

A parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed. Jan. 14th 1970, with Mr. E.A. Green in the Chair supported with the attendance of a full Council.

The minutes being read, and approved unanimously.

Parish Maintenance Scheme. It was noted with appreciation that the parish maintenance Scheme had now been approved, and signed and Sealed, with the County Council.

proposed Street Lighting. A further detailed Quotation was to hand from the Southern Electricity Board, on the proposed Street Lighting Scheme, and after a debate on the Subject, it was decided to forward (*sic*) the same to the County Secretary, for inspection, and inquire as to whether the secretary thought the distance between the poles, and also the height, would be in accordance with the regulations, whereby, the County Council would not be able to take them over, furthermore, as to whether this would benefit us, if and when, we re-applied for a 30 mile Limit. It was also agreed to write to the County Surveyor, to inquire if any further progress had been obtained, in connection with the proposed County scheme.

Fence. The fence in the playing field was deferred until later in the Year, and a letter was to hand, in reply to the Councils Letter to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, on the Maud Report.

55. Re Classification of disused Lanes. A letter was to hand requesting the Parish Councils Views on the Re-classification of disused Lanes within the Parish. Chiefly to the Hollopit (*sic*) Lane, and Grove Lane, and the members decided to keep them, as stated in the County Act of 1949.

Precept 1970-71. It was also proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by R.F. Vincent to Precept the Rural District Council for the Sum of £60, and approved.

Repair and damage to Terry Hill Bus Shelter. It was noted with regret the damage recently inflicted to the Terry Hill Shelter Windows, immediately after repairs had been carried out by H.G. Francis, the matter was immediately reported to the police, but no progress had been reached in finding the offenders, but it was felt the account to hand for the repair, was due for settlement and it was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by R.F. Vincent, that the account be settled amounting to £9/9/9, and approved.

Pot Holes (etc). The meeting decided that the Clerk write to the Divisional Surveyor, on the condition of the road surface, in Fulwell Lane, Chickwell Lane, Ruckly Ford and Foxcote Lane, and additional flooding at the corner of the Wood, near Gallant Hill Farm.

Closure of Infant Welfare Centre. It was also noted with regret, that the Infant Welfare Centre of which had been held at the Village Hall for the past 25 Years was Scheduled for proposed Closure, a Service of which Parents and Children had so much enjoyed, and received much benefit over this period of Years, however, the members took a grim view at such a proposal, and strongly advocated, that the Clerk write to the County Council expressing the Councils Views that every effort should be made to retain this useful and beneficial Service to the public. The meeting also decided not to attend the quarterly meeting at Sparkford.

Signed E.A. Green 4th March 1970.

56. The Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed. March 4th 1970. Mr E.A. Green was in the chair, and an Apology was received from T.H. Hendy.

The Minutes being read and unanimously Approved.

Street Lighting. After discussing the subject of street Lighting, and Two Letters, of which were to hand, it was finally decided to write to the County Secretary for an explanation, on the Draft Contract, requested by him, in order that he may forward (*sic*) to the National Secretary, and whether the Council would Commit themselves, by signing the Acceptance Form, attached therein.

Footpath at Foxcote. The report on the footpath at Foxcote, was received with interest, and it was proposed by R.F. Vincent, seconded by L.V. Francis, that the Clerk and Chairman (Re-Survey) and report to the Council.

Closure of Infant Welfare Centre. A letter, to hand from the Health Department of County Hall on the closure of the Infant Welfare (Department Centre) of which had served the village, and surrounding District for nearly 25 Years stated that, owing to the small number of Mothers and Children attending, it was not economic to tie up a Health Visitor for the afternoon, but should the pre-school population increase, the question of re-opening the centre may be considered.

Travelling Allowances. The Councillors unanimously agreed to claim Travelling allowance when attending quarterly meetings.

Terry Hill Well House. A danger was reported at the Terry Hill Old Well House, and the nuisance of Hedge Trimmings on the Highway, and it was decided to pass these complaints to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority.

Cheques were prepared to the Faulkland Village Hall amounting to £4/10/-, Kilmersdon Estate, £4/5/-, and to the Clerk amounting to £ (*sic*).

The Annual Assembly was agreed to be held at the Village Hall, on Wednesday, April 1st at 7-30.

Signed E.A. Green

57. The Annual Assembly for the Parish of Hemington was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed April 1st 1970. Mr E.A. Green Presided, supported by a full Council, and four Parishoners (*sic*) were present, namely Mrs Mundy, Mr Horler, the Rev A.G. Durston and Mr D. Penney.

Accounts. The Clerk, Mr G. Loader, gave the financial Statement of the Parish Council Accounts, of which showed a satisfactory Balance of £130/3/7.

The Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, Mr Green, gave the Financial Statement of the Village Hall Accounts, of which resulted, after a heavy expenditure with a Balance of £11/6/8, and it was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by R.F. Vincent that both Financial Statements be accepted, and Approved.

Bamphylde (*sic*) Charities. Reporting on the distribution of the Bamphylde (*sic*) Charities, the Rector told the meeting that 40 Grants had been allocated to needy people which totalled to £26/15/-, and the amount received from the Charity Commissioners was £27/1/10, he stated, the task of distribution was not an easy one, and also thanked the Trustees and representatives, for their support and Cooperation, and he in turn, was thanked for his Interest in the project.

Mr Green related to the Councils efforts and activities recorded during their present Term of Office and thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their continued support, and Mrs Mundy thanked the Chairman, his fellow Councillors and the Clerk, for their continued efforts, and hard work, for the Community.

Any other Business. A letter from Mrs Mundy, on behalf of the W.I. and users of the Bus Service, requested an improvement in the Bus Service 186, from Faulkland at 9-26, on Wednesdays, whereby, allowing passengers to travel direct to Bath, on the same Bus, and it was decided to refer the request to the Bus Co concerned.

Advance Signs at Terry Hill. Hedge Trimmings. Sign post. The meeting unanimously agreed to renew the applications for the proposed advance signs at Terry Hill Cross Roads, and also report the need for attention to the sign post at Hardington Cross Roads, **58.** hedge Trimmings on the main Road, and again, the danger at Terry Hill Well House.

Street Lighting deferred. A parish Council meeting followed, in which the minutes were read and approved, matters arising chiefly, the proposed Street Lighting, whereby, a letter from the County Surveyor, stated that, when considering priority for such Lighting

Schemes, the number of accidents was taken into consideration, and on this basis, the Scheme for the village of Faulkland did not warrant such a high priority as others in the county, this reply being received with disappointment, the Clerk being instructed to reply, stating the same, and after a further discussion it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by R.F. Vincent, to await, to see if the Scheme can be included in the 1971-72 programme, and unanimously approved. Mr Hendy, Mr Long and the Clerk agreed to attend the quarterly meeting at Batcombe.

Signed E.A. Green 4th June 1970

Parish Council Elections 4th May 1970

The result of the uncontested Elections due to be held on the 4th May 1970, resulted as follows.

Elected. L.V. Francis, E.A. Green, T.H. Hendy, K.W. Long, R.F. Vincent, C.H. Wilkins.

The Annual meeting of the parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Tuesday June 2nd 1970.

Chairman. Mr E.A. Green was re-elected Chairman, for the ninth Year in succession, and Mr C.H. Wilkins was re-elected Vice – Chairman, for a similar period, this being proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by R.F. Vincent.

The minutes being read and approved unanimously.

Street Lighting. Confirmation was stated in a letter from the County Surveyor that the Councils request for a Street Lighting Scheme will again be placed before the Appropriate (*sic*) Committee, when they consider their street Lighting estimates for 1971-72.

59. Advance Road Signs at Terry Hill. A letter from the Divisional Highways Surveyor, regarding the proposed advance signs at Terry Hill, stated the County Council was modernising the road sign system, starting with the Trunk Roads, and next on the list, no doubt, would be the principle (*sic*) ones.

School Managers. It was proposed by R.F. Vincent, seconded by L.V. Francis that E. A. Green, and Mr Francis be again re-elected to serve for a period of 3 Years, on the Managing body of the Hemington primary School, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by R.F. Vincent, that Mr T.H. Hendy, and E.A. Green be again re-elected to serve for a period of 3 Years on the Bamphylde Charities Committee, and approved.

Re-Affiliation (*sic*). It was also proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by R.F. Vincent that the Council Re-Affiliate (*sic*) to the Association of Parish Councils, and to renew the insurance Premium, and approved.

Hollowpit Lane. The meeting also agreed that the Clerk and Chairman use their own discretion as what best should be done, best to alleviate (*sic*) the condition of the overgrowth in the Hollowpit Lane.

Condition at Gallant Hill Farm. Mr Francis reported the condition arising from the effluent, of which was lying Stagnant, in the road, and ditch, at the corner, near Gallant Hill Farm, Foxcote, he felt the present condition was detrimental to the health of the public, and the meeting agreed that the Clerk write to the Surveyor, and Public Health Inspector advising them to look into the matter immediately.

Bus Service. A reply from the Bristol Omnibus Co stated that the request for an additional service was receiving attention.

Hemington Water Supply. Notification was also received about the new water main to supply the village of Hemington.

Signed E.A. Green 5th August 1970

60. The members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed August 5th 1970, with Mr E.A. Green presiding. Members present were L.V. Francis, K.W. Long, C.H. Wilkins and their Clerk, G. Loader.

The minutes were read, and unanimously approved.

Overgrowth. Matters Arising, such as Hollowpit Lane, Gallant Hill Farm nuisance, and the overgrowth at Foxcote, were receiving attention.

Road Safety Committee. Mr G. Loader was appointed as Representative to the Frome Rural Road Safety Committee with Mr R.F. Vincent as deputy, and it was agreed to write to Mr Burkitt, with a view to Supervising the Proposed Proficiency Cycling Scheme.

Registration of Highway Land. A letter was to hand from the County Council, on the Subject of Registration of Highway Land, at Faulkland including a 5 ft Green Verge adjoining the Village Green, alongside the Class 1 Road A366, but the Council felt, that the public Rights of Recreation, in this Case, have precedence in terms of historical origin, over the rights of the public to use the Land for Highway purposes, the Clerk being instructed to reply accordingly, this being proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by K.W. Long and approved.

Village Pond. A letter was to hand from Mrs N. Mundy, regarding the present state of the Village Pond at Faulkland, of which has been causing some anxiety for some Years, but the Council felt they do what they can, from time to time, and that they would keep the complaint in mind, but in the meantime, would inquire into the legal side of the position.

30 Mile Speed Limit. The meeting also unanimously decided to press, once again, for the imposition of a 30 Mile Speed Limit on route A366, through the Village of Faulkland, this application has been renewed from time to time, but the Council felt the Time has come, and with the ever increasing and heavy Traffic through the village, implies sufficient evidence of exceptional danger that can now warrant the imposition of a speed Limit and it was decided to pass the application to the Appropriate (*sic*) **61.** authority for attention.

Pot Holes, etc. Several items of interest were being passed to the appropriate (*sic*) authority for attention such as pot holes in the Chickwell and Foxcote Lanes, and pavement Kerbs, and road surface at Faulkland.

Corner at Faulkland. The meeting also decided that the Clerk write to the R.D.C. on the question of the bad vision on the Corner near the Kiosk at Faulkland, and inquire if this has been placed on the R.D.C. Priority List, and also if there was any possibility of this project being brought forward (*sic*),

Cheques were also prepared in favour to Messrs Cluttons, for half Year allotment and Playing field Rent £4/5/-, and to the Clerk, for 1969-70 Audit Stamp, £2.

Signed E.A. Green Nov 4th 1970.

The Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed Nov 4th 1970. Mr E.A. Green presided, and was supported by a full Council, with the exception of Mr R.F. Vincent, who had now unfortunately left the Village.

The minutes being read, and approved unanimously.

Request for 30 M.P.H. Speed Limit (Declined) 1970. The members were very dissatisfied (*sic*) to hear a letter read from the County Surveyor, stating that the appropriate (*sic*) Committee of the County Council had again considered but declined their request for a 30 M.P.H. speed Limit to be imposed through the village of Faulkland. The reply stated that the Councils request might be more in keeping with a 40 M.P.H. Speed Limit, but the members of the Parish Council felt it is imperative that a 30 Mile Limit should be imposed, especially with the heavy Lorries passing through the Village nearly every minute of the day and the poor Visibility, and most dangerous Corner at the end of the village, and the narrow escapes experienced by pedestrians, and the Clerk was instructed to reply, appealing to the appropriate (*sic*) Committee, to re-consider this Request, **62.** for a 30 mile limit, before considering a limit for 40 miles.

Registration of Highway Land. Regarding the Registration of Highway Land at Faulkland, the County Council appreciated the Councils concerns for the village Green, but to provide for any further improvements, the Highway Authority must claim any highway Land that had been registered under Commons Registration Act, 1965.

Improved Visibility through Faulkland. The reply, to a further request, relating to the proposed improvement of Visibility, through the Village of Faulkland, stated that the Parish Councils views had been considered, but Listed as No. 6 in the Supplementary List of Road improvements, referred to the County Council.

Overgrowth at Foxcote. An account was to hand and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by K.W. Long, and approved to settle this account in favour to A.W. Collins, amounting to £20, for cutting enormous overgrowth at Foxcote.

Resignation. As Mr R.F. Vincent had now left the village, and Tendered his resignation, it was decided to declare the Vacancy, for a stipulated period, and in the meantime, the Chairman approach Mr W.F.H. Francis, for his views, to serve as a Councillor, to represent the village of Hemington, and that the Clerk write to Mr Vincent, expressing the Councils Appreciation for his 6 Years of Interest as Councillor.

Any other Business. Under this item Mr L.V. Francis thought that it is time for the Council to review the Clerks Salary, taking into consideration the extra work involved, and extra running about to various places, which it sometimes involves, however Mr Francis suggested that the Salary should now be increased to £20 per Annum, and to take effect from that date, this was seconded by T.H. Hendy, and approved unanimously.

Flooding of road in the Laverton Area. Mr Hendy reported the condition of an unsatisfactory ditch, between 'Hillbrow' and Upper Row Farm, and stated he would be prepared to to (*sic*) cooperate with the Surveyor, if an endeavour was made to improve the condition, and Mr Green reported the pavement Curbs (*sic*) at Terry Hill, this (*sic*) both to be conveyed to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority.

63. Playing Field Fence. Mr Green suggested that a letter be written to the Faulkland Football Club, asking for Cooperation with the parish Council, to erect the new fence around the Recreation field, failing this, an alternative Charge to be paid for each match played.

Signed E.A. Green Jan 7th 1971

A meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, of the East Area of Association of Parish Councils, this being a request from the Parish Council, on Dec 8th 1970. About 40 Representatives, representing various Parish Councils attended, this being proved to be worthwhile and interesting. Mr E. Francis, Representing Stoke St Michael Parish Council, expressed a Vote of Thanks to the Hemington Parish Council for the invitation to the Splendid Hall, and to the Ladies concerned for the Splendid Refreshments.

Delapidated (*sic*) Bus Shelter. After the meeting, the Parish Council discussed a letter to hand, from the Buckland Parish Council regarding the delapidated (*sic*) state of the Bus Shelter, at the Hardington Junction, and it was unanimously decided not to repair, but pull it down.

Regarding the vacancy on the Parish Council, as Mr Francis had not replied definitely, it was decided to write to him for his final Views, secondly, as Mrs N. Mundy was very interested, it was decided to approach her, if Mr Francis invitation was declined.

Signed E.A. Green Jan 7th 1971

The members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Thursday, Jan 7th 1971. Mr E.A. Green presided, and was supported by a full Council.

Casual Vacancy. The Chairman welcomed Mr W.E.H. Francis, who had been coopted to the Council, owing to the resignation of Mr R.F. Vincent.

The Members were most perturbed (*sic*) to hear a letter **64.** read from the County Surveyor, relating to a Request for a 40 M.P.H Speed Limit, to be imposed through the Village of Faulkland, in which it stated that the County had considered all the points raised in connection to the request, but the need for a Speed Limit did not comply with the Ministry of Transport requirements for the following reasons.

- (1) The nature of the road precludes high Speed.
- (2) 85 Percentile Speed of Vehicles Too Low
- (3) Low Accident Record.

Members expressed their deep regret at the Countys decision and felt that there should be no reason why they should have to wait for a high accident record before a Speed Limit was imposed, however, the Members decided to keep an eye on the situation in the future, and meanwhile the Clerk was instructed to write to the Surveyor stating the Councils Observations at such a disappointing decision.

Playing Field Fence. A report from the Faulkland Football Club stated that they would cooperate with the Council in erecting the playing field fence.

Laverton ditch. Mr Hendy reported that he had met a Representative of the F.R.D.C. on the site at Laverton, regarding the unsatisfactory ditch and he was satisfied that something would be done in due course.

It was noted that the Hardington Bus Shelter had now been demolished, and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Buckland Parish Council thanking them for allowing us to be able to keep the Shelter in their Parish for our Parishoners (*sic*) use.

Travelling Allowances. A proposal by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy that Members should claim Travelling expenses was unanimously accepted.

Precept. The amount of Precept required for the forthcoming Year was discussed, and proposed by K.W. Long, seconded by T.H. Hendy, that £50 be included in the application, and approved.

65. White Line. Lack of Grit. Blocked Sink. The Clerk reported that the double White Line at Hemington was covered over with Mud and Gravel, and the sink in Bishop St was blocked, and Mr W.F.H. Francis reported the need of Grit for Hemington in bad weather, and the Clerk was instructed to report this to the Surveyor.

Street Lighting 1971/72. A reply from the County Surveyor, as a result to an inquiry, whether Faulkland would be included in the 1971/72 street Lighting Estimates, stated that Confirmation will be sent on this when the estimates for 1971/72 has (*sic*) been finalised.

Cheques were prepared in favour to Messrs Clutons, Village Hall Committee, Hadden & Best, T.H. Hendy, G. Loader, and the Annual Assembly arranged for March 31st.

Signed E.A. Green March 31st 1971

The Annual Assembly for the parish of Hemington was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on March 31st 1971. Mr E.A. Green presided, plus Members of the Council and 2 parishoners (*sic*), Mr A. Mundy and the Rector, the Rev A.G. Durston, but apologies were received from Mrs Mundy and Mrs J. Horler.

Accounts. The Clerk gave a Financial Statement on the parish Council Accounts of which showed a balance of £118.84 and Mr E.A. Green gave a Financial Statement on the Village Hall Accounts, of which showed a balance amounting to £122.32, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by C.H. Wilkins, that both accounts be accepted, and approved unanimously.

Bamphylde Charities. The Rector then gave a statement on the Annual distribution of the Bamphylde Charities, in which he stated that 44 Grants had been allocated to needy people, making a Total of £31.50, he also expressed his appreciation to the trustees for their Cooperation, and in reply, the Chairman expressed **66.** the Councils appreciation to the Rector for his interest in the distribution.

Councils efforts. The Chairman gave a brief report on the Councils efforts and activities during the past year, stating some had been successful, and some unsuccessful, but the Council intended to continue their efforts in the unsuccessful ones, to the utmost of their ability.

Local Government Reorganisation. The Local Government reorganisation was also discussed at the parish Meeting, thus allowing parishioners (*sic*) the freedom to express their views on the proposed changes, but after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion, and also the Councils opinion of the Satisfactory Administration, of which we are receiving from the Somerset County Council, and the position of which we should be presented with, if the Governments proposals were implemented, the general feeling was, that the right approach, to this in the beginning, would be, to propose, that the boundaries remain, as they are, whereby granting us the freedom to remain in Somerset, and unanimously approved.

Bus Connections. A letter was to hand and read from Mrs Mundy, on the situation of connection of the Bus Service at Terry Hill cross Roads, and also of extending the Bristol to Frome Route to Faulkland, if possible, a final decision being reached, that the Bus Company be notified of the irregular connections, and the extended route, to be as suggestion No 1, only if the present service to Faulkland expires.

Advance signs at Terry Hill. Mr A. Mundy also raised the question of difficulty arising at Terry Hill crossroads, by Lorry drivers, and Motorists, as a result to the effort of being unable to obtain the advance Road Signs, and it was therefore proposed by W.H. F. Francis, seconded by A. Mundy to renew the Application again, pointing out the difficulties arising, and approved.

The Chairman expressed a vote of thanks to the parishioners (*sic*) for their Interest, and to the Members of the Council, and the Clerk for their support during the past Year.

Signed E.A. Green May 25th 1971.

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

Street Lighting. The Members were again disappointed at a letter from the 67. County Surveyor, stating that because of the Stringent financial situation, the application could not be included in their estimates for 1971-72 programme.

Capital Programme. The Capital Programme, for Local Schemes, was discussed, and the Councils view being that they had no interest of any big forthcoming project, except for their interest in a piece of Land near the Village Hall.

Common Registration Act 1965 objection Withdrawn. Regarding to the claim of 5ft of grass verge alongside the Village Green at Faulkland, by the Highway Authority, the parish Council finally decided to withdraw the objection to the claim after a proposal put forward (*sic*) by K.W. Long, seconded by T.H. Hendy, and unanimously approved.

White Line at Hemington. Matters relating to the irregular Refuse Collection were being dealt with, and agreed to send a letter to the Surveyor, regarding to the visibility (*sic*) on the give Way Sign at Hemington.

Mr L.V. Francis and C.H. Wilkins agreed to attend the Quarterly meeting at Henstridge on April 20th.

Complaint on the Footpaths. Complaints were also to hand regarding footpaths in the parish, whereby the Clerk agreed to inspect and report to the next meeting.

Signed E.A. Green May 25th 71.

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Tues. May 25th 1971. Members present were L.V. Francis, K.W. Long, C.H. Wilkins, E.A. Green and T.H. Hendy.

Mr E.A. Green was re-elected Chairman, for the Tenth Year in succession, this being proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, and it was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by L.V. Francis, that C.H. Wilkins be re-elected Vice-Chairman, for the Tenth Year, this being unanimously approved.

The minutes were read and also approved.

68. Advance Road Signs. A letter from the divisional Surveyor stated that he had passed the parish Councils application for advance signs at Terry Hill cross roads to the County Surveyor, for the Appropriate (*sic*) Committee's decision.

obstructions on Public Rights of Way. The Clerk stated he had recently surveyed the footpaths, recently complained of, and found several obstructions, on both paths, and after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on this subject, it was proposed by T.H. Hendy and unanimously approved, that the Clerk write to all Landowners and Tenants, concerned, appealing them, to cooperate with the Council, in the necessary repairs to Stiles etc. and stating that this repair is not the duty of the Parish Council, although they have the power to do so, and also, if they would kindly cooperate with the removal of any existing obstruction.

Re-Affiliation (*sic*). The meeting also decided to re-affiliate (*sic*) to the Association of Parish Councils, amounting to £2, with a donation to the Association of 50N.p., and to renew the Insurance Premium of £10.76, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by K.W. Long, and approved, to increase the Insurance on the village Hall to £4,500, the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

Path adjacent to Village Pond. A letter was read from the divisional Surveyor stating he would be prepared to re-instate the footpath Adjacent to the village pond at Faulkland, and also propose a Fence, if the Parish Council approved, to which the Council raised no objection to the re-instatement of the Path, and a plan, for the direction of fencing.

Kiosk at Terry Hill. The meeting also decided to write to the Telephone Authority with a View to removing the Telephone Kiosk at Terry Hill nearer to the Cottages.

Seats on the Green. irregular Collection of Refuse. It was also decided to have the seats on the village Green repaired, and painted, and the Clerk to deal with the irregular collection of Refuse at the Knoll, and also **69.** the Clerk to approach the Divisional Surveyor, with a View to cutting the Grass on the Village Green.

Signed E.A. Green July 19th 1971.

The Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Monday July 19th 1971.

A full Council was in attendance, with the exception of L.V. Francis, who was excused, as being away.

Mr E.A. Green presided, and the minutes being read and approved.

advance Signs at Terry Hill. As there was no reply to the Application for advance Road signs at Terry Hill Cross Roads, the Clerk was instructed to write again for a reply

Members were also pleased to hear from the Telephone Manager stating he would look into the Councils request, regarding the re-siting of the Telephone Kiosk at Terry Hill.

Fencing of the Village Pond. A letter from the Surveyor, regarding the fencing of the Village Pond, and repair to the footpath, adjacent to it, stated that in his opinion, a Concrete Posts and Rail Fence would be the most simplest (*sic*) solution, this leaving an 18in Gap, suitable for Pedestrians, but insufficient for Cattle, to which the Council approved, but requested Oak Posts, preferably, to Concrete, with metal straps for the Tubes.

Public right of Way. The Council were also delighted to hear that some obstructions had been removed, and trust that the Cooperation would continue.

Appreciation was expressed at the collection of Refuse being returned to the Knoll, Faulkland.

Repair to Seats on Village Green. An account to hand from K.I. Pitman, was settled for repair, and painting 2 Seats on the Village Green, this being proposed by W.H.F. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, and approved. The meeting also agreed to report the difficulty arising at the Faulkland Kiosk on many occasions.

70. A Copy of the observations submitted by the Rural District Council to the Department of Environment was read, and approved, the Clerk was instructed to express the Councils appreciation, for receipt of the Copy. The Clerk was also instructed to write to the Divisional Surveyor on the question of repair to two Footbridges at Hemington.

Insurance on Village Hall. It was noted that the Insurance on the village Hall and Contents had now been increased to £500 for Contents, and £5,000 on the village Hall.

Signed E.A. Green Sept 16th 1971.

The Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Thursday Sept 16th 1971.

Mr E.A. Green presided, and the following members were present, Mr L.V. Francis, K.W. Long, T.H. Hendy, C.H. Wilkins, W.H. F. Francis, and the Clerk G. Loader. The minutes being read, and accepted.

Re signs at Terry Hill. A letter from the County Divisional Surveyor stated that the request for advance Road Signs at the Terry Hill junction could not be carried out yet, owing to the lack of Finance at the present time, and that those with bad accident records would be granted priority, the members, being disappointed at such a reply, instructed the Clerk to write again, to see if the matter could be brought forward (*sic*), or influenced in any way, also inquire if the pavements could be brushed off at Faulkland before the sweeper came around, this being approved.

Cleaning out of Village Pond and Refencing and general improvement. Appreciation was expressed on the cleaning out of the Village Pond by K.W. Long, E.A. Green and R.M. Penney, the Contractor, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, to settle the contractors account for £11.41, and it was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by L.V. Francis, to pay Mr Green, and Mr Long £7 each for the hire of Tractor and Traitors (*sic!*), in assisting the Contractor, and unanimously approved. The Council also noted with appreciation the Fencing of the village Pond, by the Surveyor, and the general improvement in the Cottages, adjacent to the Island, by Mr G.D. Thomas, the contractor, **71.** but the Council decided that the Clerk record for future Reference that the Highway Authority are only responsible for length of road from the A366 to the end of Bishop St, the remainder of the road adjacent to the Pond Cottages is the responsibility of the Contractor G.D. Thomas, whom, we understand is receiving an Annual Increment for any such repair to the road, and also the Island adjacent to the Cottages, and also it is imperative to record that a Public footpath still exists, on the road, of which the Highway authority normally claims a 3 ft width, this being unanimously approved.

Proposed Refuse Tip at Terry Hill. A letter from the clerk of the Rural District Council, in reply to the recent Objection, put forward (*sic*) by the Parish Council, in respect to the proposed Site, for a Refuse disposal at Terry Hill, stated that the Committee will be recommended not to approve the Proposal.

Financial aid for Rural Bus Services. A letter was read, in Respect to the Transport Act 1968, determining the Financial Aid for Rural Bus Services, and the Clerk stated he had attended a meeting at the R.D.C. Offices, on Sept 1st, but he was afraid there would be some severe cuts to some services, however, it was felt, that if it was to (*sic*) severe, a Mini Bus Service, would be most probably the answer, but it was agreed to wait for further details.

Kiosk at Terry Hill. A reply from the Post Office Telephone office, stated they had considered the Councils request for the removal of the Kiosk at Terry Hill, but owing to the advantages of a Layby, and and (*sic*) additional Revenue, they felt nothing could be gained, in the removal, but thank the Parish Council for their Interest.

Overgrowth in Hollowpit Lane. It was also proposed by K.W. Long, seconded by T.H. Hendy, to settle an account to hand, amounting to £2.50, in favour to Tilhill Forestry Ltd, for cutting the overgrowth through Hollowpit Lane, and to the Clerk for District Audit Stamp for 1970-71, amounting to £2, and unanimously approved, and also half Years allotment and playing field Rent.

72. Playing Field Hedge. In the meantime the Clerk was instructed to approach Mr Snook, regarding the cutting of the playing Field Hedge.

Request for diversion of Footpath. A letter from Messrs Cluttons, requested the Parish Councils permission to divert a footpath at the Knoll, near Rosscombe Wood, in preference to repairing the existing Stile, but the Council agreed they had not the power for any diversion, and further suggest that the Stile be repaired.

Presentation to F.A. Goodliffe. A Letter was to hand from the Chairman of the Association of Parish Councils stating that General Secretary was about to Retire, therefore would the parish Council agree to a small donation towards a presentation, and it was proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy to donate 50p, and unanimously approved.

Signed E.A. Green Dec 15th 1971.

The Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed Dec 15th 1971.

Mr E.A. Green Presided and was supported by a full Council, with the exception of W.H.F. Francis, who had kindly sent an Apology.

Advance Road Signs at Terry Hill. The minutes being read, and accepted as read, but the Council was again disappointed at the reply to the unanimous requests for the proposed advance Road Signs at the Terry Hill Cross Roads, which stated that, what money is available, for road Signing, is being spent, where Traffic Flows are greatest, and worse accident records.

Proposed New Bus Service. The Council was also in receipt of a New revised Bus Service, to services 185 and 186, a view being reached, that the service would not be very beneficial, and the support would not reduce the Subsidy in any way.

Playing Field Fence. As the fencing of the Playing Field had not been met with full Cooperation, it was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by L.V. Francis, that Mr Green be asked to Complete the work, and unanimously approved.

Diversion of Footpath. A request to hand for the Proposed diversion of a Public footpath was discussed, and although the Council have no **73.** Powers granted to them for such a request, it was decided that the applicant apply to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority, on condition that a New Stile was erected in a suitable Position, to give access to the Proposed new right of Way.

Obstructions of Right of Way. A letter was to hand requesting the parish Council to inspect the following Bridle Paths, (namely) Marrow Pole Lane (FR.6/25, Charlton to Chickwell Lane (FR. 6/21), Tenants field Lane FR. 6/31, and Bridle Path FR6/26. The Clerk and Chairman stated they had visited the Paths in question, and found several Obstructions and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Tenants and Landowners, seeking their Cooperation, and it was left to T.H. Hendy to inquire into the Position at Marrow Pole Lane.

Part IV of the Public Health Act, 1890. With reference to the Licencing (*sic*) of the Faulkland Village Hall, for Music, Dancing, and entertainment, etc, of which the Secretary of State had recently declared, under the Public Health Act, 1890 Part IV, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Clerk of the Justices inquiring as to whether it would effect (*sic*) our Local Village Hall.

Local Government Planning Bill. The meeting also unanimously decided that the Clerk write to the Secretary of State for the environment and to the Local Member of Parliament, asking that every Parish, or Community Council, be entitled to be Consulted on Planning Applications, this was felt to be more necessary, under the Local Government Planning Bill because of the Sparsity (*sic*) of the New Rural Representation.

Precept. The amount required under Precept for the forthcoming Year was settled for £70, after a proposition of L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, and approved.

It was also decided to ask Mr Snook about cutting the overgrowth in Grove Lane, and also report the state of the Road, at Laverton, to the Surveyor, for his attention.

Signed E.A. Green March 1st 1972.

74. Owing to the difficulties arising from heat and lighting, the Members of the Hemington Parish Council met at the Home of the Clerk.

Mr E.A. Green presided, with the support of a full Council, with the exception of Mr W.H.F. Francis, who had kindly sent an Apology.

The minutes were read and unanimously accepted.

Experimental 8 week operation of Bus Service. Arising first on the Minutes were Bus Service 185 and 186, to which letters to hand were read, stating that major reductions in these services is (*sic*) long overdue, since they only cover about a third of their operating Costs, and the Wednesday service appears to earn more than the Saturday service, but in view of the general decline to these services it is doubtful whether the Saturday operation will be well supported in the long term, however, since only an eight week experimental operation is proposed at Present, the Saturday morning service could be retained, if this was the wish of the Council and Public concerned, but it is imperative to appreciate that the County Council will endeavour to maintain shopping services from Faulkland and District, Provided there is reasonable support for them.

Public Rights of Way. Licencing (*sic*) of Village Halls for Music etc. Appreciation was expressed on the Cooperation received from the attention to obstructions on certain Public rights of Way, and a letter from the Clerk of the Justices, on the Public Health Act, Part IV, 1890 relating to licencing (*sic*) of Village Halls, for Music, dancing, etc stated that, in all Probability a licence may not be needed for the Faulkland Village Hall.

Terry Hill Cross Roads. In view of the recent accidents at the Terry Hill cross Roads, and the continuous applications for advance Road Signs, Mr Francis reported the possibility of improvement on the Kilmersdon and Faulkland side.

Local Planning Bill. A reply from the M.P. for the Wells division, in a reply that Parish Councils should be informed of any Local Planning Applications, stated that the Government is sympathetic to the wish of Parish Councils, and in this respect, however, they want to introduce suitable provision, when an Appropriate (*sic*) Bill is before the House, and not in the Local Government Bill.

Further obstructions were reported and decided to be dealt with, and **75.** Mr T. Hendy reported the state of the road surface at Laverton a decision reached that the matter be reported.

Pump Hous (*sic*) at Faulkland. The meeting also agreed to look into the state of the Old Pump House at Bishop Street, Faulkland, with a view to Preservation.

Accounts. Accounts were settled in favour to J. Snook for £5.25 Faulkland Village Hall Committee to £3.75, Allotment Rent, and Playing field, £4.25, to the Clerk £20, and £3.20 expenses, and L.V. Francis £3.64 for Travelling expenses.

The Annual Assembly was arranged for Tuesday March 28th.

Signed E.A. Green 27 March 1972.

The Annual Hemington Assembly was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Tuesday March 28th 1972.

Mr E.A. Green presided, and apologies were received from Mr and Mrs Mundy, and C.H. Wilkins.

Other members Present were L.V. Francis, T.H. Hendy, K.W. Long, W.H.F. Francis, and one Parishoner (*sic*) Present, this being the Rector the Rev A.G. Durston.

Financial Statement. The Clerk gave a Financial Statement on the Accounts of the Parish Council, of which showed a Satisfactory Balance amounting to £85.22, and the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee gave a Statement of Accounts on the Village Hall showing a Balance amounting to £176.79 to date. Both Accounts being unanimously accepted.

Bamphylde Charities. The Rector gave a Statement on the existing Bamphylde Charities, and stated that 45 Grants had been allocated to various People in the Parish, he also thanked the Representatives of the Council, and Mr W.H.F. Francis, for their Support, and in response Mr Hendy Thanked the Rector for his Cooperation, and also for carrying out the distribution.

The Chairman gave an interesting report on the many improvements brought about during the Past Year, all of which is (*sic*) already recorded, some being successful, and some held in abeyance, for future consideration.

76. He also stated that, with the Cooperation of the Surveyor, many road surfaces had been improved, and expressed a Vote of Thanks to the Clerk, and Councillors, and to the Rector for his attendance and Interest.

A Parish Council meeting followed, in which the minutes were read and unanimously adopted.

Street Lighting. A letter from the County Surveyor was again received with disappointment stated that they were unable to consider the Councils request for a Street Lighting Scheme for the Village of Faulkland to be included in the 1972-73 Programme, however, it was finally decided that the Chairman, and Clerk, inquire into further information, regarding a Local Scheme.

Road Surface and overgrowth. The Clerk was also instructed to write to the divisional Surveyor regarding the state of the road from Tuckers Grave, to Chickwell Cross roads, and also inquire into the Responsibility for the cutting of overgrowth, near the Waterfall at Hemington.

Diversion of Public Footpath. A Request for the diversion of a Footpath No. 6/36, at Foxcote was considered, in which no Objection was raised, and the Clerk was instructed to reply accordingly.

Dutch Elm disease. The Members also agreed to keep under Observation, the possibility of any Dutch Elm disease, within the Parish.

Signed E.A. Green May 18th 1972.

The Annual Meeting of the Hemington Parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Thursday May 18th 1972.

Chairman. After a proposal by T.H. Hendy, seconded by L.V. Francis, and Approved, Mr E.A. Green was re-elected Chairman, for the eleventh Year in succession, and Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by L.V. Francis, that Mr C.H. Wilkins, be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the eleventh Year in succession and Approved unanimous.

Tribute to W.H.F. Francis. The meeting stood in silence, as a Token of respect to the late Mr W.H.F. Francis, who had been a Parish Councillor for the Past 15 Months, and had for many Years, to (*sic*) Part in many **77.** organisations, both in and out of the parish, the general feeling among members, that his services would be missed in many Ways.

Casual Vacancy. As a result to this, a Vacancy had now occurred, and the Clerk was instructed to declare the Vacancy, as widely as Possible, stating that Applications to be made in writing to the Clerk, not later than June 25th, 1972.

It was noted with Appreciation, that the lane from Tuckers Grave to Chickwell Cross Roads had now received attention.

Proposed Street Lighting. Quotations, and Positions, for a Proposed Local Street Lighting Scheme, for Faulkland, Hemington, Terry Hill and Turners Tower, then met with lengthy (*sic*) discussion, but finally decided to Pass the matter to the County Council for their Approval, and furthermore the Clerk was instructed to make a few more inquiries regarding the effect this would have on the Ratepayers, also to notify the Southern Electricity Board, and inquire the Possibility of a Representative to attend, if and when a Public Meeting is arranged.

Public Right of Way. The Clerk stated he had wrote (*sic*) a letter to Mr R. Applegate, of Norton St Phillips, on the question of the Barbed Wire Obstruction, at the end of Marrow Pole Lane, kindly asking for his Cooperation to remove same, but he had not replied, but sent his brother, who was not very Cooperative, and stated they were not Prepared to move the Obstruction, the Clerk was therefore instructed to Pass the Matter to the Frome R.D.C. for their attention, and see Mr Clay regarding his Obstruction.

Refuse Tip. It was also agreed to write to the Norton-Radstock U.D.C. regarding the obstruction, of Earth, on the footpath at the Temporary Refuse Tip, at Terry Hill, and make inquiries to the Final Restoration of the Path.

It was also proposed by K.W. Long, seconded by T.H. Hendy and approved, to renew the Affiliation (*sic*) fee £2, to the Association of Parish Councils, and the Renewal of Premiums for the General Compact Insurance amounting to £17.49.

Members Present were E.A. Green, C.H. Wilkins, T.H. Hendy, 78. L.V. Francis and K.W. Long.

Signed C.H. Wilkins.

Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed July 13th 1972. Members present were C.H. Wilkins, K.W. Long, L.V. Francis, Apologies were received from T.H. Hendy, and E.A. Green, but Mr Green arrived for the latter part of the meeting.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr C.H. Wilkins, the Vice-Chairman presided, the minutes being read and unanimously accepted.

Casual Vacancy. Arising from the minutes chiefly, was the Casual Vacancy, of which had recently been declared for one Month, and one Application to hand was accepted, from Mrs N. Mundy, and upon invitation received, Mrs Mundy was present, and welcomed by the presiding Chairman, and fellow Councillors, and it was noted, that the Hemington Parish Council, came into being, on January 4th 1895, and according to records, Mrs Mundy, will be the second Lady Councillor to serve on the parish Council.

Proposed Street Lighting. It was noted, that since the last meeting, a letter from the County Surveyor, had stated that the Proposed Street Lighting, for Faulkland, and district, did not comply with the County Councils requirements, therefore, a site visit, between the Electricity Board, and the Lighting Engineer, from the County Council, had to be arranged. As a result to this, the further report stated, that many additional Lights, would be required, if the Parish Council desire the County Council to take over the Responsibility of the Lighting Scheme, also the Revised Scheme, and Estimate, from the Southern Electricity Board, was to hand, and Presented to the Council, for Consideration, to which the Members realized, that the revised Scheme, and the extra costs of which it would involve, had now confronted them with a very difficult Task, one of which needed careful consideration. However, it was proposed by Mrs Mundy, seconded by Mr L.V. Francis, that Notices for a Public Meeting, to be displayed 79. in every conspicuous Place, and also advertise for 2 weeks previous to the arranged Meeting, in the Local Press, and the Clerk was instructed to notify the County Surveyor, and Electricity Board accordingly.

Public Rights of Way. Letters, from the Clerk to the Rural District Council, relating to the obstructions on Public Rights of Way, stated that the Contents had been noted, and were receiving attention, and letters from the Radstock Urban Council, on the question of Restoration to the Public footpath, at the Terry Hill Refuse Tip, appeared to be satisfactory.

Capital Programmes. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, to the R.D.C. on any new Schemes the Council had in mind for 1973-74 was discussed, the result being that no large Schemes had been arranged, but Mr E.A. Green thought, that the Council might consider, for future Reference, the possibility of making the Top portion of the Village Green, into a Car Parking Area, for the convenience of Parking Cars, for visitors to the village Hall, to which, it was agreed to keep the Subject in mind.

Registration of the Village Green. A letter was to hand and read, from the Clerk of the Commons Commission stating, that Notes of Reference to Unclaimed Land, Reference No 32/U/40, Register Unit No V.G. 15, namely, The Faulkland Village Green, would in due course be heard by the Commons Commission.

Pot Holes, Pump House, and overgrowth. It was agreed, that the Hollowpit, and Grove Lane receive attention to the overgrowth, and report the numerous Pot-holes in the Chickwell, and Browns Lane, and review the position of the Preservation of the Old Pump House, in Bishop St Faulkland.

Signed E.A. Green Sept 25th 1972.

80. A Parish Council Meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Monday Sept 25th 1972. A full Council was in attendance, and Mr E.A. Green Presided, the minutes being read and accepted.

Street Lighting 1972. The main item arising, was the Proposed Street Lighting programme, of which was discussed at full length, and a full agenda on this Subject, was Prepared, suitable for the Chairman to Present to the Meeting of Local Government Electors, arranged for Wednesday Sept 27th.

Footpath FR6/25. Regarding the Bridle Way Obstruction FR6/25 from Laverton Lane, to Norton St Phillip, a letter from the R.D.C. stated that Officers of the Council had been asked to investigate the obstruction, with a view to requiring the owner to remove same.

It was noted with appreciation that the pot holes, and overgrowth, recently complained of, had received attention.

Refuse Tip at Terry Hill. Mrs Mundy, thought that on some occasions (*sic*), the disposal of Waste Paper etc, on the highway, from open Lorries, appeared to be a nuisance, to which Members agreed, and finally decided that the Clerk write to Norton-Radstock Council on the matter.

Footpath 6/27 at the Knoll. A footpath diversion Order was to hand 6/27 at the Knoll Faulkland, and discussed, with a view, that the Council had no further comment, to make, as agreement between the two Parties had recently been agreed.

Bus Service 367. A new time table on the alteration of times, of Service 367, from Bristol to Frome, and the withdrawal of some Buses, was discussed with a View, that the New Service, would have unfortunately have to be accepted, the Clerk stated he would write for additional timetables on the Service, but regarding the Service No 186 from Faulkland to Bath, via Kilmersdon, this appeared to be unsatisfactory, and a letter from Mrs A Robbins, was to hand complaining of the service, the fact being that the service was satisfactory to getting to Bath, but the period allowed for shopping, appeared to be under the hour, for a return journey to Faulkland, and on a later return from Bath, difficulty was experienced, in getting from Radstock to Faulkland, and it was decided, that the Clerk write to the Bus Co **81**, inquiring if it was Possible for a later return.

Quarrying in Somerset. On the Circular, and letter, requesting the Councils views on Quarrying in Somerset, the Clerk stated, he had replied, stating the Councils views, on this Subject, taking into consideration the Views, with the Majority.

Tree Planting in 1973. The Councils views on this Subject, was that they would support the Committees Views, if land was available for Tree Planting, but advise them to get in touch with Landowners.

Cheques were Prepared in favour to the Clerk for £2 in respect to 1971-72 Audit Stamp, Wessex Newspapers Ltd for advert in Press for 2 Weeks for £1.80, and to The Association of Parish Councils for 25p.

Hire of Playing Field. Appreciation was expressed to the Chairman for the letting of the Recreation Field for the Football Season, to the Rodden United A.F.C., and a Cheque was to hand for same for £20.

Signed E.A. Green Dec 13th 1972.

Street Lighting 1972. Street Lighting Sept 1972.

A Public Meeting, of Local Government Electors, was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wednesday September 27th 1972, to grant the People the opportunity, to discuss with the Parish Council, the possibility, to introduce Street Lighting in the Villages of Faulkland, Hemington, Turners Tower, and Terry Hill.

About 21 Local Government Electors attended the Meeting. This number included Members of the Parish Council, and the Chairman, and Clerk.

Mr E.A. Green Presided, and outlined the Schedule to hand, of which had been Approved by the Southern Electricity Board, and the Highway Authority, of the Somerset County Council.

The Chairman Put forward (*sic*) the details, from the quotation which had recently been submitted, by the Electricity Board and quoted the extra rate of which this would involve. **82.** The Price for Faulkland for 20 Lights with 100 Watt Tungsten Lamps was £818.00, and with 80 Watt Mercury Vapour Lamps, £1017.00.

Hemington, with 7 100 Watt Tungsten Lamps £309.00, but with 80 Watt Mercury Vapour Lamps £378.00.

Terry Hill, with 4 100 Watt Tungsten Lamps £153.00, but with 80 Watt Mercury Vapour Lamps £190.

Turners Tower with 5 100 Watt Tungsten Lamps £191.00, but with 80 Watt Mercury Lamps, £240.

The above Quotation, is Subject to the Terms, and Conditions, Laid down by the Electricity Board, and the underground supply, to the additional 9 Columns, would be subject to a Separate Quotation.

The Chairman stated the Amounts of which would have to be borne by the Ratepayers, at the Product of a Penny Rate, for the Parish being only £80. It was noted that the Parish, would have to pay for installation, and the County Council, would be responsible for the Consumption, and Maintenance, with the exception of Turners Tower. The Chairman, then Put the Subject to the Parishioners (*sic*) for their Views.

Mr Matthews, and Mr D. Perkins, thought that Hemington, Terry Hill, and Turners Tower, were not in need of Street Lighting, but they thought Faulkland was in need of a Lighting System, and they would be willing to support a Scheme, for Faulkland, as they felt, this would help Road Safety, and Mr Colby, stated, that if Faulkland was to have a Lighting System, he would hope, we should have one of a good Class, and not as he had seen in some places. However, after a lengthy (*sic*) debate on the Subject, the Chairman asked for a Show Of Hands, for those who thought we needed some form of Street Lighting, this being supported by 5 Votes, and for those who thought we did not need Street Lighting at this Stage, was supported by 14 Votes, and 2 Abstained.

Mr L.V. Francis expressed a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman and the Clerk, for all the work they had Put into this, and the Chairman thanked all the Parishioners (*sic*), for their Attendance and Interest.

Signed E.A. Green Dec 13th 1972

83. Hemington Parish Council again met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed Dec 13th 1972, when Members Present were: Mrs N. Mundy, L.V. Francis, K.W. Long, C.H. Wilkins and E.A. Green, who Presided, and an Apology was received from T.H. Hendy. The minutes being read, and accepted as read. The first item arising was, a letter to hand, as a result to the Complaint, of litter on the highway at the Terry Hill Refuse Tip, in which was stated that every effort would be taken, to abate any further nuisance, but members were still dissatisfied (*sic*), of the amount still escaping on many Occasions (*sic*), and Mr Francis, stated that complaints had been sent, on behalf of the Frome R.D.C. however it was decided that Mr Francis consult Mr G.C. Hughes for further comments on the Subject.

Proposals for a slight improvement to Bus Service 186. Letters were to hand from the Clerks of the R.D.C. and Somerset County Councils, with suggestions of most Probably slight improvements to the Bus Service 186, from Faulkland to Bath, via Kilmersdon, and Radstock, and after considering the contents, the Members agreed to put forward (*sic*) the following suggestions for consideration, that if the 0832 from Faulkland on Saturdays, could be extended beyond Radstock to Bath arriving at about 0926, and the 1150 journey from Bath could be Provided, as on Wednesdays, this would allow a suitable time for shopping in Bath, but whether this would be to long for shopping in Radstock, this would have to be Proved, but this suggestion would naturally have to warrant a return journey to Faulkland at about 1005 hrs. but members agreed that the Patronage to the 186 Service, did not warrant a very big improvement.

Meeting at Trull. The Clerk and Chairman gave a Report on the meeting of Parish Council Clerks and Chairmen, held at Trull near Taunton, on Saturday Nov 18th, commencing at 11.30 AM on the Subjects of Local Government Act 1972, and district Reorganisation, and it was Proposed by L.V. **84.** Vincent, seconded by K.W. Long, to Pay the Clerk and Chairmans expenses for attendance, amounting to £5, this being unanimously approved.

Warding Proposals for District No 2. Under the Proposed Local Government reorganisation, Warding Proposals for district No 2 were discussed, when the members agreed to Put forward (*sic*) the following Proposals, for District No 2, as follows for Consideration. That we, as Members of the Hemington Parish Council, after taking into account the distances, the Geographical consideration, Nos. of Electors, Population etc, do herewith observe, to Submit to You, that the following 4 Parishes, be Put forward (*sic*) for future Consideration. 1. Hemington, 2. Buckland Dinham, 3. Lullington, and 4. Norton St Phillips, trusting that this Proposal will be granted Consideration.

Precept £120. The Meeting discussed the amount required under Precept for 1973-74, and it was Proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by Mrs Mundy that Application be made for £120, and unanimously Approved.

It was also decided to repair the Parish Council Notice Board.

A Cheque was also Prepared in favour to Hadden Best Ltd amounting to £2.35

Signed E.A. Green March 2nd 1973

The Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Saturday March 2nd 1973, under the Chairmanship of Mr E.A. Green, the following members being Present, L.V. Francis, T.H. Hendy, K.W. Long, but an Apology was received from C.H. Wilkins, who unfortunately, was indisposed. The minutes were read, and unanimously accepted as read.

Bus Service 186. Arising chiefly were the revised Bus Service, and the Warding Proposals for district No. 2, however, both appeared to be satisfactory, it was hoped the former, would prove to be successful.

Warding of Parishes. It was noted with appreciation, that the proposed scheme for Warding of parishes, (as stated in the Previous minutes) have been provisionally Put forward (*sic*), and in all probability will be accepted.

As Mrs Mundy, had unfortunately left the village of Faulkland, the members were confronted with no alternative, but to accept her resignation, after serving as a Councillor for only a few Months **85.** as it was decided that the Clerk write to her, thanking her for her Services, not only to the Parish Council, but to the various organisations to which she served so well, and the Council decided to declare the vacancy until March 31st.

Assistance in respect to heating. A Circular from the Clerk of the R.D.C., stated that Financial assistance is available, for People, in need, of Heating, or assistance to pay for heating, and the Clerk was instructed to make application for the necessary Leaflets, and inquire into the position of any needy cases.

Best Kept Village Competition. The Council also decided to enter the best kept village Competition, naming the Village of Faulkland for the contest, but the Council felt, that it was imperative, to secure the support of as many Local people as possible.

Monster Lorries. On a Circular, from the National Association of Parish Councils, relating to the Monster Lorries, on British roads, from Europe, it was finally decided, that the Clerk, make representation, direct to the E.E.C. Commissioner for Transport, giving examples of damage done, by heavy Lorries in these Area's (*sic*), and that, if accepted, these should be restricted to the Motorways, as by roads are not built to meet these demands.

Tree planting Year 1973. Consideration, was given to Tree Planting Year 1973, but the Council felt, they had no scheme in mind, to implement at present, but would keep the Subject under observation.

Litter Receptables (*sic*). The meeting decided that the meeting at Wells, on the question of quarring (*sic*) in Somerset, and the Annual Conference at Weston-Super Mare, be represented.

Appreciation was expressed, at the action of the R.D.C. House Refuse Committee, to the emptying of all litter receptables (*sic*) used by Parish Councils.

Road direction Sign. A letter was to hand from a resident at Turners Tower, inquiring if some improvement could be made to the road Surface, adjoining the Highway, at Turners Tower, and Mr L.V. Vincent, requested, that the Clerk renew the application, for the Proposed Advance road directions, the Clerk being instructed **86**, to pass these requests to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority.

The Annual Assembly was arranged for Monday April 2nd.

Cheques were prepared, in favour to the Village Hall, for Meetings, £5.62, Hadden Best Ltd, £3.82, K.W. Long £3.00 for travelling expenses, Messrs Cluttons ½ years Allotment Rent, and Playing Field, and to the Clerk for Salary £20, and expenses £5.20.

Signed E.A. Green 2 April 1973.

The Annual Assembly for the Parish of Hemington was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Monday April 1st (*sic*) 1973.

Mr E.A. Green Presided, and was supported by L.V. Francis, K.W. Long, T.H. Hendy, G. Loader, the Clerk, and an Apology was received from C.H. Wilkins, who was unfortunately indisposed. Two Parishoners (*sic*) attended the meeting, Mrs Jean Horler, and the Rev A.G. Durston.

The Financial Statement of the Parish Council Accounts was declared by the Clerk, of which showed a satisfactory balance amounting to £107.51 and the Village Hall Accounts were declared by E.A. Green, the Hall Secretary, this also showed a satisfactory balance of £393.58 to date, and both accounts were unanimously accepted, after a Proposition from L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy.

The Rector gave a report on the distribution of the Bamphylde Charities, and stated that 40 Grants had been allocated, and the distribution completed, to what the Trustees, considered as needy cases, in the Parish, and he thanked the trustees, for their cooperation, to which the Chairman responded, by thanking the Rector for his Cooperation, and effort of distribution.

This was followed by the Chairmans remarks on the various efforts, of which the Council had recorded, and attained, during the past year, some of which had not been so successful, but most Probably would be borne **87**, in mind for further consideration.

In conclusion the Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their Consideration, and Cooperation, in the Council's efforts, and he also thanked Mrs Horler, and the Rector for their attendance and interest in the Parish affairs.

A Parish Council meeting followed, in which the minutes were read, and unanimously approved.

Council Vacancy. As a result to the declaration of the Vacancy on the Parish Council for one month, an Application was to hand, and read from Mrs Horler, for such Vacancy, and it was Proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy and approved unanimously to accept Mrs Horler as a Candidate, until such time as the Parish Councillors Term of Office was due to expire.

advance Road signs at Terry Hill. Regarding the recent request by L.V. Francis, to inquire if any Progress had been attained, in the Provision of Advance Road directions, at Terry Hill, a reply stated, that monies available for these Projects, were being spent on busier roads.

Old Pump House. The meeting also agreed, that some repairs be carried out to improve the appearance of the Old Pump House in Bishop St, Faulkland, this being left to the Chairman to make inquiries, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Head Teacher of the Hemington school, notifying her of the Councils intention to enter the Tidy Village Competition, and ask her to Put this to the children, and try to influence them, to keep the village concerned, free from litter during the months concerned.

Repair to Council Notice Board. The Clerk Presented the account to the Council for steel in connection to the repair to the Parish Council notice Board, amounting to £4.62 of which was approved, and a Cheque amounting to £5.50 was Prepared, allowing the Clerk 88p, for erection, and Painting etc.

Increase in Clerks Salary. The Clerk stated that as the duties of Clerks of Parish Councils was (*sic*) about to increase, under the New Reorganisation of Parish Councils, did the Council consider this was the **88**, time to review Clerks salary, and it was Proposed by T.H. Hendy seconded L.V. Francis to increase the Clerks Salary to £30 Per Annum as from March 31st 1973, and unanimously approved. Permission was also granted for the Clerk to rent 10 Perch of allotment.

Quarterly Meeting. On Monday April 24th 1973, the Somerset Association of Parish Councils, for the East Area, held their quarterly Meeting, at the Faulkland Village Hall, with a kind invitation from the Councillors for the Parish of Hemington. About 40 Members, attended the Meeting over which Mr F.N. Stacey Presided, and after general business concluded, Mr C.L. Keeler, the Minerals Officer, from the Somerset County Council, gave an address, illustrated with Slides, on the Subject, 'Quarrying in Somerset,' of which became very interested with a view, that in future, Consideration would be granted, in every Aspect, for the Preservation of the Countryside, in and around quarrying Areas.

Refreshments were served by Members Wives, and Councillors, from the Hemington Parish, to which the Chairman expressed a Vote of Thanks, to the Ladies concerned, and to Mr Keeler for his interesting address.

Apologies were received from Councillors E.A. Green, and C.H. Wilkins, and in the absence of Mr Green, Mr L.V. Francis welcomed the Guests.

Signed E.A. Green 12th June

The newly elected Members of the Hemington Parish Council, met in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Tuesday June 12th 1973, the Acceptance of Office being duly signed, and the Clerk welcomed both Old and New Members, the following being Present. Mrs J. Horler, L.V. Francis, T.H. Hendy, K.W. Long, E.A. Green and P. Francis.

Mr E.A. Green was again re-elected Chairman for the 13th year in succession, after being Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by L.V. Francis, and agreed unanimously.

89. It was also proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by Mrs J. Horler that L.V. Francis be accepted as Vice-Chairman this also being unanimously agreed.

The minutes were then read and accepted as read.

Old Pump House. The Chairman stated that he had made arrangements for the Old Pump House in Bishop Street, at Faulkland, to be Repaired, as consideration had been granted to its Preservation, at the previous meeting.

Diversion of Footpath no. 6/27 at the Knoll. It was noted with Appreciation, that the diversion Order, for No. 6/27 footpath at the Corner of the Wood, between the Knoll and Hassage Farm, had now been completed, the Clerk stating he had recently visited the site in question, and was Pleased to report on the 2 new Stiles erected.

Re Appointment of Managers. The two Managers, appointed by the Parish Council, who are at Present serving on the School Managing body of the Hemington Primary School, agreed to extend their Appointments, as Appropriate (*sic*) to 31st March 1974, and it was Proposed by L.V. Francis seconded by Mrs Horler that the Representation serving on the Bamphylyde Charities, extend their Appointments to the similar Period, and agreed. Mr P. Francis, T. Hendy, and the Clerk agreed to attend the quarterly meeting at Beckington on July 3rd.

Footpath at Laverton, Norton St Phillip. FR/6/25. The obstructions on the two footpaths, in the Norton St Phillip Laverton Area, were discussed, with a View to meeting the owner on the site, discussing the matter with him, the Clerk then to report accordingly. The Clerk reported that he had repaired the seats, and Painted them, on the Village Green, to which an Account was Produced, and it was Proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by P. Francis to settle this account amounting to £5, and agreed.

Pruning of the chestnut Trees. A letter was to hand and read from Mr R.E. Rawlings inquiring of the Appropriate (*sic*) Procedures, concerning the Pruning of the Chestnut Trees on the Village Green, and it was agreed that Mr Hendy, approach Mr Ross, with an invitation to meet the Council, on the site, for his expert Advice on the Subject.

It was also Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by P. Francis 90. to settle the account in favour to L.V. Francis, and the Clerk, for the days expenses for attendance at the Technical College at Weston-Super-Mare on Sat April 14th, the Clerk claiming £2 and L.V. Francis £2, and agreed.

Seat at Turners Tower. A letter was to hand from a Turners Tower Resident, requesting the removal of the Roadside Seat, to the near side of the Cottages, to avoid the dangers arising in crossing the road, the Council felt it was worth consideration, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Surveyor, seeking his Views, and at the same time, report on the Pot holes at Laverton, and inquire, to the delay of the Grass Cutting in the Area. Members were also unanimously in favour to Renewing the insurance Premium of £17.89, and Re-Affiliation (*sic*) to the Association of Parish Councils amounting to £4.20.

Letting of the playing Field. An application was to hand from the Secretary of the Rodden A.F.C. with a view to hiring the Playing Field at Faulkland, for their fixtures for the forthcoming season, and it was Proposed by L.V. Francis seconded by T.H. Hendy, to let it again this Season, at the same rate of which was £20, this was agreed, but Mr P. Francis, thought something should be done, to improve the parking situation, so as to Present a more reasonable Access, to other vehicles using the Lane, and it was agreed to look into the matter, with a View to cutting the Hedge.

Tribute to C.H. Wilkins. At this meeting, Tribute was Paid to Mr C.H. Wilkins, who did not seek re-election, and had splendidly served as a Parish Councillor, for 18 Years, and 11 Years, of which he had been Vice-Chairman, and he attended the Meetings regular until such time, his failing Health, Prevented him. and the Clerk was instructed to write to him expressing the Members Appreciation, for his valued Services he had rendered.

Meeting with Mr Bush District Councillor. On Monday June 25th the Members of the parish Council met Mr B. Bush, the Candidate, who had recently been elected for the No. 9 Ward, for the District of Mendip, to to (*sic*) Represent, and serve the Parishes of Hemington, Buckland Dinham, Lullington, and Norton St Phillip as a District Councillor. Mr Bush spoke on the effects 91. of Local Government Re-organisation, and emphasised the increased importance of Parish Councils in the future, and that is (*sic*) was most essential, that everybody concerned, should do everything to make the new set-up work smoothly. He stated that in his opinion there should be Ward Meetings every 6 weeks, in which 1, or 2 Parish Councillors should attend, and Local Planning should be discussed by the Mendip Council. It was finally Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by Mrs J. Horler, that Hemington Parish Council, should be represented at Ward Meetings, with 2 Members and the Clerk, and approved. Thanks were expressed to the District Councillor, for expressing his Views, with the Parish Council.

Signed E.A. Green 28th 1973 (*sic*)

A meeting of the Hemington Parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Tuesday Aug 28th 1973. Mr E.A. Green Presided, and was supported by the following members, Mrs J. Horler, L.V. Francis, T.H. Hendy, K.W. Long and P. Francis. The minutes being read, and accepted as read.

Repair to Village Pump House. Arising from the Minutes, was the Old Pump House in Bishop Street Faulkland, of which had recently been repaired, as members felt, that it was a little Piece of Local History, well worth Preserving, to which most People agreed, as it was built in 1864 by the late John Turner, the man who built Turners Tower, and many local residents, relied on this, for drinking purposes, years ago, however the repair has now been completed, and was carried out by Mr R. Hignell, to the satisfaction of Members, and it was Proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, to settle the account to hand, amounting to £53.10p and unanimously agreed.

FR/6/25. It was stated by the Clerk, that no further information, on the footpath FR/6/25 at Laverton, was available to date, but Mr Francis stated he would inquire at the Appropriate (*sic*) Offices.

Also arising, was the Playing field hedge, to which Mr Snook had agreed to cut at 50p per hour, and an account was to hand amounting 92. to £6 and it was Proposed by P. Francis, seconded by Mrs Horler, to settle the A/C and agreed, and meeting felt that a Field Gate, and Wicket Gate should be Provided for the Playing field, and it was Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by L.V. Francis that Mr P. Francis inquire into the Prices of Gates, and if suitable, also Purchase, this being met with Approval.

Appeal. An appeal from the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, was considered, but the Clerk was instructed to seek the views of the Local Angling Club.

Obstruction on Footpath FR/6/27. Letters from the R.D.C., and the County Council, reported a footpath obstruction at the south east end, of Footpath FR/6/27, at Hassage, and the Chairman and Clerk, stated that they had both inspected the obstruction, and found that the Corner had recently been taken off, and Plain, and Barbed Wire erected, Presumably by the County Divisional Surveyor, and after careful consideration on the Subject, the Clerk was instructed to write, stating that the Members felt, this was the Appropriate (*sic*) Authorities responsibility.

Capital Grants. Capital Grants, for Village Halls, and Community Centres was (*sic*) discussed, the Clerk being instructed to reply, according to information received from the Community Council.

Public seat. It was also agreed to inquire into the Type, and Price of Public Seats with a view to erection at Turners Tower. Mr Hendy inquired, if a further letter could be written to the Divisional Surveyor, with a view to meeting him, to discuss the Problems arising, on the ditch at Laverton, and it was decided that a letter be written.

A Cheque was Prepared in favour to Messrs Clutton, for £4.25 for ½ Years Playing Field, and Allotment Rent.

Arrangements were made, with a Possible view to attend the meeting at Sparkford, on Tuesday Oct 3rd.
Signed E.A. Green 5th Dec 1973.

Owing to the heating restrictions, recently enforced, the Members of the Hemington Parish Council met at Bishop St Faulkland to which Mrs J. Horler apologised for non-attendance, and Mr E.A. Green Presided. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and unanimously adopted. The Footpath FR/6/25 **93**, arose again for discussion, and it was unanimously decided that the Clerk, write to the R.D.C. inquiring if any Progress had been attained, and also to the Clerk of the Norton St Phillip Parish Council with a view to obtaining their Views on the Position of any Progress, and observations, from the Norton St Phillip end of the Path.

Playing Field Gates, and Hedge. Members also considered Price List, and Patterns of a Field Gate and Wicket Gate, to be erected at the playing Field, and it was Proposed by T.H. Hendy, and unanimously approved to order the Galvanized Gates, and Posts. Listed at £52.20, less 15% discount and Prepare for Payment, on delivery, but it was agreed to leave the Playing field hedge until next season.

Life Boat Appeal. Roadside Seat. Ditch at Laverton. The 150th Anniversary of the Royal Life Boat Appeal, and the and the (*sic*) Roadside Seat at Turners Tower, was deferred until the next meeting, also the arrangements for improvement to the ditch at Laverton, and the proposed Pruning of the chestnut Trees, on the Faulkland Green, was left in the hands of Mr Hendy.

Best Kept Village. A Report, from the Judges, on the best kept Village Competition, appeared generally, to be very reasonable but members, did not accept the Phrase, quoted as the village Hall, was not impressive, and the Clerk was instructed to write for an explanation on this.

Precepts. It was also Proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by K.W. Long, to Precept the Frome R.D.C. for a further £20, for 1973-74, and a further Proposition by L.V. Francis, seconded by T. Hendy to Precept the New Mendip Council for £120, for 1974-75, and approved.

Registars (*sic*) Office. Members were disappointed to learn indirectly that when the New reorganisation, is due to commence in April, there is a Possibility of the Registars (*sic*) of Births and Deaths, closing at Frome, with a View, that these inquiries will be dealt with at Shepton Mallet, however, the meeting decided that the Clerk write to the New Mendip Clerk, expressing the view of the Council in opposing this.

It was noted with Appreciation that the Village Pond had recently **94**, been cleaned out by Mr Green, and it was Proposed by T. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long, to Prepare and Exgratia (*sic*) Payment of £5, for his services.

A.O.B. Mr P. Francis thought the time was come, when the Village of Hemington needed a thorough clean up and the elm saplings cut, with a view to improve the Visibility.

Payment was also prepared to the Clerk for a 1972-73 District Audit Stamp for £2. It was also agreed that the Clerk write to Messrs Cluttons, on the existing obstruction, on the footpath, at the recent Refuse Tip at Terry Hill.

Signed E.A. Green 4th Feb 1974

The Members of the Hemington Parish Council, met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Monday Feb 4th 1974, over which Mr E.A. Green Presided, and was supported by a full Council.

Footpath FR/6/25. The minutes of the Previous Meeting being read, and unanimously accepted. As a letter from the R.D.C. did not contain sufficient information, on the footpath FR/6/25, the Clerk was instructed to write with a View, to meeting R.D.C. Officials, on the site, to discuss the Problems, and differences arising, with them.

Life Boat Appeal £5. After a discussion, on the Appeal, launched by the Royal National Life Boat Institution, it was Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by Mrs J. Horler, to make a donation of £5 toward the Appeal, and approved, to which a Cheque was Prepared for the same.

Public Seat at Turners Tower and Terry Hill. Matters were discussed, relating to the public Seat, at Turners Tower, and consideration was given, to a Request for a Public Seat, to be erected at Terry Hill Crossroads, but Members decided to meet on both sites, before any further arrangements could take Place.

The Pruning of the Chestnut Trees, and the ditch at Laverton, it was agreed to be left in the hands of Mr Hendy.

The business, in connection with the entry to the Best Kept Village Competition 1974, and the Subscription toward the County Playing Fields Association, was deferred until the next meeting.

Appreciation was expressed to Mr Paul Francis, for Preparing the order, for the Two Playing Field Gates, and also granting **95**, the Parish Council, with the opportunity of the discount, and also Re-claim the V.A.T. and it was Proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy to settle the A/C, amounting to £48.81, and unanimously approved, and arrangements for erecting, was left until the Weather Conditions improved.

Revised scheme for Registration of Birth and Deaths. As a result to the Protest, on the revised scheme, being suggested by the New Mendip Council, on the Registration of Births, Marriages, and deaths, a letter from the Somerset County Council, stated that it will be fairly common Practice, to have the Registration Districts co-extensive, with the new district Areas, but however, the Registrations will remain Locally, and these Points of View, was (*sic*) received with satisfaction from the Parish Council.

The Clerk was also instructed to write to the Clerk of the Association of Parish Councils, with a View to Purchasing an up to date Handbook, on the Local Government Act 1972.

Priority Services. The Clerk stated that he had recently supplied the Area Social Services officer, with a List of names of elderly People within the Parish, who would qualify for any Priority Services, should there be any disruption, in the Present ones, as a result to the existing National Crisis.

Local Planning Appeal. A Copy of a Local Planning Appeal, was to hand, and read with a View to obtaining Parish Councils Representations if they felt it necessary, however, after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion it was unanimously decided to support the Appeal, stating that they could not see, that the proposed site in question for development, would be detrimental to the Landscape Value, and that the Proposed Bungalow, would be Practically unnoticeable (*sic*) from the Main Highway.

Grass Cutting. After considering a letter from Messrs Dewings, Garden Contractors of Frome, it was decided that the Clerk write asking them to quote the Council a Price, for cutting the grass on the Village Green, Per Session, Per time, and number of Times included in the grass cutting season.

Any other Business. Under this heading, Mrs J. Horler inquired if there was any **96**, Possibility to obtain an additional Telephone Kiosk, for the Village of Faulkland to be erected on a suitable Site, near the Old Peoples Bungalows, or alternatively, move the existing one, as to be more Central, however, the Clerk was instructed to refer the matter to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority for Consideration.

Cheques were Prepared in favour to the Village Hall Committee, Messrs Cluttons, G. Loader, and E.A. Green Travelling Expenses.

Arrangements were also agreed, to hold the Annual General Public Meeting on Tuesday March 26th. Mr Hendy, P. Francis, E.A. Green, and the Clerk agreed to attend the quarterly meeting at Batcombe.

Signed E.A. Green March 26th 1974.

The Annual Assembly was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Tuesday March 26th 1974. Mr E.A. Green Presided, and was supported by a full Council, but only two Parishoners (*sic*) were Present. The Clerk gave a Financial Statement of the Parish Council Accounts, of which showed a satisfactory balance of £69. 98, and Mr E.A. Green gave a Statement on the Village Hall accounts, with a balance of £488.64, and approved.

The Rector, the Rev A.G. Durston, gave a statement on the existing Bamphylde Charities, and stated, that 40 Grants, Totalling £27.70, had been made to Pensioners in need, and the task of which confronted the Committee, was not an easy one, and he expressed thanks to the Committee for their Cooperation, and the Rector was thanked, for carrying out the distribution.

The Chairman gave an interesting report on the Councils Activities and said that the Council, would continue to strive under the New Re-organisation, for anything, which it was felt would be beneficial for the community. Tribute was also Paid to Member, Mr L.V. Francis, who had represented the Parish of Hemington, on the Frome Rural District Council, for 34 Years, but owing to the New Re-organisation, had now been forced to relinquish these duties, and as an Appreciation, to these services, so splendidly rendered, the Chairman Presented him with an Encyclopedia (*sic*) on 97. Antiques, with the Signatures of the Members of the Parish Council inscribed. In response, Mr Francis expressed his Appreciation to the Members, and stated that he had always enjoyed the Company of fellow Councillors, and supported anything, of which he considered beneficial to the Parish of Hemington. The Chairman also thanked Mr Durston, and Mr D. Perkins, for their interest in Parish affairs.

A Parish Council meeting followed, in which the Minutes of the Previous meeting were read and unanimously approved.

Public Seat at Terry Hill. A letter from the County Divisional Surveyor, stated, that he had no objection, to the Council, erecting a Public Seat, at Terry Hill Crossroads but after giving the Matter careful consideration, it was decided to write to him again, inquiring as to the ownership of the land concerned, and Approved.

Cutting of Village Grass. A Quotation to hand, for cutting the grass on the village Green at Faulkland, for the forthcoming season, was discussed, and finally resulted, with a favour from Mr K.W. Long, that he was Prepared to cut it for another season, to which Members decided for Payment of £2 Per Session, as appreciation to his Services.

Kiosk at Faulkland. A letter from the Telephone Authority, stated that, they were Prepared to look into the request, of Providing a New Kiosk, at Faulkland or alternatively moving the existing one.

Managing Body. It was also Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by Mrs J. Horler, that E.A. Green, and L.V. Francis, be re-elected to serve on the Managing body of the Hemington Primary School, until the 30th of June 1977 and approved.

Terry Hill Bus Shelter. The Proposed improvement, to the Terry Hill Bus Shelter, was held in abeyance, for further consideration, as to the Purchase of Material.

Consideration was given to a donation of £2 for the Somerset County Playing Fields association, this was Proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, and approved.

Best Kept Village 1974. The meeting also decided to enter the village of Faulkland, for the best Kept Village Competition 1974. The Clerk was also to report the Pot holes, between Chickwell Crossroad, and Charlton Farm.

98. Planning Application No. 48495/001. The Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Thursday April 11th, to discuss a local Planning Application. Mr E.A. Green Presided, and Members Present were Mrs J. Horler, L.V. Francis and K.W. Long, but Apologies were accepted from P. Francis and T. Hendy. The Application was Put forward (*sic*) by Mr D.V. Corp, for the Proposed erection of Premises, for light Industrial use at the Faulkland Filling Station. At first, there appeared to be a divided opinion of what should be done, to warrant Permission for the requested Proposal, but finally an agreement was reached, after a Proposal Put forward (*sic*) by L.V. Francis, seconded by K.W. Long, and agreed that Permission be granted, on the following Basis.

1. That the excavation of soil, to be taken down to the road, and Filling Station Level, so that the Height (*sic*) of the proposed New Building, be no higher, than the existing Workshop.
2. That the Proposed new building be built with a Natural Stone frontage, to be in keeping with the remainder of the Village.
3. Control of noise Level, at which should also be restricted, to reasonable Working Hours.
4. Control of Industrial effluent, and that the Parish Council reserve the Right to be favoured with the desired Plans, and information, on the Proposed building.

Planning Application No. 093986. Reference was also made to a Planning Application, Put forward (*sic*) by Mr R.C. Francis, for Alterations and improvements to a derelict Cottage, suitable for an Agricultural Worker. The Members considered this a great Improvement, and therefore raised no objection to the Proposal.

Pruning of the Chestnut Tree. At this meeting it was also decided to have our Chestnut tree Pruned, on the Village Green, as Messrs Challoner & West had agreed to carry out the work, for £30, Plus VAT.

It was also agreed to write Personally to Lord Hylton, on the siting, for the Proposed Seat, at Terry Hill.

Signed E.A. Green May 16th 1974.

99. At the Annual meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Thursday May 16th 1974, Mr E.A. Green was re-elected Chairman, for the 13th Year in succession and Mr L.V. Francis re-elected Vice-Chairman for the 2nd Year. The former being proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, and the latter being Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long, and both Propositions being unanimously approved.

A full Council was in attendance, with the exception of Mrs J. Horler, who tendered an Apology.

Public Seat at Terry Hill. The minutes of the Previous two meetings, being read and unanimously approved. As Permission for the Provision of a Public Seat, to be erected at Terry Hill had now been granted from Lord Hylton, and the County Divisional Surveyor, it was unanimously decided that the Clerk order an 8ft. Barton Seat, with 3 Legs, and with African Teak Slats in a Package unit, ready to assemble, and also, write to the Terry Hill Residents, with a View, to a Contribution, to help defray the expenses, in erecting the Seat, and a Cheque was Prepared to C. Wickstead & Co., amounting to £35.00.

Kiosk at Faulkland. A reply to the request, for an additional Telephone kiosk, or alternatively move the existing one, was not so encouraging as the Post Office Telephone Authority, stated, that the existing kiosk Provided a reasonable standard of service, and they could not Provide another.

Re-affiliation (*sic*). It was also Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long to Re-affiliate (*sic*) to the Association of Parish Councils, the increased fee, being £5.40, and approved to Prepare Payment for same.

Insurance. The meeting agreed to renew the Insurance Premium, with a View to an inquiry, into the Employers Liability, and also to increase the Sum Insured, on the Property Damage Section by £1,000. A Planning Application was to hand, on behalf of Mr J. Maidment, to convert a stone Barn, to Residential Bungalows, to which the Parish Council raised no objection, but felt, if accepted, that the Drive should be **100**. widened for at least the first 50 Yds, form the Main Road to allow 2 vehicles to Pass, with a suitable entrance, and View, for Vehicles when approaching, and leaving the Drive.

Somerset Registration Scheme. A letter from the General Registrar (*sic*) Office, relating to the Somerset Registration Scheme 1974, stated that, if the New Registration arrangements do not Provide a Satisfactory service, your Council should again approach the County Council, with a View, to having the Scheme amended.

Village Pond. The meeting also agreed that the Clerk write to the Bristol Water Board inquiring the best Procedure to adopt, to keep the Village Pond at Faulkland free from Weed, and Algae, and finally, it was decided that the Area meeting be represented, at Norton St Phillip on June 11th.

Signed E.A. Green 27th June 1974.

The Members of the Hemington Parish Council, met in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Thursday June 27th 1973 (*sic*).

Mr E.A. Green Presided, with a Full Council in attendance.

Roadside Seat at Terry Hill. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and unanimously approved. The Clerk stated, he had sent the Cheque to C. Wickstead, for the Public seat, to be erected at Terry Hill, amounting to £35.00, and appreciation was expressed to the Residents, living there, who had kindly consented to Prepare the foundations for the same.

Insurance. The Clerk was instructed to write to the insurance Co stating that the Councils new Proposals consisted of 4 Public Seats, to be increased to £160, 2 Bus Shelters at £200 each, Personal accident indemnity, to be increased to £7,500, and total disablement benefit to be increased to £30 PW, Plus the Proposed Fidelity Policy.

Village Pond. The recent report on the Village Pond was receiving attention.

Complaints. The meeting also agreed that the Clerk Pass the following complaints to the Divisional Surveyor for attention; the danger arising from the tree at Terry Hill, broken signpost at Highchurch cross Roads, overgrowth in the Village of Faulkland, and the wall in Hassage Lane. The Council were very much Perturbed, at the Mendip Councils allocation of 1, Lansdown View, being a 5 roomed **101**. Council House, and let to one single Person, when it should have been considered for a more suitable family, therefore the Clerk was instructed to write to the Chief Housing Officer, stating the Councils views.

Protest at Rate increase. Mr L.V. Francis, spoke of his strong feelings at the unfairness of the enormous increase in the domestic, and business rates in rural Areas, and Proposed, that the Clerk, write a letter to the M.P. for the Wells division Mr R. Boscawen, and to the treasurer of the Mendip district Council, stating the Councils views on the subject, and unanimously approved.

Planning Applications. The Council also discussed 3 Planning Applications, one of which they felt, was detrimental (*sic*) to Landscape Value, and scattered development, the remaining two, no observations were made.

Signed E.A. Green August 6th 1974

A Parish Council meeting was arranged, and held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Tuesday August 6th 1974. Mr E.A. Green Presided, the following members being Present Mrs J. Horler, L.V. Francis, T.H. Hendy, P. Francis, and an Apology was accepted from K.W. Long.

Roadside Seat. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. It was noted that arrangements for the delivery of the Roadside Seat, for Terry Hill, had received attention, and the Village Pond situation was awaiting further advice.

Rate Protest. Replies were to hand from the M.P. for the Wells Division and the Treasurer of the Mendip Council, following the Councils recent Protests, at the Rate increase, to which both attributed the increases, to the Present Rate of inflation, and suggested that there was no solution to the Problem, but that the Government had recognised the need for some reform in the method of Financing Local Government.

Playing field Gate. Appreciation was expressed to Mr E.A. Green and P. Francis, for erecting the Playing field Gates, and Mr J. Eyers for cutting the overgrowth in Hollowpit Lane, and it was Proposed by T. Hendy, seconded by Mrs J. Horler, to make an exgratia (*sic*) Payment to Mr Green, and Mr Francis of £5, and approved, A Cheque being Prepared for same, and to Mr Small, for a Yale Lock, for £1.36 102. to be put on the main Gate.

House Allocation. Regarding to the reply of the recent allocation of No. 1 Lansdown View, the Clerk was instructed to reply, stating that the Local Representative, should be called in on such occasions, or otherwise seek any information Possible, from the Local Parish Council concerned.

Rate Levy 1974-75. A letter from the Wombourne Parish Council was to hand, stating the actions they had taken, relating to the 1974-75 Rate Levy, trusting that every Parish Council would take similar action, the Clerk was instructed to reply stating the Councils Appreciation for their action, which granted full support.

Hassage to remain in Somerset. On Reviewing the Administration on the Avon and Somerset County Boundaries, the Council felt that the Cottages at Hassage, should remain in Somerset, the Clerk being instructed to Pass the matter to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority for consideration.

Cars on Highway. As a result to the danger, and nuisance, arising from a Lorry Parked on the Highway at the Churchway Estate, at Faulkland, and Cars, at the Cottages at Turners Tower, it was decided that the Clerk Pass the matter, to the Police for attention. It was decided to write to the Chief Housing Officer, on the state of the dilapidated Fence around the Churchway Estate, and arrangements were also made for the Council to be represented at the next quarterly meeting.

Planning Application. A Planning Application was discussed, for 16 dwellings and 9 Garages, at Fulwell extension, to which no objection arose, but the Clerk was instructed to write for further details, on the Type of dwellings.

Insurance. It was also agreed to make further inquiries into the Proposed Insurance Premiums.

Signed E.A. Green 22nd 1974 (*sic*).

The Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Tuesday Oct 22nd 1974. Mr E.A. Green was in the Chair, and Members Present were Mrs J. Horler, P. Francis, T.H. Hendy, and Apologies was (*sic*) to hand from L.V. Francis and K.W. Long.

County Boundary. Hassage to stay in Somerset and Parish of Hemington. The minutes being read, and unanimously accepted. Regarding the Proposal, to the Boundary Commission, for Hassage to stay in Somerset, the reply stated that no reviews of Administrative Boundaries, would not be considered before the **103**. early 1980s. (*sic*)

Details of Insurance was (*sic*) considered, and Proposed by P. Francis, seconded by Mrs J. Horler, to Prepare Payment for additional Premium amounting £8.87 and approved.

Parked Cars at Faulkland and suggestions for improved Car Park Facilities. It was noted with Appreciation that the Parked Cars at Faulkland and Turners Tower (*sic*), but the Clerk was instructed to write to the Mendip Council, on the question of the proposed extension of Council Housing, and Garages, at Faulkland, and inquire the Possibility, of Providing extra Garages, on the Council Land at the Rear of Churchway, or Alternatively Prepare an Open Car Park, in order to improve the Front Appearance of the Estate, and thus Provide an extra facility.

Allocation of Council Houses. The contents of a letter from the Housing Officer, on the allocation of Council Houses was noted, but the Clerk was instructed to write on the Question of Allocation of No. 2 Lansdown View, trusting that the Councils New System, had

now become Operational, and that we are only too Pleased to furnish any information regarding any individual, but would be interested to know the new Tenant.

Provision of Seat at Terry Hill. Appreciation was expressed to the Residents of Terry Hill, for their Cooperation, in erecting the Public Seat, and to Mr & Mrs K. Long for cutting the Grass on the Village Green, and around the village Hall.

Mr E.A. Green was also unanimously nominated to serve on the School Governors, for the Writhlington Comprehensive School. Licence for Music and dancing. Under the Local Government Act 1972, Premises used for Music and dancing are requested, if it applies, to Produce a licence to the Value of £5.00, but the Clerk was instructed to write inquiring if this applied to the Faulkland Village Hall.

Best Kept Village. A fairly good report, was to hand on the Best Kept Village Competition, stated that the village had a fairly good Appearance, buildings generally tidy, village Hall in good condition, Playing field reasonable, but grass verges untidy.

Highway Improvements. A Priority List of highway improvements submitted to the authority recently, included advance signs at Terry Hill on the A362, widening in Places on the A366, 30 mile limit **104**, through the village of Faulkland, and corner near the Kiosk.

Longleat Signs and Pot Holes. The Clerk was also instructed to write to the Surveyor, on the erection of the Longleat Sign, at Terry Hill, and also report Pot Holes in Grove Lane, Park Lane, flooding in Fulwell Lane, and at Gallant Hill Farm corner, and the sink outside Hemington Primary School.

Cheques. Cheques were Prepared in favour of Mr Long, for cutting the grass on the village Green, during the current season, amounting to £10 and to the Clerk for £2.55 to Purchase Chapter 70 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Public Meeting. A Parish meeting was arranged for Monday Nov 11th, granting the Public the opportunity to discuss the Reclassification of Bridleways, Nos. 6/3 and 6/48.

Signed E.A. Green 16th Jan 1975.

A Parish Meeting held on Monday Nov 11th 1974 to Confirm the classification of footpaths, within the Parish of Hemington was attended by 10 Parishoners (*sic*), 4 Councillors, the Chairman and the Clerk, and an Apology was received from T.H. Hendy. The Chairman welcomed the Parishoners (*sic*), and asked that the business on the footpaths be dealt with in the most Appropriate (*sic*) way. The letter from the County Council requesting the meeting stated, there were only three Classifications defined as; A footpath, being a Path, on which the public has a right to go on foot, Bridleways, whereon the public has a right to lead or ride a horse, and byways, open to all Traffic.

A lengthy (*sic*) discussion arose on the subject concerned, and finally after taking into consideration the expense involved to provide byways open to all Traffic, it was unanimously agreed to keep the Nos 6/3 and 6/48, namely Hollowpit Lane, and the lane, leading from the A366 at Faulkland, to the corner in Grove Lane, as Class 2, as defined in the Schedule.

Stile at Refuse Tip. Mr D. Penney reported the obstruction at the recent Refuse Tip, to which the chairman confirmed, would be dealt with, and he expressed Appreciation to the Parishoners (*sic*), for their attendance, and Cooperation, on the subject concerned.

A short Parish Council meeting followed in which **105**. the Clerk was instructed to write letters to the Commons Commissioners on the 'Phrase' mentioned in their letter, on the upkeep of the village Green and the 'Longleat Signs' at Terry Hill, and support to the Beckington Parish Council, in their request for full Copies, and details on Planning Applications, and write to the surveyor on further Pot holes in Chickwell Lane, and Flooding of the road at Tuckers Grave.

Signed E.A. Green 16 Jan 1975.

The members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Thursday Jan 16th 1975. Mr E.A. Green Presided, and members Present were Mrs J. Horler, L.V. Francis, T.H. Hendy, K.W. Long and an apology was received from Mr P. Francis.

Additional Warning Signs at Terry Hill Cross Roads. The minutes being read and accepted as read – The Chief item arising, it was noted, was the scene of countless accidents over the Years, at the Terry Hill Crossroads a question of Priorities, for which the Parish Council, have been making Urgent Appeals, to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authorities during the last 11 Years, for additional Adequate Warning signs, in order to reduce the number of Accidents, some of which had been Fatal, and the Members felt, they had no objection to the erection of the additional Longleat Sign, recently erected, Provided something was done to save valuable Lives, however, the Clerk was instructed to write again to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority, and also to the Local M.P. for the Wells Division, pressing for further Action.

Parking Spaces at Churchway. Regarding the Application by the Council, to a review of Possible Sites for Garages, or Parking Spaces, at the rear of the Churchway Estate, a letter stated, that a Survey of Magnitude is not likely to be completed within 12 months.

Stile at Refuse Tip. It was noted with Appreciation that the repair of the Stile at the Refuse Tip at Terry Hill is to receive attention.

Planning Consent. At this meeting the Chairman and Clerk, was (*sic*) granted Permission to Pass, or give Consideration to any Planning Application to which they considered suitable for Recommendation or otherwise.

106. Maintenance of Bus Shelter and Seats. Regarding the Mendip Councils request to accept the responsibility for maintenance of Bus Shelters, and Public Seats, it was Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by L.V. Francis to continue to accept the responsibility themselves, and unanimously agreed, and as the Public Seat at Turners Tower had recently been damaged beyond repair, it was unanimously decided to claim from the Insurance Co. for replacement.

Planning Applications. Two Planning Applications were discussed on the conversion of Hemington Chapel, to a dwelling House, and 3 additional dwellings at New Farm, Faulkland, to which consideration was granted, subject to comments, laid down by the Parish Council, and the Clerk was also instructed to write to the Department of the Environment, and to the M.P. on the question, of Refusal of Planning Application, by Mr J. Wilson, stating that Planning Application, had been granted recently, to a similar case to that of Mr Wilson, in the same area, and ask for a review to the Application.

Water Complaints. A letter from the Bristol Water Works Co requested that any complaints concerning the Water Supply, be made direct to them and not to the Wessex Water Authority.

Local Administration. It was Proposed by Mrs J. Horler, seconded by Mr K. Long and Approved, that the Clerk be granted Permission to Purchase the 'Local Council Administration Book' which Provides the necessary details on the 1972 Act, a Cheque being Prepared for same, amounting to £7.00.

Contribution. It was also Proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy to consider the Contribution to the Parochial Church Council towards the cost of maintaining the Churchyard, in due course, and approved, the Possibility of £20. The Meeting also agreed to Precept the Mendip Council, for the ensuing Year, amounting to £140.00.

Lease on the Playing Field. As the lease, on the existing Playing field was due to expire in September, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Authority concerned, with a view to renewing the same.

Village Green. The Clerk was also instructed to inquire from the Surveyor, the Possibility of cutting the grass on the Village Green, during the Grass Cutting Season.

Signed E.A. Green Feb 27 75

107. Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Thursday Feb 27th Mr E.A. Green Presided and members Present were Mrs J. Horler, L.V. Francis, K.W. Long, T.H. Hendy, with Apologies from Mr Paul Francis.

The minutes being read and unanimously accepted.

Terry Hill cross roads. The results of the efforts of the Parish Council, coupled with that of the Local M.P. in the matter relating to additional warning signs, at the Terry Hill Cross roads, proved to be a little more satisfactory, as letters from the County Surveyor, stated that, owing to the Financial situation, he was unable to Provide the costly advance direction Signs, but Promised to investigate the Possibility of Providing additional warning signs on the main road approaches.

seat at Turners Tower. It was noted with Appreciation that compensation for the damaged seat at Turners Tower had now been received from the Assurance Co, amounting to £35.00, and it was decided that L.V. Francis, make inquiries, toward the necessary Timber, required for the need for replacement.

Regarding the efforts of the M.P. and the Parish Council, on behalf of Mr Wilsons recent Planning application, all the Correspondence received, revealed that it was now up to him to renew his application.

Lease on the Playing Field. As a result to the view to extending the Lease on the existing Playing Field, a letter on behalf of the Kilmersdon Estate stated that Lord Hylton would be quite Prepared to grant a New letting of the Playing field, from Sept 1975, subject to the Rent being brought into Line, and to the rent being receivable every 3 Years, the site to be occupied on a Tenancy Agreement, from Year to Year, and that the initial rent should be £30.00 per annum (*sic*), however, the members being astonished, as (*sic*) an increase, instructed the Clerk to reply, asking for further consideration in the matter, and approved.

It was Proposed by Mrs J. Horler, sec. by L.V. Francis, to a request to hand, to donate the Sum of £2 to the Somerset Rural Community Council, and approved.

The meeting also decided to accept 5p Per mile for **108.** travelling expenses to the quarterly, and other meetings connected with Council Affairs, and unanimously agreed to enter the best Kept Village Competition.

Cutting grass. The Clerk stated he had not yet received a reply (*sic*) to cutting the grass on the village Green, and the Chairman suggested that there should be handrails erected on the Steps at Lansdown View, and the high hedge cut at the side of Fulwell close, this matter to be Passed to the Housing Authority for attention.

The Clerk stated he had also received further complaints regarding the flooding of the road at Ruckley Ford, and at the corner near Langley wood, this also was to be reported to the appropriate (*sic*) authority.

Cheques were Prepared in favour to Cluttons for Allotment, and Playing field rent at £4.25 Village Hall for meetings £7.04. Clerks Salary £30.00 expenses £6.58 and Councillors expenses for Travelling £2.10p.

The meeting closed, with arrangements for the Annual Parish meeting to be held on Tuesday March 25th.

Signed E.A. Green 25th March 75.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Tuesday March 25th, only 3 Parishoners (*sic*) attended, but the Chairman Mr E.A. Green welcomed them, saying he only wished more, had attended, but it seemed to indicate, that the Public was satisfied with the way the Parish was run.

The Parish Council was well represented at the meeting, and the Chairman thanked the members for their support, and sense of responsibility, during the Past year, and to the Clerk for the efficient way he had carried the business entrusted to him.

A Financial Statement on the Parish Council Accounts was declared by the Clerk, which showed a satisfactory balance of £37.61, and Mr E.A. Green, declared the statement of Accounts on the Village Hall of which amounted to £592.24p.

Charities. The Rector, the Rev A.G. Durston gave a report on the charities, and said that 42 Grants amounting to £28.35 had recently been distributed to cases, of which the trustees considered to be needy, and he thanked the Trustees for their splendid **109.** Cooperation, and in response, to the rectors remarks, the Chairman and Mr Hendy, thanked him for carrying out the distribution of the charities for so many Years, and as the rector, in all Probability, would be leaving later in the Year, good wishes were expressed, for his continued good health, and a happy retirement. The Chairman referred to the efforts of the Parish Council during the year to get various work done, some had been successful, others still remained, to be Persued (*sic*).

Stile, and Bus Shelter. Mr D. Penney inquired about the stile at the disused refuse Tip at Terry Hill, and the need of repair to the Bus Shelters, to which the Chairman stated, that both were receiving attention, and the annual meeting closed with a view, to another meeting, on the Playing field to be held in May, and a Vote of thanks to the Parishoners (*sic*) for their interest and attendance.

Signed E.A. Green May 19th 1975

A Parish Council followed, in which the minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved.

Terry Hill Cross. It was noted with Appreciation that some improvement may be carried out at the Terry Hill crossroads, and the Proposed Handrails, and hedge at the Council estate were receiving attention, and Compensation for the damaged seat, and arrangements being made for a replacement, or provision of a New Seat.

Lease on the Playing field. A letter to hand, from Messrs Cluttons, stated, that in view of the contested case of the Playing field, Lord Hylton was Prepared to accept a New Tenancy (*sic*), at £25.00 Per Annum, to which the meeting unanimously agreed to accept, and the Clerk stated he had received further inquiries for use of the field, to which Permission was granted, subject to a meeting being arranged, between the Two Parties concerned. The meeting also decided to re-affiliate (*sic*) to the Somerset Association of Parish Councils, and to be represented at the next Quarterly, and after a request, was read, on Advertising in Bus Shelters, it was agreed, that the said Council, would not support this, even inside or outside.

obstruction on Footpath. A letter was to hand, with a report on obstruction to footpaths FR6/21 Chickwell to Charlton Farm, and FR6/25 Marrowpole Lane, to which no obstruction was found on the former, and it was decided, that as the Council was unable to obtain **110.** any cooperation with the owner of the Land concerned, that the matter be passed to the higher Appropriate (*sic*) Authority for attention.

A Cheque was Prepared to the County Association, for Re-affiliation (*sic*) amounting to £5.40.

Ward meeting. The Clerk gave a brief report on the recent Ward Meeting at Norton St Phillips (*sic*), in which matters had been discussed regarding more cooperation on footpaths, Products of Penny Rates for Parishes, discussion on Housing Applications, and it was agreed, subject to Parish Councils approval to Pay the Ward Clerk £30 Per Annum and to be received at the end of each Year, and each Council concerned, to Pay equal share, but members of the above Council considered this to be out of proportion, taking into consideration the small amount of work involved, at this stage, and it was therefore Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long that each Council Pay £2.00, thus making a Total Salary of £6.00. Plus any necessary expenses, this being unanimously approved, the Clerk being instructed to notify the Clerks of the Parish Councils concerned of our Councils decision.

Signed E.A. Green 19th May 1975

A special Public meeting was arranged at the Faulkland Village Hall, on Monday May 19th 1975, to discuss with members of the Public, the possible Provision of equipment on the Playing field, but unfortunately (*sic*), no one attended. However, as this was also to be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, business was Proceeded with as usual, when it was Proposed by K.W. Long, seconded by L.V.

Francis, that E.A. Green, be re-elected Chairman, for the 14th successive Year, and Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long that L.V. Francis be re-elected Vice Chairman for the 3rd Year in succession, and both being unanimously approved.

Stile at Refuse Tip. An apology was received from Mrs Horler, the minutes being read, and Approved unanimously. Matters arising were dealt with, the Clerk being instructed to inquire further into the repair **111**, to the stile at the Refuse Tip, the Terry Hill Bus Shelter, and the Public seat at Turners Tower, it was decided to use the usual Position, for which there had been so many requests.

Grass Cutting on V. Green. It was noted with Appreciation, that the Mendip Council had agreed to cut the Grass on the village Green at Faulkland, once per month, terminating in September, giving a total of 5 cuts at £3.50 Per Cut, subject for revision if necessary, this being unanimously Approved.

Ward Clerk Salary. It was decided that the Position of the Ward Clerks Salary be deferred until the next Ward Meeting, and unanimously decided to Prepare a Cheque, for the renewal of Insurance Premium amounting to £29.63

Handrails. A letter from the housing Officer, stated that, owing to the expense involved, he was unable to Provide Handrails at the Lansdown View estate, but he was investigating as to the ownership of the hedge, at the Fulwell Close estate, but the Clerk was instructed to reply, stating the ownership concerned.

Letting of Playing Field. The Clerk stated the Chairman, and himself had agreed to meet Representatives of 2 Football Clubs at the Hall on June 19th, to discuss the letting of the Playing field.

Allotment Fence. At a request from the Housing Officer, for the Parish Council to recommend support to the Tenant of No. 1 Lansdown View in dealing with her Garden, it was agreed that the Clerk recommend the Oldfield Nurseries. It was also agreed that the Allotment fence be deferred to allow the Chairman to inquire to the Provision of Posts.

danger sign. It was also agreed that the Clerk write to the Divisional Surveyor, for the Provision of danger Signs, at Ruckley Ford Crossroads, and the cutting of overgrowth at the Terry Hill Crossroads.

Mr Hendy, also kindly consented to supply Linseed oil for the Preservation of the Stocks on the village Green.

The Proposed Contribution, for the upkeep of the Local Churchyard, was deferred until further notice.

Signed E.A. Green Sept 8th 1975

112. Mr E.A. Green Presided over a full meeting of the Hemington Parish Council, held in the Faulkland Village Hall on September 8th 1975.

The minutes of the Previous meeting being read, and unanimously accepted.

Seat at Turners Tower. Appreciation was expressed, on the replacement of the stile at the disused Refuse Tip, at Terry Hill, and to the volunteers who had erected the public Seat at Turners Tower, and the new Posts at the Faulkland Allotments, and it was Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by P. Francis, and approved, to settle the A/C from A.J. Charlton for the Posts etc amounting to £17.15p.

Flooding at Tuckers Grave and Foxcote. The Divisional Surveyor was thanked, for the recent Provision of danger Discs at the Ruckley Ford Crossroads, and for the measures taken to Prevent the roads from flooding at Tuckers Grave, and at the corner of Langley Wood, in the Foxcote Area, but the Clerk was also asked to Report further matters to him, for attention, such as a Tree at Terry Hill which was thought to be dangerous, and to renewal of danger discs on the corner at the Faulkland chapel, and a request from Mr P. Francis for a general clean up, to the village of Hemington.

Donation £2.00. The meeting also agreed to donate the Sum of £2.00 towards the Playing Fields Association.

Although free Car Parking has been enjoyed, for a number of Years, in the Mendip Area, the Parish Council agreed, with the Mendip Councils Proposals to introduce moderate Charges, in view of the high cost of maintenance, supervision, and Loan Charges.

Obstruction at Hemington. Consideration was given to reports of obstructions of footpaths at Kingmans Farm, at Hemington, and it was decided to report the matter to Messrs Clutton.

Rural Bus Service. Reports on Previous Planning Applications, of which had been considered by the Clerk and Chairman was (*sic*) approved, and a Circular on Rural Bus Services, was discussed and agreed to be held in abeyance.

Maintenance of Church Yard. A letter was to hand, from the Treasurer to the Mendip Council, stating that his Committee had decided to reimburse the Contribution, which the Parish Council had Proposed making towards the cost of Maintenance to the Local Churchyard, with Payment for £20.00, and it was Proposed by Mrs J. Horler, seconded by L.V. Francis, and approved to Prepare **113**. Payments for the said Sum to the Church Council.

Terry Hill Shelter. The Clerk was also instructed to inquire, and order sufficient Blocks to repair Terry Hill Bus Shelter.

Any other Business. Under this item, the Proposed Village Hall extension was discussed, with a View to introducing a Possibility of a Penney (*sic*) Rate, to help meet the outstanding Balance.

Nov 17th 1975

A helpful and constructive meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Monday Nov 17th 1975.

Mr E.A. Green Presided, and Members Present were Mrs J. Horler, K.W. Long, P. Francis, T.H. Hendy, and an Apology from L.V. Francis. The Minutes of the previous Meeting being read and accepted.

Ward Clerks Salary. Arising from the minutes, to which a further discussion arose was the Ward Clerks Salary, of which had recently been agreed to Pay £30.00 Per Annum, i.e. £10.00 from each Parish concerned, and finally it was Proposed by K.W. Long, seconded by Mrs J. Horler that this amount be Paid, and approved, for which Payment Cheque was Prepared, however, in discussing this, the general feeling among members, were, that if the Ward Clerks services were worth the £30, it was felt, that the present Clerks Salary should be raised to £50.00 Per Annum, and a Proposition from Mrs J. Horler, seconded by K.W. Long, that this should be accepted, and should be Paid for the Present Financial Year was accepted unanimously.

Obstructions. Reports on the obstructions, on Public rights of way, at Hemington, and Laverton, was (*sic*) received with appreciation.

Current Precept. Parish Council requirements for the Current Year was discussed, of which was finally observed, that to meet the Balance of Payments ending March 31st 1976 we were obliged (*sic*) to Precept the Mendip Council for a further £60 and approved, and furthermore it was decided to precept for £225.00 for the Financial Year ending March 31st 1977, with a view 114. to reimbursement of £20 towards the maintenance of the Local Churchyard, and approved.

The Auditors Fees for the Year ending March 31st 1975 were Presenting (*sic*) and met with Approval amounting to £11.88, and the Clerk Presented the meeting with an account for loss of 4 hours work, and 2 journeys to Frome for the Audit, amounting to £4.80 this being approved and Payment Prepared.

Extension to Village Hall and Rate Levy. In View to the village Hall extension about to commence at any time and all the necessary Grants achieved by the Hall Secretary, it appeared there would be a small Balance to be met, and it was unanimously agreed to Levy a one and halfpenny Rate, on the Parish for the ensuing Year, to assist the village Hall Committee in this effort, and the Clerk was instructed to inquire into the Possibility of a 2 months Comprehensive Policy, whilst the building was under construction, with a View to inquiring, as to amount of Premium required to cover the extension during Progress, and after Completion.

Best Kept Village. The report on the best Kept Village Competition, stated the village of Faulkland was not so Tidy, as in Previous reports.

Any other Business. Under this item, the Clerk was instructed to remind the Surveyor of the Proposed clean up of Hemington, and overgrowth in Fulwell lane, also to inquire into the possibility of an additional Telephone Kiosk, at Fulwell close. The meeting closed with arrangements in hand for the meeting at Stratton on Dec 4th, apart from a reminder, that the stocks, on the Village Green were in need of repair, to which it was agreed among Members to repair, with a view, to search for any old oak to match the existing ones.

Signed E.A. Green 24 Feb 76

on Jan 14th 1976, a meeting was convened, at the Faulkland Village Hall, between the Parish Council, due to a conflict of Views between the Parish Council, and the Mendip Planning Authority, on the provision of a lay-by, and also the provision of a Proposed Access, to the front of the site, for an additional three dwellings, at New Farm Cottages, Faulkland, on the northern **115**, side of the A366 road, west of the village Green.

A full attendance of Parish Councillors was Present, and Mr B. Bush, the Representative to the Nordinton (*sic*) Ward.

After a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on the subject, the Clerk was instructed to reply, strongly objecting to the proposed Lay-by, and if the new Proposed Access, is to take Place, there is a need for a Cattle Grid at the entrance, and that the Parish was interested to know who was accepting the responsibility, of keeping the frontage Tidy, and the Grassland, near the Kiosk.

Signed E.A. Green 24 Feb 76

A meeting was convened at the Faulkland Village Hall on Tuesday Feb 24th 1976, on behalf of the members of the Hemington Parish Council. Mr E.A. Green Presided, the following members being present, Mrs J. Horler, L.V. Francis, P. Francis, with apologies from T. Hendy, and K.W. Long.

Kiosk at Fulwell Close. The minutes of the previous meeting being read, and agreed as a correct record. Matters arising were 1. the request for an additional Telephone Kiosk, at the Fulwell estate, to which a reply stated, the authority, were unable to grant the Provision of a Kiosk, but as an alternative, it was suggested the Council, may be interested, in the renting of a line, and Coin collecting Box, but after considering the terms laid down by the Authority, members felt they were unable to entertain the facility, under the said terms. 2. It was noted the Councils request, of requirements for the Proceeds of a rate of 1½ p, were being Provided in the rate levy, for 1976-77, but the Clerk was instructed to inquire, when the proceeds would be available, and as the Village Hall was near Completion it was Proposed by P. Francis, seconded by L.V. Francis, and agreed, to increase the value of Insurance from the present £6,000, on the Village Hall to £9,000, the Clerk to inquire to the Premium required. Repair to the Stocks, was held in abeyance, and Terry Hill Shelter to receive attention **116**, and it was noted with appreciation of the Cleaning up of the village of Hemington.

Planning Blocks. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Authority, on the Type of Blocks being used in the New Building at New Farm Faulkland. Regarding a letter to hand from the Wessex Water Authority requesting the notification of any road, and Land flooding, the Clerk gave a report on the various Points of flooding, but it was requested by Councillor Francis, to include Hammer Lane in the Laverton Area.

Re Affiliation (*sic*). The meeting also agreed not to enter the Best Kept Village, and Village Hall Competition for the current Year, but gave consideration to the proposed increase in Re-Affiliation (*sic*) Fees to the association of Parish Councils, but agreed to hold in abeyance until the next meeting. Upon receiving a letter on Tourism, and publication of a leaflet on the Town of Frome and district, the meeting decided that the Clerk state anything of interest, but any Accommodation for meals etc, may only be obtained at the Local Inn, but regarding the Bridget Parker (Olympic) Commoration (*sic*) Fund, it was decided to Place this on the Agenda for the Ward Meeting, on March 5th, when further information on this subject, may be forthcoming.

Cheques. Cheques were Prepared in favour to Cluttons for £13.75 Village Hall Committee for meetings, £8.00, Clerks Salary £50.00 Plus expenses £7.24 and Travelling expenses to 4 Councillors.

The meeting also arranged for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday March 29th

Signed E.A. Green Thur. 8 April 76.

A Ward meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Friday March 5th 1976, in which 12 Councillors were Present including the Ward Clerk, and the Ward Representative Mr B. Bush. the minutes being circulated and approved. It was noted that there would be no cut in the Rural Bus Services at this stage, also there was to be a decrease in the Mendip Rate. Public rights of Way were discussed, and Council house rents, and it was noted that owners of Property not **117**, connected to main Sewers, were entitled to a rebate of 14.2p in the pound.

Bridget Parker (Olympic) Fund. A discussion arose on the question to a request for a donation to the Bridget Parker (Olympic) Commoration (*sic*) Fund, in which Mr Bush considered a donation to the fund would be well worth while, but Mr L.V. Francis questioned as to whether we were already supporting this cause through the Rates. The meeting closed with refreshments kindly Prepared by Mrs J. Horler.

Signed E.A. Green 8 April 76.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, held on Monday March 29th, the Parish Council was criticised (*sic*), by a few of the members, that were present, on the way, they had dealt a (*sic*) Local Planning Application, for 6 Houses to be built in the village of Faulkland, but in reply, the Chairman stated, that several objections, and resolutions, had been Passed to the Planning Authority, and he had met Representatives on the site, to discuss differences, all of which resulted, with no avail, and as a result to this, Mrs B. Fricker suggested that the Public should be notified of planning Applications, and furthermore, it was Proposed by Mr James and seconded by Mrs Johnson, that Parish Council meetings should be open to the public, and the motion, being Put to a vote, was approved unanimously. The meeting also discussed the Possibility, to discontinue Band Practices, at the village Hall, during the summer Period, this being accepted, subject to the Approval of the village Hall Committee at their next meeting. The financial Statement of the Parish Council accounts were declared, of which resulted with a Balance of £24.19p and the Chairman declared the village Hall accounts, of which resulted with a balance of £176.87, however, it was Proposed by Mrs Johnson, seconded by L.V. Francis, that these accounts be accepted, and Approved.

The Chairman stated, that the Council, always try to be Prudent in their spending, and spend wisely. It was also noted with Appreciation that assistance had been granted to the community via, the Parochial Church Council, in the way of Finance, towards helping to keep the Local Churchyard tidy.

As the Rector, was unable to attend, the Chairman gave a brief report on the Bamphylde & Vigor Charities, in which he stated that 39 **118**, grants had been allocated, to what the Committee considered, needy cases within the Parish, however it was decided that a letter be written to the Rector, for his interest, in carrying out the distribution over a Period of Years, and express the wishes of the People Present, for future, good Health, in his retirement.

The Chairman stated in his report, that many Items had been reported, and received attention, some had been successful, and others will continue to be Persued (*sic*), and that the extension (*sic*) to the village hall was now completed of which now Provided an extra Amenity for People using the Hall, and Mr J. Madely inquired if the outside clock, could be used, so as to keep it in order and it was stated this was receiving attention. The Chairman expressed a vote of Thanks to the Public for their attendance, and to the Clerk, and Councillors, for their Cooperation during their Term of Office; and in response to this, Mr L.V. Francis expressed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his Conduct, to the various meetings. Apology from D. Perkins.

Insurance on the Village Hall. After the Public had left, the Council gave consideration to a premium required, to cover the extension (*sic*) of the village Hall, this being Proposed by T.H. Hendy, and approved, amounting to £4.09.

12 Parishoners (*sic*) Present, in addition to Parish Council Members.

Signed E.A. Green 8 April 76

A few interested Parishoners (*sic*) attended the Parish Council meeting held in the Faulkland village Hall on Thursday April 8th 1976, over which Mr E.A. Green Presided, supported by a full attendance of Members of the Council. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and Approved unanimously. Matters arising chiefly were 1. Terry Hill Bus Shelter, which was receiving attention, 2. consideration was granted to a request on behalf of the Bridget Parker Award Fund, after a Proposition Put forward (*sic*) by T.H. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long to donate the Sum of £10.00 and approved, 3. and a letter was hand (*sic*) from the Mendip Treasurer, stating that the proceeds of the additional 1.5p rate, levied for the Parish of Hemington, for the year 1976-77, for the Village Hall extension (*sic*), would be available from April 1st. Attention was also drawn to a letter from the Wessex Water Authority, thanking the Council for the information supplied, in response, to their request for assistance, in their Survey of Land, and Road drainage.

119. STOCKS. Attention was also drawn to the repair of the stocks on the village Green.

Planning Applications. Two Planning Applications were discussed, No.1. Applicant being Mr K.A. Jarvis of Faulkland, for the erection of a Garage, to which consideration was granted, subject to the side, and rear walls, being rendered to match existing house and also the roof. No 2. Applicant being D. Woolcott, for the erection of 3 dwellings at Faulkland Filling Station, to which the meeting raised no objection to the change of Filling Station, to Residential Purpose, but questioned as to whether, the Land is sufficient for 3 dwellings, and if outline permission granted, they request details of the Proposed development to be forwarded (*sic*) to them in due course.

Bridleway. Consideration was given to the Possible Publication of a Mendip district Guide, and Accommodation List, and it was agreed to support this Provided there was no cost involved, to which would have to be borne by the Ratepayers. It was decided that the Clerk question any differences arising on a Bridleway, with the neighbouring Parish Council and report accordingly.

After a discussion on the Reaffiliation to the Association of Parish Councils, it was Proposed by K.W. Long, seconded by Mrs J. Horler, to reaffiliate for the requested Sum of £8.55, and Approved.

nuisance of Parked Cars. The nuisance of parked Cars in conspicuous (*sic*) Places, was brought to the attention of the Council, by residents of Turners Tower, and the question, as to a Garage recently built, whether it complied to Planning Regulations, the Clerk being instructed to Pass the matter to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authorities concerned.

A Cheque was Prepared in favour to Hadden & Best Ltd. for Stationary amounting to £6.06.

A number of Parish Council elections took Place, in the Mendip Area on May 6th 1976, but the members of the Hemington Parish Council, were returned unopposed, and the Members re-elected as follows; Mrs J. Horler, K.W. Long, E.A. Green, L.V. Francis, P. Francis and T.H. Hendy.

Signed E.A. Green 24 May 76.

120. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council took Place in the Faulkland Village Hall on Monday May 24th 1976.

Members Present were Mrs J. Horler, L.V. Francis, T.H. Hendy, P. Francis, E.A. Green, and K.W. Long, and 9 interested Parishoners (*sic*) also attended.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. After a Proposition by K.W. Long, seconded by T.H. Hendy, E.A. Green was re-elected Chairman for the 15th Year in succession, and it was Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by Mrs J. Horler that L.V. Francis be re-elected as Vice-Chairman, and Approved.

Mr Green thanked the Councillors for their Confidence, and endeavoured to serve again, to the best of his Ability.

The minutes then being read and accepted.

Acknowledgements. Acknowledgements were to hand from the Bridget Parker Fund, Previous Planning Applications, the Superintendent (*sic*) of police, and Mendip Council, the latter of which concerned complaints from Turners Tower, appeared to be satisfactory at Present, Pending any further complaint.

Footpath FR6/25. Regarding the footpath FR6/25, from Charlton Farm, to Norton St Phillip it was decided that the Clerk write to the Rights of Way Officer, for an explanation, and further details, that the 1806, Rights of Way Edition, Definitive Map may be able to designate.

Local Playing field. The request from the Mendip District Council, to assume responsibility for the maintenance of the Local Playing field, resulted with a decision, that the Council retain control for the present.

Help the Aged Appeal. After a Proposition by K. Long, seconded by P. Francis, the meeting decided to donate the sum of £2.00, in support to Help the Aged Appeal. The meeting also decided that the Council be represented at a meeting to be held at Frome, to discuss details relating to a Proposed Strategic Route Plan, and also be represented at the Somerset Local Councils Meeting.

Allotment Rent increases. After reviewing the present situation of the Local Allotments, the members decided to increase the Annual Rent to 50p Per 10 Perch.

Lack of Amenities. Mrs Fricker stated, her desire to draw the Councils attention, the (*sic*) lack of modern Amenities, in the 18 Council Houses, at Lansdown View Faulkland, taking into consideration the houses being built in **121.** in (*sic*) 1926 and are still without any Hot water Water (*sic*) facilities it being finally decided to Pass the request to the Housing Officer.

Overhead Cables. In the Interest of Visual Amenity, Mr Madely inquired the possibility, to underground existing overhead Lines, of Electricity and Telephone, in the village of Faulkland, and district, and it was decided to Pass the matter to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authorities concerned. Cheques were also Prepared for Insurance £33-72 and Ward Clerks Salary £10.00.

Signed E.A. Green 26 Aug 76

A meeting of the Parish Council was convened in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Thursday August 26th 1976.

Members Present were E.A. Green in the Chair, L.V. Francis, K.W. Long, T.H. Hendy, P. Francis, with an apology from Mrs J. Horler.

Mr Bush the Mendip District Councillor was also Present, with an additional 11 Parishoners (*sic*).

The minutes being read and unanimously accepted.

Modernisation at Lansdown View. In a reply to a request to modernise the 18 dwellings at Lansdown View the Mendip Council stated that their Plans for such amenities had unfortunately been halted, owing to Financial restrictions, but when this is lifted, the request should be implemented almost immediately.

New Farm development. Concern was expressed among Councillors, and Parishoners (*sic*), in the way the developer had amended some Items, in the Proposed Plans, to the Present site at New Farm Cottages, and the Clerk was informed to Press for a reply, in matters relating to the building of the Proposed Garages, and at the same time inquire as to the naming of the site, suggesting, members felt that New Farm Paddock to be suitable.

Electricity and Telephone lines. It was also noted that Financial reasons, were also responsible for shelving Plans, to Put overhead Electricity, and Telephone Lines underground.

The meeting strongly opposed to a Planning request, to site a Temporary Caravan at Faulkland Filling station, Pending **122.** further information, with a view that a Permanent dwelling would be more acceptable.

Sunday Post. The meeting expressed regret at the abolition of Sunday Post collections to which they considered inconvenient. Silver Jubilee. It was also decided to arrange a Public meeting at some future date, for a discussion, on arrangements for the Queens Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

Upkeep of Churchyard. Consideration was also granted to the reimbursement of the Sum of £20.00 towards the upkeep of the Local Churchyard, and a Cheque Prepared for the same.

obstruction. Agreements were duly signed, in respect to the Local Playing Field and Obstructions to various footpaths reported. Signed E.A. Green 4 Nov 76.

A Parish Council meeting was arranged, on Friday Sept 17th, to discuss a Planning Application, to build 2 Houses in the paddock at the rear to the village Hall, to which Councillors, and 3 Parishoners (*sic*) expressed their views to the Proposal, however, finally, the Council decided to Approve, subject to the use of Bradstone Masonry Blocks, Preferably (North Cerney colour) Plus Stone coloured concrete Tiles to match, and the members reserved the right to be notified of any amendment, or substitute. The meeting also arranged a date, for a Public meeting for a discussions (*sic*) on the Queens Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

Member to Playing Field Association. It was also Proposed by L.V. Francis, seconded by Mrs J. Horler, and approved, to enroll (*sic*) as a Member to the Playing Fields association, in which a Cheque was Prepared for £2.00.

Mr E.A. Green was in the Chair, supported by a full Council, and 3 Parishoners (*sic*). Signed E.A. Green 4 Nov 76.

123. A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Nov. 4th 1976, over which Mr E.A. Green Presided, attended by a full Council, Plus 6 interested Parishoners (*sic*).

The minutes being read and accepted as read.

Lack of Amenities. Matters arising were, the question of Modernisation to dwellings at Lansdown View, the difference of opinions, arising between Planning Departments and Parish Councils, of which it was decided to refer to the East Area Meeting of Parish Councils, and the question arose as to whether the Council should use any of the 'Free two Pence' in support to the existing Jubilee Funds, but after consideration, it was Proposed by P. Francis, seconded by L.V. Francis, to continue as agreed, in the way of just a village Celebration, but in the meantime, the Clerk to find a few more details, in reference to the two free Pence.

Precept, and the Maintenance of the Local Churchyard. Parish Council requirements under (Precept) for the Year 1977-78 were discussed, and finally Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long to Precept for £225, with a further Proposition from L.V. Francis seconded by Mrs J. Horler, to apply for reimbursement of the Sum of £22.50 for the maintenance of the Local Churchyard, both of which was approved unanimously.

Protest on state of Villages and Lanes. Concern was also expressed at the state of the lane from Faulkland to Hemington with mud, of which children had to walk through, daily, to the Local Primary school, numerous Potholes were reported, and water running across the roads, and the untidy villages of Faulkland, and Hemington, all of which was decided to send a letter of protest to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority.

It was decided to report, to what appeared to be dangerous Trees at Terry Hill.

Appreciation was also expressed at the cooperation, to the Councils request, for the recent removal of Barbed wire obstructions. Signed E.A. Green Feb 77.

124. A Parish Council Meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Monday Feb 7th 1977. Mr E.A. Green Presided, with a full Council in Attendance, Plus 10 interested Parishoners (*sic*).

The minutes being read, and unanimously accepted.

General Maintenance. The meeting, again, unanimously decided to Protest on the delapidated (*sic*) State of roadside drains, in the Parish, and Particularly in Hemington itself. Members appreciated that there had been Financial cutbacks, but felt, that there should be some reasonable share out of the money available, for Maintenance, and that Hemingtons turn to have some work done, was long overdue, the Clerk being instructed to Pass the Councils views to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority, and to the County Council Representative.

Painting at Lansdown View. Although Lansdown View, and Churchway Estate were long overdue for a facelift to the exterior, the Parish Council were very much astonished at the housing department, allowing the painting to the exterior, to continue, under such Prevailing weather conditions, and it was decided to question, as to whether this was a suitable time of the Year, to undertake such work.

Planning Applications were discussed, and approved, subject to slight amendments (by K. Long, L.V. Francis), and it was agreed to invite a Planning officer to a Meeting, at their earliest Convenience.

Parish Council Notice Board. The Clerk reported on the progress being attained, in connection to the recent damaged Parish Council Notice Board, and it was decided on the need for a replacement, with a View, to seeking estimates, and a View to resiting of same, when it was agreed to approach Messrs Cluttons, for Permission of a Site, near the Telephone Kiosk, and at the same time, report the two dangerous Trees at Terry Hill.

Jubilee Notice Board. Permission was granted to the local Womens Institute, for the Provision of an additional Notice Board to be erected at the Local Filling Station, subject to the owners Approval, and Appreciation was expressed, of the Institutes Thoughtful consideration to Commorate (*sic*) the Jubilee Year. The meeting also agreed to enter the best Kept Village, and Village Hall Competitions, and also to a Lenient Pruning of the other Chestnut tree on the village Green.

Arrangements were made for Representatives to attend a Ward **125.** Meeting, and the East Area Association Meeting, April 5th.

Village Pond and Wall. A discussion arose on the village Pond, and reference made, regarding a leaning Wall of which appeared to be dangerous, on a Public right of way, adjacent to the village Pond, and it was decided to Pass the complaint to the Authority concerned.

Signatures were Prepared for Precept, and the following Cheques. Village Hall Committee £7.00, Messrs Cluttons £13.75, Clerks Salary, Stamps & Stationary £60.18. T.H. Hendy £4.30. E.A. Green, Chairmans Allowance £2.00.

Signed E.A. Green 28 March 77.

A meeting of the Hemington Parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on March 28th 1977, this being the Annual Parish meeting, over which Mr E.A. Green Presided, and 12 interested Parishoners (*sic*) attended. Plus Members of the Council with the exception of L.V. Francis, who tendered an Apology.

Financial Statement. The Clerk gave a Financial Statement on the accounts of the Parish Council, of which resulted with a balance of £64.79.

The Chairman also gave a Financial Statement of the Village Hall Funds which resulted with a balance amounting £100.49p (*sic*), however the meeting unanimously agreed that both balances be Approved.

Bamphylde Charities. A statement on the Bamphylde Charities also showed that 34 Grants had been allocated, amounting to £31, appreciation being expressed to the Rev Earle for undertaking the distribution.

The Chairman also gave a statement on the Councils efforts during the past year, some being successful, but assured, that every effort will be made, to continue to do the best, or what the Council considered best, in the interest of the Community, and he thanked the members for their support during the last Year.

A General Council Meeting followed in which the minutes were read and unanimously approved.

Painting of Council Houses. It was noted with appreciation, that the Mendip Council, had agreed to the Parish Councils complaint about the painting of the outside, of houses at Lansdown View, and Churchway, and after an inspection was carried out, Appreciation **126.** was expressed to the Parish Council for the information received.

Culverts and Drains. The Council was Pleased to note that a number of Culverts, and drains, had been cleared, but some still required attention, to which it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Surveyor concerning this, and also stating that in many instances, early attention, would avoid, any additional expenses.

Maintenance of Village Pond. Although the Village Pond was described as a main feature of the Village, a vote was taken, as to whether Rate Payers, should Pay for its maintenance, the result, that any maintenance required, should be carried out voluntary, by anyone interested, with the Support of those living adjacent to the Pond.

Parish Council Notice Board. It was noted also, that the Parish Council Notice Board was receiving attention, and a new site agreed to, subject to conditions, in the Agreement, and the Chestnut tree, and leaning Wall adjacent to the Pond, were also receiving attention.

Bus Shelter destroyed. The Meeting was very Perturbed, to hear that the Terry Hill Bus Shelter had recently been destroyed, but efforts were being made to get a replacement.

Bungalow at Filling Station. A Planning Application for a Bungalow at the local Filling Station, was discussed, and approved, subject to being built of natural Stone, or Bradstone Blocks.

An estimate, from the Mendip Council, to cut the grass on the Village Green during the grass cutting season, at £5.04 Per cut was accepted.

Fouling of Footways by Dogs. A Byelaw, relating to the Fouling of Footways by Dogs, was noted, and agreed that the Copy be made available, at all reasonable hours to Public inspection, without any charge.

Insurance. A revised Insurance Schedule was drawn up with a View to increase Benefits owing to the inflationary effects on Insurance Cover, and it was decided to increase all indemnities such as Public Liability to £250.00, Fidelity Guarantee £1,200, Employers Liability (unlimited, Personal Accident £20.00 Plus £40 Per Week Total Disablement, Village Hall £20,000, Contents £1,000, 2 Bus Shelters £600, Four Public Seats £200, and parish Council notice Board £50.

Dustbins. It was also decided to write to the Refuse Department as a result to a Complaint about the Casual handling of Dust bins.

Signed E.A. Green 17th 77 (sic)

127. A Parish Meeting was arranged, and held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Thursday April 21st 1977.

Mr E.A. Green Presided, and as (*sic*) a Request from the previous Council Meeting, Mr Smith, an Officer, from the Mendip Planning Department, was Present, to speak on the Subject of Planning. The meeting Proved to be very interesting, and worthwhile, in which gave the Members, ideas, and Interest, of what Planning Authorities were looking for, and also had to be guided by, in discussing Planning Applications.

Town and Country Planning Book. Mr Smith stated that, in majority, applications, they were obliged to obey the rules, and Regulations, laid down by Government, and Environment, in books such as; Town and Country Planning, and General Development; No 289, and can be obtained at H.M. Stationary Offices; in which the Parish Council decided to Purchase.

Questions were put to the Officer in question, on many local, and Planning Applications, and reasonably satisfactory replies were accepted. The Chairman thanked Mr Smith, for his interesting talk, and favourable answers, to the questions Put to him.

At this meeting 5 Councillors were Present, and 7 interest (*sic*) Parishoners (*sic*) with an apology from Mrs Horler.

Damaged Bus Shelter. A council meeting followed, to discuss a few interesting Items, namely, the damaged Bus Shelter, and estimates, and a letter from the Insurance Co, concerning this in which it was decided to seek, further estimates, and forward (*sic*) them to the Company concerned.

After discussion on a Quotation, to hand, following the revision of Insurance Cover, it was Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long, to accept these revisions, and a Cheque being prepared for £4.35, the additional Premium required up to June 1st 1977.

Signed E.A. Green 17th 77 (sic).

128. At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on May 17th 1977 it was proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by Paul Francis, that E.A. Green be re-elected as Chairman, for the 16th Year in succession, and Proposed by T. Hendy, sec. by K.W. Long, that L.V. Francis be re-elected as Vice-Chairman, both Propositions, being unanimously Approved.

The minutes being read and unanimously Approved.

P.C. Notice Board. It was noted that Preparations for a New Parish Council Notice Board was (*sic*) being taken care of, and 2 estimates had been forwarded (*sic*) to the Insurance Company, concerning the damaged Bus Shelter.

Mr Hendy stated that during the road Surfacing, at Hammer Lane, it Appeared that some drain covers, had been covered over, to which the Clerk was instructed to make the necessary inquiries.

E.A. Green John Green. A Request was to hand, for nominations, for the nominations of 2 School Managers, for the Hemington Primary School, when it was Proposed by T. Hendy seconded by P. Francis, that E.A. GREEN, be elected to represent the Parish Council, and as Mr L.V. Francis had declined to stand again, it was Proposed by K.W. Long seconded by T. Hendy, that Mr John Green, who had

children attending the school, be elected to serve as a Manager, but however as Mr Francis had represented the Council for so many Years, it was agreed, that a letter be written, expressing the Councils Thanks for his remarkable Representation.

Rent Arrears. The meeting agreed, that the Clerk question the Accounts, in respect to number of Grass Cuts of the village Green, during 1976 and draw attention to the cutting of Grass at Fulwell Close, also to the Housing Authority, on the question of Rent Arrears, and to Messrs Cluttons regarding the responsibility, attached to the grass cutting at the 6 new Cottages, at New Farm, and a question, relating to the ownership of the Lay-by.

A Planning Application was dealt with, and recommended to approve, subject to Amendments being accepted, at the old Rectory.

It was also agreed to write to Buckland Parish Council on the state of footbridge at Hardington, and the sign at Chickwell crossroads.

Cheques were Prepared for Insurance Premium **129**, amounting to £62.73, Association of Local Councils £8.70 and G. Loader £1.00, for purchase of Town and Country Planning Book.

Flag Pole. It was also decided to insure the Flag Pole on the village Green, recently erected, for the Jubilee Celebrations.
Signed E.A. Green 11-7-77

A Public Meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Monday July 11th 1977, at which about 19 Parishoners (*sic*) attended, including Parish Councillors, and County Representative Mr. W. Soames, Apology T. Hendy.

Highway matters in the village of Faulkland. However, the meeting was arranged, to discuss Problems, arising as to a result of a notice recently displayed by the Highway Authority, which stated that the Lay-BY (*sic*), in the Centre of the Village of Faulkland the footpath, and Part of the land Adjacent to it, should now become a Highway, maintainable at the public expense.

Parish Council Members, and Local Residents were very concerned at being asked to support, and maintain, something of which they did not want in the first instance, and could well have been avoided, if only Parish Council comments, had been given some reasonable consideration. Mr L.V. Francis considered that the the (*sic*) Lay-by, and the additional Access, had only been a Hazard to the village, and other road users, this being met with every approval. Several People had various Ideas, for improvement, to the existing situation, but the final decision, of the meeting unanimously, was that, a footway be constructed adjacent to the highway, and a retaining wall be built, thus giving a good site (*sic*) line, for visibility, and a Road-way constructed behind this wall, for which could Provide Parking and access, on their own land, we feel this could be giving some consideration, and implemented at the owners expense.

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

Parish Council Notice Board. Matters arising, and given consideration, were a Cheque from the Insurance Co amounting to £39.56, in respect to the damaged Notice Board, and a Cheque was Prepared on behalf of D. Morgan who supplied the board, amounting to £23, with appreciation for his cooperation. Further inquiries were to be made regarding **130**, the damaged Bus Shelter, Road Surface in Hammer Lane, grass cutting at Turners Tower. Replys (*sic*) regarding the Mendip Council rent arrears and matters, relating to Registrar (*sic*) of electors, appeared to be satisfactory.

Planning Appeal. A Planning Appeal, on behalf of D.C. Wiltshire, for permission to build either 2 dwellings, or one, to which comments were raised, both for and against, but some did not object to one dwelling, but however, on a Vote taken, as to whether any Permission should be granted, the chairman was Obligated (*sic*) to give a Casting Vote, of which resulted with a decision, not to allow any development.

Garage at Faulkland. As a result to a letter from the Mendip Council, relating to a Garage being erected at New Farm Cottages, of which it should have been constructed with Shearstone Split Blocks, instead of Concrete block, and Render it was unanimously decided, to await a reply from the Planning meeting, to be held on July 12th.

Pond Wall Mr Madely raised the question of Ownership of the Village Pond Wall, in which he was advised to make further inquiries.

'Go Slow Signs'. Mr J. Green asked if there was any Possibility for the erection of 'Go Slow' Signs, at each end of the Village of Faulkland, as he considered some Motorists travelled through the Village at excessive speed, the Clerk being instructed to Pass the matter to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority, and at the same time, report the overgrowth in the Lane, leading from the corner of the village Green.

A Cheque, was also Prepared, for the Ward Clerks Salary, amounting to £10.00, and to Messrs Cluttons, for Allotment, and Playing Field Rent, amounting to £13.75.

Signed E.A. Green Oct 27th 77.

A meeting of the Somerset Association of Local Councils, for the east Area, was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Tuesday October 11th 1977, at which approximately, about 37 People from various Parish Councils attended.

The Chairman of the Hemington Parish Council. Mr E.A. Green welcomed the Members of the Association, to the meeting, to which Refreshments were Provided by Members of the Local Council, under the Auspices of Mrs J. Horler, with help from **131**, the Local Ladies. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the Chairman, Mr E.J. Francis, thanked the Hemington Members for their invitation to Faulkland, and their Splendid Hospitality.

A Parish Council meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Thursday October 27th 1977, with E.A. Green in the Chair. Members Present were, Mrs J. Horler, P. Francis, T.H. Hendy, with apologies from K.W. Long, and L.V. Francis, and Five interested Parishoners (*sic*) also Present.

The minutes of the Previous meeting being read, and accepted unanimously.

Go Slow Signs. It was noted with Appreciation, in a letter from the Divisional Surveyor, that a drainage Programme, would now be soon commencing, thus including the inadequate drainage, at Hassage Crossroads, and various other Places, but members were disappointed to hear, that the Surveyor were (*sic*) unable to Provide more efficient 'Go Slow' Signs through the Village of Faulkland, especially with the ever increasing flow of Traffic, and it was unanimously agreed to apply again, expressing the Public Concern, questioning for the Purchase of 'Please Drive Slowly' Signs to be erected, adjoining the Village name Plate, at each end of the village.

Garage at Faulkland. Regarding the Garage recently built, unavoidably in contravention to the Approved Plans, it was decided to await replies from the Mendip Council.

Terry Hill Bus Shelter. The Clerk was also instructed to contact the Contractors, for immediate replacement of the Terry Hill Bus Shelter, the Clerk, replied, stating, he had contacted the Surveyor for his Approval, in case any further Road development should take Place.

Bridget Parker. An Appeal, on behalf of the Local Bridget Parker Trust Fund, was acknowledged, when it was Proposed by T. Hendy seconded by Mrs J. Horler, to donate the Sum of £10, and approved.

Playing Field Rent. As a result to a letter from the Hylton Estate Agency, stating that Lord Hylton, was Prepared to defer the Rent review, of the Faulkland Playing field, until March 1980, the Clerk was instructed to reply stating the Councils Appreciation.

FOOTPATH AND BRIDLEWAY. Nos. 11/9 and 6/25. A Request was to hand, from Landowners, and, or Tenants **132**, requesting the Parish Councils of Hemington, and Norton St Phillips Approval, for the removal of Public Bridleway Rights, thus retaining

the Public Right of Way on foot only. It is their considered opinion, that the Public Bridleway right was shown in absolute error, during the Survey of Public Rights of Way Survey 1949-50. However, after a lengthy (*sic*) discussion on the Subject, it was unanimously decided, for the removal of the Bridleway Way Rights, thus retaining the Public Right of Way, on foot only.

uneven Pavement. The meeting also decided, that a letter be sent to the Divisional surveyor, reporting the uneven trench surfaces, of which was left by the Contractors recently.

Signed E.A. Green Jan 5th 1978.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Thursday Jan 5th 1978, over which Mr E.A. Green Presided. Members Present were Mrs J. Horler, K.W. Long, and T.H. Hendy, with apologies from P. Francis, and L.V. Francis, and as the meeting was open to the Public, about 4 Parishoners (*sic*) attended. The minutes being read and unanimously approved.

'GO SLOW SIGNS'. As a result to Mr J. Green's request, for 'Go Slow' Signs, to be erected at each end of the village of Faulkland, members were Pleased to hear, that the County Council were Prepared, to Provide them, and erect, Providing the expense was met by the Parish Council, and it was Proposed by K.W. Long seconded by Mrs J. Horler that the Parish Council accept this offer, trusting this would influence drivers, to go through the village more slowly.

Uneven Road Surface and Pavements. Concern was again expressed, at the uneven road surface, recently left by contractors, engaged by the G.P.O., and Mr Hendy stated that there were still some gullies covered, as a result to the recent road surfacing, and it was agreed to Pass both complaints to the Appropriate (*sic*) authority.

County Playing Fields Association. It was Proposed by T. Hendy, seconded by Mrs J. Horler, and approved, to donate the sum of £2.00 to the County Playing Fields Association.

Upkeep of Churchyard. It was noted with appreciation that the Mendip Council had now approved for the reimbursement for the Sum of £22.00. **133.** toward the maintenance of the local Churchyard.

It was also Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long, and approved to settle the account, due for the District Auditors expenses and Fee, amounting to £16.20, and it was Proposed by Mrs J. Horler, seconded by K.W. Long, that the Clerk be Paid £2.00 towards attendance at the Audit.

Best Kept Village. A report on the best kept village competition, stated that Faulkland continued to be a Pretty village, with well cared for Properties, but unfortunately had more than its fair share of litter.

Precept 1978-79. Estimate of expenditure were discussed for the year ending March 31st 1979, and it was Proposed by Mrs J. Horler seconded by T.H. Hendy to Precept the Mendip Council for £300 for General expenses, with a view of reimbursement of £75 towards the maintenance of the Local Churchyard, and approved.

Bridleway and Footpath. It was also decided to await further reports on the Bridle-Way and footpath leading to Norton St Phillips.

It was also noted with Appreciation that the Terry Hill Bus Shelter was nearly completed.

Skateboarding. At this meeting, it was brought to the notice of the Parish Council that some youths are using the Fulwell Housing estate, as a Skateboard Centre, and therefore causing a nuisance to the elderly folk, and it was decided to Pass the matter to the Housing Authority for attention.

Signed E.A. Green 9th 1978 (*sic*)

A meeting of the Hemington Parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Thursday March 9th 1978, over which Mr E.A. Green Presided, supported by a full Council, with the exception of Mr L.V. Francis, who unfortunately was indisposed, and it was the unanimous wish of the meeting, that the Clerk write to him expressing the members wishes, for a speedy recovery, with a View, and return to normal duties. The minutes of the last being (*sic*) read, and unanimously approved.

'Go Slow Signs'. Members welcomed the news, that the Divisional Surveyor was ordering the 'Go Slow' signs, to be erected at each end of the **134.** village of Faulkland, in a bid to reduce the speed of increasing traffic.

A letter from the surveyor, also stated that they were in constant communication with the G.P.O. regarding the reinstatement of the surface of the trenches on the road, and Pavements.

Nuisance at Fulwell Close. It was noted that the nuisance of skate boarding at the Fulwell Close estate, but regret to hear that a further nuisance is being experienced, as a result to Mud etc. being thrown at Old Folks doors, to which the Clerk was instructed to report to the Housing Officer.

It was noted with Appreciation, that Mr K. Pitman, had now been granted Permission to complete his garage, providing it was rendered to match the existing dwellings.

'Parish Review'. The meeting also discussed the Contents, laid down in a Circular from the department of the environment on 'Parish Review', a matter of vital importance to every Parish Council, and Parish Meeting, many Proposals were put forward (*sic*), but no final decision reached, as it was decided to await any further observations from neighbouring Parish Councils at Ward meeting of which had been arranged, whereby to allow these Councils the opportunity to express their Views on Communal and Community Representation.

Playing field Fence and Hedge. A letter was to hand from Messrs Cluttons stating that the Hedges and Fence, at the Local Playing field, were in a bad state of neglect, to which, after a discussion, it was agreed, that the Council would endeavour to give the matter attention.

Proposed Water Supply. Also Messrs Cluttons were inquiring as to whether the Council were interested in a Proposed water supply to the Playing field, as they were Proposing to lay on a Water supply to the adjoining fields, but the Council would be asked to bear a Proportion of the costs for installation, however, the Council considered it not to be essential for the playing field, but felt, that as the proposed scheme, was Scheduled to be taken through the field adjoining the allotments, there was a Possibility that Allotment holders may be interested, but naturally, they would, in conjunction with the Council, desire to be notified as to what Proportion of cost this would involve before reaching a final decision, however the Clerk was instructed **135.** reply (*sic*) accordingly.

Best Kept Village. It was Proposed by Mrs Horler, seconded by T. Hendy to enter the village of Faulkland for the best Kept Village competition, with a view, to appeal to the members of the Public for their Cooperation, in order to Promote, and develop an attractive environment.

Grass Cutting. The clerk was also instructed to ask the Mendip Council for a quotation to cut the grass again on the village Green.

Concessionary Bus Fares. The meeting welcomed the news from the Mendip Council, to introduce a Concessionary Bus Fare scheme, whereby to help Pensioners.

Planting of Trees. Mr J. Green inquired if there was any scheme available, whereby to support Councils in an effort to replace Trees recently effected (*sic*) by the Dutch elm disease, this being left for the clerk to make inquiries.

It was Proposed by K.W. Long, seconded Mrs J. Horler to make an allowance of £5.00 for Chairmans allowance, and to Prepare Signatures for the following Cheques, and approved.

Faulkland village Hall Committee £8.00 Messrs Cluttons £13.75 Clerk Salary + expenses, £6.24 E.A. Green, Chairmans Allowance, and Travelling allowance £7.90. The meeting decided to arrange the Annual Parish Meeting for Thursday April 13th.
Signed E.A. Green 13 April 78.

A Ward meeting was held at the Faulkland Village Hall on Wednesday March 15th 1978, over which Mr R. Bush, the District Council Chairman Presided. An apology from Mr L.V. Francis, and Buckland Dinham Parish Council, being accepted, but Representatives were Present, from Norton St Phillip and Hemington Parish Councils, and also from Laverton Parish Meeting.

Parish Review. Mr E.A. Green, Chairman of the Hemington Parish Council, welcomed the Members of the various Parishes, and considered this, the most suitable time, for neighbouring Councils to express their views on Parish Council Boundaries, the matters arising under the Subject: Parish Review. However, Mr P. Weeks the Chairman of the Laverton Parish Meeting, stated that Laverton and Lullington, were quite Prepared to stay as they are, but no doubt, would accept a little extension if the Possibility arose.

Norton St Phillip. Dr. Flemming, Chairman of the Norton St Phillip Parish **136**. Council stated that they too, were contented to stay as they now exist.

Hemington. Mr E.A. Green, the Chairman of the Hemington Parish Council stated that Hemington, were (*sic*) quite contented to stay as they are, but were Prepared for discussion with Neighbouring Parish Councils, on any Proposed extensions, and also give consideration to any Proposed Concessions. However, as there was no Representation from the Buckland Dinham Parish Council, it was decided to contact the Clerk, with a view to meeting their Members, to hear their views on the Subject.

The Chairman gave a Report on the General District News, in which many questions asked, and responded with favourable replies.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Mrs Horler, for the Preparation of Refreshments.

Signed E.A. Green 13th April 78.

Parish Review

A meeting was held at Buckland Dinham Church Hall on Monday April 3rd 1978, between the Members of Hemington, and Buckland Parish Councils, granting them the opportunity to submit any observations they feel necessary, on any changes of Boundary.

However, Mr Hibberd, the Chairman of the Buckland Parish Council welcomed the members from Hemington, and Mr E.A. Green considered it a duty, on behalf of both Councils, to discuss any matters arising, from any Proposals, on behalf of the inhabitants being so near to the Parish boundary.

After consideration, it was unanimously decided, that the two Chairmans (*sic*) interview the inhabitants concerned, seeking their views as to whether they considered it beneficial (*sic*) to them, to change their Local Administration, and Social Activity Centres, either way, and report accordingly.

There were 5 Members Present from Buckland, and 3 from Hemington Plus the two Clerks, and apologies from P. Francis, K.W. Long, and L.V. Francis.

Signed E.A. Green 13th April 1978.

137. The Annual Parish meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Thursday April 13th 1978, over which Mr E.A. Green Presided. There were 5 Parishoners (*sic*) Present, and members of the Parish Council were Mrs J. Horler, K.W. Long, P. Francis, T.H. Hendy, and an apology from L.V. Francis.

Accounts. The Clerk gave a statement on the Parish Council Accounts, of which showed a satisfactory balance of £69.78 and the Chairman gave a statement on the village Hall Funds of which also showed a satisfactory balance of £291.83.

Bamphyld Charities. The Chairman gave a statement on the Bamphyld Charities in which it was stated that £31.50 had been distributed, to what the Committee considered deserving cases, and he also thanked members for their cooperation, and in responding, Mr T. Hendy thanked the Chairman for his support in the matter.

Chairmans Report. The Chairman in his report, referred many items, namely attention to the village pond, village Green, acknowledgement to various appeals, representation to the state of roads, and pavements, erection of Go-Slow Signs, through the village of Faulkland, and the splendid response to the Jubilee Celebrations, and many other items of interest, such as appreciation to the Members of the Council for their attendance, and support at the meetings.

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

Playing field Fence and Hedge. It was noted with appreciation that the G.P.O. Trenches were to receive attention, and consideration to the Playing field hedges when convenient, with a view to the Chairmans meeting a Representative on behalf of the Ammerdown Estate to discuss Problems, and Proposals arising.

Grass cutting on the village Green. The meeting also decided to accept a quotation from the Mendip District Council to cut the grass on the village Green, at a Price of £5.60 Per cut.

Parish Boundaries now under national review was again raised, and after a report from the Chairman, that those inhabitants being just over the Hemington border wish to remain in the Buckland Dinham Parish, therefore members felt there was not much to **138**. be considered, apart from the two cottages in the Wood, on the Boundary at Terry Hill Nos. 240-242, however it was unanimously decided that this Representation be Put forward (*sic*) to the Mendip Council for consideration, as the occupiers of these cottages have always looked upon the Parish of Hemington as their Social Centre.

Litter Receptable (*sic*). Mrs Morgan inquired into the present state of the Lane near the village Hall, when the Chairman stated he would look into the matter, and Miss Cook inquired into the Possibility of an additional Litter receptable (*sic*) near the village Pond, of which it was agreed to review the subject at the next meeting, and also representation to the untidy Lay-BY (*sic*) at the lower end of the village of Faulkland, if it was recognised as an official one, but the Clerk was to make inquiries regarding this.

Re-Affiliation. The meeting also agreed to Re-affiliate to the Association of Parish Councils, after being proposed by T. Hendy, seconded by Mrs Horler, taking into consideration the increase of membership to £11.24.

Donation. It was also Proposed, by K.W. Long, seconded by P. Francis to donate the Sum of £2.00 to the Somerset Community Council, and Approved.

Bus Shelter A/C. After consideration to the account from Gaudes and Shreaves (?), for the reconstruction of the Terry Hill Bus Shelter, it was Proposed by P. Francis, seconded by Mrs J. Horler that this A/C be settled amounting to £283.17. Arrangements were made for members to attend the East Area meeting at Frome on April 18th.

Planning Applications. Consideration was granted, in favour to two Applicants, 1. for a double Garage, and storeroom at No 2 Turners Tower, and a Proposed extension to the existing Workshop at the Faulkland Filling Station.

Arrangements were being made for Pensioners to obtain their Concessionary Bus Tokens at the Local village Hall on May 18th.
Signed E.A. Green 23rd May 1978.

139. At the Annual meeting of the Hemington Parish Council, held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Tuesday May 23rd 1978, Mr E. A. Green was re-elected chairman for the 17th year in succession, after a proposition by Mr P. Francis, seconded by Mrs J. Horler, and

approved. It was also Proposed by T. Hendy seconded by Mrs J. Horler, that Mr L.V. Francis be re-elected Vice-Chairman. The minutes being read, and unanimously approved.

Un-official Lay-by and litter Baskets. A reply to the unofficial Lay-by at the eastern end, of the village of Faulkland, of which was recently reported, stated that this obviously serves a useful Purpose, for vehicles to stop, between Norton St Phillip and Terry Hill, therefore consideration would not be granted to stop off the Lay-by, but as it was the County's current Policy, to discontinue the supply of litter baskets, a warning sign would be erected, stating, it is an offence to leave litter.

Re-surfacing of Pavements & Lanes. Appreciation was expressed, to the recent improvement to the resurfacing of the pavements in the village of Faulkland, and to the re-surfacing of the various Lanes in the vicinity, and as a result to this, the Clerk was instructed to write to the divisional Surveyor, expressing the Councils Appreciation for the improvement, but at the same time, report the damaged Signposts, of which needed repairing, and repainting, and also report the Pot Holes near the boundary in Hassage Lane.

Planting of Trees. The Clerk was also instructed to make further inquiries to a Tree Planting Scheme.

Unauthorised Access. The Chairman stated, that as a result to many Complaints to him and the Clerk, recently, regarding to Preparation for two Accesses, for Car Parking in the village, he felt, that as Chairman, he was bound by duty, to make inquiries, but had received no reply, the Clerk was therefore instructed to write for a reply.

Grassed Area near the Kiosk. The Clerk was also instructed to write to Messrs Cluttons, and to the divisional Surveyor, regarding the cutting of the Grass Area adjacent to Cottages, the Lay-by, and near the Kiosk, some of which had recently been dedicated to the Highway Authority.

Pop Festivals. The meeting decided unanimously, to support an informal **140.** meetings decision of Representatives of various local Authorities, not to allow, any sites, for the use of Pop Festivals in the Mendip Area.

Insurance. Mr Hendy inquired if the Present Premium of Insurance was sufficient to cover any further damage that may occur to either Bus Shelter, and he also considered, that inquiries should be made at the next Ward meeting, regarding the Ward Clerks Salary.

A Cheque was Prepared to the Commercial Union Assurance in respect to the annual Premium, amounting to £62.32.

Community Health Council. Members viewed with grave concern, a letter from the Community Health Council, referring to the Present Trend of closing Chemists shops in the Bath Health district, and it was felt that many difficulties would be experienced, if this trend continued, however the Clerk was instructed to complete the questionnaire (*sic*) attached.

Position of the Playing field. A discussion arose on the Present Position of the playing Field at Faulkland, to which the Chairman Put forward (*sic*) a suggestion for an alternative site, adjoining the present one, however, it was decided to make further inquiries regarding this.

Apologies was (*sic*) accepted from K.W. Long, and L.V. Francis.

Cutting of the grass on the Village Green. A Cheque was Prepared for the cutting of the grass on the Village Green amounting to £5.04, for the Year 1977-78.

Signed E.A. Green Sept 21st 1978

Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Thursday Sept. 21st 1978, over which Mr E.A. Green Presided, with the following Members Present; Mrs J. Horler, Mr P. Francis, Mr T.H. Hendy, Mr K. W. Long, and an Apology was accepted from Mr L.V. Francis.

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

Tree Planting Scheme. The Clerk stated, that he had consulted various Landowners with regard to the Mendip Councils efforts, to Promote Tree Planting during the Year 1978-79, to which response had been met, from Mr H. Horler, T.H. Hendy, Messrs F. and E.A. Green, P. Francis; and it was suggested, to approach, Mr B. Weaver, R. Francis, R. Yorke, Radstock Cooperative Society, and Messrs Cluttons, on behalf of the **141.** Ammerdown Estate, and Mr J. Wilmott.

Re. – Unauthorised Access. The Parish Council, also decided to accept the views of the Mendip Planning Authority, in connection to the Planning Application at Apple Tree Cottage, Faulkland, for the formation of a Vehicular Access.

Damaged Signs and Overgrowth. It was noted, that the Grassed Area, near the Kiosk, at Faulkland, had been cut, much to the Credit of Mr B. Morgan, and as the damaged signposts, had not yet received attention, it was decided to write again, and at the same time report the overgrowth in the Back Lane, near the village Hall, and the ever increasing overgrowth, on the various corners within the Parish, and the omission of the 'Go Slow signs' on the highway on the western side of the village.

Ward Clerks Salary and Ward needs. It was decided that the recent business in connection to the Nordington Ward, to be placed on the agenda for the next Ward meeting.

Frome and district Sports Council. It was also decided that the Parish Council, be represented at a meeting to be held at Frome on Sept. 28th, with a view to the Formation of a Frome, and district Sports Council.

Best Kept Village Competition. Members of the Council were delighted to hear, that although, they were unsuccessful in the Best Kept village competition, they did qualify for the Semi-final, and the Percentage mark was 72, this was felt, to be a little more encouraging, and it is hoped that renewed steps will be made if the competition is entered next Year.

Position of Playing Field. The Position of the existing Playing field, was discussed, with a view to cutting the Hedges etc, and Mr Hendy Proposed, that we keep the existing Playing field, and defer the consideration, to an alternative site, until the Rent Review, of which is due in March 1980, when a further decision will be made, as to which Field will be most suitable for the Parish, but in the meantime, it was agreed to appeal to the Public, to attend the meeting in October, when the matter will be debated again.

At this meeting, it was also agreed to invite P.C. Baker to Lecture on the subject of Crime and Prevention.

Notice to quit allotment. Notice from two Tenants to quit their allotments, was accepted, with a view, to re-letting of same.

142. Members were very Perturbed to hear of the recent damage inflicted to the Terry Hill Telephone Kiosk, and it was agreed that the Clerk, write again, strongly emphasising for its removal to an alternative site, nearer to the Ammerdown Terrace.

Pear Tree Cott. Hemington. Regarding a Planning Application, to extend a single Garage, to a double one, this was approved subject to the side, and front, being built of natural Stone, and the access to be resurfaced with Asphalt or Tarmacadam.

upkeep of Churchyard. Cheques were Prepared in favour to Messrs Cluttons for ½ Year Allotment, and Playing Field Rent, £13.75, and Hemington Parochial Church Council for upkeep of the Local Churchyard.

Signed E.A. Green 3rd Jan 1979.

At a request from the Avon and Somerset Constabulary in their effort to involve the community in Crime Prevention, a meeting was arranged under the Auspices of the Parish Council, at the Faulkland Village Hall, for a local Police officer to attend, namely P.C. Baker. However the Constable in question was welcomed by the Chairman Mr E.A. Green. The Constable gave an interesting and informative talk on what the Police Force are doing to combat the increasing wave of crime, and how the public may be able to make a significant contribution towards reducing it, or at least create a Public awareness. The Constable was well versed in his subject, and a helpful discussion followed his talk, he also stressed that anything of a suspicious, or unusual nature, should be reported to the police, even if the incident,

should afterwards Prove to be a false alarm, and also the Local Crime Prevention Officer, is always willing to assist anyone who needs Professional advice. The Chairman thanked the Constable for his interesting and informative talk, and hope (*sic*) that it would bear some influence upon their determined effort.

Alternative playing Field. A short discussion followed, with a view, as to whether the Parish Council should accept the opportunity being granted **143**. them, for an alternative Playing field, and after a vote was taken on this subject, it was unanimously decided by 10 votes to nil to accept the alternative.

Cancer Appeal. It was also decided to support an appeal by the Cancer Research Fund. The meeting was well supported, and an apology was accepted from L.V. Francis.

Jan 3rd Jan 1979 (*sic*)

Members of the Hemington Parish Council met in the Faulkland Village Hall on Wed Jan 3rd 1979, over which Mr E.A. Green Presided, but owing to such inclement weather conditions, apologies were received from, Mrs J. Horler, P. Francis and L.V. Francis, this leaving 3 Members Present, T.H. Hendy and K.W. Long, which enabled the meeting to transact the business stated on the Agenda.

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

Tree Planting scheme. Matters arising from the meeting, were discussed, namely; Tree Planting scheme, of which, it was agreed to make further inquiries.

Finger Post signs. Regarding the Painting, and replacing of finger Post signs, and the clearance of undergrowth, the Surveyor stated that there would be some delay owing to reduction of maintenance funds, and inadequate Labour.

Ward Clerks Salary. The Chairman gave a report, on the recent Ward meeting, at which the Ward Clerks Salary was discussed, in which other Parish Councils suggested, the Ward Clerk, being Paid £7 from each Council, but he himself, suggested £5 and after a debate on the subject it was Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long, that the Hemington Parish Council Pay £5, the matter to be transferred to the next ward meeting.

Alternative Playing field. It was noted that the Proposal for the alternative Playing field had Provisionally been accepted, but the Council were awaiting further confirmation.

Frome & district Sports Club. As the Frome and district Sports Club was not represented at the last meeting, it was decided, that the Parish Council be represented **144**. at the next meeting on Jan 11th, subject to weather conditions.

Terry Hill Kiosk. Members were very Pleased to hear that the Terry Hill Kiosk had been restored to use, after being vandalised.

Precepts. Owing to increase in their costs, the Members felt obliged to increase its Precept for the ensuing Year, however, it was Proposed by K.W. Long, seconded by T.H. Hendy, to Precept the Mendip Council for £400.00, and Proposed by T. Hendy, seconded by K.W. Long to Precept for £60.00, to carry us through the Present Financial Year, and approved.

It was also Proposed by K.W. Long, seconded by T. Hendy, to apply for the Sum of £50.00 towards the maintenance, and upkeep of the Local Churchyard.

Cancer research. Members were also Pleased to hear, that their efforts on behalf of the Imperial Cancer research Fund, resulted in £26.62 being forwarded (*sic*) to the Appeals secretary. Cheques were Prepared in favour to Department of the environment for Auditors Fees £12.96, G. Loaders expenses for attendance at Audit £2.00. Somerset County Council, for the Provision, and erection, of 'Go Slow' signs, for the village of Faulkland £36.58, and Humphries & West £13.43 for 2 Writing Books.

Clerks Salary. It was also agreed to review the Clerks Salary at the next meeting.

Signed E.A. Green March 8th 79.

At a meeting of the Hemington Parish Council held on March 8th 1979, Members stood in silence, as a token of respect, to the late Mr L.V. Francis, who had recently Passed away, and Tribute to his work, was Paid by the Chairman, Mr E.A. Green, and Members Present.

He had been a Councillor for approximately some 30 Years, or more, and during those Years, had been Chairman and Vice-Chairman, all of which, Proved him to be a well known figure in Public Life, and Parish affairs, and it was requested, that his devoted service be placed on record.

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

111. Allocation of Trees. Members were delighted to hear, that the Mendip District Council had allocated 111 Trees to various land owners in the Parish, in connection with the Tree Planting campaign. The Council thanked the Landowners, and the District Council, and hoped that the landowners who did not receive any Trees, would be more fortunate in any future **145**. allocation.

Alternative Playing field. As no further information had been received, in connection to the alternative Playing field, it was decided that the Chairman make the necessary inquiries, and also to the cutting of the Playing Field Hedge.

Clerks Salary. It was Proposed by T.H. Hendy, seconded by P. Francis, that the Clerks Salary be increased from £50, to £75, from March 31st 1979, and Approved.

Transport Plan 1979-80. Somerset County Councils Public Transport Plan, was discussed, and it was felt, that as most Probably, these services, will be reviewed Annually, the Council, may be able to express further comment.

Bus Service. Also, as a result to the recent Petition, organised by the Local W.I. and Passed to the Parish Council, for an improved Bus Service, such as the return, Service to Bath on Wednesdays, it was felt that, the list of Signatures, was inadequate, to supply any improvement, at this stage.

Playing field Funds. Appreciation was expressed on behalf of the Playing Fields Committee for the success of their Fund raising scheme.

The meeting agreed to approach the Mendip Council, as to cutting the grass on the village Green again this Year.

Signatures for Cheques were Prepared to the following, and approved. Mendip District Council, grass cutting 1978, £33.60 Faulkland Village Hall Committee £6.00 Messrs Cluttons, Allotment Rent etc, £13.75. G. Loader, Salary £50.00 expenses £10.11 E.A. Green, Chairmans allowance for expenses £10.00 T.H. Hendy £2.30 Travelling expenses to meetings.

Apologies was (*sic*) accepted from Mrs J. Horler

The Annual Parish Meeting was arranged for Thursday April 12th at 7.30 PM.

Signed E.A. Green 12 April 79

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Faulkland Village Hall on Thursday April 12th 1979.

Mr E.A. Green Presided, and Members Present were Mrs J. Horler, Mr T.H. Hendy, Mr K.W. Long, and Mr P. Francis, and only **146**. 2 Parishoners (*sic*) were Present. The Clerk gave the Financial Statement on the Parish Council accounts of which resulted with a satisfactory balance of £153.16, and the Chairman gave a statement on the village Hall Funds of which also showed a balance of £213.35.

The Chairman also gave a statement on the Bamphylde Charities in which he stated, that £36.00, had been distributed, to what the committee considered needy cases, in which he thanked the members of that committee for their support once again.

In his report, on the Councils efforts, during the past Year, he referred to many items of interest, especially with the Tree Planting scheme, recently Put forward (*sic*) by the Mendip Council, and the Cooperation of the Local Landowners, in Planting them, he also thanked the Councillors, and the Clerk for their continued support, with a special appreciation to Mr T. Hendy, who was not standing again in the forthcoming election, but had served on the Council for the Past 18 Years, and also Mr K.W. Long, who was not seeking re-election but had served for a Period of 14 to 15 Years.

This concluded the business of the Annual meeting.

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

Playing Field. Matters arising regarding the Alternative Playing field, the Chairman stated that he had recently Phoned the Appropriate (*sic*) Authority on two occasions, in which it was stated, was receiving attention (*sic*).

The meeting unanimously agreed to enter the best kept Village Competition again this Year.

Ward Clerk Salary. After a report on the recent Ward Meeting, it was Proposed by P. Francis, seconded by Mrs J. Horler, to Pay the Ward Clerks Salary of £14.00 for the 2 Years, and approved.

Cutting of Grass on V. Green. It was also agreed to accept the Mendip Councils quotation of £6.16 Per cut, to cut the Grass on the Village Green for 1979.

Complaints. Complaints were reported regarding the nuisance at the Old disused Sewer Bed, in Fulwell Lane, and also the nuisance of Parked Cars, of which it was to be felt (*sic*) to obstruct the View on the 147. A366, when approaching from Grove Lane, and it was decided to Pass the matter to the Appropriate (*sic*) Authorities for attention.

Repairs to V. Hall Roof. After a lengthy (*sic*) discussion, on the repairs to the Village Hall Roof, and taking into consideration of the use, by the many organisations, it was Proposed by P. Francis, seconded by T.H. Hendy, to make inquiries as to whether it was Possible to levy a 1½ p Rate on the Parish, to meet the expenses involved.

A Cheque was also Prepared to Messrs Shaw and Sons for Stationary amounting to £8.15.

Signed V.P. Francis 18/6/79

Uncontested Election 1979. As a result to the uncontested Election for May 1979 the following Persons were duly elected as follows: - Mrs J.M. Horler, Mr J.A. Green, Mr V.P. Francis, Mr E.A. Green, J.N. Batten and K.I. Pitman.

The newly elected Council for the Parish of Hemington, met in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Monday June 18th 1979, with the exception of E.A. Green, who tendered an apology.

Although the Council was still under strength, the Clerk stated that a further election would be held in due course, to fill the necessary vacancy, but after the acceptance of Office being duly signed, the members were welcomed by the Clerk.

Election of Chairman & V-Chairman. After a Proposition Put forward (*sic*) by Mrs J. Horler, seconded by J.A. Green, that Mr E.A. Green, be re-elected as Chairman for the 18th successive Year, subject to his acceptance, and a further Proposition by Mrs Horler, seconded by J.A. Green, that Mr P. Francis be elected as Vice-Chairman, was both (*sic*) unanimously approved.

The minutes of the Previous meeting were then read and approved.

Playing Field. Arising from the minutes, of which had been carried forward (*sic*), were the Proposed alternative Playing field, to which it was felt, 148, that the matter would be debated when the time comes for re-seeding.

Sewer nuisance. As there were (*sic*) no reply to the recent Sewer complaint, the Clerk was instructed to ask for a reply.

Parked Cars and unsuitable premises etc. A reply from the Superintendent (*sic*) of the Frome Constabulary, regarding the view obstruction at Davis's store, stated that after inspection, the road safety Problems appear therefore to be minimal, but during the debate, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Officer, to question, as to whether it was in order, and Premises being suitable, to allow repairs to Cars etc at the same address, and Mr Batten reported the obstruction to the access of one of his fields, nearby, by someones Vehicles, to which this was deferred, for further inquiries.

Levy of 1½ p Rate for Repairs to Village Hall. Regarding the unforeseen (*sic*) expenditure required for Repairs to the Village Hall Roof, it was Proposed by Mrs Horler, seconded by J.N. Batten, that the Council Precept for £519.00, to meet the expenses involved, of which consists of a Product of a 1½ p Rate, of which will be levied, to meet this next Year, and it was agreed, that P. Francis, contact Mr Long, with a view to any alternative suggestion of repair, this minute being approved unanimously.

Public Transport Plan. The meeting agreed to defer any final comment, at this stage, on the report of the Public Transport Plan, with a view, to discuss any reasonable comment from the Public, until a final reply is due.

Re-affiliation (*sic*). It was Proposed by Mrs J. Horler, seconded by J.N. Batten, and agreed, that the Council Re-affiliate (*sic*) to the Association of Parish Councils, for the Sum of £16.25, and also renew the Insurance Premiums for £62.32, Cheques being Prepared for same.

Country and Western Disco. On behalf of the Committee, who are actively involved in raising Funds towards the Provision, and maintenance of Recreational equipment, a letter was to hand, seeking the Councils permission, for the use of the existing Playing Field, as the venue, for an event to be held on Friday August 31st, to which the Council approved, subject to the event, be treated in every Respect (*sic*), and that the event be fully covered with Insurance, by the Sponsors, and meet the Approval of Lord Hylton.

149. 2 Planning Applications were discussed, and approved.

Accidents at Terry Hill Crossroads. Following a report, Put forward (*sic*) by J.A. Green, on the increasing number of accidents, at the Terry Hill Crossroads, and on the bends, within that vicinity, it was finally decided to write to the Divisional Surveyor, expressing the Councils concerns, with a view, to introducing double white lines, or any other warning signs, that may help to alleviate the number of accidents.

Pot Holes at Hemington. Mr P. Francis also reported the danger, attributed to the uneven road surface, and number of Pot holes, at Hemington, caused by the recent flooding.

In the absence of the Chairman appointed, the Vice-Chairman conducted the meeting.

Methodist Youth Club. It was noted that the Playing field had been let to the Radstock Methodist Youth Club for £2.00 Per Game.

Signed E.A. Green 1st October 1979

At a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday Oct 1st 1979 Mr E.A. Green, Chairman of the Parish Council, was granted with the opportunity of Presenting the Awards, to about 19 children, who had recently Passed the Proficiency Cycling Test, an effort, of which had been organised by the W.I. Mr Marsh, the Road Safety Officer was Present, and stated, that he hoped the Children would benefit from the knowledge, persued (*sic*) by the Members of the W.I. The Chairman, thanked Mr Marsh, and the W.I. members for their splendid efforts.

The minutes of the Previous meeting were then read, and approved, and relating to matters arising from the minutes, a letter was to hand, from the Playing field Committee, stating that there was a widespread feeling among villagers, that the Proposed site, would be

unsuitable, especially for young children, so following a discussion on the subject, it was finally decided, to approach Messrs Cluttons, the Agents on behalf of the Kilmersdon Estate, with a view to renting a small Piece of Land, suitable for the young children, and more central, thus, retaining the existing field, for the older ones, or if possible, a Piece of Land, large enough to suit all ages, and it was suggested on a bit of land up behind the **150**, Telephone Kiosk, or Probably a bit of Land in Grove Lane.

Minor Repairs. Regarding the Minor repairs to Cars etc, of which had recently been reported, no final reply, had yet been received, and it was agreed to seek a reply, and no reply, was to hand relating to obstructions, of Cars, on the access to certain field (*sic*).

Repair to Village Hall Roof. As a result to the recent 1½ p Rate Levy, of which Produced a Total of £519.00 to meet the unforeseen (*sic*) expenditure, to repairs to the Village Hall Roof it was Proposed by J.A. Green, seconded by K.I. Pitman, to Pay this amount to the Village Hall Committee, and Approved.

Sewer Bed. In reply to the Parish Councils request for the demolition of the disused sewer bed, in Fulwell Lane, a letter, stated, that the matter is being given every consideration, with a view, to the demolition, and the Land being transferred to the corner of the adjacent field.

Terry Hill Crossroads. As the reply, from the Divisional Surveyor, to the Councils request for additional warning signs, etc to be erected at Terry Hill crossroads, was felt unsatisfactory, it was decided to write again, expressing the need, for double white lines on the bend, and a much larger Sign, from the Kilmersdon side of Approach.

Tree Planting. The Clerk, stated, that names of Landowners, had been now forwarded (*sic*) to the Mendip Council, who are interested in the Tree Planting Scheme 1979-80.

upkeep of Churchyard. It was Proposed by Mrs J. Horler, seconded by J.A. Green, to Prepare Payment of £2.00 for the Annual Subscription to the National Playing Fields Association, and also to Prepare Payment to the Parochial Church Council, for the upkeep of the local Churchyard, amounting to £26.00 and approved.

Transfer of Jubilee Funds. As the Parish Council were trustees to the Village Hall, and also of the great interest, recently taken in the Jubilee Festivities of 1977, and the agreement of Provision of Gates, and railings to the village Hall, with the remaining Funds from that event, it was Proposed by J.A. Green, seconded by K. Pitman that these Funds be transferred to the Parish Council, for Preparation of Payment, amounting to £309.72, when the erection was completed.

The Clerk also stated that every effort had been made by the Council, to retain the Telephone Kiosk at Terry Hill, despite the Post Office's worries, about continuous Vandalism.

Allotment. It was noted that Mr J. Ball, had given 6 months notice, to terminate their (*sic*) **151**. Tenancy (*sic*) of 5 perch of Allotment, on March 25th, and Mr J.A. Green, stated that he would be interested in becoming the New Tenant, this being accepted.

Travelling Expenses. Upon a Proposition Put forward (*sic*), by K. Pitman, seconded by Mrs J. Horler, to increase Councillors Travelling expenses to 10p Per mile, this motion was unanimously carried.

Auditors Fees. The meeting also agreed to settle the A/C for Auditors Fees amounting to £17.25, and allowances to the Clerk for expenses, to attending the Audit.

inquiries. The Clerk, was also instructed to make inquiries as to whether the expenses involved, through the Purchase of equipment, by the Playing field committee, could be transferred through the Parish Council accounts.

County Structure Plan. Regarding the report on the County Structure Plan, the members felt there was not much comment at this stage, but no doubt, more consideration would be granted (*sic*) at the next Stage.

Prohibition of Commercial Vehicles. Owing to the Prohibition of Commercial Vehicles of over 3 Tons (order 1979) through Norton St Phillip, it was felt, this would have effect, and inconvenience, of Transport deliveries, to some parts of neighbouring Farms, in the Parish of Hemington, therefore it was agreed to write to the County Council, asking them, to extend, the Route, already agreed upon, from Mackley Lane, to the Junction, at Batch Cottage, granting a much wider access, for additional deliveries.

Planning Application. The Clerk stated that the Chairman, and Clerk, had recently met, and viewed Premises, allocated for Planning permission at Foxcote on behalf of Miss J. Whetten, and Mr J. Chidgy, and finally decided to recommend for approval, to which members of the Council agreed.

Apologies were received from P. Francis and J. Batten.

Signed E.A. Green Dec 6th 1979

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Faulkland Village Hall, on Monday the 17th of December 1979.

Mr E.A. Green Presided, and members Present were Mrs J. Horler, P. Francis, J. Green, K. Pitman, and J. Batten, and 5 Parishoners (*sic*) Present.

The minutes of the Previous meeting being read and **152**. unimously (*sic*) approved. Arising from the minutes chiefly, were replies from Messrs Cluttons, as a result to the recent application for an additional Playsite for younger children, in which it was stated, that the trustees of the Jolliffe Settled Estate, were Prepared to offer the lease of Land, in question, to the Parish Council, subject to the following Terms, and conditions:

1. The Annual Rent to be £10, Payable annually, in advance, and this to be receivable every 3 Years.
2. That the unmarked boundaries will be fenced, to their satisfaction and maintained, at all times.
3. That the Parish Council, will create, and maintain a suitable access on the boundary.
4. That you will at all times, keep the site clean and Tidy, and avoid any inconvenience to the Local inhabitants.
5. That you will Pay all Solicitors and Surveyors Fees, costs and expenses.
6. That You will take out Adequate Third Party Insurance covering the Site.

All the contents, relating to the Terms and conditions, were discussed at Parish Council Level, and finally, it was Proposed by J. Batten, seconded by P. Francis, that the Parish Council were unable to give any Guarantee to some of the Terms, especially Item 4. and it was suggested that the Playing Field Committee, take another look at the existing Field, with a View, to consider Providing equipment, on that site, and that the Clerk write to Cluttons, stating that the Council were unable to implement all the guarantees requested, this motion being carried unanimously.

Terry Hill Crossroads. The reply from the Divisional Surveyor, to the Councils request, for double white lines, on the bend, on the A362, near the Terry Hill cross roads, did not appear to be favourable, the Clerk being instructed to reply stating the Councils views.

Precept for Year ending Mar 31st 1981. The Financial requirements of Precept, and maintenance of the Local Churchyard, was discussed, and it was Proposed by P. Francis, seconded by J. Batten, that we Precept for £450, and £30 for the upkeep of the Local Churchyard, and approved.

153. Tree Planting Scheme. A reply from the Chief Technical Officer, relating to the Tree Planting scheme, stated, that Monies for this season, had been allocated, and any new schemes will have to be deferred until next Year.

County Structure Plan. A Copy of the County Structure Plan was Produced, and some discussion took Place on it, and it was agreed to attend any further meetings on the Subject, to see if there was anything of direct consequence to the Parish in it.

Planning Applications. The Sub-Committee report on Planning Applications for 2 dwellings at Hardington Coop Farm, and a workshop at Sunnyside Cottage for Mr J. R. Hope, of Laverton, was accepted by Members of the Council, but the report on an Application

for a sliding door at West Farm Faulkland, it was felt, should be discussed at Parish Council Level, and it was finally decided that the Parish Council recommend a sliding wooden door with Georgian size Panes, with obscure glass at the Top, and the bottom to be Louvered, the reason for this, is that the cooling equipment for the bulk Tank, needs a through flow of air, and with louvers at the bottom, it would give the desired effect for this Purpose. The doors to be kept shut, giving a better view, than half way open door to the opposing party. The light guage (*sic*) Track that the door runs on, to be covered with wood, to have a Pelmet effect, and this would in view of the Parish Council, give a much outlook (*sic*) for the Residents of Horseshoe Cottage, and hope that this would meet the requirements of both Parties.

Cancer Research. The meeting also decided to try and arrange a house to house collection on behalf of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, after Permission has been granted from the police.

Clerks Resignation. The Chairman also stated that the Clerk had tendered 3 Calender (*sic*) months notice, to relinquish his services as Clerk, and it was decided to display the necessary notices, to fill the vacancy.

Signed E.A. Green Jan 29th 1980.