and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion, on the contents of both letters, and extracts from the parish Council Handbook, it was unanimously approved, that the council could not accede to the request, under the present circumstances.

Draft Maps. The Draft Maps, and matters relating to the Survey of public rights of way, were discussed with satisfaction, the draft maps being open for inspection at the address of the Clerk.

Blind Corners at Foxcote. A letter was read from Residents of Foxcote Colliery cottages, complaining of the overgrowth on the corners in the Foxcote area, and it was decided to pass the same to the Divisional Surveyor.

Representation of the peoples act. A discussion arose, as a result of a letter from the Clerk of the County Council, under the peoples Regulation Act 1950, with regard to order of names in the Register of Electors, but it was felt that no improvement could be made.

Any other Business. Under this heading, Mr L.V. Francis suggested that owing to the unsuccessful attempt to obtain the 30 mile Limit through the village of Faulkland, that the word 'Slow' be marked in the road at each end of the village, and also he requested that some advanced direction Signs be erected at the Terry Hill cross roads, and it was decided unanimous (*sic*) to pass the matter to the appropriate (*sic*) authority, for attention.

Correct postal address. The Clerk reported the recent delays in letters, owing to them being incorrectly addressed, and it was decided to write to the post Master General to inquire the correct postal address.

Village Pond. Mrs Mounty reported the smell arising from the sewer effluent in the village pond, the Clerk being instructed to report to the Sanitary Inspector.

Causley Footpath. Mr C. H. Wilkins reported the removal of a wicket Gate on the causley (*sic*) footpath, but he stated, this had been replaced with a suitable Style.

Insurance. The Clerk was also instructed to inquire into the matters arising out of the Insurance policy, of which was held by the Council.

Signed E.A. Green 12 Sept. 1962

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the village Hall on Wed Sept 12th 1962. Mr E.A. Green presided, and members present were Mrs L.M. Mounty, C.H. Wilkins, T.H. Hendy, T.E. Cradock and L.V. Francis.

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

EF playing Field. The Clerk stated that he had not yet made inquiries relating to the members of the playing field Committee, but would do so, and if necessary arrange a public meeting.

Correct address. Foxcote Lanes. Letters were read, relating to the correct address for the village of Faulkland, and also the blind corners at Foxcote, however, the former appeared to be satisfactory, but the clerk agreed to inspect the latter and inform the Divisional Surveyor accordingly, and ask him to meet the Chairman, when various complaints would be pointed out to him.

It was noted with appreciation that the recent application for advanced directions signs, to be placed at Terry Hill cross roads, has been successful, and will be erected as soon as the signs are delivered.

Go Slow signs at Faulkland. The Council regretted to hear that the proposal for the word 'Slow' to be marked on the carriageway at each end of the village of Faulkland, had been declined by the County Traffic Signs Sub-Committee, with a view that the existing village name signs should give sufficient indication to strangers of the necessity to slow down, but the council, being astonished at such an unsatisfactory reply, decided that the clerk write requesting the Sub-Committee to give the matter further consideration, for the benefit of the Community, taking into consideration the ever increasing Traffic, Cattle and children on the Highway.

Village pond. It was noted that the village pond nuisance had improved a little, but the council agreed to get together and clear the pond of the existing weeds.

Freedom from Hunger. A letter was read from the Rural District Council appealing for Funds, in which to help the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, and it was noted with Appreciation that the Womens Institute had already supported this cause, with a view to a further event of which the council agreed to support.

Future of British Railways. The Future of the British Railways was also discussed and it was decided to make any observations on any proposed closures, of which might affect the Local Community.

Insurance on the Village Hall. The meeting also decided to insure the village Hall against Fire, and the contents therein, and also for flood and Tempest, The village Hall for £2.700 and the contents for £300, this being proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by L.V. Francis, and approved.

Fidelity policy. It was also proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, that the Council insure the Clerk, in a Fidelity policy, for the Sum of £100, and unanimously approved.

The Clerk was also instructed to inquire if the Caretaker of the village Hall was covered under the present Liability of Employers policy.

Ruckley Ford Collection. A letter was read from the Head postmaster, stating that it had been found necessary to retime the afternoon collection at Ruckly Ford letter Box, from 4-30 to 4-15 in order to maintain good time-keeping on the Rural Motor post.

Kiosk at Turners Tower. Roadside seat at Turners Tower. The Clerk reported that he had received many requests for a Telephone Kiosk at Turners Tower, and it was decided to write to the Clerk of the R.D.C. requesting the matter to be given every consideration, the roadside seat at Turners Tower was noted to be in need of repair this was left for Mr Francis to inspect and if possible, to repair.

Water at Ruckley Ford. The Clerk also stated that he had received requests for the application of water supply at Ruckley Ford to be reviewed, and it was decided to renew the application to the appropriate (*sic*) Authority.

GH Hedge around Refuse Tip. The Chairman remarked on the high hedges around the refuse Tip at Faulkland, he thought if this was cut it would give the Residents of Church way a much improved view, and it was unanimously decided that the Clerk report the matter to the Rural District Council.

Village pond. The Chairman also remarked about the Old parish pound at Hemington, in which, he stated, the owner of the adjoining (*sic*) property appeared to be preparing a Garage on the Land where the pound was.

The question arose as to whether the owner in question had a right to do so, and it was finally decided that the Clerk write to the Clerk of the Rural District Council, inquiring his opinion on the subject.

Village Hall secretary. The Clerk reported that owing to pressure of work, he had found it necessary to decline the post as secretary to the village Hall, but he desired to stress that his Interest in the Village Hall would still continue, however appreciation was expressed to the clerk for his continued services as secretary to the village Hall, and Mr E.A. Green was unanimously accepted as successor to Mr Loader in the post.

Signed E.A. Green.28th Nov 1962.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wednesday Nov 28th, over which Mr E.A. Green presided, and a full Council was in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously adopted.

playing Field. No.1, arising from the minutes, the playing Field, was discussed, and finally decided to place the Subject on the Agenda for the Annual parish meeting.

Foxcote. Ruckley Ford. Browns Lane. The Chairman stated he had visited the Lanes and corners, recently complained of, with the Divisional Surveyor, to which he agreed should receive attention, but, however, the Surveyor stated, that in future, the proper procedure for overgrowth on corners was to report to the offender, and failing to get any Cooperation, then pass the matter to the Surveyor, but Mr L.V. Francis was not satisfied with this procedure, and proposed that Ruckley Ford Corner, and the corner at Foxcote, be again reported to the Surveyor, and approved, but a letter from the Surveyor stated that he considered approaching Lord Hylton on the question of erecting fences at Ruckley Ford and Browns Lane corner.

Insurance. The Clerk gave the details of Insurance on the Village Hall and a Cheque was prepared for same.

Kiosk at Turners Tower. A letter from the Clerk of the Rural District Council stated that the Application for a Kiosk to be erected at Turners Tower had been approved by the Council, and the application supported, and forwarded to Somerset Branch of Rural District Councils Association.

Seat at Turners Tower. Mr Francis stated that he had not yet inspected the seat at Turners Tower but would do so in the near future.

Village pound. A letter, relating to the Ownership of the Village pound at Hemington, was read, from the Rural District Council, and the Council felt that the cost to prove ownership would not be worthwhile, and decided that the Correspondence on the Subject be closed.

Water Supply at Ruckley Ford. In the recent application to an improved Water Supply to Ruckly Ford, a letter from the Bristol Water Board stated that if it is proved to be a feasible proposition **IJ** a scheme will be prepared, and the Interested parties Communicated with.

Survey of public Rights of way. The Clerk stated that since the last meeting a request for a Representation to attend a meeting at the County Hall Taunton, on the footpath at Hardington, to Laverton, had been received, and Mr Green, the Chairman attended, and Mr Green gave a Report on the meeting, and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion, Mr Francis proposed that the footpath should be retained, seconded by T.H. Hendy, and that the Clerk write to the County Council accordingly, and also agreed to discuss Mr Green expenses for attendance at the next meeting.

precept 1963. The amount required under precept for 1963 was discussed, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, to precept the R.D.C. for the amount of £50, and approved.

Cover on Water Meter. The Clerk was also instructed to report the broken Cover on the Water Meter at Bishop St, and the Clerk, Mr Green and Mr Francis agreed to attend the next meeting at Bruton.

Accounts. Accounts were also settled in favour to the Clerk for 1961-62 Audit Stamp, £2, and 5/- for Fidelity policy, and £3/13/6 to Mrs A. Riddick, for Cooperative Insurance on village Hall, and to the Ellenbray press Ltd, for 2 Duplicate Writing Books, amounting to £2/7/2.

Signed E.A. Green 20 Feb 1963.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the village Hall on Wednesday Feb 20th 1963. Mr E.A. Green presided, and members present were Mrs L.W. Mounty, L.V. Francis, T. Hendy, C.H. Wilkins. Apology of absence was to hand from T.E. Cradock who was indisposed, and the meeting unanimously agreed that the clerk write him a letter expressing the Councils desire for a Speedy recovery.

Hedge at Ruckly Ford and Foxcote. The recent report on the High hedges at Ruckley Ford and Foxcote, was again discussed, and the clerk agreed to inspect, and if necessary contact the offenders concerned for cooperation and approved.

Insurance. It was noted that an error had been made on the premium of insurance on the village hall, however it was agreed to pay the extra 3/- on the policy.

Water at Ruckley Ford. Mr C.H. Wilkins reported that no further information had been received regarding the proposed water supply to Ruckley Ford.

Mr E.A. Green's expenses for attending a Survey of public Rights of Way meeting, at the County Hall at Taunton, on Oct 19th, was discussed, and the clerk was instructed to inquire as to what Limit of expenditure the Council are (*sic*) allowed.

Survey of Right of way. A letter from the County Council was read, regarding statements from at least 9 persons claiming the public right of Way, but the council agreed with a letter from the Ramblers Association, that there was enough documentary evidence, without this, and it was agreed that the clerk write stating the same.

Allotment Fence. A letter from the Ammerdown estate stated that the new allotment fence would soon be erected, and the council instructed the clerk to write stating that a sheep or pig proof fence was found to be necessary.

KL Thank You to Tradespeople. Appreciation of the efforts of Tradespeople, to supply customers, during the bad weather, was expressed, and it was decided to express the Appreciation through the press.

Sec. modern School. A letter was to hand from the Governors of Writhlington Sec. School, requesting the parish Council to support their efforts in an attempt to secure the highest priority for the completion of the school, to which the Council unanimously agreed, the Clerk being instructed to write accordingly.

Damage inflicted to Bus Shelter. It was noted with regret the recent damage inflicted to the Terry Hill Bus Shelter, during the snow clearance scheme, the clerk stated he had written to the various contractors employed by the county Council, and the replies from all of them admitted no Liability, however it was agreed to write to the Divisional Surveyor, stating that the parish Council hold the County Council for (*sic*) the damage caused, and at the same time, express to the public, through the press, the inconvenience, but the matter would receive attention at their (*sic*) earliest convenience.

Civil Defence Recruitment. A request was to hand from the Rural District Council on recruitment to the Civil Defence, and it was agreed to make arrangements for a Film Show etc, to see if any further recruitment was forthcoming.

Any other Business. Under this item, the Clerk asked if there was any possibility of having the village cleaned up on Saturday mornings, and also if there was a possibility of a Telephone Kiosk at Hardington, and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority on the subjects

Also for discussion was the need of efforts on the collection Book of which was used at the time of bereavement, and the clerk asked for permission to be put on the Agenda, at the Annual parish meeting arranged for Wed March 27th at 7.30 p.m.

Accounts was also settled in favour to Ammerdown Estate for allotment Rent, £1/5/-, Faulkland Village Hall Committee for hire of room, £4/10/-, Clerks Salary, £16, Stamps etc. 19/5 and 3/- due on Insurance policy.

Signed E.A. Green 27 March 1963.

The Annual parish meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed March 27th 1963. Mr E.A. Green presided at the meeting of which consisted of 7 parishoners (*sic*), and a full council, with the exception of Mr T. Cradock, who was still indisposed.

Financial Statement. The clerk gave a Statement of Financial Account in connection to the parish Council of which showed a balance of £49/1/10 and the Roadside Seat Fund showed a balance of £1/1/3 ½ and was unanimously approved.

The Secretary of the village Hall Committee also gave a Statement of accounts in connection to the Village Hall Funds, of which resulted in the Sum of £445/7/5, and also unanimously approved.

playing Field. A statement of playing Field accounts was also declared, and showed a balance of 33/3/1, and it was agreed to arrange a parish meeting and write the Youth Leader, to discuss the future of the playing field, as it was found to be used very little.

Bampfylde Charities. The Rector the Rev A.G. Durston gave a brief account of the Bampfylde Charities, from which distributions were to needy cases within the parish.

M Mc He stated that the income amounted to £28/19/9 and that £28/2/6 had been distributed to 41 needy cases, and he thanked all the Trustees for their valuable help.

Chairmans Remarks. The Chairman in his remarks, stated that various complaints had been dealt with, such as removal of the Elm Tree on the village Green, application for go slow Signs through the village of Faulkland, Telephone Kiosk at Turners Tower, obstructions on various corners, and complications arising on the Survey of public Rights of Way, and many other items.

Freedom from Hunger. He also stated that £31/8/- had been raised within the parish, in which he expressed his Appreciation to members of the W. Institute, for their cooperation, and to the Members of the council, and clerk, for their attendance and support.

Collection Book. A discussion arose on the existing collection Book, of which is distributed around the parish in times of bereavement to help defray expenses, this being a Tradition carried on for some 40 Years, and it was felt that owing to the benefits now received from the National Health, that this book and effort should now be closed, however, the Clerk agreed to Canvass the Subscribers, for their opinion, as to whether the effort should continue or not.

Any other Business. Mr Davies stated that Mr K. Long had kindly offered to chain-Harrow, and Roll the Village Green and cut the Grass once, if necessary, and this was accepted with Appreciation

Untidy Cottage. Mrs H. Mundy commented on the untidy cottage at the corner of the village Green, and also the very untidy walls in the village, however, she proposed that a letter be written to the Ammerdown Estate, this was seconded by Mr Mounty, but held in abeyance, for the Councils Consideration.

Tuckers Grave Inn Convenience. Mrs K. Shaw also complained of the embarrassing condition of the Gentlemans Convenience at the Tuckers Grave Inn, this also was held in abeyance for the Councils consideration.

Road Surface. Mr R. Vincent commented on the dangerous road Surface at Terry Hill, and this was left to Mr L.V. Francis, to report to the surveyor.

Copper Beach (sic) Tree. Mrs Mundy also inquired if it was possible to have a Copper-Beach (sic) Tree planted on the village Green, this suggestion being unanimously accepted and it was agreed to contact the Ammerdown Estate inquiring if they had any objection to the proposal.

A parish Council meeting followed, the minutes being read and accepted as read, and it was noted with Appreciated evidence, that the High hedge on the corner in Ruckley Ford Hill, had now been cut.

Survey of public Right of Way. A letter from the Ramblers association was discussed in connection to the difficulties arising on the footpath at Hardington, and it was agreed to write to them, inquiring if they are satisfied, that the Somt. County Council will accept their details, of documentary evidence at an inquiry, and also it was agreed that Mr T. Hendy approach Mr G. Rossiter, for any further evidence for proof of Right of way.

Sec. Modern School. A letter in reply to the Councils support, on the question of completion of Writhlington Sec. Modern School, stated that, the matter will be put forward, for consideration, for the 1965-66 School building programme.

Kiosk at Hardington. A letter from the post office Telephones stated that Application for the proposed Kiosk at Hardington **NO** should be forwarded to the Rural District Council, and the Clerk was instructed to forward (sic) same.

Damage to Bus Shelter. After a further discussion on the recent damaged Bus Shelter at Terry Hill, it was finally decided that the Clerk fill in the Insurance Forms, and estimate the damage at £100, and approved.

A discussion on Mr Greens travelling expenses to Taunton on Oct 19th 1962, to attend a Survey of public Rights of Way meeting, resulted with an agreement to pay him for 40 miles each way, at 9d per mile, a Total of £3.

Signed E.A. Green June 4th 1963

playing Field. A parish meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Tuesday June 4th 1963, for the purpose of a discussion on the playing field situation, in which about 5 parishoners (sic) attended, however, a letter was to hand from the mobile Youth Leader, stating that there was still the need of a playing field in the village of Faulkland, and that once a playing field was gone, it was far from easy to obtain another, and further-more, that the playing (sic) would be needed for the next football Season, and he would do all he could , to help boost the Financial position, and the youth, present, stated that they, too, would do all they could to raise funds in order to keep the playing field open. Finally a decision was reached, that the playing field be kept open for another 12 months, to see if any further Interest was taken, and unanimously approved.

The Annual Meeting of the parish Council followed in which it was proposed by T. Hendy, seconded by Mrs Mounty, that Mr E.A. Green be elected as Chairman, in which Mr Green accepted, and expressed his Thanks to the Council for their confidence in him, and under the same proposal, Mr C.H. Wilkins was again re-elected Vice-Chairman, and Approved. The minutes of the last meeting was (sic) then read and unanimously approved.

Tree on V. Green. Arising from the minutes, was chiefly the Copper Beach (sic) tree on the V. Green, damaged Bus Shelter, Kiosk at Hardington, and Tuckers Grave Inn Convenience, however, appreciation was expressed at Lord Hyltons generous offer to pay half the cost of planting and fencing the proposed Copper Beach (sic) Tree, and it was proposed by T. Hendy, seconded by C.H. Wilkins to ask his Lordship, to provide, plant and protect the tree, and the Council would pay their share of the cost, and approved, but the position of planting, was to be half way between the old stump of tree and the public seat.

Kiosk at Turners Tower and Hardington. It was noted with Appreciation, that the recent application for a Kiosk at Turners Tower, had been successful, and had now been erected, and a reply, for the application for one to be erected at Hardington, stated that the Rural District Council resolved to note the need, and was pleased to add this to the list of Applications.

Damaged Shelter. A letter from the Insurance Co, in respect to the damaged Bus Shelter, stated that the Council should pursue the Claim against Contractors concerned, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk reply, inquiring of what proof could be given that it was the suggested Contractors, and from **PQ** where the information can be obtained.

V. Green. It was also noted with pleasure, the vast improvement in the village Green, brought about by Mr and Mrs K Long in rolling and cutting the grass, the view, being expressed, (that the green had never looked so well) the clerk was instructed to write to both, expressing the Councils Appreciation for their kind interest.

Insurance. The meeting also agreed to renew their application to the Association of parish Councils, and also public Liability Insurance, but with the Ocean Insurance Co.

Convenience at Tuckers Grave Inn. A discussion arose on the recent complaint, of the embarrassing condition of the gentlemans convenience at Tuckers Grave Inn, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Ammerdown Estate Co, asking if something could be done to improve the situation, and approved.

Corners at Hemington and Laverton. Complaints were raised of the high hedge on the corners at Hemington, and Mr Hendy complained of the dangerous corners at Laverton, and stated that if the Council removed the high hedge, and supply the fence, he would do the fencing, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Divisional Surveyor, on both complaints and ask him to make arrangements to meet Mr T. Hendy and discuss the matter with him, and also make inquiries, to see if the proposed advance Sign –posts at Terry Hill Cross roads could be speeded up.

Mr T. Cradocks Resignation. The Chairman expressed his regret that Mr T.E. Cradock, would be leaving the parish of Hemington in due course, and paid a Tribute to him for his devoted and faithful (*sic*) 17 Years Service as a parish Councillor, and wished him every Success in his retirement, and new Abode.
Signed E.A. Green 21 August 1963

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland village Hall, on Wednesday August 21st 1963. Mr E.A. Green presided, and the following members were present, Mrs L.M. Mounty, C.H. Wilkins, L.V. Francis, T.H. Hendy, and their Clerk, G. Loader. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted unanimously.

Tuckers Grave Convenience. It was noted with appreciation that the Gentlemans Convenience at the Tuckers Grave Inn, the proposed advance sign post at Terry Hill, corners at Laverton were receiving consideration, but it was felt with regret, at the unsuccessful attempt, in the recent claim with Lloyds, in respect to the damaged Bus Shelter, at Terry Hill, owing to the fact, that the Council had realized that the public Liability policy did not cover, (Impact damage), and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion it was decided to continue to pursue the Claim against the County Council, and furthermore, the Clerk was instructed to make further inquiries into a much more widely, an (*sic*) constructive policy, from the ocean Insurance Co, whereby to to (*sic*) cover public Liability, Impact damage, Village Hall, and personal Injury to parish Councillors.

Road Safety Committee. A letter was read from the Clerk of the R.D.C. requesting a Representative, to serve on the Road Safety Committee, a new Committee, being formed, with parish Representation and it was unanimously agreed to appoint the Chairman Mr E.A. Green, to which was unanimously accepted.

Retirement of Mr Cradock. A letter was to hand from Mr T.E. Cradock who had retired from the Council expressing his Appreciation, for the organisation of such a welcome Farewell party, and to all who subscribed to it, and owing to the vacancy, arising out of this, the Council decided that the Clerk declare the vacancy, for **RS** at least one month.

Browns Lane, Ruckley Ford Cross. Overgrowth of hedges on corners, were reported at Turners Tower, Ruckly Ford Crossroads, Browns Lane, and Foxcote, the Clerk being instructed to contact the offenders, and also write to the Divisional Surveyor to inquire if any progress had been met in approaching Lord Hylton, with regard to widening at Browns Lane Corner, and Ruckley Ford Cross Road.

Copper Beach (*sic*) Tree. The Clerk was also instructed to write to the Ammerdown Estate expressing the Councils Appreciation for their Cooperation in providing and planting the proposed Copper Beach (*sic*) Tree on the village green at Faulkland, and the kindly gesture to meet the Council with half the Cost involved.

Appreciation was expressed on behalf of Mr James Eyers of Turners Tower, for the improvements, volutary (*sic*) given to the Hollowpit Lane.

Accounts were also settled in favour to H.G. Francis for repair to the Hemington Bus Shelter and repair to Public Seat, also appreciation was expressed, for £1 received from the Magistrates Clerk, as a result to an offence, to damaging the same Shelter.

Signed E.A. Green Oct 30th 1963.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed. Oct 30th 1963. Mr E.A. Green presided, and the members present were Mrs L.M. Mounty, L.V. Francis, T.H. Hendy, C.H. Wilkins.

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

Damaged Bus Shelter. Letters were read from the Municipal Insurance Co of which, it appeared, to be not hopeful, at present, however it was decided that the Clerk question as to why the driver of the Mechanical Shovel was dismissed immediately after.

New Insurance. Many letters were read in connection with the proposed Insurance policies, with the Ocean Insurance Co, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy to accept the Terms, and Insure immediately, and a cheque was prepared in favour to the Company, for the amount of £6/15/3. and Approved.

The Sections decided to accept were as follows:

Sections A, C and D of of (*sic*) Section 1

Section A. Loss of damage, however caused to the property of the parish Council

Section C. Loss of, or damage resulting from Impact Damage, by any road vehicle, horse or Cattle.

Section D. which covers the Village Hall against Fire, explosion, Tempest, flood, Lightning, Aircraft or Earthquake.

Section 2. Includes the public Liability up to an Indemnity of £50,000

Section (4) Includes personal accident to 6 parish Councillors.

Section 5. Includes Employers Liability

Council Vacancy. As there had been no application for the Council Vacancy brought about from the retirement of Mr T.E. Cradock, it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by L.M. Mounty, to defer the matter until the Councillors period of office expires early in the New Year, and Approved.

Corners at Foxcote. A letter was read from Mr Leonard (?) of Manor Farm Writhlington, regarding the blind corners at Foxcote in which the Clerk stated that he had agreed to meet him, and discuss the matter.

Fifth of a penny Rate. The meeting also agreed, that the Clerk make further inquiries into (The free Fifth of a penny rate) an extra power granted to parish Councils recently under the Local TV Government Act (Financial provisions) 1963. (Section 6)

Village Pond. The village pond came up for discussion, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy that the Councillors meet, and see what could be done to improve it.

Turners Tower Kiosk. A request to hand, for a light to be placed in the kiosk at Turners Tower, the Clerk being instructed to apply for same.

playing Field. The question of the playing field Fund was discussed, and Mr Green stated that he was prepared to give a payment of £2 for the grass he received, and that he would approach the Youth Leader, with a view to obtaining players for a Whist Drive, this being unanimously approved.

Bampfylde Charity. Owing to the vacancy arising on the Bampfylde Charity Committee it was proposed by C.H. Wilkins, seconded by that (*sic*) L.V. Francis, that T.H. Hendy represent the Council, to that Committee, until his Term of Office expires, and approved.

Boundary Changes. A letter was read from the Clerk of the R.D.C. with a view to obtaining any suggestions from the parish Council on any parish or Rural District boundary Changes, and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on the Subject, it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy to put forward the following proposals, and unanimously approved.

1. That the Hassage Farm, and adjoining cottages, now being part of Bathavon Council, be transferred to the parish of Hemington.
2. That the two keepers Cottages in the wood at Terry Hill, now being in the parish of Kilmersdon, be also transferred to the parish of Hemington.
3. That the cottages at Buckland Down, and the two Farms, now in the parish of Buckland, be transferred to the parish of Hemington thus extending the parish boundary to pillar Lane.

Corners at Foxcote. Mr T.H. Hendy stated, that he considered that something would soon be done to improve the corners at Laverton, this being left for Mr Hendy to report on any improvement, and approved.
Signed E.A. Green Nov 27th 1963.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village hall, on Wed. Nov 27th 1963. Mr E.A. Green presided, with the following members present, L.V. Francis, and C.H. Wilkins, and with Apologies to hand from Mrs L.M. Mounty and T.H. Hendy. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and unanimously approved.

Damaged Bus Shelter. The meeting was arranged, chiefly, to discuss the position of the recently damaged Bus Shelter, in which a letter from the Municipal Insurance Co, stating that they were, under the circumstances, unable to deal with the matter any further, however, upon receiving the letter, the Clerk stated that he had written to the County Surveyor, complaining that the parish Council still held them responsible for the damage inflicted, and a reply was to hand, from the County Surveyor, stating that, in all circumstances, he considered the only way to help the parish Council out of their difficulties, would be to make an exgratia (*sic*) payment, therefore he requested the Clerk to notify him of the amount of claim, and he would put the matter before the Council and the Council decided to a figure of £150.

The Council were also delighted with a message to hand from the Courtesy of Mr R. Swift, from the Rt Hon. Lord Hylton, expressing his interest, in the damaged shelter, stating that if the Council was not satisfied with the progress obtained, he would take the matter up with the County Surveyor, however, the Clerk was instructed to write him, expressing the Councils Appreciation for his interest, and state the progress, to date, and enclose the Surveyors letter, and also obtain his Lordships opinion **WY** on the type of shelter to be reinstated, and members of the Council decided, that they would prefer something of a stone, or concrete structure, in which they agreed to make further inquiries.

Bus Company. The Clerk also stated that he had written to the Bus Co, with a view to a donation.

Turners Tower Kiosk. A letter was to hand from the manager of the post office Telephones stating his regret to being unable to provide a light in the Kiosk at Turners Tower, owing to the fact that the cost involved amounted to more than they were authorised to spend, and a letter from the Divisional Surveyor stated that anything being done in the Foxcote Area, would be of a Temporary nature, until such time as he could give the roads more attention.

precept. It was decided to keep the proposed amount of £60 as precept to the Rural District Council.

Insurance Inquiry. The council also decided that the Clerk make an inquiry regarding Impact Damage, in the policy of Insurance, this was left to Mr Green, to phone, and to be confirmed by letter.

Signed E.A. Green 2nd March 1964

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Monday, March 2nd 1964. Mr E.A. Green presided, and members present were L.M. Mounty, C.H. Wilkins, L.V. Francis, T.H. Hendy, and the Clerk Mr G. Loader.

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

Terry Hill Shelter. The Council very much appreciated a letter from the Clerk of the County Council, stating that the Council had agreed, at a meeting on the 24th of February, to make an exgratia (*sic*) payment of £83 towards the reconstruction of the Terry Hill Bus Shelter, and appreciation was also expressed at a letter from the Bristol Bus Co, stating they would make a donation of £5 when the Shelter is completed, and as the plan was prepared, and a final decision reached, as to Type of Shelter, an estimate was to hand and considered in favour to Mr Hillier, of Rode, provided he supplied a revised quotation, at a little reduced figure, to satisfied (*sic*) the Council and himself, however, the Chairman and Clerk was (*sic*) granted permission to accept the revised quotation, if they thought it satisfactory, and ask Mr Hillier to commence as soon as possible.

Lord Hylton Interest. As Lord Hylton had been interested in the reconstruction of the Shelter, and helpful in persuading the County Council to make an exgratia (*sic*) payment for the damage, the Council only thought it fair that the plan and Type of proposed new Shelter should be sent to him for his observations, and at the same time express the Councils Appreciation for his valuable Interest.

Old Shelter. It was also agreed to make inquiries if some one would be interested in purchasing the Board from the damaged Shelter.

Corners at Foxcote. Following a letter of complaint on the dangerous corner at Foxcote, a letter was to hand from the Divisional Surveyor, suggesting that, in his view, the complaint was a private one, and that the Council forward to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority, to which members decided to inspect and act accordingly.

Closure of Railways to the West. A letter was read from the Clerk of the Rural District Council on the proposed closure of Railways from London to the West, the Clerk stating he had sent a reply, to which was read, and unanimously approved.

proposed Boundary Changes. The Council discussed a suggested Transfer of Land, from the parish of Hemington, to the parish of Lullington with Laverton, of which would involve 12 properties, and 480 Acres. The Council decided that it would be better to remain as at present, apart from the Representations forwarded to the Rural District Council some few weeks ago.

playing Field Rent. As the Council was finding difficulty in raising the Annual Rent on the playing Field, with only 3/1 in the funds, in (*sic*) was decided to pay it from the rates, and also inquire if this could be met from the Free Fifth of a product of a penny Rate, the new powers granted to parish Councils recently.

Corners at Laverton. It was noted with appreciation the improvement on the corners at Laverton, the Clerk being instructed to write to the Divisional Highways Surveyor, Thanking him for his cooperation in the matter, and also refer to him for observation, the uneven surface of the road, near Row Farms.

Survey of Rights of Way at Hardington. It was noted in the press of the previous week that the footpath from Hardington to Laverton was omitted from the provisional Map, which meant that in time this footpath would be eventually closed, and after a discussion with Mr Rossiter of Laverton, who was interested in the Subject it was decided to lodge an Appeal.

The Annual Assembly was arranged for Tuesday March 31st.

Signed E.A. Green 31st March

I. The Annual parish Meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Tuesday March 31st 1964. Mr E.A. Green presided, and members present were L.M. Mounty, L.V. Francis, C.H. Wilkins, T.H. Hendy and 3 parishoners (*sic*) attended, including the Rector, the Rev. A.G. Durston.

The Clerk gave the Financial Statement of the parish Council in which a statement of balance amounted to £129/17/9 and the Roadside Seat Fund showed a balance of 19/9 ½.

V. Hall Fund. The Secretary of the village Hall, Mr E.A. Green, gave a statement of Accounts, on the Village Hall, which Showed a satisfactory Balance of £95/0/11 ½.

Bamphyld (*sic*) Charities. The Rector gave a statement on the existing Bamphyld (*sic*) Charities, in which he stated that the Income was £28/19/9, but so far £26/17/6 had been received from Grants, and that he had commenced distribution, he also expressed his Appreciation to the Representatives for their Cooperation, and in response, the Chairman expressed his Appreciation to the Rector in carrying out the distribution.

playing Field. The Chairman stated that the playing field Fund had terminated, and that the Rent was now being met from the Rates, and after a discussion on this Subject it was agreed to retain the field for at least 1 Year and then arrange a Public meeting, for a further discussion, and approved.

Chairman's Remarks. The Chairman gave an Interesting report on the progress attained during the present Councils Term of Office, in which he stated that many matters had been dealt with, including the planting of a Copper Beach (*sic*) Tree on the village Green at Faulkland, Kiosk at Turners Tower, application for one at Hardington, corners taken off at Laverton, proposed boundary changes, Resolutions to proposed 2. Closure of Railways, village pond, and discussions on Survey of public Rights of Way, new Bus Shelter at Terry Hill, and the much improvement to the Road surface from Ruckley Ford to Foxcote, and many other Items of Interest, in which he felt the Councils efforts had been well rewarded.

He also expressed his appreciation to the Councillors for their Loyalty to him, during his Office of Chairman, and their attendance at the meetings, and to the Clerk for his cooperation, and duties entrusted to him, and to the parishoners (*sic*) present, for their attendance at the meeting, and Interest in the parish affairs.

Letter from Ramblers association. Letters from the Secretary of the Ramblers Association were read, on the previous dispute of public Rights of Way, at Hardington, and it way (*sic*) proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy to accept the Ramblers Associations new proposals, on the footpath changes and also write to them, on the Approach to the Church, and also inquire what the County Councils reply was, to the new proposals, if they had sent (*sic*) them, and approved.

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

Bus Shelter. The Clerk stated that, owing to Mr Green being indisposed, he had been to see Mr Hillier, for a Revised Quotation, on the proposed Bus Shelter, at Terry Hill, and upon the powers granted to him, and the Chairman, at the last meeting, he had accepted the revised Quotation from £103/6/8 to £95/6/8 and given Mr Hillier permission to commence the work at the agreed figure, and it was noted with Appreciation that the Shelter was nearly completed and with the £83, received from the County Council 3. £5, promised from the Bristol Bus Co, and £3 agreed for the Timber in the Old Shelter, this meant that only £4/6/8 would be required from the Rates.

Flower Show. A request was to hand from the Flower Show Committee, inquiring if it was possible to hold the forthcoming Flower Show on the village Green and after a discussion on the terms, in the Conveyance, it was decided to write to the Ammerdown Estate, asking Lord Hyltons observations on the Subject.

Signed E.A. Green

A meeting of the newly elected parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wednesday May 27th 1964.

The acceptance of office was duly signed, and it was the Clerks privilege to extend a warm Welcome to both old and New Members to the council.

Election of Chairman. The Election of Chairman took place and it was proposed by C.H. Wilkins, seconded by T.H. Hendy, that Mr E.A. Green be again elected Chairman, and unanimously approved, and also it was proposed by T. Hendy, and seconded by R.F. Vincent that Mr C.H. Wilkins be elected Vice-Chairman, and approved. Members present were C.H. Wilkins, R.F. Vincent, R.A. Swift, E.A. Green, T.H. Hendy, and owing to other commitments, an Apology was to hand from L.V. Francis.

The minutes of the last meeting, and Annual parish meeting were then read, and approved.

4. Flower Show on V. Green. A letter was to hand from Lord Hylton, stating that he did not consider the Village Green a suitable place to hold the forthcoming Flower Show, owing to the increasing Road Traffic but requested that the Flower Show Committee consult Mr Pugh, or Mr K. Long for an Alternative Site.

Hemington Board of **School Managers**. Mr E.A. Green and L.V. Francis were again elected to represent the Council on the Board of School Managers of the Hemington primary School, and approved, also Mr E.A. Green and T.H. Hendy were elected to represent the Council on the Bamphylde (*sic*) Charities Committee.

Affiliation (*sic*) Fee. It was also proposed by C.H. Wilkins, seconded by T.H. Hendy to re-officate (*sic*) to the East Somerset Association of parish Councils, and Mr R.A. Swift and R.F. Vincent agreed to attend the next quarterly meeting at Bruton, with the Clerk.

Faulkland **Village pond**. The Faulkland village pond came up for discussion and its present state caused by sewer effluent, however, the Chairman stated that he had met the Health Inspector, at the pond, and he agreed to do whatever he could to keep it in reasonable order, until such time as the sewer Scheme commenced, and it was decided to write to the Health Inspector to remind him of this agreement.

Improvement of Village Green. The meeting expressed their Appreciation to Mr and Mrs K. Long of Chapel Farm, for their continued interest in cutting the village Green, it was felt a fine example, and that the improvement was a Credit to them, and the Village, and the clerk was instructed to convey the Councils Appreciation to them.

5. A letter from the County Council stated that they were prepared to add the footpath from Hardington to Laverton, on the Terms agreed by the Cooperative Society, and a letter from the Secretary of the Ramblers Association stated that they were quite Satisfied with the Terms, agreed with the Cooperative Society.

Foxcote Corner. Mr C.H. Wilkins inquired if the Foxcote corner had been inspected, and it was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman should do this before the next meeting.

Eleven plus Examination. Mr R.F. Vincent inquired of the position of the Eleven plus Examination at the Hemington primary School, he stated he would welcome an explanation as to why there was such a small percentage of Successful pupils in these examinations, over a period of Years, he felt there was something wrong, and that a higher standard of education could be attained, The Chairman in reply, stated it was very difficult to explain, but he too felt the same as Mr Vincent however, it was finally decided to write to the Correspondent to the School Managers with the contents in the inquiry, and Approved.

Bus Shelter at Terry Hill. It was noted that the Bus Shelter had now been completed and account rendered, but the Council felt the pointing was not quite up to standard, however it was agreed to inspect after the meeting, and finally decided to prepare a Cheque for £80 to Mr Hillier, and pay the Remainder, when the pointing has been completed, and Appreciation was expressed to the Bristol Bus Co for their agreed donation of £5.

6. provisional **Maps**. The provisional Maps were also inspected and discussed and fully approved, and to be deposited at the Clerks Residence, for public Inspection, by appointment.

Insurance **premium**. Cheques were prepared also for the Insurance premium amounting to £8/11/8, Affiliation (*sic*) Fee £1/3/-. Hadden Best Ltd for Stationary, £1/16/3.

The Council also instructed the Clerk to write to Mrs L.M. Mouny thanking her for her services as a Councillor during her 3 Years Term of Office.

Signed C.H. Wilkins Aug 20th 1964.

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland village Hall on Thursday Aug 20th 1964.

Apologies of absence were received from T.H. Hendy and E.A. Green.

In the absence of Mr Green, Mr C. Wilkins took the Chair, and other Members present were L.V. Francis, R.A. Swift and R.F. Vincent.

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

V. pond. A letter was to hand from the Chief public Health Officer of the Frome Rural District Council, stating that the Faulkland village pond would be regularly inspected, and as far as possible any nuisance would be abated.

White dotted Lines at Foxcote. In reply to the recent request for white dotted lines in the Foxcote area, the Divisional Surveyor stated he was prepared to paint these wherever necessary in the near future.

Eleven plus Examination. Regarding the recent inquiry into affair of the Eleven plus examination, the Representative Mr L.V. Francis, stated that, letters had been sent to the Correspondent to the Managers of the Hemington primary School, and forwarded to the Chief Education Officer 7, and meetings had taken place, with members of the County Education Committee, without much progress being attained, but the general view of the Council, was, that the matter be left in Abeyance for the time being.

Faulkland village Green. Appreciation was again expressed to Mr and Mrs K. Long for their continued Interest in the tidiness of the village Green at Faulkland, and a letter was read from Mr Long, accepting the councils Appreciation for his interest, and also inquiring if it was possible for the erection of a receptacle on the village Green preferably in a Timber Container, and the members agreed to make inquiries, and report at the next meeting, and regarding the painting of the seats on the Green (also a request of Mr Longs, it was noted with Appreciation that Cmdr H.G.B. Morgan, had kindly offered to repair and paint them, and the Council were grateful at the interest forthcoming from these two Residents, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Morgan thanking him for his Interest also.

Terry Hill Bus Shelter. The Clerk stated that he had written to Mr Hillier with regard to the building of the Terry Hill Shelter stating that the Council was a little unsatisfied with the pointing on the Shelter, and it was agreed (to prepare a Cheque amounting to £80) the remainder of balance to be paid when the work was completed.

Request for Alteration of Bus Service. A request was received from the Kilmersdon parish Council, the Bath Tramways Motor Co, and the General purposes Committee of the R.D.C. asking for consideration of an alteration to the present Bus Service to Trowbridge. The question arose as to whether passengers would prefer to travel to Frome instead of Trowbridge, however, the Council, 8, in conjunction with the Kilmersdon parish Council have agreed to meet a Representative of the Bus Company so that a measure of understanding could be reached.

Signatures were prepared in favour to Mr Ruddock, on behalf of the Cooperative Society, for premium on the Fidelity policy, 5/-, and to the Clerk for £2 for 1963-64 Audit Stamp, Ammerdown Estate, for half Years allotment Rent, and playing field rent amounting to £4/5/-.

The meeting agreed that Mr L.V. Francis, E.A. Green and the Clerk attend the next quarterly meeting at Bruton, on Oct 30th 1964.

Signed E.A. Green Dec 15 1964.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village hall on Tuesday Dec 15th 1964. Members present were L.V. Francis, R.F. Vincent, R. Swift, C.H. Wilkins, T.H. Hendy and Mr E.A. Green was in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting and unanimously approved were read (*sic*).

Cleaning out of Village pond. Arising from the minutes chiefly were the nuisance of Weed, and Thilth (*sic*), of what had created from the Village pond and the general feeling of the members of the Council were, that if something were not done in the near future the cottages adjacent (*sic*) to the pond may be flooded, and it was moved by Mr Green, from the Chair, seconded by L.V. Francis, that the Clerk write to the Divisional Surveyor asking him if he would loan the Council Chaseside (*sic*), and Driver, and Mr E.A. Green would provide a Tractor and Tractor (*sic*), to haul the weed and Thilth (*sic*) away, and was Approved unanimously, also that the necessary expense to be borne by the parish Council.

Receptable (*sic*) on V. Green. Also arising from the minutes, was the provision of a Timber Receptable (*sic*), but the Council felt this was not necessary, now that 9, extra men were employed, to keep the villages clean, and also of the difficulty arising of emptying the receptable (*sic*), however it was agreed that the Chairman convert (*sic*) with Mr Long, explaining the Councils reasons.

Bus Shelter. It was noticed that the Bus Shelter had not been re-pointed, but Mr Green stated that he had seen the contractor, who had promised to carry out the necessary requirement when convenient.

Damaged Signpost. Letters from the Surveyor were read, which stated that the damaged signpost, on the Radstock -Frome Road, was receiving attention.

Corner at Hemington. Standard of Road Studs and White Lines. Advanced Signs. The hedge on the corner at Hemington had been dealt with, and that he had decided to raise the Standard of Road Studs on the A336 Road but White Lines would be on bends only, but he regretted the proposed Advance Signs for Terry Hill cross Roads could not be ordered until the Warboys Committee report on signs was adopted.

Notice to quit Allotment. The Clerk stated that Mr J. Ball had given notice to quit his allotment, and Mr R. Smith had accepted the 10 perch that had been vacant, and the Clerk agreed to put a notice on the Council Board, to let the other 10 perch.

Insurance on Contents of the Village Hall. The Council felt that now new furniture and Crockery had been received for the village Hall, the Council should insure for £500, instead of the present £300, and also Insure against Theft to the Value of £500, the Clerk being instructed to make the necessary inquiries.

Steep Hill Sign. The meeting agreed to ask the surveyor if it was possible to have a (Steep-Hill) sign erected at the Top of Southfield Hill at Hemington, and also to report the Low-lying road, between Highchurch Farm and Chickwell Cottage.

precept. It was also agreed to precept the Rural District Council for £60 for the forthcoming Year.

10. Survey of public Rights of Way. The Clerk stated that he had previously met the Cooperative Society's Solicitor, at Hardington, with Mr Banwell and Mr Hibberd and finally decided to retain the Hardington to Laverton footpath, and that No 6/17 footpath be deleted from the Rights of Way Map, from the point marked 'O' to the point marked 'P'. Footpath 6/18 to be deleted, and retain 6/19 leading to Buckland, the deletion to be from point 'Y' to point 'X' on the plan, and Footpath 6/14 to be deleted from points A to B, and it was also stressed that there must be a suitable entrance, and Exit, to the Church along the public pathway near the Houses, and the Companys attention to be drawn to the discharge of effluent on the entrance to the Church. This was unanimously approved.

Request for Garages and Removal of Water Tank. Letters to hand and read, requested that Garages be erected on the Land Ajoining (*sic*) the Churchway Estate, and also for the removal of the old disused Water Tank on the same Estate, this was sent by R. Green, G. Penney and M. Grimsmith (?), and it was decided to forward (*sic*) these Requests to the Rural District Council, with a letter from the Clerk.

Appreciation was expressed on behalf of Mr F.W. Penney, and Mr B. Bryant for cutting the Allotment Hedge, and the Clerk was instructed to ask Mr V. Wilkins if he would like to cut the playing field Hedge, and therefore have the pea sticks in Lieu of Remuneration.

Signed E.A. Green 1st March 1965.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Monday March 1st 1965 over which Mr E.A. Green presided, and the following Members were present. L.V. Francis, C.H. Wilkins, R.F. Vincent, R.A. Swift, and their Clerk G. Loader.

An Apology of Absence was received from T.H. Hendy.

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

11. Cleaning out of Village pond. Appreciation was expressed on behalf of Mr E.A. Green and Mr J. Snook, together, with the consideration of the Divisional Surveyor, for the improvement, through cleaning out the Village pond, to which after a discussion, it was agreed to pay Mr Snook £2, Mr E.A. Green £2, and £2 for the hire of Tractor and Tractor (*sic*), but a letter from the Surveyor, stated that there was no account for the loan of the Mechanical Shovel.

Extra cover for Insurance on Contents of Village Hall. A letter from the Insurance Co, stated that the pro-rata additional Annual premium would be £2/3/7 for the extra cover, as stated in the previous page, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by R.F. Vincent that the Council accept the extra cover, and approved.

Steep Hill Sign. Regarding the steep Hill Sign, at the Top of Southfield Hill at Hemington, application has been made to the County Traffic-Signs Sub Committee, but no reply had yet been received.

Removal of Water Tank, and Garages. The Council were delighted of the prompt action on behalf of the R.D.C. in removing the Old disused Water Tank at Churchway, Faulkland, and to their decision, for consideration to the proposed Garages in their future Housing Estates, also appreciation was expressed on behalf of Mr V. Wilkins, for cutting the playing field hedge, and after a discussion on the playing field, it was decided to place this Item on the Agenda for the Annual parish meeting.

Tenancy of Allotment. The Clerk stated that he had not yet received any application for the 10 perch of allotment.

Winston Churchill Memorial Appeal. A letter was to hand from the Clerk of the Rural District Council, requesting the parish Council to support the Winston Churchill Appeal, it stated that the proceeds will go to the Memorial Trust, to create Travelling Fellowships, which will enable people, from all walks of Life, throughout the Commonwealth, and the United States, to widen their experience **12.** and make a more effective, and valuable, contribution, to the life of their own country, and without hesitation, it was decided to support the Appeal, by way of a house to house collection, to which arrangements were made for same.

Sewer Scheme. A letter was read from Dr. R.D. Reid, inquiring of the progress in connection to the proposed Sewer Scheme, for Faulkland and District, to which it was reported that steady progress was being made and it was hoped that the detailed drawings will be completed by the spring of this Year, and the Scheme commence in the next Financial Year.

It was agreed that R.F. Vincent, C.H. Wilkins, and the Clerk attend the next quarterly meeting at Bruton on April 13th Bus Shelter window. Damage to the windows in the Bus Shelter, at Terry Hill was noted with much regret, and it was agreed that Mr Francis repair same.

Cheques were also prepared to the Ammerdown Estate to £4/5/-, to the Clerk amounting to £17/0/3 and to Faulkland Village Hall Committee amounting to £3/15/-.

Signed E.A. Green 31st March 1965.

The Annual parish meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wednesday March 31st 1965

Members present were L.V. Francis, C.H. Wilkins, T.H. Hendy, R.F. Vincent and E.A. Green was in the Chair.

Mrs N. Mundy was the only parishoner (*sic*) present, but an Apology of absence was to hand from the Rector, the Rev. A.G. Durston.

Financial Statements. The Clerk gave the Statements of the parish Council of which resulted with a satisfactory balance of £64/2/1, and the Roadside seat Fund showed a balance of 18/3/2.

Mr E.A. Green gave a Statement of Village Hall Accounts **13.** of which resulted in a satisfactory balance of £133/17/2½.

Bamphylde (*sic*) Charities. A report from the Rector, of the statement in connection with the distribution of the Bamphylde (*sic*) Charities, stated that the income amounted to £28/19/9, and during 1964, Grants were made to 42 people amounting to £28/15/-. Mr L.V. Francis expressed Appreciation to the Representatives and remainder of the Committee for their consideration to a fair distribution.

playing field situation. The position as regards to the playing field, was discussed and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by R.F. Vincent, that the playing field continue, with a view that further Interest may be taken, but the general view and opinion of the people present, was that a Supporters Committee was needed, and the Council appealed to the young people to come forward, with a view to forming such a Committee, to which the Council would give every support.

Chairmans Remarks. The Chairman gave an Interesting report on the Councils effort to improve Local conditions, such as, cleaning out the village pond, dealing with a number of footpaths, proposed improvement in the standard of Road Studs, proposed Steep Hill signs, and various other matters. He also thanked members of the Council for their attendance at meetings, and the parishoners (*sic*) for their continued support, and to the Clerk for his support to the Council, and also that a letter should be written to Mr and Mrs Long, for their Interest in the village Green during the past Year, to which Mrs Mundy added that she would like to support Mr Longs request for a wooden Litter Receptable (*sic*) to be placed on the village Green, and that she would be prepared to place the receptable (*sic*) in the appropriate (*sic*) place, with hers for emptying (*sic*), however it was agreed to place this on the Agenda for the next meeting.

14. W. Churchill Memorial Fund. It was noted with appreciation that the House to House collection for the Winston Churchill Memorial Fund amounted to £16/10/6 and Thanks were expressed to all those who had supported the Collection, and to conclude the business of the parish meeting the Chairman thanked Mrs Mundy for her Interest.

A parish Council meeting followed, the minutes of the last meeting being read and approved unanimously.

Steep Hill Sign. A letter was to hand from the Surveyor, in reply to the Councils Request for a Steep Hill Sign at Southfield Hill Hemington, in which it stated, that as the road was used by Local people, who were aware of the conditions, the members of the Committee had decided to adhere to their previous decision not to erect a Gradient Sign. The Council strongly objected to the reply, and the Clerk was instructed to write again expressing the Councils views, and appeal to the Committee to give the matter further consideration.

National proficiency Cycling Scheme. A letter was also to hand, from the Rural Councils Road Safety Committee asking Local Children, aged 8 to 14 Years, to take part in the National proficiency Cycling Scheme, the scheme is run in association with the police, and the successful Candidates will be awarded Badges and Certificates, the Clerk being instructed to make it known, and if applications were forthcoming, to make the necessary arrangements.

Resignation of R.A. Swift. The Council accepted, with regret, the Resignation of Mr R.A. Swift, whose Term of Office with the Council was very short, but the Clerk was instructed to write to him thanking him for his Interest in the Council, and various other organisations, and also declare the Vacancy.

Improved Bus Service. A letter from the Rural District Council requested observations of the Council and Womens Institute, to an Improved Bus Service for Faulkland and District, and it was decided to write to the Institute, for the times of Buses, Destinations and no. of Requests.

Signed E.A. Green 3rd May 1965.

15. The Annual Meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in Faulkland Village Hall, on Monday, May 3rd 1965, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by C.H. Wilkins, that E.A. Green be Re-elected as Chairman, and also proposed by R.F. Vincent, seconded by L.V. Francis, that Mr C.H. Wilkins be re-elected as Vice-Chairman and both propositions being unanimously approved.

The minutes of the last was read (*sic*), and unanimously approved.

Steep Hill Sign. Regarding the Councils objection to the reply from the Road Traffic Signs Committee, not to erect a Steep Hill Sign, at Southfield Hill, at Hemington, a reply from the Divisional Surveyor, stated that a Copy of the letter stating the objection, had been sent to the County Surveyor and the Request may be considered at the next meeting.

Receptable (*sic*) on the Village Green. The recent request for a wooden Receptable (*sic*) to be placed on the village Green, was discussed, and it was decided that the Clerk obtain a List of Types available.

National proficiency Cycling Scheme. The Council were delighted to hear that there were 14 pupils interested, to take the proposed National proficiency Cycling Test, recently brought forward by the Frome Road Safety Committee.

Casual Vacancy. As a result to the Casual Vacancy being declared for one month, and no application received, it was unanimously decided to Co-opt Mr K. Long

Re-Affiliation (*sic*). It was unanimously decided to Re-Affiliate (*sic*) to the Somerset Association of parish Councils, and also renew the Insurance premiums.

Improved Bus Service. In reply to the proposed improvements to the present Bus Service, the parish Council agreed to meet the Members of the Womens Institute, with a view to reach an agreement of the service required.

16. Housing programme 4 Year period. A letter to hand from the Clerk of the Rural District Council requested the observations of the parish Council, to review the housing needs within the parish, and to submit to them, proposals for the provision of these needs for Accommodation in the year, and the three subsequent Years, this being the submission of proposals that will cover the estimated needs for the next four year period. However after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on the subject, it was finally decided to submit proposals for 10 Standard size Council Houses, and 6 Old peoples Bungalows, and also to state, that the parish Council took a serious view to the proposed, and long overdue Sewer Scheme, for the parish, and inquire if there was a possibility to review, and reconsider the urgent need to the project, as they feel, it was holding up future development, and very discouraging to the possibility of private Building, and also discouraging to Young Couples, who are forced to leave the parish because of Accommodation shortage.

Any other Business. Mr H. Evers. Village pond. Under this heading Mr L.V. Francis, stated that he had noticed, on many occasions, the continued Interest, Mr H. Evers had recently taken in the village pond to keep it free from Weed and Thilth (*sic*), therefore he desired that a letter be written to him expressing the Councils Appreciation for his Interest in this direction, and approved.

Signed C.H. Wilkins Aug 23rd

17. A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Monday August 23rd 1965.

Mr E.A. Green presided supported by the following members L.V. Francis, K.W. Long, C.H. Wilkins, T.H. Hendy, R.F. Vincent, and their Clerk G. Loader.

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

Steep Hill Sign. No letter was to hand regarding the proposed Steep Hill sign Rejection, at Southfield Hill Hemington in which the Council had raised an objection to the Road Traffic Signs Committees decision, not to erect.

Receptable (*sic*) on the Village Green. It was noted with Appreciation that the Hemington Womens Institute had kindly consented to present the village with a Wooden Receptable (*sic*), to be placed on the village Green, the offer being unanimously accepted, and a discussion arose on the type suitable, but the discretion was to be left to the W.I. and the Council would be prepared to meet the W.I. regarding a suitable site.

proficiency Cycling Scheme. It was noted that the National proficiency Scheme sponsored by the Frome Road Safety Committee, had now commenced, and a keen Interest taken by the Local children.

proposed Revision of Bus Service. Letters were to hand, and read from the Frome R.D.C. and the Bath Bus Co relating to an improved Bus Service through the village of Faulkland of which was recently put forward (*sic*) by the Womens Institute, and (*sic*) it was agreed to pass the matter to the W.I. for their attention, with a view to meeting Kilmersdon W.I. and members of the parish Council.

proposed new dwellings and Sites. The meeting appreciated a request from the Rural District **18.** Council to submit their observations as to suitable sites, for the proposed 8 dwellings at Faulkland in 1967, and a further 6, in 1968, and it was finally decided that a suitable site, would be in the paddocks, now owned by Messrs Usures (?) Brewery Ltd, at the rear of the existing 18 Council Houses, and the type mostly required, 8 Bungalows, suitable for pensioners in 1967, and 6 Standard size Houses in 1968.

Insurance policy. After a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on a request for an extra £3/0/5, for a policy to cover theft on the Contents of the village Hall, it was decided that the Clerk write to the Company inquiring why the Theft comes under the Heading of property Damage, when Theft was deleted from the property Damage Schedule, and why the premium had risen from £2/3/7 to the present request of £3/0/5, and an explanation of the difference between Burglary and Theft, and also the Councils decision that the premium was rather excessive on a £500 policy.

proposed Advance Signs at Terry Hill. As there was no reply to hand for the Councils request to the erection of advance Signs at Terry Hill cross roads it was decided that the Clerk make further inquiries as to whether any progress had been attained.

Hollopit Lane. The meeting also agreed to write to the Divisional Surveyor thanking him for his prompt action in dealing with the many recent complaints, and ask him to look at the overgrowth in Hollopit Lane.

Members to attend the next quarterly meeting at Bruton on Oct 12th, it was agreed, were T.H. Hendy, K.W. Long, and the Clerk.
Signed E.A. Green Dec 7th 1965.

19. proposed Improvement to present Bus Service. A meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Wednesday Oct 27th 1965, between the Hemington and Kilmersdon parish Councils, and the Hemington and Kilmersdon Womens Institutes, and J.A.H. Snell the District Traffic Superintendant (*sic*) for the Bath Bus Company, with a view of improving the present Bus Service through the villages of Faulkland and Kilmersdon.

Apologies of absence were received from Mr and Mrs G. Pomeroy.

However a lengthy (*sic*) discussion arose on this subject and Mrs Morgan and Mrs Mundy, suggested that the Wednesday Service to Trowbridge be abolished, and use the service of the Bus for connections for Bath and Radstock, and Frome Services, this was however unanimously accepted, and it was decided that the Bus Service, would operate from Radstock to Faulkland (Return) on Wednesdays, when a Bus would come to Faulkland at 9-26 for Surgery etc, and 12-26, and 1-36 and continue service to Frome from Kilmersdon in the afternoon. The Superintendant (*sic*) felt that alteration could not very well be revised on Saturdays, but Mr G. Loader asked if the Bus, which operates from Radstock on Saturdays, could come around Norton St Philips (*sic*) at 8-25 a.m. Faulkland 8-30 a.m. Kilmersdon 8-44 a.m., arrive at Radstock 8.54 am when a connection to Bath could be met at 8-58 and arrive in Bath 9-30, when people

could catch a Bus from Bath via Radstock at 11-15 or **20**, alternatively Leave Bath at 12-15, arrive at Norton St Philip at 12-47 with a few minutes wait and return to Faulkland with the Trowbridge Radstock Service.

This appeared very satisfactory, and unanimously agreed. Mr E.A. Green the Chairman of the Hemington parish Council, expressed Appreciation to the Superintendent (*sic*) for his most valuable assistance, and to all the members present, and also he hoped the proposals put forward (*sic*) would receive consideration, and the result, be most beneficial to the Residents concerned.

Signed E.A. Green Dec 7th 1965.

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Wednesday December 7th 1965, over which Mr E.A. Green presided, and the Members present were C.H. Wilkins, L.V. Francis, R.F. Vincent, and apologies of absence were received from T.H. Hendy, and K.W. Long

Also present were Mr Malone, the Insurance Company's Inspector, at the Councils Request, to explain to them, the conditions, of which are Scheduled in the existing policies of Insurance held by the parish Council. However the Inspector, explained each policy in detail and various questions were asked by the Councillors, and satisfaction assured in the replies, and he also stated that, it would be far better for the Clerk to be covered, under the Section M personal Accident Group, for the sake of another 4/- extra premium, to which the Council unanimously agreed, and also to pay the outstanding Balance of £2/3/7. The Chairman, expressed appreciation on behalf of the parish Council to Mr Malone for his useful information on all the policies.

21. National proficiency Cycling Scheme. It was noted with Appreciation, the Interest recently taken by the 14 pupils in the National proficiency Cycling Scheme, and furthermore to hear that all entrants had finally passed the examination, and received their Badges and Certificates, in respect to their encouraging effort.

Receptable (*sic*) on the Village Green. The Members were delighted to hear from the Chairman that the Womens Institute had now decided on the Type of Receptable, in which they had consented to present to the Council, to be placed on the village Green to Commemorate the National Golden Jubilee Year of the National Federation of Womens Institutes.

Site for the proposed new dwellings. A letter from the Rural District Council in respect to the proposed New dwellings to be erected at Faulkland stated that the site for these, were (*sic*) under consideration.

Advance Signs at Terry Hill. A reply from the Divisional Surveyor, relating to the proposed advance Signs, at Terry Hill, stated that it is the County's policy, not to buy any Signs, until replaced by the new Warboys Signs, and the money for the new Type is available.

Meals on Wheels Service. A letter was read from the Rural District Council, stating that consideration was being given, to a 'Meals on Wheels' service, in the Rural District, for persons who were in real need of such services, to which the meeting accepted the idea, and decided to make inquiries of people, whom they considered, would be in need of the service, and reply accordingly.

precept. The amount under precept for the Year 1966 was discussed, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis seconded by R.F. Vincent to precept the R.D.C. for £60, and approved.

Hardington Bus Shelter. Mr L.V. Francis stated that the Hardington Bus Shelter was badly in need of repair, and it was decided to make **22**, inquiries as to whether it is used for the purpose.

Water on the road at Ruckly Ford and Faulkland. Mr C.H. Wilkins reported that the road in the Foxcote Area had been flooded, and Mr Green reported the Road being flooded at Oldfield Cottage, Faulkland, and it was decided to report the nuisance to the Divisional Surveyor for his attention.

Signed E.A. Green Feb 28 1966

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland village Hall on Monday Feb 28th 1966.

Mr E.A. Green presided and the following members present were C.H. Wilkins, T.H. Hendy, L.V. Francis, R.F. Vincent, K.W. Long and their Clerk G. Loader.

Appreciation was expressed on behalf of the Womens **23**, Institute, in their effort, to recently presenting the parish Council with the Receptable (*sic*), and it was agreed to erect the same, as soon as possible.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. The Council welcomed the publicity leaflet in respect to the Winston Churchill Memorial Fund 1966, and it was generally felt, the Council would welcome to hear, of Local people, taking advantage of the opportunity to widen their experience granted them under the Scheme.

Closing of Collection Centres. The Council regret (*sic*) hear that that (*sic*) Southern Electricity Board had decided to close the collection Centre in the parish, and the Clerk stated he had recently protested but the reply, did not appear to be very hopeful.

Mary Rand Appeal. An appeal to hand for the Mary Rand pavillion (*sic*) Appeal was decided to be left in abeyance.

It was noted that agreement had not been reached on the site for the proposed new dwellings at Faulkland, and the question of Hardington Bus Shelter, was deferred until the next meeting.

pot holes and Flooded Roads. It was noted with appreciation that flooded roads had been dealt with, but it was decided to report to the Surveyor, potholes at Hemington, and Chickwell Lane, flooding of the Road in Hassage Lane, and in the Lane commencing opposite Batch Cottage, and leading to Norton St Philips (*sic*).

Donation to Community Council. At the request of the Somerset Rural Community Council it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy to contribute the Sum of 10/6 to that Council, when the Affiliation (*sic*) Fee is due, and approved.

Increase in Water Rate. The Clerk Stated a protest had recently been made to the Bristol Water Board on the proposed increase in the Water Rate from 11/4 to 1/8 in the pound, the reply stated that the increase was unavoidable the reason **24**, that the 1965 Finance Act meant an additional Liability of Taxation, to the Company of more than £200,000 per annum, increase in supply and distribution of Water, and also increase in Wages etc.

playing Field discussions. The playing field came up for discussion and was deferred until the Annual Meeting.

Amendment to Bus Service. Regarding the proposed amendment to the Bus Service to Trowbridge, via Kilmersdon and Faulkland, this it was noted, had been put to the Traffic Commissioner, and if granted, the Council trust the Local Residents will be much assisted by the amended service.

Allotment. As two Allotment holders had volunteered to clear and plant the vacant 10 perch of allotment, it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, not to collect rent for the said piece, during the first Year, and approved.

Decorating of Village Hall. The Chairman expressed Appreciation to the Members of the Council, and the Clerk, for their Voluntary cooperation in decorating the village Hall.

The Annual Assembly was arranged for Monday March 21st at 7-30 p.m.

Signed E.A. Green 21st March 1966

The Annual Assembly was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Monday March 21st, 1966. In addition to Members of the Council, 2 parishoners (*sic*) were present, Mrs H. Mundy, the Head Teacher, and the Rector, the Rev A.G. Durston, but apologies of Absence were to hand from K.W. Long, and W.F. Francis. The Clerk gave the Financial Statement of parish Council Accounts of which was received with satisfaction and showed a Balance of £82/13/-, and the Roadside Seat Fund showed a small Balance of 16/9 ½

25. V. Hall Accounts. The Chairman Mr E.A. Green, gave a Statement on the village Hall Accounts which showed a satisfactory Balance of £37/17/4.

Bamphylde (*sic*) Charities. The Rector gave a Statement of accounts on the Bamphylde (*sic*) Charities, in which he stated that the Sum of £29/2/6 had been allocated to 44 Grants and he also thanked the Representatives of the parish Council, for their attendance, and interest in the Fair distributions, to which Mr Hendy responded by thanking the Rector for his Interest and Cooperation.

playing Field. A discussion arose on the insufficient use of the existing playing field, and finally it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by Mrs H. Mundy, to carry it on, to see if more interest was taken, the general feeling being, that if we let this existing field go, it would be very difficult to get another, if at any time we needed one, this being unanimously approved.

Chairmans Remarks. The Chairman gave and (*sic*) Interesting Report, on the Councils efforts, with a view to improvements, etc, recorded on the Years Work, in which he expressed Appreciation to Mr and Mrs Long for their continued Interest in the village Green during the last Year, and to the Children for their Interest and Rewards, they had gained in taking the National proficiency Cycling Test, the consideration given by the members of the Council, to the Housing needs within the parish, also consideration given, with a view to improving the existing Bus Service through the village, and to the Womens Institute for their presentation of a Litter Receptable (*sic*) for the village Green, Representation had also been made to the proposed increase in the Water Rate, and Closing of Collection Centre for Electricity Accounts but regret, to state, that no progress had been attained in this direction, however, he expressed his Appreciation to the Councillors, and Clerk for their Cooperation, during his 26. office as Chairman, and continued to thank Mrs Mundy and the Rector for their Interest in parish Affairs, and declared the meeting closed.

Signed E.A. Green May 25th 1966.

A parish Council meeting followed, in which the minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously approved.

'Go Slow'. A letter was to hand from the Divisional Surveyor, stating that he had forwarded the application for a 'Go Slow' to be painted on the carriageway at each end of the village of Faulkland, and Mr Hendy requested the Clerk to obtain a ruling on the hedge trimmings in the ditches, and the meeting also decided to appeal, through the Press, to the Farming Community, to cooperate with the Surveyors, in keeping the ditches free of Trimmings, to help prevent the roads from flooding.

position of Garages at Faulkland. Mr R. Vincent stated that he had been requested to inquire into the position of the proposed Garages to be erected at Lansdown View, at Faulkland, and it was decided to leave this to L.V. Francis, to make further inquiries.

Signed E.A. Green May 26th 1966

The Annual Meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed May 25th 1966.

Chairman and V. Chairman. Mr E.A. Green was again re-elected Chairman by a proposal from L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, and it was also proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by L.V. Francis, that Mr C.H. Wilkins be re-elected Vice-Chairman, both being unanimously approved.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A reply to the request of the position, and Trimmings in 27. the ditches, stated that the person cutting the hedge is responsible for the Trimmings, and that ditches running along the side of the carriageway are the responsibility of the frontages together with the Hedges, and also that the County Council have (*sic*) the permissive Right, to cut the Hedge, and clear the ditch, but have (*sic*) not a duty to do so.

position of Garages at Lansdown View. Mr L.V. Francis, stated that he had inquired into the position of the Garages to be built at Lansdown View, and regret (*sic*) to say the position would no doubt have to remain unaltered.

Bus Shelters. The Hardington, and Terry Hill Shelters was (*sic*) discussed, and it was decided, that Mr Francis be asked to repair the Hardington one, and put some Glass in the Terry Hill one.

Cheques were prepared to the Association of parish Councils amounting to £1/3/- Affiliation (*sic*), and 10/- donation, and to the Ocean Insurance Co amounting to £10/15/3.

Gentlemans Convenience at Tuckers Grave Inn. The Clerk stated he had received complaints to the embarrassing condition to the Gentlemans Convenience at the Tuckers Grave Inn, and after a discussion on this Subject, he was instructed to write to the Ammerdown Estate to inquire if any improvement could be made.

The meeting also agreed to erect the Receptable (*sic*) on the Village Green after the meeting.

Members present were L.V. Francis, E.A. Green, C.H. Wilkins, T.H. Hendy, and K.W. Long.

Signed E.A. Green 14 July 1966

28. A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Thursday July 14th 1966.

Mr E.A. Green presided, and a full Council was in attendance.

Go Slow Sign at Faulkland. A letter from the Divisional Surveyor regarding the recent application for a 'Go Slow Sign' to be painted on the Carriageway at each end of the Village of Faulkland, stated 'Slow' Signs of this Type, was (*sic*) only used for very dangerous places, and the Traffic Signs Sub-committee, considered that the conditions at Faulkland were not in this Category, the Clerk stated that after receiving this letter, he discussed it with the Chairman to which they had finally decided to appeal against the decision, and also to write to our Representative on the County Council, and letters were to hand acknowledging the appeal, and this was approved, with a final decision to await a further reply.

Bus Shelters. It was noted with appreciation that the two Bus Shelters on the Radstock-Frome Road had been repaired, and a Cheque was prepared in favour to H.G. Francis amounting to £12/16/4, and a reply from the Ammerdown Estate, regarding the complaint to the Gentlemans convenience at Tuckers Grave Inn, stated that the matter was receiving attention, and a satisfactory solution may be found.

Her Majestys Visit to Somerset. A Copy of the letter was to hand, and read, in connection to the Queens, and Duke of Edinburghs, recent visit to Somerset, in which they were deeply touched by the Reception received by (*sic*) the people, and children of Somerset.

From Carnival Charities Association. A letter was to hand from the R.D.C., relating to Frome Carnival Charities Association, requesting a local Resident to act as a contact to the Association in view to cases of Hardship, and need within the parish, and the Clerk agreed to accept this responsibility, and approved.

Any other Business. Under this heading, Mr K.W. Long inquired if any improvement could be made to the first two corners in Browns 29. Lane, and C.H. Wilkins inquired if the overgrowth could be cut in the Ruckley Ford, and Foxcote Area, and the Chairman remarked about the overgrowth at the Terry Hill Crossroads, and it was decided to pass the matter to the surveyor for attention.

Seats on the Village Green. The meeting regret to hear that seats on the village Green had been broken, in which they decided to inspect, and repair where necessary.

R. Smiths Allotment. The Chairman also stated that the Allotment, rented by R. Smith, was in a very bad state of affairs, and needed cultivating, and the Clerk was instructed to write him a letter, asking him to cultivate it by September, or drastic action would be (*sic*) taken. Cheques were prepared in favour to Ammerdown Estates for ½ Year Allotment Rent, and playing Field Rent £4/5/-, and to the Cooperative Insurance 5/- Fidelity policy.

Signed E.A. Green Dec 6th 1966.

Members of the Hemington parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Tuesday Dec 6th 1966 over which Mr E.A. Green presided, and an apology of absence was received from L.V. Francis.

Go Slow Signs at Faulkland. Regard to the recent appeal to the County Council to give the matter further consideration, a letter from the County Surveyor stated, that the Councils received application will be placed before the next meeting arranged for 22nd of May 1967.

Carnival Charities Association. The Clerk stated that several meetings had been held in connection to this, but no decision had yet been reached.

Repair to Bus Shelter. It was noted with appreciation that the seats had been repaired on the village Green, and the meeting decided to ask Mr Francis to repair the Hemington Bus Shelter and Appreciation, was also expressed, in response to the **30**. request for improvement to the corners in Browns Lane.

Allotment Tenancy. The Clerk stated, that he had now let Mr Smiths allotment to Mr Venables, who agreed to Cultivate it in Spring of 1967.

Old peoples party. A letter was to hand from the Secretary of the Womens Institute stating that due to Financial circumstances, they could not undertake the Old peoples party, therefore perhaps the Council would desire to do something themselves, however it was decided to leave the matter in abeyance.

Recreational Survey in Somerset. A Circular was read in connection to Recreational Survey in Somerset, and it was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long, that the Clerk write explaining the position relating to our Recreation.

Commons Registration Act 1965. A letter and Circular, was read from County Hall, Taunton on the Commons Registration Act 1965, and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on this Subject, it was proposed by R.F. Vincent seconded by K.W. Long, that the Council should Register the Village Green, and the Village pound at Hemington and agreed, if necessary.

Cheques. A Cheque was prepared in favour to G. Loader, for the 1955-56 (*sic*) Audit Stamp.

Members agreed to attend the next quarterly meeting at Bruton were T.H. Hendy, C.H. Wilkins, and the Clerk G. Loader.

The meeting also agreed to precept the Frome Rural District Council for the Sum of £80.

Signed E.A. Green March 6th 1967

Members of the Hemington parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Monday March 6th 1976, under the Chairmanship of Mr E.A. Green. Members present were L.V. Francis, K.W. Long, R.F. Vincent, C.H. Wilkins and Apology of absence was received from T.H. Hendy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and **31**. approved unanimously.

Seats on the village green. It was noted with Appreciation that the Seats on the Village Green, had now been repaired, and it was proposed by R.F. Vincent, seconded by K.W. Long, that the account to hand, for the same, be settled in favour to H.G. Francis, and approved.

Registration of Village Green. Commons Act 1966. A letter was to hand and read from the association of parish Councils Secretary relating to the Commons Act 1966, under which the Council were (*sic*) considering the Registration of the Faulkland Green, and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on this Subject, it was decided that there was no need to Register the Village Green and unanimously approved, but a further debate arose, on the village pound at Hemington, in which it was finally decided, that the Clerk, obtain further information on the matter.

Mendip preservation Society. A letter was also to hand from the Secretary of the Mendip Preservation Society, inviting the Council to establish the Comprehensive, and efficient network of Representation which the Society, feels is essential for really successful care of Mendip, but the Council decided to leave this in abeyance.

Damage to Bus Shelter and Claim on Insurance Co. The Chairman informed the Councillors, of the recent damage inflicted to the Bus Shelter at the Hemington Turning on the Radstock-Frome Road, on the 26-27th of December 1966, in which the police were informed early next morning, but to date, the offender had not been found, however the Insurance Co had been notified, and acknowledgement to the letter had been received, and H.G. Francis, had been informed to Repair, before further damage was done, and the Council were now awaiting a further reply from the Insurance Co, but the Members of the Council unanimously Approved, of the action taken by the Chairman and the Clerk.

32. Subscription to Rural Community Council. The meeting also decided not to enter for the Tidy Village Competition this Year, and an Appeal from the Somerset Rural Association of parish Councils to parish Councils to increase their Subscription to (One Guinea) a Year to the Rural Community Council, resulted in a proposition from L.V. Francis, seconded by C.H. Wilkins, to keep the subscription at 10/6 this Year, and approved.

delapidated (*sic*) condition of Turners Tower and Cottages. A petition, was to hand and read from the Residents living at Turners Tower, complaining of the present danger, attached to the Towers dilapidated condition, and the premises adjacent to it. The Council felt that the Residents were justified in their Complaint, and it was proposed by R.F. Vincent, seconded by C.H. Wilkins, to forward the petition, or a Copy therein (*sic*), to the Ammerdown Estate Office and approved. Members to attend the quarterly meeting at Bruton on April 25th are L.V. Frances, T. Hendy, G. Loader. Reserve K.W. Long.

payment of Cheques. Cheques were prepared in Favour to Faulkland Village Hall Committee for hire of Room £3/15/- and Ammerdown Estate for Allotment, and Recreation Field half Year Rent, £4/5/-, and to the Clerk for Salary, and expenses £16, Expenses 17/11.

The Annual Assembly was arranged for Wednesday March 29th at 7-30 p.m.

Signed E.A. Green 29th March 1967.

The Annual parish meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wednesday March 29th 1967.

A full attendance of members of the Council were present also the Rev A.G. Durston, Dennis Perkins, and an Apology was received from Mrs Mundy.

The Financial Statement of the parish Council accounts were read and showed a satisfactory Balance of £77/0/1 and the Secretary of the village Hall Committee **33**. gave a statement on the Village Hall accounts which resulted in a satisfactory Balance of £73/5/-

The Roadside Seat Fund showed a balance of 15/5 ½ and it was agreed to transfer this to the parish Council accounts.

Bamphylde (*sic*) Charities. The Rector gave a brief statement on the distribution of the Bamphylde (*sic*) Charities, in which he stated that 44 Grants had been allocated amounting to £29/10/- and that every possible consideration was given to these Allocations, but the task that confronted the committee was not a very easy one, however he expressed his appreciation to the Representatives, for their splendid cooperation, and in response to this, Mr T.H. Hendy expressed Appreciation to the Rector, in carrying out the distribution, this being seconded by L.V. Francis.

Chairmans Remarks. The Chairman gave an interesting account of the Councils work recorded, during their 3 Years Term of office, of which includes very many Items already recorded, he also Thanked the Councillors for their continued support, and the Clerk, and the Rector, and Mr W. Perkins for their Interest in parish Affairs, and Mr L.V. Francis Thanked the Chairman for his duties.

Registration of Village Green. A parish Council meeting followed, of which also Mr Green presided, the minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously approved, in which chiefly arose, the Registration of Village Green, when it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by R.F. Vincent that the Village Green should be registered, and approved, but regard the village pound at Hemington, it was decided to hold this in abeyance.

A Cheque was also to hand from the Insurance Co in favour to the parish Council, for the recent damaged Bus Shelter, amounting to £17/10/-.

Advance Signs at Terry Hill. It was also decided to renew the application for the proposed Advance signs at Terry Hill Cross Roads.

Signed E.A. Green 30th May 1967.

34. A meeting of the re-elected parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Tuesday May 30th 1967.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Members present were E.A. Green, R.F. Vincent, K.W. Long, T.H. Hendy, C.H. Wilkins, and an Apology of absence was to hand from L.V. Francis. It was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by R.F. Vincent, that Mr E.A. Green be re-elected as Chairman for the Sixth Year in succession, and Also proposed by R.F. Vincent, seconded by T.H. Hendy, that Mr C.H. Wilkins be re-elected as Vice-Chairman, for his Sixth Year in succession, and unanimously approved.

Go Slow Signs and Advance Signs at Terry Hill. A letter from the County Surveyor, informed the Council that, at their recent meeting, Members agreed that the word 'SLOW' should be marked on the carriageway, at each end of the village of Faulkland, and that the proposed Advance Signs at Terry Hill would be carried out when the routes are being resigned.

Bamphylde (*sic*) Charities. It was proposed by C.H. Wilkins, seconded by R.F. Vincent that Messrs T.H. Hendy and E.A. Green, be again elected to serve on the Bamphylde (*sic*) Charities Committee, and it was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded R.F. Vincent, that Messrs E.A. Green and L.V. Francis be elected to serve on the School Managing body, of the Hemington primary School.

Insurance. Mr R.F. Vincent, also proposed, seconded by K.W. Long that the Council renew their Insurance, and a Cheque was prepared, amounting to £10/15/3.

Re-affiliation (*sic*). It was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by C.H. Wilkins that the council Re-Affiliate (*sic*) to the Association of parish Councils, and also include the proposed subscription of 10/6 and a Cheque was prepared amounting to £1/13/6, and approved.

Attendance of Meetings at Bruton. The quarterly meetings at Bruton was (*sic*) discussed, and it was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded By R.F. Vincent that a Representative be appointed to attend for 1 Year, with the Clerk, and a different Member, and also claim Travelling expenses, and unanimously Approved.

35. Connection of Buses. A letter from the South West Transport Coordinating Committee requested the Councils assistance in identifying deficiencies and difficulties, in the public Transport within the Region, and the Clerk was instructed to report, difficulties that arose on some occasion (*sic*), especially with connection of Buses.

Letting of Allotment. The Clerk stated that he had let the vacant 20 perch of Allotment to Mr E. Courage, and it was agreed to let him have it (Rent Free) for the first Year, to clean it.

Repair to Bus Shelter. An account to hand, was agreed to settle in favour to H.G. Francis, for Repair to the Bus Shelter amounting to £17/19/-.

Any other Business. Mr C.H. Wilkins asked for a regular collection of Refuse at Ruckley Ford, and also for attention to be given to the overgrowth, and flooding of the Road in the Foxcote Area, and Mr K.W. Long, asked if the Village of Faulkland was entitled to a general Clean up, especially in view of the loose chippings, overgrowth, and Resurfacing of the pavement at the entrance to the Bachelors Retreat, and the Clerk was instructed to report the matter to the Divisional Surveyor.

Signed E.A. Green 26 July 1967.

The Members of the Hemington parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed July 26th 1967. Mr E.A. Green presided, with the following Members present. L.V. Francis, C.H. Wilkins, T.H. Hendy, and Apologies were received from R.F. Vincent, and K.W. Long. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and unanimously approved.

Transport Committee. A letter from the Transport Committee requested details of times, for Bus Service connections, and the clerk was instructed to forward same for attention.

It was noted with appreciation, that the overgrowth in the **36.** Foxcote area, and flooding had received attention, and also the collection of Refuse at Ruckley Ford was being dealt with and the resurfacing of the pavement at Bachelors Retreat was also being dealt with.

Carnival Charities. A letter from the Carnival Charities Committee, was received, and read, with a view, to the parish Council organising some event to support the Frome Carnival, however, it was felt and agreed that the only support the Council could give would be by a good attendance at the Carnival.

Bus Shelter damage. It was noted with regret that the Hemington Bus Shelter had been severely damaged, but the clerk stated he had obtained the necessary information from the police, and the matter had been dealt with by the Insurance Co and a letter was to hand from the Insurance Co, stated that the work may now proceed, and the amount to be forwarded in due course, however it was decided to ask H.G. Francis to make the necessary inquiries and approved.

Registration of Village Green. The Clerk stated he had completed the registration of the Village Green, but had made one error, but now had to get a further signature from the J.P. for correction.

Any other business. Convenience at Tuckers Grave. The Clerk stated he had received a request from Mr K.W. Long to make a further report on the embarrassing condition of the Gentlemens Convenience at the Tuckers Grave Inn, and it was decided to report the matter once again to the Ammerdown Estates.

Low Flying Aircraft. Mr L.V. Francis asked if something could be done to abate the nuisance caused by very Low Flying Aircraft, the clerk being instructed to report the matter to the Staff Commander at the R.A.F. Station, Colerne.

Frome Area Social Service. Mr L.V. Francis also suggested that the Council should express their Appreciation to Frome Area Social Services Committee, for the Introduction, and delivery of the useful Guide, indicating that any Specific need can be directed to the Appropriate (*sic*) destination.

37. proposed Closure of Hemington School. As a result to the Support given by the parish Council to the Managers, and Staff of the Hemington primary School, in their recent effort to retain the School, members were delighted to hear that the Education Authority had now decided to maintain the School.

Signed E.A. Green 18th Oct 1967.

Members of the Hemington parish Council met at the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed Oct 18th, 1967, with Mr E.A. Green presiding.

Other members present were T. Hendy, K.W. Long, C.H. Wilkins, and the Clerk G. Loader, but apologies were received from R.F. Vincent, and L.V. Francis.

Bus Connection. An acknowledgement (*sic*) from the passenger Transport Co-ordinating Committee, stated that the complaint relating to the Bus connections was now being dealt with.

Damaged Bus Shelter. The recently damaged Bus Shelter was discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk consult H.G. Francis to see if work could commence, but if Mr Francis could not undertake this work, the Clerk was to try and get an estimate from another Builder, and it was also agreed that there should be no windows.

Low Flying Aircraft. Regarding complaints about low flying Aircraft, a letter from the Commander of the R.A.F. Station, stated that they were at all times conscious of their responsibility to Local Residents, to keep disturbance to a minimum, and apologized for any disturbance caused.

Registration of Village Green. A Certificate, from the County Council stated that the Registration of the Faulkland Village Green had now been accepted.

Tuckers Grave Convenience. The reply from the Ammerdown Estate, relating to improvement to the Tuckers Grave convenience, stated that when the proposed sewer scheme commenced, the opportunity **38.** would arise to improve such conditions at the Inn.

Additional Litter Receptables (*sic*). A request from the Hemington W.I. for litter receptables (*sic*) to be placed at various points in the parish was considered, and the Clerk being instructed to inquire into further responsibilities attached to the request.

(Bus Shelter) Appreciation was expressed to the Bristol Bus Co for their generous offer of £5, when the Hemington Bus Shelter was completed.

Hedge Trimmings. As a result to a complaint of hedge Trimmings on the highway at Terry Hill, it was agreed that the Chairman have a chat with Mr Perkins on the subject.

Accounts were settled in favour to Ammerdown Estate amounting to £4/5/-, and Co-operative Insurance for 5/- on the fidelity policy.

Any other Business. Under this heading, Mr T.H. Hendy inquired if some improvement to be made by the plough in the Laverton area, and also which villages were going to benefit by the R.D.C.'s introduction of a proposed Scheme to clean up the Villages regularly, this was proposed by Mr Hendy, seconded by Mr Long that the Clerk write to the Surveyor on the matter.

The Clerk was also instructed to report the danger attached to the Terry Hill Old Well house, and report the flooding of the road at Oldfield Cottage.

Signed E.A. Green Jan 24th 1968

A meeting of the Hemington parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Wed Jan 24th 1968. Mr E.A. Green presided, and the following members were present, T.H. Hendy, K.W. Long, L.V. Francis, R.F. Vincent, and C.H. Wilkins.

Bus Connection at Terry Hill. A letter from the passenger Transport Coordinating Committee stated that Bus Crews concerned were being given Appropriate (*sic*) instructions, and therefore connecting facilities should now be available.

New Bus Shelter. It was noted with Appreciation that the New Bus Shelter **39.** was near completion, and as Mr H.G. Francis was unable to undertake this work, Mr J. Cray had been asked to give an estimate, which amounted to £98/10/-, and accepted, and the Clerk was granted permission to settle this account when the work was completed, this was proposed by L.V. Francis, sec. by T. Hendy.

Litter Receptable (*sic*). With reference to the request, put forward by the W.I. for additional litter receptables (*sic*), a letter from the Chief Health Inspector, stated that he would supply them, but the parish Council would be responsible for the fixing and emptying of same, but the Clerk was instructed to write, inquiring if the Health Inspector would arrange to the fixing, and emptying, provided the cost was borne by the parish Council.

Culvert under the Village Green. The Clerk stated that the Culvert, under the Village Green was in a dangerous position, and also had been reported to the Divisional Surveyor for attention.

precept. The meeting unanimously agreed to precept the Rural District Council for the Sum of £60.

playing Field. The situation of the playing Field was again reviewed, the Clerk being instructed to put a notice on the parish Council notice board to see if the public had any further interest, and invite them to the Annual parish Meeting, arranged for Wed. March 27th.

Village pound at Hemington. As an (*sic*) planning Application had been received by the R.D.C., which involved the (Village pound) at Hemington the Clerk, stated that he had (as instructed) informed the R.D.C. that the parish Council were no longer interested in the ownership of this Land.

Death of former parish Councillor. The meeting also expressed Regret of the death of Mr W. Miles, who served in this parish, as a Councillor for many Years, and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter of Sympathy, on behalf of the parish Council, to his Wife.

40. Cheques were also prepared in favour of settlement to Hadden Best Ltd = £2/18/7, Faulkland Village Hall Committee £3/15/-, Ammerdown Estate = £4/5/-.

Clerks Salary and Stamps etc, £17/17/- and the Bus Shelter Account = £103/14/-.

Any other Business. Mr T.H. Hendy stated that he did not wish to claim travelling expenses for the meetings he had attended during the past Year. Mr L.V. Francis complained of the pot holes in Chickwell Lane from Hemington, to the Old Rookery at Norton St Phillip, and felt that the whole Lane needed resurfacing, and also the direction post at Chickwell Cross required attention.

Mr K.W. Long requested that the Culvert, at the junction, in Browns Lane, be attended to, and he thought the plough should be used more in the Lanes.

Mr Wilkins reported the dangerous position of the Load of Waste, which had been recently tipped near the Kiosk at Terry Hill. These recorded Complaints were unanimously accepted and agreed that they be reported to the Divisional Surveyor.

Signed E.A. Green 27th March 1968.

The Annual Assembly was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed, Mar. 27th 1968. The meeting was represented with a full Council, and Three parishoners (*sic*), including TWO from the W.I. and the Rector.

Mr E.A. Green presided, and the financial Statement showed a balance of £106/17/10, and Mr Green gave a statement of Village Hall Accounts, which showed a balance of £101/18/11, and it was proposed by Mrs N. Mundy, sec. by L.V. Francis, that these accounts be accepted.

Bamphyld (*sic*) Charities. The Rector, the Rev. A.G. Durston gave a statement on the Bamphyld (*sic*) Charities, in which he stated that 41 Grants had been allocated, amounting to £27/5/-, and he thanked the Trustees for their Cooperation, and in response, appreciation was expressed to the Rector for carrying out the distribution.

41. Chairmans Remarks. Mr Green gave a statement on the efforts maintained by the Council during the past Year, which included many Items of Interest, and he also thanked the Clerk and Councillors for their continued support.

Litter Receptables (*sic*). The siting of the litter Receptables (*sic*), recently sponsored by the W.I. was discussed and finally decided to erect them as follows: 1, at the Top end of Lansdown View, 2, 1 near the New Inn as possible, and 3, 1 at the Lower end of the village, provided the Surveyor removed, or Levelled the Waste, at the Old Gravel Tip, and appreciation was expressed, at an offer by Mr K.W. Long, to erect same.

playing Field. The question of the use of the playing field was discussed, the general feeling that, a Committee should be formed, and the Clerk being instructed to write a number of letters to parents of children concerned, with a view to forming such a Committee.

Any other Business. Mr Long commented on the present State of the Village Green, and after a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the matter be left to Mr Long, and Mr Green, to contact the Contractors of the Sewer Scheme, with a view to improvement.

Mr C. Wilkins commented on the open space, near the recently erected Garages at Lansdown View, as there was nothing to prevent cattle straying into the Gardens, and it was decided forward (*sic*) this to the R.D.C. for attention.

Empty Cottages. Mrs Mundy inquired if anything could be done about the vacant cottages within the parish, and it was decided to make a note of this in the press, to see if this would bear any influence.

path near the pond. Mrs D. Green inquired if something could be done to the public path near the Village pond and it was agreed to hold this in abeyance.

A parish Council meeting followed, the minutes being read and approved.

42. It was noted that the New Bus Shelter was now completed, and it was agreed to ask Mr J.L. Cray for an estimate for the Repair to the Terry Hill Shelter.

Downgrading of 2 Lanes. A letter from the Clerk of the County Council requested the downgrading of 2 Vehicular Lanes in the Village of Faulkland, the Lanes in question were: 1, from the Green at Faulkland to the junction with the unclassified road, running north of Grove Lane, and (2) from the junction with Grove Lane (C295) to a point 348 Yards north to a dead end, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by R.F. Vincent, that this be granted, and approved.

It was also decided that the Clerk write to the Surveyor regarding the comments, in his Letter, on Chickwell Lane, and the pavements at Faulkland.

Signed E.A. Green June 5th 1968.

The Annual meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed. June 5th 1968.

It was proposed by C.H. Wilkins, seconded by R.F. Vincent that E.A. Green be re-elected Chairman for the seventh year in succession, and it was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by L.V. Francis that C.H. Wilkins be re-elected Vice Chairman for a similar period in succession. The footpath adjoining the village pond was discussed and it was agreed to pass the matter to the Divisional Surveyor for his attention.

Fencing of Gardens. Appreciation was expressed for the rural District Councils cooperation in the matter of proposed fencing of the Gardens at Lansdown View.

New Estate. The Council unanimously agreed to the calling of the new estate of 3 Bungalows at Faulkland 'Wild Orchards'.

A query arose, on a Statement, on the product of a penny Rate for the parish, and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Chief Financial Officer varying (*sic*) the same.

Stocks on the village Green at Faulkland. Under the Civic Amenities Act 1967, a letter was to hand stating that the Stocks on the Village Green at Faulkland had been included in the list of Architectural or Historic **43.** Interest of buildings. It was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, that the council renew their Affiliation (*sic*) to the Somerset Association of parish Councils, and also Grant a donation of £1, and unanimously approved, and a Cheque was prepared for £2/8/-. It was also proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T. Hendy to renew the Insurance premium, and approved, a Cheque being prepared for £10/15/3.

It was agreed that the Clerk make arrangements accordingly for the meeting of the Association of parish Councils at Ditcheat.

Signed E.A. Green Sept 25th 1968

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed Sept 25th 1968, over which Mr E.A. Green presided, and members present were R.F. Vincent, K.W. Long, C.H. Wilkins, T.H. Hendy, and an Apology of absence was to hand from L.V. Francis. The minutes of the last meeting being read, and unanimously approved. Regarding the recent flooding in the parish, it was noted that several people had received Financial benefit, from the Ministry of Social Service, and from the Rector, through the Church.

Village pond. Also owing to the recent floods the village pond was discussed, and it was finally proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long that the Clerk write to the Divisional Surveyor, asking him to favour us with the loan of his Mechanical Shovel, and Driver, to clean out the pond, and ask Mr Green to assist in hauling it away, and approved.

Obstruction at Foxcote. A letter was to hand from the Clerk of the Shoscombe parish Council with a Complaint to obstructions in the Foxcote area, on two footpaths. The Clerk stated he had visited the area, and found two obstructions, and felt, that the parish Council were (*sic*) obliged to erect a Stile on one site, but was unable to contact the owners of the property concerning the other obstruction, but would do so in due course, and Mr Wilkins agreed to contact the other, but the Council unanimously agreed to put a Style if necessary, the Clerk to make the arrangements, and Mr Green reported the condition of the styles at Turners Tower, the Clerk agreed to look into the matter.

44. Kiosk at Turners Tower. Owing to the demolition of Turners Tower, it was noted that the Kiosk had been Temporarily removed, and it was agreed that the Clerk write to The Telephone Manager, asking for the return of same, in due course.

Corner in the Village of Faulkland. The Clerk asked the Councils Views, on the corner being taken off, to improve the visibility in the village of Faulkland, from the Telephone Kiosk, to the post office, to which the members agreed, and instructed the Clerk to write to the Surveyor on the Subject.

General Clean up. After a general discussion on the State of affairs within the parish, it was decided to write to the surveyor on the following; the overgrowth in Hollowpit Lane, and the Lane at Faulkland, the dreadful State of the Road Surface through Faulkland, a general clean up of the villages, as a result of complaints from ratepayers, pot holes, in Browns Lane, Bishop St, and Fulwell Lane, and flooding of the road, from Faulkland to Terry Hill.

4th and 5th Mail. The meeting also decided that the Clerk write to the post Master General on the delivery of the 4th and 5th Mail, and the inconvenienced experience (*sic*), in the present delivery.

Flouridation (*sic*) of Water. As a result, to a statement, in Mr Francis' apology, regarding the proposed introduction of Flouridation (*sic*) to the Water supply in the Area, a preview discussion arose on the Subject, and resulted, unanimously, with an open verdict.

A Biafran Appeal, was to hand, discussed, and finally decided to be held in Abeyance.

Cheques. Cheques were prepared in favour to G. Loader for 1966-67 Audit Stamp £3. Allotment, half year rent, and Recreational Field Rent to Ammerdown Estate £4/5/-, and Fidelity policy premium, to Cooperative Insurance Co 5/-.
Signed E.A. Green Dec 10th 1968

The Members of the Hemington parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Tuesday Dec 10th, 1968.
Mr E.A. Green Presided, and a full Council was in attendance.

Village Pond at Faulkland. It was noted with appreciation that the Village Pond had been cleaned out once again, and a Vote of Thanks was expressed by T.H. Hendy, to Mr G. Snook, and Mr E.A. Green, for undertaking the work, seconded by Mr K. Long, and it was unanimously agreed to settle the accounts in favour to Mr Snook, £3, and **45.** Mr E.A. Green £5.

obstructions at Foxcote. The Clerk, and Chairman, stated they had met Mr Chapman, at Foxcote, over the reported obstruction, but was (*sic*) in doubt, as to whether the portion of footpath still existed, however, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Clerk of the County Council, obtaining their Views on the Subject.

Kiosk at Turners Tower. A letter from the G.P.O. stated that the Telephone Kiosk would be returned to Turners Tower in the immediate future, when an alternative site is found, and the members put forward Two suggested alternative sites, one at the Point near the Present Post Box, secondly, near the Old Well, at the opposite end, and forward (*sic*) these to these (*sic*) to the G.P.O. for consideration.

Corner in the Village of Faulkland. A letter from the Ammerdown Estate stated that Lord Hylton was quite Prepared for the Wall, on the corner near the Kiosk, at Faulkland to be set back, from its existing Line, to improve Visibility, but the Divisional Surveyor stated that such a Project would have to dealt (*sic*) with under the Rural District Council Priorities List for 1970-71, the Clerk being instructed to remind the Surveyor that this be included in the Priority List.

Delivery of Mail. A letter from the Head Postmaster stated he would do his utmost to improve the Mail delivery service. inconvenience at Turners Tower. A letter was to hand from Mr G. Clark, complaining of the inconvenience caused through an Old Stationary Lorry, left at Turners Tower, by the contractors, and the Council agreed the Clerk write to the Contractor asking him kindly to remove same.

Precept 1969-70. It was unanimously agreed to Precept the R.D.C. for the Sum of £60.

Mud and Water on Highway. Mud and Water was reported on the highway at Lypeate Hill, and near Gallant Hill Farm at Foxcote, and it was agreed to write to the Surveyor on the matter, and also write and ask Mr Watts, to cooperate with him, in cleaning out the ditches, and also write to Mr Pugh of Faulkland Farm, asking him to clear up the loose stones in the lane, near the Village Green, and kindly Cooperate with the Surveyor, in cleaning up the Mud on the Highway in the Lypeate Hill.

46. Flouridation (*sic*) of Water supply. A lengthy (*sic*) discussion arose on the Proposed introduction of Floride (*sic*) to the existing Water Supply, Mr R.F. Vincent Proposed that the Council support the introduction of Flouridation (*sic*), but received no seconder, and after a further discussion, Mr L.V. Francis proposed that we oppose the introduction of Flouride (*sic*), this motion being seconded by T.H. Hendy, thus creating a divided opinion, but the Subject, on reaching (*sic*) its final Stage, resulted with a decision to oppose Flouridation (*sic*).

Mr T. Hendy commented on the nuisance of a Car being left on the Highway at Faulkland, and this was left to Mr Long, to consult the owner, and approved.

Signed E.A. Green 11 March 1969.

A Parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Tuesday March 11th 1969.

Mr E.A. Green Presided, and the following members were present, C.H. Wilkins, T.H. Hendy, and K. W. Long, Apology L.V. Francis. The minutes were read and unanimously approved.

It was noted with Appreciation, that the Telephone Kiosk had now been returned to Turners Tower, and that the inconvenience caused through the demolition of the Tower, was also cleared up, and that some Mud on the Highway, as recently reported had also been cleaned up.

Obstruction at Foxcote. A further letter, relating to the reported Obstruction at Foxcote, stated that no footpath, as stated in the report, was shown in the definite Map.

Corner at Faulkland near the Kiosk. A letter on the proposed Corner improvement, near the Kiosk at Faulkland, stated, that as this calls for the purchase of Land this will have to take its Place, in the Priority List, when the R.D.C. meets Annually, on this matter, and the Appropriate (*sic*) thing to do, is to get Your Representatives, to raise this Subject, at such a meeting, and it was proposed by T. Hendy seconded by K.W. Long, that the Clerk send the Representatives concerned a letter, explaining the matter to them.

47. Erection of Hut in the playing Field. A request was to hand from the Secretary of the football Club to erect a Hut, in the existing Playing Field, for Players to change in, to which the Council raised no objection, but Mr T.H. Hendy proposed that providing no Responsibility will fall upon the Council, this being seconded by K.W. Long, and approved, but on looking into the Conveyance, it was stated that, no Hut or building shall be created, without the Consent of the Company, to which the Clerk was instructed to write.

Best Kept Village Competition. The Council felt that the Village was not in a suitable position to enter the best Kept Village Competition.

The Annual Assembly was arranged for Tuesday April 14th. And Cheques were prepared in favour to Humphries and West £3/10/0, Faulkland Village Hall Committee £7/10/-, G. Loader £17/15/8, and Ammerdown Estate, £4/5/-

Signed E.A. Green April 1st 1969.

The Annual Hemington Parish Meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Tuesday April 1st 1969 and was attended by all members of the Parish Council and two Parishoners (*sic*), the Rector, Rev A.G. Durston and Mr D. Perkins. The Clerk gave the Financial Statement on the Parish Council Accounts, of which resulted with a Balance of £122/2/7, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy that this statement be adopted, and approved.

Village Hall Funds. Mr E.A. Green gave a report on the Financial Statement of the Village Hall Funds, which also showed a satisfactory balance of £101/8/9, and it was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by C.H. Wilkins, that these accounts be accepted, and unanimously approved.

Charities. The Rector gave a detailed Statement on the Annual distribution of the Bamphylde (*sic*) Charities in which he said 39 Grants had been allocated to needy people, making **48.** a Total of £25/17/6. Appreciation was expressed, of the Rectors Work and Interest, and he in turn, thanked the Representatives for their Cooperation and interest.

Chairmans Remarks. The Chairman gave a Comprehensive Report on the Councils Activities during the Year, and he also thanked the Members and the Clerk for their continued support.

Litter Nuisance. Mr Perkins inquired if something could be done to abate the nuisance caused by litter being dumped in the unofficial Lay by on the A362 Radstock to Frome Road, near the Terry Hill Crossroads, and it was decided to write to the Clerk of the Rural District Council.

Street Lighting. Mr L.V. Francis suggested the adoption of Street Lighting for the village of Faulkland, and it was decided to approach the Appropriate (*sic*) Authorities for information, and any preliminary measures of which could be undertaken.

Advance Signs. The meeting also unanimously decided to write to the Divisional Surveyor on the subject of Re-application for the Proposed Advanced Road Signs, for Terry Hill Crossroads, and also inquire if the pavements in the Village of Faulkland could be brushed off, when necessary and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by E.A. Green, that the Councils Appreciation be expressed to the Surveyor, for his prompt action in dealing with the recent snow Clearance, and approved.

Tuckers Grave Convenience, and Turners Tower. It was also agreed that the Clerk write to the Ammerdown Estate to inquire if the present position at Turners Tower could receive a general Tidy up, and also to inquire if the convenience at the Tuckers Grave Inn could now receive attention.

A parish Council meeting followed, the minutes being read and accepted as read, and matters relating to the Proposed Hut in the playing Field were discussed and Signatures required for Precept. The repair of the Terry Hill Bus Shelter was also raised, the Clerk being instructed to write to J.L. Cray, to see if he was interested.

Signed E.A. Green 21st May 1969.

49. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed May 21st 1969.

Chairman. Mr E.A. Green presided, after being re-elected Chairman, for the eighth Year in Succession, this being proposed by R.F. Vincent, seconded by K.W. Long, and approved.

Vice-Chairman. Mr C. H. Wilkins was also re-elected Vice-Chairman for a similar period, being proposed by T.H. Hendy seconded by R.F. Vincent, and approved.

The minutes being read and unanimously accepted.

Litter Nuisance on A362. After letters were read from the Clerk of the R.D.C. and the Divisional Surveyor, on the litter nuisance on the A362, it was decided to write to the surveyor, questioning whether this could be classed as an Official Lay by, and whereby warrant the provision of a Litter Basket, and also express the Appreciation of the parish Council, for the cleaning of the pavements.

Street Lighting. A letter from the County Surveyor stated that all Street Lighting monies have all been Allocated, therefore consideration to the Faulkland Scheme could not be granted for the coming Year, however, it was proposed by R.F. Vincent seconded by K.W. Long, that the Clerk contact the Clerk of Norton St Phillips parish Council, for information, of how many Lights they had in their Village, the Cost, and average Rate per person, this being approved.

Danger at Turners Tower. The Clerk stated he had been approached for the need of an extra sign at Turners Tower, instructing strange Motorists which side of the existing fence they should take.

Advance Signs at Terry Hill. A reply to the Advance Road Signs at Terry Hill application stated that the County Council is carrying out a Steady policy of replacing old signs, with the new Warboys Type and Terry Hill would be dealt with as a matter of routine.

Hut in playing Field. The erection of a Hut in the playing field was held in Abeyance for an indefinite period, but the Clerk was instructed to inquire into the repair of the fence.

50. Insurance and Re-Affiliation (*sic*). It was proposed by K.W. Long, seconded by T.H. Hendy that the Council Re-Affiliate to the Association of parish Councils with an additional Subscription of £1, and the Renewal of Insurance, of £10/15/3. Cheques being prepared for both, and approved.

Flouridation (*sic*) Final decision. The final decision reached on Flouridation (*sic*), by the Frome R.D.C. stated that they had resolved not to support the Flouridation (*sic*) of Public Water Supplies, taking into account the Majority Views of the Parish Councils against such a proposal.

Seat at Turners Tower. Repair to Shelter. The meeting also agreed that the Clerk ask Mr K. Pitman to repair and Paint the seat at Turners Tower, and also approach Mr L.J. Cray on the repair to Terry Hill Shelter.

Signed E.A. Green July 30th 1969.

The Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed July 30th 1969. Mr E.A. Green presided. Members present were L.V. Francis, C.H. Wilkins, R.F. Vincent, T.H. Hendy, and an Apology of absence was to hand from K.W. Long. The minutes being read and accepted as read.

Chevrons at Turners Tower. Receptables (*sic*) at Terry Hill. overgrowth in Hollowpit Lane. Culvert under Village Green. It was noted with appreciation that Black and White Chevrons had been erected at Turners Tower, Receptables (*sic*) provided at Terry Hill, Hollowpit Lane cut through, and the Culvert repaired under the village Green, Temporary, until it may be possible to incorporate a new outflow pipe, from the Village Pond, and thereby stop off the Culvert in question, these efforts of the Parish Council being realized after consideration being granted by the Divisional Surveyor, the Clerk being instructed to express the Councils Appreciation in the matter.

Street Lighting. The Clerk stated he had not yet met the Clerk of the Norton St Phillips (*sic*) Parish Council, as he had been away to Holland, but had an appointment with him on July 31st, but after a debate on the subject, the Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor for further details on the matter.

Fence in the Playing Field. As the expense to repairing the Playing Field Fence may be rather high, it was decided to write to Mr Goodliffe on the matter, and to **51.** secretary of the Local Football Club, inquiring if it was possible for them to meet the expense involved out of their Funds.

Repair to Styles and Seats. It was also approved that Mr Francis repair the Terry Hill Bus Shelter. Accounts were to hand for the erection of Two Styles, by Mr H. Eyres and Mr B. Chambers, it being proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy to settle this, amounting to £3/12/-, and to A.J. Charlton for the supply of Timber, amounting to £2/8/9.

And it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by R.F. Vincent to settle an account to K.I. Pitman, to repairing and painting the Roadside seat at Turners Tower, at £4/10/-, and to the Clerk for the 1968-69 Audit Stamp £2, this all being unanimously approved.

State of the Island adjacent to Pond Cottages. The Clerk was asked to bring to the notice of the Council the further Possibility of flooding, owing to the present state of the Island adjacent to Pond Cottages, at Faulkland, and it was decided to approach the Surveyor, to inquire if the proposed drainage Scheme could be extended to cover the Island, and further afield, if possible to avoid any further flooding.

Corners at Ruckley Ford. A letter was to hand, and read, from Mr R.J. Penney, inquiring if something could be done to improve the dangerous corner in the Ruckley Ford Lane, and it was decided to pass this inquiry to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority for attention.

New Estate. It was unanimously agreed to name the New Estate in Fulwell Lane 'Fulwell Close'.

Signed E.A. Green Sept 23rd 1969.

The members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Tuesday Sept 23rd. With Mr E.A. Green presiding, all members being present, with the exception of L.V. Francis, and R.F. Vincent, who tendered their Apologies. The minutes were read, and unanimously accepted. Regarding the inquiry, to the Surveyor, on the proposed cleaning up of the Hollowpit Lane, the reply stated that owing to the work, already being done, had been a reasonably costly business, he could not undertake to the clearing up of **52.** the same, but did suggest that the parish Council might undertake this with a view to claiming an allowance, for the maintenance of footpaths from the County Council, the Clerk being instructed to inquire as to the amount of allowance being allocated for this.

Ruckley Ford Lane. But regarding the improvements proposed, in a letter, to the Council, from Mr R. Penney, to the Ruckley Ford Lane, the Surveyor stated that he was very sorry, but could not see sufficient money being released to carry out these improvements. proposed Electricity. After a Statement had been by the Clerk (*sic*) as a result to his visit to the Clerk of the parish, at Norton St Phillips (*sic*), he was instructed to write to the Electricity Board for an estimate for 7, or 8, Lights, the cost of general maintenance, and what, approximately the running costs would amount to, and approved.

Playing field Fence. After a discussion on the repair to the Playing field Fence it was decided to meet in the Playing field on the next evening.

The Island at Faulkland. Regarding (*sic*) the Possibility of further flooding at the Pond Cottages at Faulkland, the Chairman stated that he had recently met Mr Long, on the site, but he felt the Island adjacent (*sic*) to the Cottages could not be included in the new proposed drainage Scheme, however, after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on the subject it was finally agreed that the Clerk write to the Rural District Council, stating the Parish Councils Observations, and that something should be done, or alternatively if the Cottages should be sold, to be brought up to the required Standard, to provide suitable Accommodation, then the Purchaser should be notified as to the responsibility, attached to the Island therein.

Cheques were prepared in favour to the Ammerdown Estate for half Years Allotment Rent, and Playing field Rent, also to the Coop Society, premium for the Fidelity Policy.

Mr Hendy, Mr Long and the Clerk agreed to attend the next quarterly meeting at Beckington.

Signed E.A. Green 28th 1969 (*sic*)

53. The members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Tuesday Oct 28th 1969. A full Council was in attendance, with E.A. Green in the Chair.

The minutes being read and unanimously approved.

Hollowpit Lane. It was noted with appreciation, in a letter from the County Surveyor, that the trimmings in Hollowpit Lane were receiving attention.

County Councils Parish Maintenance Scheme. The Council also discussed information to hand, on the County Councils Parish Maintenance Scheme, whereby parish Councils undertake to keep the footpaths clear of undergrowth by Local Labour, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded (*sic*) by T.H. Hendy, and approved, to sign the enclosed agreement, whereby to qualify for the Sum of £25 for 1969/70.

Street Lighting. After a debate on the proposed Street Lighting, it was finally decided that this be left on the Table until more details were available on the cost of installation and running costs.

Fence in the Playing Field. The meeting also decided to order 2 – 55 Yd Rolls of Cattle Fence, and 1 Roll of Barbed Wire, from Mr Vincent in order to renew the fence around the playing field, this being agreed to be done by Members of the Council, with the Cooperation of Football Committee, and payment was prepared for the Material amounting to £14/3/10.

Fluoridation. The meeting also discussed a further request, from the Rural District Council, on the Subject of Flouridation (*sic*), the result being the same as before, unanimously agreed to oppose this.

Maud Report. As (*sic*) a request, from the Somerset Association of Parish Councils quaterly (*sic*) meeting, the Council decided to support them in their effort, to opposing the Maud Report, the Clerk being instructed to write to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, stating that the parish Council **54**. felt it necessary to protest in the strongest possible terms, at the short time the Minister had allowed for such consideration of such an important document, which must affect every person in the Country, for many Years to come, and approved.

Fidelity Policy. As the Premium had increased to £1, on this policy, it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by R.F. Francis, to recind (*sic*) the minute on page 52, with the Coop Insurance, and Insure with the Commercial Union, with which we have other policies.

Signed E.A. Green 14th 1970 (*sic*)