

A meeting was held on Jan'y 14th when the following were present: - Messrs L.W. Vallis, A.F. Paget, E. Rapps, T. Clark and J. Biggs.

It was proposed by Mr. Biggs and seconded by Mr. Clark that the clerk should write to Mr. Edgell and ask him to clean out the ditch which borders 36. the cinder path which leads from Turner's Tower to Writhlington to prevent any further damage to the Path.

It was proposed by Mr. Vallis and seconded by Mr. Biggs that Messrs A. F. Paget, T. Clark, G. Swift and J. Biggs form a Footpath Committee with power to act in repairing the existing Footpaths.

Signed L.W. Vallis Chairman April 13th 1910

On March 12th a Parish Meeting was held for the election of P. Councillors. There was good attendance. Mr. L.W. Vallis presided. 8 names were submitted to the electors viz Messrs A.F.Paget, E. Rapps, T. Clark, E. Abraham, H. Carter, G. Swift, J. Biggs and A. Loader. Messrs G. Swift and J. Biggs withdrew. The first 5 received the greatest number of votes and as no poll was demanded (for the remaining 2) they were declared duly elected

Afterward the Annual P. Meeting was held. The Charity Acct. was read and was considered satisfactory. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the Chairman for the able and competent way he conducted the business. Also to the Trustees of the Charity for the impartial way in which it was administered.

Signed L.W. Vallis Chairman April 13th 1910

A Parish Council Meeting was held at the Shop Hemington on April 13th 1910 the following being present, Messrs L.W. Vallis, E. Rapps, T. Clark, J. Biggs, G. Swift and A.F. Paget. by appointment the two Overseers were also present. The Minutes of the last Parish Council were read and signed by the chairman as being correct. Also the Annual Parish Meeting. It was proposed by Mr. Rapps and seconded by Mr. Clark that Mr. Sheppard, the Assistant Overseer, be suspended, as from this date, from further duties, and asked to hand over all books connected therewith the day following the Audit of the Accounts.

It was proposed by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Rapps, that the Clerk to the Council report all matters of interest to the Local Papers.

Applications for the post of Assistant Overseer was received and read from the following: - Messrs A. H. Richards, E. Abraham, W. Witcombe, W. Rapps, J. Humphries (Jun) and C. Scammell. It was proposed and carried that the election be postponed until the first meeting of the New Council to be held on Tuesday April 19th at 6 o' clock. The Cheque value £2.17.8 was received from the post Office Bath. together with a Letter stating: no payment is required for the Year ending October the 19th 1909, but it may be necessary to prefer a claim under the Guarantee in future Years.

37. It was unanimously resolved that Messrs E. Rapps, T. Clark, H. Carter, A.F. Paget form a committee to inspect and repair the existing coal ash footpaths.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on April the 19th 1910. When the following were present. Messrs E. Rapps. T. Clark. E. Abraham. H. Carter. and A.F. Paget.

It was unanimously resolved that Mr. Vallis be Coopt. as Chairman to the Council.

A Vote was taken on the Candidates for the temporary post of Assistant Overseer. with the following result. That Mr. E. Abraham obtained the greatest number of votes and was therefore declared elected. Mr. Abraham being Assistant Overseer and no longer a Councillor. It was proposed. seconded. and carried unanimously. that Mr. J. Biggs be elected to fill the vacancy.

It was proposed by Mr. Clark, and seconded by Mr. Carter, and carried unanimously, that Messrs J. Wilson, and A. Hill, be elected Overseers for the ensuing Year.

It was Unanimously proposed that Mr. A. F. Paget be Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

It was proposed and seconded that Mr. Paget and Mr. Vallis be appointed as School Managers for three Years or for such time that they should resign the office within that period. It was unanimously resolved that Messrs E. Rapps, T. Clark, H. Carter, A.F. Paget and J. Biggs form a Committee to inspect and Repair the existing coal ash footpaths.

The following Cheques were drawn.	Mr. Knox Allotment Rent	£3
	Mr. Vallis Ditto	£1/5/0
	Various Items	£2/5/9
A Unanimous vote of Thanks was accorded	Mr. Vallis for Past Services as Chairman of the Council	
Mr. Vallis to pay the following items	Mr. Kent Returning Officer	6/ 2
	Dyke. Printing	6/ 3
	Hadden. Election Forms	3/10
	Humphries 4 ?	10/-
	Audit Stamps	10/-
	Spiller Trimming Hedge	2/6
	Stamps and Stationery	5/-
	Uphill. Rep. Path	2/-

Signed July 8th 1910 L.W. Vallis Chairman

A Meeting was held on July the 8th 1910 when the following members were present. Messrs L.W. Vallis, E. Rapps, and A.F. Paget. The clerk reported that Mr. Biggs had accepted the Office of Councillor in place of Mr. Abraham. It was proposed by Mr. Paget and seconded by Mr. Rapps that Mr. Carter be elected a Member of the Evening School Committee.

Signed Alfred F. Paget. October 20th 1910. Chairman.

38. A Meeting of the Council was held on Oct the 20th when the following Members were present, Mr. A. Paget, T. Clark, H. Carter, and J. Biggs. A letter was read from Mr. Masters, being his tender of £43 not including pipes for the repair of the Footpaths, leading from Turners Tower, across Crosley, Dry Tynning, together with some repairs in the Next field. After discussing Same, the Council Unanimously decided Not to accept the tender. And Requested the Clerk to see Mr. Masters, and explain Matters to him, and without prejudice to offer him the sum of sixpence per Running Yard to do the work, the Council to fund the pipes. Should he feel inclined to accept same. failing his acceptance the Clerk was requested to invite fresh tenders for the work.

The following Cheques were presented for payment and passed	Mr. Knox Allotment Rent	£3
	Mr. Vallis Allotment Rent	£1/5/-

Signed L.W. Vallis Chairman Nov 18th 1910

A Meeting of the Council was held on Nov. the 18th when the following Members were present. Messrs L.W. Vallis, A.F. Paget, H. Carter, J. Biggs and E. Rapps.

A Letter was received from the postmaster at Bath stating that the postal Authorities did Not intend to Make any More Claims on the parish Council as Regards any more payments on behalf of the Falkland Post Office, which Statement was considered very satisfactory. It was proposed by Mr. Paget and seconded by Mr. Carter that the Parish Chest at present kept at the village School, be Removed from the School and placed in the custody of the Clerk.

The tenders for the Repair of the Council's footpaths leading from Turners Tower to Green Parlour from the following Gentlemen were opened and Read. Mr. W. Eyers £25 to find Labour and Cinders but not pipes. Mr. George Francis £30 to find Labour Cinders and pipes. Mr. Charles Masters a lump sum of £30 or Ninepence per Running Yard Council finding pipes. Mr. Joseph Rossiter Ninepence per Running Yard Council to find pipes. Mr. Robert Wilson £25 to find Labour Cinders but Not pipes. After considering the above tenders the Council Unanimously decided to accept Mr. Francis's tender subject to his Signing Same. And requested the clerk to see him to that effect.

The Clerk reported that Nineteen of the posts fencing in the Hemington Allotment field were broken off and required replacing. It was decided to leave the Matter in the hands of the Clerk to procure the posts 25 in number and get the work done specifying that Larch posts is to be used **39**. Mr. Abraham's appointment to the office of Assistant Overseer and clerk to the Council having been but temporary, it was decided to take a vote of the Council as to whether the Appointment should be made permanent. It was proposed by Mr. Paget and Seconded by Mr. Rapps and carried unanimously that Mr. Abrahams be appointed permanently Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council.

Signed L.W.Vallis Chairman March 17th 1911

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on March 17th but Not Many attended. previous to the General Meeting a Council Meeting was held where the following members were present. Messrs L.W. Vallis, A.F. Paget, E. Rapps, T. Clark, H. Carter, J. Biggs.

The principal business before the Council was the Question of the Assistant Overseer's salary, the passing of the Council's Accounts, and the Report of the paths Committee on the repair of the Councils paths recently repaired. It was proposed by Mr. Paget and seconded by Mr. Rapps that the Salary of the Assistant Overseer be £23 per year. Namely £20 as Assistant Overseer and £3 as Clerk to Parish Council, together with such other sum Revising Barrister May allow for work done in connection with the Registration of voters, which was unanimously carried. To be paid in two instalments on 25th Mar and 29th Sept. The Clerk reported that he had received the parish Chest from the School and that it was Now in his care.

The paths Committee reported that they had inspected the repair of the footpaths and considered the work satisfactorily done, which was duly passed.

The Clerk was requested to write Mr. Edgell calling his attention to the ditch by the side of the path, and to ask him to Meet him there and view Same. Also to write to the Writhlington Co calling there (*sic*) attention to the ditch at the Tramway Arch. It was proposed that the Clerk be requested to furnish the Council with a bond of Security, and the Clerk reported that he was in communication with the Poor Law Officers and Mutual Guarantee Association in regard to one for the sum of £25.

The Councils Accounts were presented for payment and passed, and a Cheque to the Clerk was drawn to pay the following Items

Mr. Richards	12/-	
Wilson	£2/11/10	
Rossiter	£1/11/-	
Jenkins	4/-	
Humphries	10/-	2/6 to be paid in to Bank Mar. 29 th
Audit Stamps	5/-	
Stamps and Stationery	5/-	
Hire of Room	5/-	£6/3/10

It was decided to hold the Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 11th day of April at 6.30 o' clock P.M.

At the General Meeting which followed over which Mr. Vallis presided the Annual Charity List was Read Showing receipts for this year of £30/1/4. After the names of the recipients had been read together with the amount allotted to each Mr. Raymond mentioned that the Charity Commissioners had requested him to send them a copy of the Charities and that he had done so for the last 3 years. He also explained the way in which the Money of the Charity was invested together with the amount of Interest it brought in,

The Trustees of the Charity Stated that they had this year a greater balance in hand caused through removals and deaths of former recipients and that they had decided to apply it at their discretion to the relief of really necessitous cases which may arise during the coming year which statement was considered very satisfactory also conforming to the terms of the Bequest as expressed in the will in which the charities are left.

Questions on the Charity first having been invited and none forthcoming it was proposed by Mr. Vallis and Seconded by Mr. Rapps that the best thanks of the Meeting be given to the Trustees for the fair and impartial way in which they had distributed the charity which was carried Unanimously.

A discussion then took place as to whether the Parish should celebrate the coming coronation of His Majesty King George the Fifth.

It was agreed that the coronation be celebrated and that a good representative committee be formed to carry it out.

It was proposed by Mr. Paget and Seconded by Mr. Rapps and carried that the committee do not exceed 25 in number.

It was decided to call a Public meeting to form the committee and to have Bills printed calling Same.

It was proposed by Mr. Raymond that the Meeting be held on Tuesday March 28th and that the clerk get the Bills printed and distributed calling the meeting for 7 o' clock P.M. also stating he would offer the Room for the occasion free.

A discussion on the Village Green at Falkland then took place.

It was proposed by Mr. Raymond that this Parish Meeting request the Parish Council to consider the advisability of fencing in the Village Green.

41. Upon a show of hands 4 was in favour and 3 against the Chairman declared the proposal carried.

It was proposed and Seconded that the Council be asked to put up Notices at Falkland to Motor Cars to drive slowly through this Village and if Necessary to approach the Rural Council for permission to do so.

Under the Council A Meeting was held on March 28th, Mr. Paget presiding, for the purpose of forming a Committee of the Parishes of Hemington and Hardington, to decide what form the festivities in Connection with the coronation of His Majesty King George the Fifth Should take.

The following were elected to Serve on the committee. Rev. J.S. Raymond. Rev. Davis. Messrs A. F. Paget, E. Rapps, W. Humphries, M. Humphries, T. Weaver, J. Biggs, H. Bush, E. Russell, T. Swift, T. Biggs, W. Uphill, H. Rigler, W. Witcombe, F. Taylor, R.

Wilson, A. Scammell, W. Scammell, C. Scammell, J. Rossiter, C. Mead, F. Bazley, J. Rich, G. Lee, J. Davis, T. Clark, C. Masters, W. Rapps, J. Mattick, J. Greenland, A. Loader, A. Richards. Mr. Paget having vacated the Chair, Mr. Raymond was Unanimously Chosen to fill the vacancy.

Signed Alfred F. Paget Vice Chairman April 11th 1911

The Chairman, having asked the Committee for proposals as to what form the festivities should take, Several Ideas on Same were advanced, Namely That there be a Tea for the children and old people Under and Over a certain age, That the Village Green be fenced in and Seats placed there, with Some Lamps for Falkland, Hemington, The tower and Terry Hill, as a permanent Memorial, That there be a Clock fixed to the Church Tower, That there be a tea for the Children and Old People, and a Meat Tea for all over School age, That there be a Tea for Children under a certain age, and women over a certain age, and all others purchase Tickets at 9d each.

After a lengthy discussion it was finally decided to give the Children under 14 years of age, and all men and Women over 60, living in the Parishes of Hemington and Hardington, a Tea free, and that all others purchase Tickets at 6d each, it was also agreed that things should be carried out by Voluntary Subscription, and if it was found that the tickets at 6d was not sufficient, the committee to pay the difference out of the Voluntary Subscriptions. It was also agreed that a Band be engaged and that Sports be held. The election of officers was postponed to a further Meeting to be held at Falkland Schoolroom on Tuesday April 4th at 7 P.M. It was agreed that 6cwt. of coal and Gallon of oil be purchased for the use of the Committee, and Mrs. Roseblade engaged to clean and prepare the Room for the Meetings. The Committee to pay for the doing.

42. The Annual Council Meeting was held on April the 11th when the following Members were present Messrs A. F. Paget, E. Rapps, T. Clark, H. Carter. J. Biggs.

Mr. Vallis having tendered his resignation of the Chairmanship of the Council owing to his inability to fulfill (*sic*) the duties in the future as in the past, the Council reluctantly Accepted it.

It was proposed by Mr. Biggs Seconded by Mr. Clark that Mr. Paget be appointed Chairman in the place of Mr. Vallis and was carried Unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Biggs Seconded by Clerk and carried Unanimously that Mr. Rapps be Vice Chairman. It was proposed by Mr. Biggs Seconded by Mr. Carter, that the Council tender their thanks to Mr. Vallis, for his services to the Council as their Chairman for so Many years. And much regret that he cannot see his way still to fill the office, which was carried unanimously. The Clerk was requested to write Mr. Vallis to that effect.

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Writhlington Coll. Co and Mr. Edgell regarding the ? and had received a reply that the work had been done. The Clerk reported that he had Not received any further communication from the Poor Law officers and Mutual Guarantee Association in regard to his bond.

It was proposed by Mr. Clark Seconded by Mr. Rapps that Mr. Joseph Rich and Mr. Charles Masters be appointed Overseers for the coming year.

It was proposed by Mr. Biggs Seconded by Mr. Carter and carried that the Clerk get some one to keep the Gutters beside the councils path leading from Turners Tower to Green Parlour cleaned out Suggesting that Mr. William Swift be asked to do the work.

The Question of danger Notices to Motor Cars was discussed and it was proposed by Mr Rapps Seconded by Mr. Clark and carried that the Clerk write to the Rural District Council asking them to erect two Notices at Falkland one at each end of the Village warning cars to drive slowly through the Village.

The Councils accounts were presented and passed.

It was proposed by Mr. Rapps Seconded by Mr. Biggs that a precept for £25 be Served on the overseers.

The following cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment Rent	£3
	Mr. Vallis Ditto	£1/5/-

Signed Alfred F. Paget Chairman July 18th 1911

43. A Meeting of the Council was held on July the 18th when the following Members were present. Messrs A. F. Paget, E. Rapps, H. Carter and J. Biggs.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read The clerk reported that he had received his bond for £25 from the Poor Law Officers and Mutual Guarantee Association. Which same was presented and duly signed by two Members of the Council, And placed in the Hands of the Chairman for the time being.

The Clerk also reported that he had seen William Swift in regard to Keeping the Gutters and pipes beside the Council's Footpath Leading from Turners Tower to Greenparlour, Cleaned out, and that he was willing to undertake the work. It was proposed and Seconded that Swift be offered 4d per Hour for the work. A Letter was read from the Clerk to the Rural District Council, acknowledging one from the Parish Council, and stating that a copy would be sent to the County Surveyor for his consideration. Re. the Question of erecting of Motor Danger Notices for the village of Falkland.

The following Cheque was drawn Mr. G. Francis for repair to Footpaths £32

Signed Alfred F. Paget Chairman October 12th 1911

A Meeting of the Council was held on Oct the 12th when the following members were present. Messrs A.F. Paget. H. Carter. J. Biggs and E. Rapps.

The minutes of the last Meeting having been read The Clerk reported that he had Not received any further communication from the rural District Council in regard to the erecting of Motor Danger Notices for the Village of Falkland And the Clerk was requested to write Mr. Kent asking if he had received any Communication from the county Surveyor as to what he intended doing in the matter.

It was decided to Cut the Hedge by the Side of the Road after the Hemington Down Allotment Field. The clerk to See Mr. Joseph Rossiter in regard to cutting Same. The Clerk reported that he had received several applications for allotment and it was decided to let them Stand over to see if any of the present Tenants gave up any. Mr. Paget's term of office as Trustee of the Parish Charity having expired and Not wishing to accept the office again. It was proposed Seconded and carried that M. Abraham be elected to fill the vacancy. It was proposed and Seconded that precept for £6 be served on the overseers.

The following cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment Rent	£3
	Mr. Vallis Ditto	£1/5/-

44. Also one to Mr. Abraham to pay the following Items	Hadden and Best	6/-	
	Dyke	6/4	
	Mar. 28 th Hire of School	5/-	
	Hire of Room	5/-	£1/2/4

Signed Alfred F. Paget Chairman Jan 29th 1912

A Meeting of the Council was held on Jan the 29th when the following Members were present. Messrs A.F. Paget E. Rapps. J. Biggs and H. Carter.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Kent regarding the erection of Motor Danger Notices for Falkland, and had received a reply. Stating that he had written to the County Surveyor in reference to same but had not yet received a reply.

It was proposed by Mr. Rapps and Seconded by Mr. Carter, that the Clerk See Mr. Kent regarding them, and failing a Satisfactory answer, to again write the Rural District Council, asking them if they would kindly put them up as quickly as possible, at the same time pointing out the great Need there was for them, owing to the great increase in the number of cars passing through the Village, coupled with the cross roads at the top of the village, and the irregular shape of the village Street generally, thereby creating a great source of danger to the parishoners (*sic*)

It was decided to Let the applications for allotments stand over until April.

The Clerk was requested to see Mr. Kent and ask him the proper Statutory dates for the Council Meeting to be held on.

It was decided to recoat the path by Kingmans Farm with cinders. The clerk to see Mr. Rossiter and ascertain from him wether (*sic*) he could do the work, Namely to Haul the cinders from the Depot at Terry Hill, and do all necessary work to the path, the work to be done day work, The Council paying for the Cinders

Signed Alfred F. Paget Chairman March 22nd 1912

45. A Meeting of the Council was held on Mar 22nd when the following were present Messrs A. F. Paget. H. Carter. E. Rapps. T. Clark and J. Biggs The Minutes of the last Meeting being read

A letter was read from Mr. Kent Stating that he had received a letter from the County Surveyor Stating that the Main roads Committee had Not yet considered the Councils application for Motor Danger Notices for Falkland but would do so at their Next Meeting

It was the unanimous wish of the council that the Clerk See or write Mr. Kent asking him if he could give a definite answer as to what Steps the County Surveyor was going to take in the matter

The allotment Question was discussed and the clerk was instructed to divide that that was given up amongst the applicants giving first preference to those who had Not got any.

The Clerk reported that the Statutory meeting of the Council was optional with the exception of the Annual parish Meeting which Must be held sometime between Mar 1st and April 1st and the Annual Council Meeting which must be held within seven days of the 15th of April

The Clerk reported that he had seen Mr. Rossiter in regard to the repair of the footpath and that he was willing to undertake the work but owing to the Miners being on Strike the Writhlington Colliery Co was unable to supply the cinders at present and in consequence the work was Standing in abeyance.

The Clerk reported that the Handrails after the side of Bladick Bridge were broken off. It was decided to leave the Question of its repair Stand over until the Next Meeting

Afterwards the Annual Parish Meeting was held and was fairly well attended Mr. Paget presiding

The Charity List having been read, the Chairman invited Questions on Same, but None was forthcoming. The other business was then proceeded with. The first Question discussed was the fencing in of the village Green at Falkland, The Chairman remarking that if it was fenced in it would be a great advantage to the parish, as it would be the Means of Making it More safe for the Children to play on especially in the face of the greatly increased Motor Traffic, as it would keep them from **46**, running across the road and consequently into danger, besides keeping the cattle from treading the Green to pieces as they are at present doing thereby spoiling the general appearance of the Green, and would be a great improvement to the parish Generally. The fence he suggested to be put up was posts and chains Similar to those at Lord Hyltons Lower Lodges. The proposal was Not very well received and came in for a great deal of criticism.

Mr. Wilson proposed that the present fence be removed giving as his reason that it caused the cattle to walk in one track causing the Green to be trod to pieces more than necessary.

As an amendment Mr. Biggs proposed that the parish council be asked Not to fence in the Village Green Upon a Show of hands 20 was for one against

Mr Wilson proposed that the present fence be pulled down and None erected Upon a Show of Hands 13 was for None against

It was proposed by Mr. T. Swift Seconded by Mr. W. Humphries that the Making of the footpath from Turners Tower to Hemington the same as the one from Turners Tower to Green Parlour be considered. Upon a Show of Hands 17 was for None against

It was proposed by Mr. Wilson Seconded by Mr. Hale that the footpaths leading from Falkland to Highchurch and Chickwell be considered. The chairman promised that it should be considered and investigated by the council

It was suggested by Mr. Wilson that the Parish Council approach the Rural Council asking them to repair the footpath by the side of the Village Pond suggesting that a fence be erected after its Side with a turnstile at each end to keep the cattle from getting behind it

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Paget for presiding and was carried Unanimously

Signed Alfred F. Paget April 12th 1912

A Meeting was held on April the 12th when the following Members were present A. F. Paget. E. Rapps. T. Clark. H. Carter and J. Biggs

The Minutes of the Last Meeting having been read A Letter was read from Mr. Kent stating that he had Heard Nothing further from the County Surveyor as to what Steps he intended to take in the erection of Motor danger Notices for Falkland.

47. Mr. Biggs reported that he had inspected Bladick Bridge and found that it required Four New rails about 12 ft long each to repair the bridge properly

It was proposed by Mr. Rapps seconded by Mr. Biggs that the Clerk see Mr. Richards asking him to repair the bridge.

It was proposed by Mr. Rapps Seconded by Mr. Biggs that Mr. Clark remedy the danger to Cattle being cut by the fence at Falkland by Straightening the pointed crooks on the standards.

It was proposed by Mr. Rapps Seconded by Mr. Carter that the Clerk, for the better protection of the village Green at Falkland, draw up a Bye Law, sending same to the Local Government Board for their sanction, making it illegal and liable to prosecution, for anyone to wilfully damage the said Green, by drawing conveyances across it, or leaving conveyances upon it, or in any other way wilfully damaging it, the fence, trees, or any other parish property that may be thereon. First ascertaining if this Bye Law would be in order, and if so to give instructions to the Police to see the said bye Law carried out.

It was decided to let the Question of the path leading from Turners Tower to Hemington stand over until the next Meeting.

The Question of the repair of the footpath leading from Falkland to Highchurch and Chickwell was discussed but the Council thought it was out of their Jurisdiction and decided to leave it. It was proposed by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Rapps, that the Clerk write

the Rural District Council, calling their attention to the dangerous state of the footpath by the side of the pond at Falkland, asking them to repair same, and to erect a fence along the side of it, with a turnstile or Posts at each end thereby making it more safe for people to walk on.

It was proposed by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Carter, that a precept be served on the overseers for £5

A Balance Sheet of the Accounts was presented, which showed that the receipts for the past year, including balance of £21/2/- brought forward from Last year, was £60/5/7 expenditure £42/2/4 leaving a balance of £18/3/3 to the credit of the Council in the Bank on the 31st day of March 1912.

There was also left outstanding Allotment rent of £2/18/9 48. which owing to the coal strike at the time prevailing could Not be collected.

The Councils Books and accounts were presented Signed and passed.

It was proposed by Mr. Rapps, seconded by Mr. Biggs, that Mr. A.H. Richards and Mr. H. Loveridge be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year.

The following Cheques were drawn.	Mr. Knox allotment rent	£3
	Mr. Vallis Ditto	£1/5/-
One to the Clerk to pay the following Items	Hire of School	05/-
	Mr. A. Cox	£1/06/3
	Mr. W. Swift	10/8
	Mr. J. Jenkins	4/-
	Audit Stamps	10/-
	Stamps Stationary	5/-
		£3/0/11

Signed Alfred F. Paget July 29th 1912

A Meeting was held on July the 29th when the following Members were present Messrs A.F. Paget. E. Rapps and H. Carter. The minutes of the Last Meeting being read, A Letter was read from Mr. Kent Stating that the Automobile Club would supply two Motor Danger Notices upon payment to them of half the cost which would be £1/6/- and that the money for Same would have to be raised locally. The Council was of an opinion that as that sum would not cover the whole of the expenses that would be incurred and Not seeing their way clear to raise sufficient decided to let the Matter stand over until the Annual parish Meeting with the object of then bringing it forward to see if anyone would promise Subscription towards Same.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Richards had repaired Bladick Bridge. Also that Mr. Clark had Not yet straightened the crooks on the Standards of the Fence at Falkland.

It was decided to apply for Sanction to a Bye Law for the protection of the village Green at Falkland to the Local Govt. Board.

A Letter was read from Mr. Kent Stating that the Surveyor had received instructions 49. to repair the footpath by the side of the village pond at Falkland and to keep it clean from time to time.

It was decided to write a letter threatening Legal proceedings if he did not pay his Allotment rent to Mr. George Hall

Signed Alfred F. Paget Nov 1st 1912

A Meeting was held on Nov 1st when the following were present Messrs A.F. Paget. E. Rapps. T. Clark H. Carter

The Minutes of the Last Meeting being read It was proposed by Mr. Rapps Seconded by Mr. Clark that a Notice board be ? and placed on the Village Green at Falkland warning people against committing wilful and persistent damage to the Said Green and that a Letter be written to the Police Sergeant at Radstock asking him to Authorise the Constable at Faulkland to see the Notice carried out.

The chairman reported that the footpath at Kingmans had been repaired and the Council Intimated that the work had been done to their Satisfaction

It was proposed by Mr. Rapps seconded by Mr. Carter that a footbridge be put across the Gully between Mr. Candy's Bouffees, and another between Mr. Rapps paddock and big park with two handrails to each bridge Also to place planks across the ditch at the Stile in Mr. Wilsons field at Falkland in the footpath leading from Falkland to Hardington. Also across ditch in Mr. Scammells field called Maplin Corner in the footpath leading from Falkland to Stony Littleton

It was decided that Mr. W. Swift be asked to cut the thorns etc overhanging the footpath in Hollowput Lane charging for same by the hour the same as for the footpaths

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment rent	£4/5/-
One to the Clerk to pay the following Items	Mr. Richards	13/-
	Writhlington Coll. Co	15/-
	W. Brice and W. Hall	3/9
	Mr. Dyke	8/-
		£1/12/5

Signed Alfred F. Paget Chairman Jan 10th 1913

50. A Meeting was held on Jan the 9th when the following Members were present Messrs A. F. Paget. H. Carter. J. Biggs T. Clark

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read It was reported that the work decided upon at the last Meeting to be done had been carried out with the exception of the Notice Board for the Village Green at Falkland to the satisfaction of the Council

A Letter was read from Mr. Vallis placing his resignation as School Manager in the hands of the Council.

It was reported that the water stood on the footpath in Mr. Master's last field and it was decided that W. Swift be asked to cut a Gutter from the path into Mr. Edgels ditch at the lowest part

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Mar 10th when Not Very Many attended. A List of the Charities was read.

There was only one Item of business brought forward Namely a proposal by Mr. W. Humphries that the Council should consider the Making of the footpath leading from Hemington to Turners Tower.

The Meeting for the Election of Parish Councillors was held in the Council School on Mar 17th and was fairly well attended Ten Nomination papers were handed in for the Five Seats on the Council from the following

Messrs	J. Biggs	A.F. Paget	H. Carter	J. Pitman	T. Clark	E. Rapps
	G. Greenland	R. C. Wilson	G. Lee	W. S. Witcombe		

Mr. A. Briceon Terry Hill occupied the Chair Upon a Show of hands the following was the result

Messrs	J. Biggs 22	A. F. Paget 35	H. Carter 27	J. Pitman 15	T. Clark 10	E. Rapps 25
	G. Greenland 26	R.C. Wilson 35	G. Lee 33	W. S. Witcombe	31	

As it was considered the parish was Not fairly represented A Poll was demanded by Mr. Oliver Swift of Ruckley Ford to which there were seven assentors as the poll was not withdrawn the Chairman intimated that in case of a poll the date fixed for the Election was April the Seventh

Signed Alfred F. Paget Chairman April 11th 1913

51. Result of poll for Guardian and Rural District Councillor held in the Schoolroom Hemington on April the 7th Mr. W. R. Kent presiding and for which three candidates were nominated viz

Mr. Joseph Mattick	70	Mr. Alfred Frank Paget	45	Mr. Fred Swift	25
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The Returning Officer declared Mr. Joseph Mattick duly elected

The Election of Parish Councillors took place at the same time for the Five seats on the Council and for which ten were Nominated with the following result

Mr. Alfred Frank Paget	71	Mr. Elijah Rapps	50
Mr. Robert Charles Wilson	71	Mr. John Pitman	41
Mr. Hubert Carter	56	Mr. George Greenland	35
Mr. Walter S. Witcombe	38	Mr. James Biggs	55
Mr. George Lee	50	Mr. Tom Clark	25

The Returning Officer declared that Mr. A.F. Paget Mr. R.C. Wilson Mr. H. Carter Mr. J. Biggs Mr. G. Lee were duly elected As there was a tie between Mr. E. Rapps and Mr. G. Lee it was decided by Lot Next day at Frome Mr. Lee being successful

A Meeting was held on April the 11th when the following Members were present Messrs A. F. Paget. H. Carter. J. Biggs The Minutes of the last Meeting being read Mr. Paget reported that he had seen Mr. Masters in reference to the cutting of a Gutter from the Councils path into Mr. Edgells ditch, and that he was willing for the work to be done, but owing to the extent of the work to be done the Council decided to let it Stand over until the Meeting of the New Council.

The Council's books of Account were presented Signed and passed.

The Clerk also presented a balance Sheet of the Council's Accounts for the Year which Showed that the receipts for the Year including balance from last year was £36/19/3 Expenditure £13/3/4 leaving a balance in Bank Mar 31st 1913 of £23/15/11

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment rent	£4/5/-
	Mr. Francis	£12/2/10
	Hadden and Best	£1/1/ 6

One to the clerk to pay following Items	Mr. J. Rossiter	£1/14/-
	Mr. J. Jenkins	15/9
	Mr. W. Swift	18/8

52.	Hire of Room	10/-
	Audit Stamp	5/-
	Stamps and Stationary	5/-
		£4/8/5

This being the last Meeting of the Old Council it was proposed by Mr. Biggs, Seconded by Mr. Carter, that the best thanks of the council be given Mr. Paget for his Services as Chairman for the Last three years, which was carried Unanimously

Signed Alfred F. Paget Chairman April 18th 1913

A meeting the first of the Newly elected Council was held on April the 18th when the following were present Messrs A. F. Paget. J. Biggs. H.Carter R. C. Wilson. G. Lee

All Members having Signed the declaration of Office. The Council proceeded to the election of officers

It was proposed by Mr. Biggs seconded by Mr. Wilson that Mr. Paget be elected Chairman of the council which was carried Unanimously

It was proposed by Mr. Wilson seconded by Mr. Carter that Mr. Biggs be Vice Chairman which was duly carried.

It was proposed by Mr. Biggs and carried Unanimously that the whole council form themselves a committee for all purposes a Committee may be required for.

The Minutes of the last Meeting being read It was proposed seconded and carried that the question of laying pipes to carry the water from the footpath into Mr. Edgells ditch in Mr. Masters field stand over untill (*sic*) the Next Meeting of the Council

The Clerk reported that W. Swift had decided to give up looking after the Councils footpaths It was proposed by Mr. Biggs that Benjamin Weaver be appointed to look after the footpaths in place of W. Swift upon the same terms Namely fourpence per hour

The Council next proceeded to elect two representatives for the parish on the Board of School Managers. It was proposed by Mr. Wilson Seconded by Mr. Carter that Mr. Biggs be appointed as parish representative for a period of three years or untill he resigns or his Successor is appointed or he is removed by the body appointing

It was proposed by Mr. Biggs Seconded by Mr. Lee that Mr. Wilson be appointed as parish representative upon the same terms 53. and for the same period as Mr. Biggs both appointments being ratified. It was decided to let the Making of the footpath leading from Hemington to Turners Tower Stand over.

It was proposed by Mr. Biggs Seconded by Mr. Wilson that Mr. A.F. Paget Kingmans Farm and Mr. E. Luff Highchurch Farm be appointed Overseers for the current year

It was proposed by Mr. Biggs seconded by Mr. Wilson that a precept for £15 be served on the Overseers

Mr. Biggs term of office as trustee of the parish Charity having expired It was proposed by Mr. Biggs Seconded by Mr. Wilson that Mr. Joseph Humphries (Jun) be appointed as trustee of the said Charity

It was proposed by Mr. Paget seconded by Mr. Lee that a vote of thanks be given Mr. Biggs for his services as trustee of the said Charity for the last eight years which was carried Unanimously

Signed A. F. Paget July 24th 1913

A Meeting was held on July the 24th when the following were present Messrs A.F. Paget. J. Biggs H.Carter

The Minutes having been read It was decided to let the repair of the Corsley footpath Stand over untill (*sic*) the next Meeting

The Clerk reported that Benjamin Weaver had agreed to look after the Councils footpaths on the same terms as Mr. Swift had done.

Also that Mr. Humphries had declined to accept the trusteeship of the Charity and it was decided to let the appointment Stand over untill the Next Meeting

A cheque was drawn to Mr. Kent for election expenses for £3/13/6

Signed A. F. Paget Sept 22nd 1913

A Meeting was held on Sept 22nd when the following were present Messrs A.F. Paget. H. Carter. G. Lee. The Minutes of the last Meeting being read The council decided to let all work before the Council 54. Stand over untill (*sic*) Next Meeting It was proposed by Mr. Lee seconded by Mr. Carter that Mr. Joseph Rich Chapel Farm Falkland be appointed Overseer for the expiration of the term of office of the Late Mr. Edward Luff

Signed Alfred F. Paget October 7th 1913

A Meeting was held on Oct 7th when the following were present Messrs A.F. Paget. H. Carter. J. Biggs G. Lee
The Minutes of the last Meeting being read It was proposed by Mr. Biggs seconded by Mr. Carter that the Clerk see Mr. Francis and arrange with him to find pipes and lay same under the councils footpath in Mr. Masters Long ground to take the surface water into Mr. Edgells ditch
The Question of the path from Hemington to Turners Tower was allowed to stand over until Next Meeting.

A Notice was read from Mr. W. Humphries giving up the 20 perch of Allotment he rents from the council
It was proposed by Mr. Carter Seconded by Mr. Paget that Mr. J. Biggs be appointed Trustee of the parish Charity which was carried Unanimously

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment rent	£4/5/0	
One to Clerk to pay following Items	Mr. Weaver for work	15/4	
	Mr. Humphries hire of room	10/-	£1/5/4

Signed Alfred F. Paget January 5th 1914

A Meeting was held on Jan the 5th when the following were present Messrs A. F. Paget. H. Carter. R. Wilson. G. Lee. J. Biggs
The Minutes of the Last Meeting having been read The clerk reported that he had seen Mr. Francis in reference to the laying of pipes under the footpath in Mr. Masters Long Ground. And that he had done the work

The Council considered the work as done was Not satisfactory as it left a ditch of some depth from the path to Mr. Edgells ditch which was considered of danger to cattle stepping **55**. into it And it was decided to extend the pipes from the path into Mr. Edgells ditch

A Letter was read from Mr. Kent regarding the tarspraying of the Main roads in the Parish. After discussing same the Council was Unanimously of Opinion that there was no Need of or demand for it.

The Question of the footpath from Hemington to Turners Tower was allowed to Stand over

Signed Alfred F. Paget April 16th 1914

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Friday March the 27th and was very poorly attended only eight being present

The annual Charity List was presented and read and was considered very satisfactory.

A vote of thanks being accorded the trustees for the fair and impartial Manner in which they had distributed the Same.

The Question of Making the footpath from Hemington to Turners Tower was brought forward and discussed, And it was proposed by Mr. Biggs Seconded by Mr. Wilson that it be brought before the Parish Council for their consideration as to the Making of Same

A discussion took place as to Voluntary contributions for the erection of Motor danger Notices for Falkland but no offers were made and no decision arrived at The Question being left open

A Meeting was held on April the 16th when the following were present Messrs A.F. Paget. G. Lee. H. Carter J. Biggs

The Minutes of the Last Meeting being read It was proposed by Mr. Carter, Seconded by Mr. Lee, that Mr. A. F. Paget be reelected Chairman. and Mr. J. Biggs Vice Chairman for the ensuing year and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Biggs reported that Mr. Francis had satisfactorily completed the Laying of the pipes from the Corsley footpath into Mr. Edgell's ditch.

The Question of making the footpath from Hemington to Turners Tower was discussed and it was proposed by Mr. Biggs seconded by Mr. Carter, that the Clerk write to Mr. Knox (Agent) asking **56**. Lord Hyltons consent to Make a coal ash footpath from Hemington to Turners Tower. Work to be Started at the end of the Summer about September

It was proposed by Mr. Biggs Seconded by Mr. Lee that Mr. Joseph Rich Falkland and Mr. George Gurd Falkland be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year.

The Councils Accounts for the past year were presented. Showing that the total receipts of the Council for the past year including Balance of £23/15/11 from last year was £50. The total expenditure on which Stamp Duty was payable being £31/3/8 leaving a Balance in the Bank to the credit of the Council of £18/16/4. The Accounts were duly signed and passed

It was proposed by Mr. Lee seconded by Mr. Carter that the Assistant Governor's Salary be increased by six pounds per year (£6) Namely £26 as Assistant Governor. And £3 as Clerk to Parish Council or £29 in all to date from this date. And was carried Unanimously

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox allotment rent	£4/5/-	
One to clerk to pay following Items	Mr. Weaver	17/4	
	Mr. Jenkins	4/-	
	Mr. Rossiter	4/-	
	Mr. Dyke	6	
	Audit Stamps	10/-	
	Stamps and Stationary	5/-	
	Mr. Humphries	5/-	£2/5/10

Signed Alfred F. Paget July 14th 1914

A Meeting was held on July 14th when the following were present Messrs A.F. Paget. G. Lee H. Carter. R. Wilson. J. Biggs

The Minutes of the Last Meeting being read A Letter from Mr. Knox was read offering on Lease of Seven Years Allotment Land 1 ¼ Acres in extent situate at Terry Hill. It was proposed by Mr. Wilson, Seconded by Mr. Lee that in consideration of the Council having Sufficient Land at present Lord Hylton be thanked for his offer but the Council Must respectfully decline same

57. A Letter was read from Mr. Knox in reply to one from the Clerk asking consent to Make a Cinder Footpath from Hemington to Turners Tower. Giving consent to the Council to Make same. Also stating that His Lordship proposed to fence the Village Green at Falkland after the Main road and supposes that No objection will be raised

It was proposed that the Clerk write to Mr. Knox stating that there was no objection on the part of the Council to the erection of the fence but that the Council would like to know what kind of fence it was proposed to erect and that the fence Must Meet with the Councils approval. Also that His Lordship would give the Council a Guarantee that by the erecting of the fence His Lordship was not Laying any claim to the Green but that the Green would remain as heretofore under the control of the Council

The Question of the Footpath was discussed It was proposed that Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lee Meet Mr. Knox and explain what the Council intended doing he in his letter having expressed that wish

Signed Alfred F. Paget Oct 16th 1914

A Meeting was held on Oct the 16th when the following were present. Messrs A. F. Paget, H. Carter. R. Wilson J. Biggs

The Minutes of the Last Meeting being read It was stated that Mr. Knox had not yet made an appointment with the Deputation from the council Appointed to Meet him in regard to the Making of the Footpath. And in consequence the same was postponed

A Letter was read from The Marquess of Bath in regard to the raising of Subscriptions by the council towards H.R.H The Prince of Wales's (sic) Fund The council decided to Acknowledge His Lordship's Letter and to inform His Lordship what steps the parish was already taking towards same.

It was reported that the Briars overhung the footpath at the Stile in Bouffees and it was decided to ask Weaver to cut them back.

It was reported that Mr. Price was obstructing the footpath at Chickwell by placing a trough across same. it was decided to write Mr. Price asking him to remove the obstruction. Also 58. to cut back the bushes overhanging the footpath near Mr. Mattick's Farm.

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment Rent	£4/5/-
One to Clerk to pay following items	Mr. Francis	14/3
	Mr. Weaver	15/8
		£1/9/11

Signed Alfred F. Paget January 1915

A Meeting was held on Jan the 15th when the following were present Messrs A.F.Paget. R. Wilson. H.Carter G.Lee. J. Biggs

The Minutes of the Last Meeting being read It was reported that Mr. Knox had Not yet Made an appointment to Meet Committee appointed to Meet him in regard to the Making of the footpath from Hemington to Turners Tower

The clerk reported that he had written to Lord Bath informing His Lordship what steps the parish was taking in regard to subscriptions towards the different funds got up in aid of the war. It was reported that Mr. Price had not cut the bushes overhanging the footpath leading from Chickwell Farm to Mr. Mattick's Neither had he removed the water trough from the footpath. It was decided to write Mr. Price asking him to cut the bushes and to remove the Trough within 28 Days or the Council would apply to the Rural District Council asking them to protect their rights in the Matter

It was reported that the water at Kingmans Farm overflowed the footpath It was proposed by Mr. Wilson Seconded by Mr. Biggs, that the Council go and inspect it and decide could be best done to alter it . The clerk to write Mr. Knox asking him to Meet the Council at the same time. The council decided to inspect on Friday Jan the 22nd at ½ past 2 o' clock in the afternoon

The following bills were paid Mr. Weaver £1/1/- £1/1/-

Signed Alfred F. Paget March 30th 1915

A Meeting was held on March the 30th when the following were present Messrs A.F. Paget. R. Wilson. J. Biggs H. Carter. G. Lee

The Minutes of the last Meeting being read 59. The Clerk reported that he had seen Mr. Price and that he had promised to cut the bushes but said that the Trough was not in the Public Right of way. The council decided to let the Question of the trough remain in abeyance until it had been inspected

Mr. Wilson reported that the Committee met Mr. Knox in regard to the water at Kingmans Farm. And that Mr. Knox suggested that the Council send a man to open up the Drain and so put a stop to the water overflowing

The council decided that the Drain belonged to the Ammerdown Estate upon whom devolved the duty of doing the work. And it was decided to write Mr. Knox informing him to that effect and asking him to kindly take steps towards stopping the overflow of water. Also informing him that the Rural District Council's Surveyor denied their Liability to do the work.

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment Rent	£4/5/-
One to Clerk to pay following Items	Hadden and Best	1/-
	Ditto	1/-
	Mr. M. Humphries	10/-
	Mr. J. Jenkins	4/6
	Mr. J. Rossiter	4/-
	Mr. B. Weaver	12/-
	Audit Stamp	5/-
	Stamps and Stationary	5/-
		£2/2/6

The Annual Parish Meeting followed no-one but the Council being present. The Parish Accounts were produced and read. Also a Statement as to the manner in which the Parish Charities had been distributed

Signed Alfred F. Paget April 13th 1915

A Meeting of the Council was held on April the 13th the following being present Messrs A.F. Paget R. Wilson G. Lee. H. Carter. J. Biggs

It being the Annual Council Meeting, it was proposed by Mr. Lee Seconded by Mr. Wilson that Mr. Paget be reelected Chairman and Mr. Biggs Vice Chairman both proposals being carried Unanimously

The Minutes of the Last Meeting being read 60. It was proposed by Mr. Biggs seconded by Mr. Carter that Mr. Joseph Rich Falkland and Mr. George Gurd Falkland be reelected Overseers for the ensuing year

The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Knox in regard to the water at Kingmans Farm And that he had received a reply saying that the Council had nothing to do with the water on His lordship's Farm at Kingmans.

The Councils accounts for the past year were presented. Showing that the total receipts for the past year including Balance from Last year of £18/16/4 was £29/3/8. The total expenditure was £19/14/3. Leaving a Balance in Bank to the credit of the Council of £9/9/5

Signed Alfred F. Paget July 23rd 1915

A Meeting was held on July 23rd when the following were present. Messrs A.F. Paget H. Carter. G. Lee

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read

There was no other business before the Council to be transacted.

Signed Alfred F. Paget October 19th 1915

A Meeting was held on October the 19th when the following were present. Messrs A.F.Paget H. Carter. J. Biggs

The Minutes of the Last Meeting being read The Clerk read a Letter from the Local Government Board. Stating that all elections of Councillors had been postponed for a year.

A Letter from the Land Valuation Officer was also read. Also a provisional valuation paper from the Land Valuation Office regarding the Village Green at Falkland.

Mr. Abraham's term of office as trustee of the Parish Charity having expired and he having expressed his willingness to serve again. It was proposed by Mr. Carter seconded by Mr. Biggs, that Mr. Abraham be reappointed, which was duly Carried.

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment rent	£4/5/-
	Mr. Weaver	£1/3/4
		£1/3/4

Signed Alfred F. Paget March 28th 1916

61. A meeting of the Council was held on March 28th when the following were present Messrs A.F. Paget H. Carter J. Biggs
The Minutes of the last Meeting being read The Clerk presented the Quarterly bills of the Council for which Cheques for the following were drawn

	Mr. Knox Allotment rent	£4/5/-	
One to Clerk to pay following Items	Hadden and Best	1/-	
	Mr. J. Rossiter	5/-	
	Mr. B. Weaver	16/8	
	Mr. M. Humphries	7/6	
	Mr. Mattick Hire of School	5/-	
	Stamps and Stationary	5/-	
	Audit Stamps	5/-	£2/5/2

The Annual Parish Meeting followed only one attending besides the Council. The Parish Accounts were produced and read Also a Statement of the way in which the Parish Charity had been distributed
Signed Alfred F. Paget April 13th 1916

The Annual Council Meeting was held on April the 13th when the following were present Messrs A. F. Paget. H. Carter and J. Biggs
The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read It was proposed by Mr. Biggs Seconded by Mr. Carter, that Mr. Paget be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Mr. Carter seconded by Mr. Paget, that Mr. Biggs be elected Vice Chairman. both proposals being carried.
It was proposed by Mr. Biggs seconded by Mr. Carter that Mr. Joseph Rich Falkland and Mr. John Lawrence Highchurch be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year.

Owing to the nonattendance of the Council's meetings by Mr. Lee and Mr. Wilson, It was proposed by Mr. Biggs Seconded by Mr. Carter, that the Clerk see them both and ask them to attend the Next Meeting of the Council, or send in their resignation as Members of the Council, in the event of their failing to do either, the Council would, in accordance with their powers, proceed to elect two others to fill their places as Members of the Hemington Parish Council.

The Parish Books of Account and Balance sheet for the past year were presented 62. and passed. Showing that the total expenditure for the year was £11/18/6 And the Receipts including Balance brought forward was £20/13/3 leaving a balance in Bank on March the 31st to the Credit of the Council of £8/14/9

Signed Alfred F. Paget October 10th 1916

A Meeting was held on Oct 10th the following being present Messrs A.F. Paget. G. Lee. R. Wilson. H. Carter
The Minutes of the Last Meeting being read. The clerk reported that he had received Notice from F. Burgess and Mrs. Latcham to give up the Allotment Land they hold from the Council on Mar 25th Next

The clerk was instructed to see Mr. Jenkins and offer him Five Shillings to Cut and Lay the 10 perch of Hedge from Mr. Padfields field to the Gate in the Falkland Allotment And three shillings to trim the other Hedges Should he refuse to accept the offer, to offer it to Mr. B. Weaver.

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment Rent	£4/5/-
One to clerk to pay following items	Mr. Weaver	12/-
	Mr. Mattick	5/-
		17/-

Signed Alfred F. Paget Jan 12th 1917

A Meeting was held on Jan 12th the following being present Messrs A.F. Paget. R. Wilson and H. Carter
The Minutes of the last Meeting being read The clerk reported that M. Jenkins had agreed to cut and Lay the 10 perch of Hedge, and trim the others at the price offered by the council.

Signed Alfred F. Paget March 22nd 1917

A Meeting was held on Mar 22nd the following being present Messrs A. F. Paget. R. Wilson and H. Carter
The Minutes of the Last Meeting being read A Letter was read from the Somersetshire War, Agricultural Committee in regard to the Cultivation of Allotments and Gardens, but as there was no Allotment or Garden that would be uncultivated the Council felt that they could do nothing.

The Question of the Local Government Boards Letter on registration was allowed to stand over.

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment Rent	£4/5/-
63. One to Clerk to pay following Items	Hire of School	5/-
	Mr. B. Weaver	9/ 4
	Mr. Dyke	6
	Hadden and Best	6/11
	Mr. Jenkins	8/-
	Hire of School	5/-
	Mr. Humphries	10/-
	Stamps and Stationary	5/-
	Audit Stamps	5/-
		£2/14/9

Signed Alfred F. Paget April 12th 1917

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Mar 29th only four being present.
The Rev A. Young was voted to the Chair.
The charity List was presented and read. Also the Balance Sheet of the council.
A discussion on National Service took place, but as the attendance was so small nothing was done.

A Meeting was held on April the 12th the following being present Messrs A.F. Paget H. Carter R. Wilson
The Minutes of the last Meeting being read It was proposed by Mr. Wilson Seconded by Mr. Carter, that Mr. Paget be elected Chairman for the ensuing year
It was proposed by Mr. Paget Seconded by Mr. Carter that Mr. Biggs be elected Vice Chairman, both proposals being carried.

It was proposed by Mr. Wilson Seconded by Mr. Carter that Mr. Rich and Mr. Lawrence be re-elected Overseers for the coming year.

The Parish Books of Account and Balance Sheet for the past year was presented and passed. Showing that the expenditure for the Year was £11/13/9. And the Receipts including Balance from last year brought forward was £19/15/7, leaving a balance in Bank on March the 31st to the Credit of the Council of £8/1/10

It was proposed by Mr. Carter seconded by Mr Paget, that owing to increased work the Assistant Overseers Salary be increased by £10 per year (Ten pounds) to date from this Date. And was carried Unanimously

Signed Alfred F. Paget Sept 21st 1917

64. A Meeting was held on Sept 21st the following being present Messrs A.F. Paget H. Carter. G. Lee

The Minutes of the last Meeting being read The Clerk reported that Mr. Weaver had stated to him that the water had overflowed from Mr. Edgell's ditch. And had washed away the footpath. Also that five of the pipes under the path had been broken.

It was proposed by Mr. Lee Seconded by Mr. Carter that the Clerk see Mr. Francis. And ask him to do the repairs to the footpath also the pipes

The clerk also reported that he had received an application for a Grass Field of from five to twelve acres from Mr. G. Beck Turners Tower.

It was proposed by Mr. Carter that the Clerk write Mr. Knox Agent to Lord Hylton, asking if he had a field to let that would be suitable, and if so would he let it to Mr. Beck.

Mr. Biggs term as trustee of the parish Charity having expired. It was proposed by Mr. Paget, Seconded by Mr. Carter, that Mr. Biggs be reappointed And was carried Unanimously

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment Rent	£4/5/-
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Signed Alfred F. Paget Jan 11th 1918

A Meeting was held on Jan 11th the following being present Messrs A.F. Paget H. Carter G. Lee

The Minutes of the last Meeting being read, The clerk reported that he had seen Mr. Francis in reference to repairing the Council's footpath at the Tower, And that Mr. Francis had agreed to do the Work. Also that he had written Mr. Knox in reference to procuring a field for Mr. G. Beck, And had received a reply stating that he had Not got a field to Let, but should Mr. Uphill who had removed to Buckland, Give up the one he rented, He would let it to Mr. Beck.

Signed Alfred F. Paget March 27th 1918

65. A Meeting was held on March 27th the following being present Messrs A.F. Paget H. Carter. J. Biggs

The Minutes of the last Meeting being read The Clerk reported that Mr. Francis had Not yet done the repairs to the footpath in Mr. Masters Field. Also that No Field had yet been secured for Mr. Beck

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment Rent	£4/5/-
One to Clerk to pay following items	Mr. B. Weaver	£1/9/-
	Mr. J. Jenkins	4/-
	Mr. M. Humphries	7/6
	Audit Stamp	5/-
	Stamps and Stationary	5/-
		£2/10/6

Signed Alfred F. Paget April 13th 1918

The Annual Parish meeting followed only one attending.

The List of the distribution of the parish Charities was read Also the Balance Sheet of the Council The principal business before the Meeting was the taking up of Allotments in response to an appeal from the War Agricultural Committee but as No-one attended Nothing could be done

The Annual Council Meeting was held on April the 13th the following being present Messrs A.F. Paget H. Carter. J. Biggs

The minutes of the last Meeting being read It was proposed by Mr. Carter Seconded by Mr. Biggs that Mr. Paget be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Mr. Paget seconded by Mr. Carter that Mr. Biggs be elected Vice Chairman, both proposals being Carried

It was proposed by Mr. Biggs seconded by Mr. Carter that Mr. Joseph Rich and Mr. John Lawrence be reappointed Overseers for the coming year which was duly Carried.

The Books and Balance Sheet of the council was presented and passed Showing that the Receipts for the year including Balance from last year was £19/15/5 Expenditure £11/0/6 leaving a Balance in Bank to the Credit of the Council on Mar 31st of £8/14/11

Signed Alfred F. Paget Oct 1st 1918

66. A Meeting was held on Oct 1st the following being present Messrs A. F. Paget. H. Carter J. Biggs

The Minutes of last Meeting being read It was proposed by Mr. Biggs Seconded by Mr. Carter, that owing to the increased price of Postage and Stationary, the present Sum of five shillings allowed for same, be increased to Ten Shillings

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment Rent	£4/5/-
One to Clerk to pay following Items	Mr. B. Weaver	18/8
	Mr. M. Humphries	5/-
		£1/3/8

Signed Alfred F. Paget January 2nd 1919

A Meeting was held on Jan 2nd the following being present Messrs A. F. Paget H. Carter J. Biggs R. Wilson

The Minutes of the Last Meeting being read. A discussion on the Housing Scheme for the parish took place Namely on the site chosen and the eight Houses proposed to be erected

An application by the Clerk for an increase of Salary was also discussed. After fully discussing same. It was proposed by Mr. Wilson seconded by Mr. Carter, that the Salary be Increased by twenty pounds (£20) per year on the following Grounds. For work in Collecting the Allotment Rent. Increase of work in connection with the Rates. Extra expenses in attending Meetings at Frome and elsewhere. Also to His having to pay Income Tax on his present Salary owing to the reduction of the Income Limit by the chancellor of the Exchequer, but principally owing to the Increased Value of Labour and High price of Living due to the War The Increase to date from Sept 29th The proposal being carried Unanimously

Signed Alfred F. Paget March 17th 1919

A Meeting was held on Mar 17th the following being present Messrs A.F. Paget R. Wilson. H. Carter. J. Biggs

The Minutes of the Last Meeting being read A Letter was read from the County Council relating to the destruction of Rats Also a Circular Letter from the Selwood Parish Council on the same subject. After discussing same, the council decided to take no Action

67. A Letter was read from the Somersel Fruit Society relating to the Supply of seed potatoes, but owing to the outbreak of wart Disease No Action was taken

The following Cheques were drawn	Mr. Knox Allotment Rent	£4/5/-
One To Clerk to pay following Items	Mr. M. Humphries	2/6
	Mr. B. Weaver	16/4
	Hadden and Best	2/-
	Mr. J. Jenkins	5/-
	Audit Stamp	5/-
	Stamps and Stationary	10/-
		£2/0/10

Signed Theodore James Biggs April 19th1919

The Parish Meeting for the Election of Parish Councillors was held in the Council School Hemington on March the 17th And was fairly well attended. Seven Nomination papers were handed in for the Five Seats on the Council from the following Messrs T. J. Biggs H. Carter J. G. Green A. H. Loader W.H. Pitman R. C. Wilson F. Weaver

Mr. E. Abraham Falkland Occupied the Chair Upon a Show of Hands the following was the result Messrs T. J. Biggs 22, H. Carter 21, J. G. Green 14, A.H. Loader 12, W. H. Pitman 11, R. C. Wilson 11, F. Weaver 17.

As the election was considered unsatisfactory a Poll was demanded by Mr. R. C. Wilson Falkland, to which there were Nine assentors As the Demand was not withdrawn the Chairman Stated the Poll would be taken on Monday April the Seventh

Result of the Poll for Guardian and Rural District Councillor Held on April the 7th Mr. Beynon presiding for which two were nominated Mr. George Nicholas 88 Mr. Joseph Mattick 69

The returning Officer declared Mr. G. Nicholas duly elected

The election of Parish Councillors took place at the same time for the five seats on the Council for which Seven were nominated with the following result Mr. T. J. Biggs 88, **68.** Mr. H. Carter 80, Mr. W.H. Pitman 74, Mr. J. G. Green 77, Mr. A.H. Loader 67, Mr. F. Weaver 77, Mr. R. C. Wilson 63

The Returning Officer declared that Mr. T. J. Biggs Mr. H. Carter Mr. J. G. Green Mr. F. Weaver and Mr. W. H. Pitman were duly elected Parish Councillors for the parish of Hemington

The first Meeting of the Newly elected Parish Council was held on April the 19th The following being present Messrs T. J. Biggs. W.H. Pitman. F. Weaver H. Carter and J.G. Green

Having signed the declaration of Office. It was proposed by Mr. Weaver seconded by Mr. Carter that Mr. Biggs be elected Chairman of the Council. It was proposed by Mr. Carter seconded by Mr. Weaver that Mr. Pitman be Vice Chairman both proposals being Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Biggs having taken the Chair. The Minutes of the Last Meeting was read and duly signed.

It was proposed by Mr. Pitman seconded by Mr. Carter that Mr. Joseph Rich and Mr. John Lawrence be reappointed Overseers for the ensuing year and was duly carried.

It was proposed by Mr. Pitman seconded by Mr. Carter that a Precept for £6 be served on the Overseers to Meet expenses of elections and was duly carried

It was proposed by Mr. Weaver seconded by Mr. Green. that Mr. Pitman see Mr. Edgell in reference to His ditch by the side of the Councils footpath and ask him to dig it a little deeper and thereby save the footpath being injured by the overflow of water caused by the ditch not being deep enough to properly carry it away, and report at the Next Meeting.

A discussion on the footpath from Hemington to Turners Tower took place. And it was decided to let it stand over.

The Balance Sheet of the Council together with the book of Accounts were presented showing that the receipts for the past year including balance brought forward from last year was £19/17/3. Expenditure £11/14/6 leaving a balance to the Credit of the Council at the Bank on Mar the 31st of £8/2/9

Signed T.J. Biggs Chairman June 5th 1919

69. A Meeting was held on June the 5th the following being present Messrs T. J. Biggs F. Weaver W. Pitman

The Minutes of the last Meeting being read Mr. Pitman reported that he had Seen Mr. Edgell in reference to his ditch and that he had promised to have it cleaned out before the wet weather Set in. Also that the rails on Bladick Bridge were gone and wanted New ones.

It was proposed by Mr. Weaver seconded by Mr. Biggs that the Clerk see Mr. Rigler and ask him to repair the bridge.

The Question of the footpath from Hemington to Turners Tower was allowed to Stand over.

A Letter was read from the Education Committee in reference to the Appointment of two School Managers

It was proposed by Mr. Pitman seconded by Mr. Weaver that Mr. Biggs be reappointed for the term of 3 years or until he Resigns or is removed by the body appointing. It was proposed by Mr. Weaver Seconded by Mr. Biggs that Mr. Pitman be also appointed for the same term and upon the same conditions as Mr. Biggs, both proposals being carried.

The following Cheque was drawn Mr. W.R. Kent Election Expenses £5/15/10

Signed T.J. Biggs Chairman September 30th 1919

Under the Auspices of the Parish Council a general Parish Meeting was held in the Council School Hemington for the purpose of discussing and arriving at a decision as to the best way for the parish to Celebrate the Victory and the Signing of peace upon the successful termination of the greatest War that this Country has ever been engaged in. After fully discussing same it was Unanimously agreed to give the Schoolchildren and all Old People of 65 years and over a free Tea Also to give all Young men belonging to the parish and who had served in any branch of His Majestys Army during the War a Free Meat Supper. And some little Souvener (*sic*) to be decided upon as a slight recognition of their Services rendered to their King and Country during this Great and disastrous War.

It was also decided to engage a Band and to draw up a Schedule of Sports of all descriptions for Old and Young to indulge in. to be held in the Football Field Kindly lent by Mr. Pitman on August the 5th

The above celebration took place on August the 5th and was very largely attended and proved a decided success. The band Met the Schoolchildren on the village Green where also was gathered 70. people dressed in fancy Costumes. Ladies and Gentlemen riding decorated Bicycles, the Band after playing a few tunes Headed the procession and the whole gathering Marched to the Field, where after

partaking of tea the Sports and dancing were indulged in until Half past Nine o'clock. The weather was beautifully fine and a very Happy and enjoyable Day was spent.

A Meeting was held on Sept the 30th when the following were present Messrs T.J. Biggs W. Pitman F. Weaver G. Green H. Carter

The Minutes of the last Meeting being read Mr. Pitman reported that the Stile at Bladick Bridge had Not been repaired. The Clerk was requested to see Mr. Rigler and ask him if he intended to do the work.

The Question of the footpath from Hemington to Turners Tower was allowed to stand over.

A Letter was read from the Board of Agriculture relating to Allotments.

A Notice was read from Mr. Rossiter giving up his Allotment Land on March 25th 1920

The Clerk was instructed to put up Notices stating that the land was to let in one or more lots from March the 25th next

It was also agreed that the Clerk see Mr. Cullen Clerk to the Kilmersdon Council and ascertain from Him what Books and Acts he had for the use of His Council and to report at the next Meeting.

The clerk reported that the covering stones over the water course that runs across the footpath in Mr. Wilsons field at Falkland was loose and wanted repairing.

The clerk was requested to see Mr. Francis and ask him to repair it.

An application from Mr. Weaver for an increase of wages per Hour was discussed. And it was agreed that His wages be increased to Sixpence per Hour.

Mr. Abraham reported that his term of office as Trustee of the Parish Charity was up. And having expressed his willingness to serve again. It was proposed seconded and carried that he be reappointed. A letter was read in regard to the National Rat week.

The following Cheque was drawn Mr. Knox Allotment Rent £4/5/-

Signed T. J. Biggs Chairman Mar 31st 1920