

# Stathern Parish Council Minutes

**3<sup>rd</sup> January 1895 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 1913**

*Early in 2020, a shabby, damaged notebook was found in the possession of a village resident which contained the first minutes of Stathern Parish Council starting in 1895 and running through to 1913.*

*These have since been typed up and made available for reading. Every effort has been made to reproduce the minutes as they were written although some of the words were difficult to read due to the handwriting and have been replaced by “???” and there were also some blanks in the book. Grateful thanks are given to Mrs Sheryl Smart, a former Clerk to the Parish Council, for transcribing the hand-written minute book into this format. There are 97 numbered pages of this script.*

## **January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895**

The first meeting of the Parish Council was held in the schoolroom at 7 o'clock in the evening of the above date, all the members being present viz:-

Messrs John Braithwaite, William Braithwaite, George Clamp, James Boyfield Levesley, James Potts and Henry Barke, the declaration accepting office was signed by each member.

The circular of the Local Government Board dated December 12<sup>th</sup> 1894 was read by the Assistant Overseer and, in accordance with the instructions therein contained, Mr J Braithwaite proposed, and Mr G Clamp seconded, that Mr Levesley be provisional Chairman. Mr J. Levesley having declined to serve, Mr William Braithwaite proposed, and Mr James Levesley seconded, that Mr John Braithwaite be provisional Chairman, carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr William Braithwaite and seconded by Mr James Potts, that Mr John Braithwaite be Chairman of the Council. An amendment was proposed by Mr Henry Barke that the Revd J.W. Taylor be Chairman. On the amendment being put, Mr G Clamp and Mr Henry Barke voted for, and Mr William Braithwaite and Mr J Levesley and Mr J Pott voted against. No other amendment being proposed, the original proposition was put; Mr William Braithwaite, Mr J Levesley and Mr James Potts voted for, against none. Mr John Braithwaite was there upon declared duly elected.

Proposed by Mr Henry Barke and seconded by Mr J Levesley that Mr G Clamp be Vice Chairman. Mr James Potts proposed an amendment that Mr William Braithwaite be elected, the amendment not being seconded, Mr G Clamp was declared duly elected.

Proposed by Mr G. Clamp and seconded by Mr William Braithwaite that the Chairman (Mr John Braithwaite) be appointed Treasurer, carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the Assistant Overseer (Mr George Braithwaite) be Clerk to the Council.

On the proposition of Mr William Braithwaite and seconded by Mr Henry Barke, it was agreed that a precept be issued to the Overseers for the sum of eighteen pounds (being a penny in the £) to defray the cost of the election and other expenses.

A discussion respecting taking over the accounts of the late Burial Board was deferred until the next meeting,

Signed John Braithwaite (Chairman)

## **January 17th 1895**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7 o'clock in the evening of the above date, all the members being present.

### **Agenda**

- 1st To take over the accounts of the late Burial Board
- 2nd To fix the dates of the quarterly meetings

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

The Revd J.W. Taylor, Clerk to the late Burial Board, presented the accounts made up to 31st December 1894 and requested the Council to appoint two persons to audit the same. The Chairman expressed his doubts as to the Council having power to appoint auditors but after some discussion it was agreed on the proposition of Mr William Braithwaite, seconded by J. Levesley that Mr Robert Flack and Mr G.W. Willett (who was present) be requested to audit the accounts, they reported the accounts correct having a balance in hand of £8.6.9.

The Revd J.W. Taylor proposed under 15 & 16 Vict., Cap 85 sec 22 to pay the balance to the Overseers of the Poor whereupon the Chairman insisted on the balance being paid over to the Parish Council under sec. 67 of the Local Government Act 1894. After a long discussion and the Revd J.W. Taylor still declining to hand over the balances to the Council, the question was deferred to the next meeting. In the meantime further advice to be obtained,

The Revd J.W. Taylor resigned his office as Clerk to the Burial Board and handed over the seal to the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the quarterly meetings be held on the third Monday in April, July, October and January.

A discussion took place respecting the Parochial Charities and it was ultimately decided that the whole Council form a committee to inquire into them and the Chairman was requested to arrange a convenient time with the Rector to go through the documents.

A suggestion was made to the Council by Mr Flack, Chairman of the School Board, that a sum of 2/6 per meeting be paid to them for warming, lighting and cleaning the school room. Considering the charge excessive, the Council suggested that 2/- per meeting be paid, and Mr Flack was requested to lay it before the School Board at their next meeting,

A precept on the Overseers for the sum of eighteen pounds as agreed at the last meeting was then signed.

Signed: John Braithwaite – Chairman.

## **March 7th 1895**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7 o'clock on the evening of the above date all the members being present viz Mr John Braithwaite - Chairman, Mr Geo, Clamp - Vice Chairman, Messes H. Barke, J. Levesley, J. Potts and W. Braithwaite.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman stated that since the last meeting, the Rev. J.W. Taylor, Clerk to the late Burial Board, had paid to him the sum of eight pounds, six shillings and nine pence being the balance in hand on Dec. 31st 1892.

The Chairman, having requested the council to make out a list of men qualified and liable to serve as Constables, the following list was agreed upon

Albine Knapp - Grazier  
Arthur Pearson - Bricklayer  
John Allen Howitt - Grazier  
John Levesley - Grazier

The question of the charities was again discussed when it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk make out a list of the charities as far as practicable and submit the same to the Charity Commissioners asking their advice respecting the appointment of Trustees for the same.

The Rev. J. W. Taylor having offered to enter in the new register, the names of all persons buried in the Burial ground since the formation of the Burial Board it was unanimously agreed that he be requested to do so.

Signed: John Braithwaite - Chairman

## April 16th 1895

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7o'clock in the evening of the above date with all the members being present viz Mr John Braithwaite, Mr Geo. Clamp, Messes H. Barke, J. Levesley, J. Potts and W. Braithwaite.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

Mr Geo. Clamp, Vice Chairman, having taken the Chair, Mr W. Braithwaite proposed and Mr J. Potts seconded that Mr John Braithwaite be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year, carried unanimously.

Mr John Braithwaite, having again taken the Chair, Mr John Levesley proposed, and Mr H. Burke seconded, that Mr G. Clamp be re-elected Vice Chairman, carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the proposition of Mr Geo. Clamp and seconded by Mr J. Potts that three Overseers of the Poor be appointed.

The following persons were unanimously appointment Overseers viz Mr Geo Whittaker proposed by Mr G. Clamp and seconded by Mr W. Braithwaite, Mr J Levesley proposed by Mr G. Clamp and seconded by Mr W. Braithwaite, and Mr William Greensmith Jnr proposed by Mr J. Potts and seconded by Mr J. Levesley. Proposed by Mr H. Barke and seconded by Mr G. Clamp that Mr Jackson, of the Leicestershire Bank, Melton Mowbray, in place of the Chairman, be appointed Treasurer; carried unanimously.

The Clerk stated that he had written to the Charity Commission respecting the appointment of Trustees for non-ecclesiastical Charities but had not yet received a reply. He also stated that Revd J.W Taylor had copied into the new register the names of all persons buried in the Burial Ground.

The Clerk presented the following statement of accounts up to March 31st 1895 showing a balance in hand on the Council account of £6-5-9 and on the Burial Board account of £7-5-9.

### Parish Council Account

	<u>£</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>d</u>
Feb 19 Received from Overseers				18	0	0
Nov 30 Paid for Parochial Registration		3	0			
Feb 21 Paid Mr Marsh for election expenses	10	0	11			
Mar 23 Paid Messrs Vice Books Stationary	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>
Balance in hands of Treasurer				6	5	9

### Burial Board Account

	<u>£</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>d</u>
Jan 19 Balance from the Burial Board	8	6	9
Mar 23 Paid for new registration of burials	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

Balance in hands of Treasurer

7      5      9

The Clerk stated that the School Board had accepted the Councils offer of 2/- per meeting for cleaning, lighting etc.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr W. Braithwaite and seconded by Mr J. Potts that the Parish & Councils Gazette be taken for one year.

Signed: John Braithwaite – Chairman.

## **July 15th 1895**

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7 o'clock in the evening of the above date. All members being present viz Messrs J. Braithwaite (Chairman), G. Clamp, H. Barke, W. Braithwaite, J. Levesley and J. Potts.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Mr G. Clamp and seconded by Mr J. Levesley that the salary of the Assistant Overseer (Mr G. Braithwaite) be increased by the sum of £3 per year (making it £15 per year) as remuneration for his services as Clerk to the Council, such increase to commence from Lady Day 1895; carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr W Braithwaite and seconded by Mr J Potts, that the Parish Council be and are hereby appointed Trustees of Hands, Dixons and Guys Charities subject to the approval of the Charities Commissioners. Proposed by Mr J Braithwaite and seconded by Mr G Clamp that the Revd J.W Taylor be requested to receive the Car Colston rents as usual until the appointment of Trustees is approved by the Charities Commissioners.

It was decided that a latch be put on the gate of the Burial Ground.

The question of repairing the village pumps was discussed, it was decided to repair them if, on enquiry by the Clerk, the Council had power to do so.

Signed: John Braithwaite – Chairman

## **October 21st 1895**

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7 o'clock in the evening of the above date; all the members being present viz Mr John Braithwaite Chairman, Mr Geo. Clamp Vice Chairman, H. Barke, William Braithwaite, John Levesley and John Potts.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

A letter from the Charities Commissioners dated October 4th 1895 was read as follows:-

Adverting to your letter of the 14th March and 18th July last, I am to state that in the opinion of the Commissioners as at present advised Dixon's and Guy's charities have passed under the control of the Parish Council by the above Act.

The provision of section 14 (e) of the Act appears to be applicable in the case of Hands and Richard Cooke's Charities and it will accordingly be competent for the Council to appoint trustees of Hand's Charity in place of the Churchwardens and Overseers (who would seem to be the administrators) and in place of the Churchwardens in the case of Cooke's Charity.

With reference to Sill's, Penn's, Longsdale's and Westby's Charities, I am to state that it appears from the information recorded in this office that in the year 1892, the income was paid to the Schoolmaster in respect of his salary for conducting religious instruction in the day and Sunday school. I am to request that you will state whether this mode of application still prevails and who are the present administrators.

Proposed by Mr John Levesley and seconded by Mr John Potts that the resolution passed at the last meeting appointing the Council Trustees of Hand's, Dixon's and Guy's Charities be rescinded as regards Hand's Charity, and in accordance with section 14 (e) of the Local Government Act 1894 the following persons be appointed trustees of Hand's Charity in place of the Churchwardens and Overseers viz. Revd J.W Taylor - Rector, Mr John Braithwaite - Lace Manufacturer, Mr Geo Clamp - Lace Agent and Mr William Braithwaite - Farmer, carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr John Levesley and seconded by Mr William Braithwaite that Mr Henry Barke and Mr Joseph Melton Bird be Trustees of Cooke's Charity in place of the Churchwardens, carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr John Braithwaite and seconded by Mr Geo. Clamp that the Council repair the Goit and Mr John Potts and Mr Henry Barke were requested to see the repairs were properly carried out.

The Chairman reported that two of the village pumps had been repaired as decided at the last meeting.

The Chairman read a letter he had received from the County Council enquiring about the Parish documents under the control of the Parish Council and the custody of the same.

A bill of 12/- for fencing the Burial Ground was presented and it was decided that it should stand over until the next meeting.

Signed: John Braithwaite- Chairman

## December 10th 1895

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom on the above date at 6:30pm, all the members being present viz Mr John Braithwaite - Chairman, Messrs Geo. Clamp, H. Barke, William Braithwaite, John Levesley and John Potts.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

It was decided that the income from Dixon's and Guy's charities (£2..5) be given in coals to the poor as follows, Eliza Barker, John Turner, Hannah Dyer and Mary Pick one ton each at 11s 6d per ton.

A copy of a letter dated October 25th and send to the Charity Commissioners in reply to their letter of enquiry as to the application of the income from Sill's, Penn's, Lonsdale and Westby's Charities was read.

The reply sent by the Chairman to the County Council respecting the custody of Parish documentation under the control of the Parish Council was read.

The Clerk reported he had received the sum of £4..5..6 fees for 9 funerals and had paid the same to the Treasurer.

Proposed by Mr John Potts and seconded by Mr William Braithwaite that the Clerk write to the G.M & L&N W Joint Committee calling their attention to the danger of persons walking or driving to and from Harby & Stathern Station on dark nights and asking the Company to place lamps on the side of the road leading from the station to the public road.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr W. Braithwaite and seconded by Mr John Potts that Mr Wallis Davies' book on the Adoption Acts be purchased from Messrs Eyre and Spottiswoods at a cost of 5/6.

Signed: John Braithwaite – Chairman.

## January 20th 1896

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom on the above date at 7p.m, all the members being present viz Mr John Braithwaite - Chairman, Messrs G. Clamp, H. Barke, W. Braithwaite, J. Levesley and J. Potts.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

Cheques were made out and signed as follows

£	s	d
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Mr A Pearson for repairing Goit	6	8	6
Mr W Dickman for repairing pumps	2	8	
Messrs Fumridge and Kemp for Coals (Dixon's & Guy's Charities)	2	6	
The Clerk (Geo. Braithwaite) for stationery (audit stamp & other small sums)	1	16	2

Signed: John Braithwaite – Chairman

## February 27th 1896

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom on the above date at 7p.m; all the members being present viz Mr John Braithwaite - Chairman, Messrs G. Clamp, H. Barke, J. Levesley and J. Potts.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

The following list of four men qualified and able to serve as Constables was agreed to viz:-

Arthur Pearson – Bricklayer  
William Greensmith Jrn - Grazier  
Tom Everitt - Joiner  
Robert Shipman - Grazier

A cheque for £5 9s 1d was signed in favour of the Clerk to buy the following items:-

	£	s	d
Messrs Vice for Stationery		12	
School Board 10 meetings at 2s	1		
Rector fees for 11 funerals at 1/6		16	6
Sexton for 11 funerals at 4/6	2	9	6
Clerk for 11 funerals at 1s		11	

Signed: John Braithwaite – Chairman

## April 13th 1896

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom on the above date at 7p.m; all the members being present viz Mr John Braithwaite - Chairman, Messrs. G. Clamp, H. Barke, William Braithwaite, J. Levesley and Robert Flack.



The Chairman, after reading the notice convening the meeting vacated the Chair.

Mr William Braithwaite proposed, and Mr Henry Barke seconded that Mr Geo. Clamp be provisional Chairman. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr H. Barke, seconded by Mr J. Levesley, that a Chairman outside the council be elected. On the motion being put to the meeting, Messrs H. Barke, J. Levesley and Geo Clamp voted for, Messrs R. Flack, William Braithwaite and Mr John Braithwaite voted against. The votes being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, carried.

Proposed by Mr H. Barke, seconded by Mr J. Levesley, that Revd J.W Taylor be elected Chairman of the council. In the motion being put, Messrs H. Barke, J. Levesley and Geo. Clamp voted for and Messrs John Braithwaite, William Braithwaite and R. Flack against. The votes being equal the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, carried.

The Revd J.W Taylor, not being able to be present on account of illness, Mr Robert Flack proposed and Mr William Braithwaite seconded that Mr John Braithwaite be elected Chairman of the meeting. Messrs R. Flack and W. Braithwaite voted for this motion, against none.

The declarations accepting office were signed by each member of the Council.

On the proposition of Mr Geo Clamp, seconded by Mr William Braithwaite, the following persons were appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year, Mr John Levesley - Grazier, Mr William Greensmith Jrn - Grazier and Mr Andrew Shipman Jnr -Grazier.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

A letter from the Charity Commissioners dated February 27th 1896 respecting the appointment of Trustees in the case of Westby's, Sill's, Penn's, Lonsdale and Ray's Charities was read, the question was deferred until a future meeting.

The Parish Council accounts for the year ending March 31st 1896 were examined and approved.

Proposed by Mr H. Barke, seconded by Mr W Braithwaite that a precept on the Overseers for the sum of eighteen pounds be issued to cover the costs of the election and other expenses.

Proposed by Mr W Braithwaite, seconded by Mr R Flack that Mr John Braithwaite be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year was carried unanimously.

Signed: J.W Taylor – Chairman

## **July 20th 1896**

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom on the above date at 7p.m. The members present being Revd J.W Taylor (Chairman), and Messrs J Braithwaite, Geo. Clamp and Robert Flack.

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

The question of appointing additional Trustees in the case of Westby's, Sill's Penn's, Longsdale, Parkes and Ray's charities was again discussed The Rector having consented, it was agreed on the proposition of Mr J. Braithwaite, seconded by Mr R. Flack, that in the case of Sills, Penns, Longsdale's, Parkes and Ray's Charities, two additional Trustees be appointed, the selection of Trustees was deferred to the next meeting.

The status of the Burial Ground and the fees charged therein was discussed. The Revd J.W Taylor suggesting that a portion of the ground should be consecrated and he would surrender his claim to any fee in such consecrated portion. There being only three members present, the question was deferred until the next meeting.

A precept on the Overseers for the sum of eighteen pounds as agreed at the last meeting was signed.

A cheque was signed for £9-1-4 to pay the cost of Elections (£8-12-2) and other small sums.

Signed: J.W Taylor – Chairman

## **October 19th 1896**

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom on the above date at 7p.m. All the members being present viz Revd J.W Taylor (Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, J Braithwaite, W. Braithwaite, G. Clamp, J. Levesley and R Flack.

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

The selection of additional Trustees in the case of Sills, Penns, Longsdales, Parkes and Ray's charities as agreed at the last meeting was proceeded with Revd J.W. Taylor appointed Mr Josh Melton Bird, Mr R. Flack proposed and Mr W. Braithwaite seconded that Mr J. Braithwaite be the other Trustee, carried unanimously.

The question of repairing the Washdyke was discussed. Mr H. Barke proposed and Mr Geo. Clamp seconded, that it be repaired by the Council at a cost not exceeding three pounds. Mr J. Braithwaite having raised objections, it was put to the vote when Mr H. Barke, Mr J. Levesley, Mr W. Braithwaite and Mr G. Clamp voted for and Mr J. Braithwaite and Mr R. Flack against. Carried.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr R. Flack, seconded by Mr H. Barke that the Clerk be instructed to write to the District Council requesting them to repair the footpath leading from the "Dally well".

Mr J. Braithwaite, Mr H. Barke and Revd J.W. Taylor were appointed a committee to carry out some repairs to Parish property on the green.

The question of having a portion of the Burial ground consecrated was again discussed but no decision was come to.

Proposed by Mr R. Flack and seconded by Mr W. Braithwaite that Mr J. Braithwaite and Mr H. Barke be appointed a committee to keep the Burial ground in order, carried unanimously.

Signed: J.W. Taylor – Chairman

## **December 3rd 1896**

A meeting of the parish council was held in the schoolroom on the above date at 7pm. All members being present viz Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, J. Braithwaite, W. Braithwaite, G. Clamp, R. Flack and J. Levesley.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed that the income from Dixons and Guy's Charities (£2-5.) be given in coals to the poor as follows;- Eliza Barker, John Turner, Hannah Dyer and Mary Picks one ton each at 11/7 per ton, to be supplied by Mr W. Alderman.

Signed: J.W. Taylor – Chairman

## **January 18th 1897**

The Quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. All members being present viz Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, J. Braithwaite, W. Braithwaite, G. Clamp, R. Flack and J. Levesley.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A cheque was ordered to be drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Clerk for £2-14-10 in payment of two small bills viz Mr Alderman £2-6-4 for coals (Dixon's and Guy's Charities) and Mr J. Everitt 8s/6d for repairing pump.

The Chairman presented (in the absence of the Clerk from sickness) two letters with enclosures from the Charity Commission re Sills, Penn's & other Charities.

The committee appointed at the Council meeting of October 19th 1896 (i) as to the improvement of the green (2) as to keeping Burial ground in order, reported progress.

The question of consecration of a portion of the Burial ground was again discussed and finally it was proposed by Mr J. Levesley and seconded by Mr H. Barke, "that the portion of the Burial ground in the Parish of Stathern set apart by Mr Holland (the Secretary from the Home Office) for that purpose be consecrated and that the fees of the Rector for burials in that portion of the ground be abolished".

On being put to the vote, three (Messrs J. Levesley, H. Barke and G. Clamp) voted for the proposition and two (Messrs R. Flack and W. Braithwaite) against, the Chairman declared the proposition carried.

Mr R. Flack gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would call attention to the insufficient supply of water and move a resolution thereon.

Signed: John Braithwaite – Chairman

## **March 4th 1897**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, the following members being present viz Messrs J. Braithwaite Chairman (in the absence of the Revd J.W Taylor through illness), H. Barke, G. Clamp and R. Flack.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

The following list of four men qualified and liable to serve as constables for the ensuing year was agreed to viz

John Everitt – Joiner  
Robert Shipman – Grazier  
Charles Haskard – Boot Maker  
William Shipman – Farmer

Signed: John Braithwaite – Chairman.

## March 31st 1897

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 6:30pm on the above date, the following members being present viz Messrs J. Braithwaite - Chairman (in the absence of the Revd J.W Taylor through illness), H. Barke, G. Clamp and R. Flack.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

Mr Flack called the attention of the Council to the insufficient supply of water in the village. After some discussion the matter was allowed to drop, no resolution being proposed.

Mr H. Barke called the attention of the Council to the state of Parish houses on Blacksmith End, it was the option of the Council that a drain should be put in at the back to prevent the surface water coming through into the houses but the matter was allowed to stand over until the new Council comes into office.

A cheque was ordered to be drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Clerk for £4..19..1 in payment of the following

	£	s	d
To Clerk to the County Council for 2 register of voters		2	
Messrs Vice for Stationery		7	1
School Board (Fire, Lights etc.) 10 meetings at 2s	1		
Rector 10 funerals at 1s/6d		15	
Sexton for 10 funerals at 4/6		2	5
Clerk for 10 funerals at 1s		10	

Signed: George Clamp - Provisional Chairman

## April 21st 1897

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the School room at 7pm on the above date. All members being present viz Messrs. H. Barke, G. Clamp, J. Dyer, R. Flack, J. Howitt and B. Pick, the Chairman (Revd J.W. Taylor) was unable to attend through illness.

The declaration accepting office was signed by each member.

Proposed by Mr Pick and seconded by Mr Barke that Mr Clamp be provisional Chairman – carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Mr Pick and seconded by Mr Barke that the Revd. J.W. Taylor be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year, proposed by Mr Howitt and seconded by Mr Flack that Mr J. Braithwaite be elected Chairman. On being put to the vote, two (Messrs Flack and Howitt) voted for Mr J Braithwaite and three (Messrs Barke, Clamp and Pick) for Revd J.W. Taylor, carried.

The Chairman, ( Revd J.W. Taylor) not being present, Mr Flack proposed and Mr Howitt seconded that Mr J. Dyer be Chairman of the meeting, Mr Pick proposed and Mr Barke seconded that Mr G. Clamp be Chairman. On being put to the meeting three (Messrs Flack, Howitt and Dyer) voted for Mr Dyer and three (Messrs. Barke, Clamp and Pick) voted for Mr Clamp. The votes being equal and neither party being willing to withdraw, Mr Dyer proposed and Mr Clamp seconded that the meeting be adjourned to Wednesday April 28th at 6pm. Carried unanimously.

Signed: J.W. Taylor

## **April 28th 1897**

The adjourned meeting of the Parish Council was held in the schoolroom at 6pm on the above date. All the members being present viz Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, G. Clamp, J. Dyer, J. Howitt, R. Flack and B. Pick.

The following persons were unanimously appointed as Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year viz Mr William Greensmith Jnr. - Grazier, Mr A. Shipman Jnr. - Grazier and Mr William Shipman - Farmer.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr J. Hewitt, seconded by Mr J. Dyer that a Vice Chairman be elected for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Mr J. Howitt and seconded by Mr J. Dyer that Mr Flack be Vice Chairman. Mr B. Pick proposed and Mr H. Barke seconded that Mr G. Clamp be elected. On being put to the meeting three (Messrs Barke, Pick and Clamp) voted for Mr Clamp and two (Messrs Howitt and Dyer) for Mr Flack. Mr Clamp was thereupon declared duly elected.

It was agreed that the quarterly meetings be held on the third Monday in July, October and January.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council requesting them to repair the Parish Pumps or to authorise the Parish to repair them.

Signed: J.W. Taylor – Chairman

## **July 31st 1897**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, R. Flack, J. Howitt and B. Pick.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman read some correspondence between the Bishop of the Diocese and himself respecting the consecration of part of the burial ground and abolishing the Incumbents fee in the portion about to be consecrated, and expressed his regret that the Bishop was not willing to bind future incumbents to abolish fees in the consecrated portion, as requested.

Proposed by Revd J.W. Taylor and seconded by Mr G. Clamp, that the seal of the late Burial Board be affixed to the petition of consecration, on being put to the meeting Revd Taylor, Messrs Barke, Clamp and Pick voted for and Mr Howitt against, Mr Flack not voting.

The agreement between the Rector and the Parish Council abolishing the Incumbents fees in the portion of the Burial Ground about to be consecrated, during the lifetime of the present Rector was then signed.

It was unanimously agreed that Messrs Barke, Clamp and Flack be a committee to take charge of the Burial Ground.

It was also agreed that Messrs Barke, Dyer and Howitt be a committee to look after the pumps, drains etc.

Signed: J.W. Taylor – Chairman.

## **July 19th 1897**

A meeting of the parish council was held in the school room at 7pm on the above date. Present Revd J.W Taylor – Chairman, Mr G. Clamp Vice Chairman, Messrs H. Barke, and Mr J. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the chairman.

A cheque was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Clerk for £12.6 in payment of the following:-

Fees for consecration of a portion of the Burial Ground £10.10s

Travelling expenses 15s

Preparing agreement between the Rector and Parish Council, abolishing the incumbents fees in consecrated portion of Burial Ground £1 1s. The Rector handed to the Council the sum of £1 1s to cover the cost of the above agreement.

A precept on the Overseers for the sum of £18 was made out and signed to meet current expenses.

## October 18th 1897

A meeting of the parish council was held in the school room at 7pm on the above date.  
Present Revd J.W Taylor (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J. Dyer, J. Howitt, R. Flack and B. Pick.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

Messrs J. Braithwaite and W. Braithwaite were unanimously re-elected Trustees of William Hand's Charity, their term of office having expired in accordance with Sec. 14(7) of the Local Government Act 1894.

It was unanimously agreed that the fees due to the Incumbent, Parish Clerk and Sexton for interments in the consecrated portion of the Burial Ground should not in future be received by the Parish Council.

On the proposition of Revd J.W. Taylor, seconded by Mr Flack, the Clerk (Mr George Braithwaite) was unanimously appointed to superintend the Burial Ground and keep it in decent order and repair.

It was agreed that some repairs to the Parish Houses on Blacksmith End be carried out. A cheque for £9.1.10 was signed in favour of the Clerk in payment of the following items:-

	<u>£</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>d</u>
To Rural District Council, contributions towards repairing the Washdyke		3	
Mr Marsh's bill (nomination papers etc.)		11	4
Mr Hall's bill (carting soil)		15	
Mr Everitt's bill (fencing on the Green)	3	12	6
Mr J. Whittaker (cleaning Goit etc.)		7	6
Sandpit Garden rent (3 years)		3	
Incumbents fees (one Burial)		1	6
Parish Clerks fees (2 Burials)		2	
Sextons fees (1 Burial)			9



## January 17th 1898

The Quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the school room at 7pm on the above date . Present Revd J.W Taylor (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, R. Flack, J. Howitt and B. Pick.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved were signed by the Chairman.

After receiving reports of Committees, a cheque for £3.6s.3d was signed in favour of the Clerk in payment of the following items

	£	s	d
W. Bradley (mowing grass in the Burial Ground)		10	
W. Sarson (latch to burial ground gate)		9	
J. Robinson (4 tonnes of coal for the poor) Dixon and Guys charities	2	2	
J. Whittaker (Cleaning Horsepond)		5	3

Revd J.W. Taylor gave notice that at the next meeting he would call the attention of the Council to the defective state of the drains in the village.

## March 3rd 1898

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the school room at 7pm on the above date. Present Mr G. Clamp (Chairman in the absence of Revd J.W. Taylor through illness), Messrs H. Barke, and Mr J. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following list of four men qualified and liable to serve as constables for the ensuing year was agreed viz

Robert Shipman – Grazier  
Charles Haskard – Boot Maker  
William Shipman – Farmer  
John William Braithwaite – Butcher

On the proposition of Mr J. Howitt, seconded by Mr H. Barke, Mr Fletcher of the Leicestershire Bank, Melton Mowbray, was unanimously appointed Treasurer of the Council - Mr H. Jackson retired.

A cheque for £2.7s.7d was signed in favour of the Clerk in payment of the following items viz:-

	£	s	d
Mr Sarson's bill (repairs to Parish House)		10	5
Mr A. Pearson (ditto)		14	
School Board (fire and lights 10 meetings at 2/- each) including March 31st 1898	1		
Stationery as per bill		3	2

## April 18th 1898

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 6pm on the above date. Present: Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), Messes H. Barke, J. Braithwaite, G. Clamp, R. Flack, J.A. Howitt and B. Pick.

The declaration accepting office was signed by each member.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr Pick, seconded by Mr Barke, the Revd J.W. Taylor was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Mr R. Flack and seconded by Mr J. Howitt, that Mr J. Braithwaite be elected Vice Chairman. An amendment was proposed by Mr Pick and seconded by Mr Barke that Mr G. Clamp be re-elected. On being put to the vote Messrs Barke, Clamp and Pick voted for the amendment and Messrs J. Braithwaite, R. Flack and J. Howitt for the original proposition. The votes being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment, Mr G. Clamp was therefore declared elected.

The following persons were unanimously appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year viz.

Mr Andrew Shipman – Grazier  
 Mr William Shipman – Farmer  
 Mr William Clamp – Timber Merchant.

The question of making provision for washing sheep at the Washdyke was discussed and on the proposition of Mr Barke, seconded by Mr J. Braithwaite it was unanimously decided to leave the arrangements in the hands of those who may require the same.

## **July 18th 1898**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date.  
Present: Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman in the Chair in the absence of Revd J.W. Taylor through illness) Messrs J. Braithwaite, R. Flack, J. Howitt and B. Pick.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The nuisance caused by Mr H. Morris' pigs was discussed when on proposition of Mr J. Braithwaite, seconded by Mr B. Pick, the following resolution was unanimously passed, "that the attention of the Sanitary Authority be called to the serious nuisance caused by the great number of pigs (upwards of 80) being kept by Mr H. Morris in a building close to the road in the centre of the village, and that steps for its immediate removal may be taken" and the Clerk was requested to send a copy of the same to the Rural District Council and Medical Officer of Health.

The application of Charles Dickman to be allowed to join Eliza Barke in the occupation of the Parish House was considered where on the proposition of Mr J. Howitt, seconded by Mr R. Flack, the whole Council were appointed a committee to inspect and decide as to what should be done.

## **October 17th 1898**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date.  
Present: Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, J. Braithwaite, J. Howitt and B. Pick.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from the Rural District Council was read dated September 1898 stating that they would not pay for any work done in the parish unless the same had been authorised by their Council, or one of its Member or Officers.

A letter from the same Council was read, dated October 3rd 1898, stating that the Inspector had called their attention to the defective state of the drains on Blacksmith End and recommending that a nine inch sanitary pipe sewer be made as far as the crossing under the road a distance of about one hundred yards. Before undertaking the work they would be glad to know if the Parish Council had any views to express in the matter. After some discussion the following resolution was unanimously passed "that this Council, having considered the letter of the District Council of the 3rd October with all deference urge that the sewer for draining the Blacksmith end should fall the other way from that proposed thinking that it would be more efficient and at the same time less expensive".

A letter from the Local Government Board was read dated the 3rd September 1898 calling the attention of the Council to three Acts passed during the last session of Parliament viz The Parish Fire Engines Act 1898, The Post Office (Guarantee) Act 1898 and the Libraries Offences Act 1898.

Mr J. Braithwaite gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would bring forward the question of the desirability of applying for the establishment of a Telegraph Office in the village under the above Act.

A cheque was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Clerk for £2.15s.9d in payment of the following items viz

	£	s	d
Audit Stamp		10	
Ditto (omitted last year)		5	
Mr Marsh (nomination papers etc.)		11	6
Mr Bradley (mowing grass in Burial Ground )	1	5	6
Mr Sarson (mending fence)		1	2
Stationery		2	7

Mr H. Barke gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council, he would bring forward the question of sanitation.

## January 16th 1899

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date.  
Present: Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, J. Braithwaite, R. Flack, J. Howitt and B. Pick.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The question of the desirability of applying for the establishment of a Telegraph Office in the village was discussed when the Chairman kindly undertook to write to the Postmaster General to ascertain the amount of Guarantee required.

Mr H. Barke called the attention of the Council to the polluted state of the water that supplies the "Goit" and it was agreed to ask the Sanitary Authority to lay a drain to take the whole of the sewage from the top end of the village and connect it with the main sewer near Mr Braithwaite's Butchers shop, it was left with the Chairman and the Clerk to bring the matter before the Sanitary Authority.

## March 6th 1899

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 6:30pm on the above date. Present: Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, J. Braithwaite, R. Flack, J. Howitt and B. Pick.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman stated that he had written to the Postmaster General respecting Telegraphic Communication for the village and the reply was if found necessary it would be carried out but no guarantee would be required.

The Clerk reported that in reply to his letter respecting a new sewer for the top end of the village, the District Council would consider the matter at a future meeting.

The following list of four men qualified and liable to serve as Constables for the ensuing year was agreed to viz:

Charles Haskard – Cordwainer

William Shipman – Farmer

John William Braithwaite – Butcher

William Greensmith – Grazier

A cheque for £3 8s 0.5d was signed in favour of the Clerk in payment of the following items viz:-

	£	s	d
Mr J. Robinson (for coals)	2	6	1.5
Mr W. Bradley (mowing cemetery grass)		8	
Mr W.J. Freer (register of voters)		1	
School Board (Fire & lights 5 meetings including March 6th 1899)		10	
Stationery		2	11

## April 17th 1899

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. All present except Mr Clamp viz:- Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, J. Braithwaite, R. Flack, J. Howitt and G. Poyser.

The Chairman, having made a short statement as regarding the constitution of the Council, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr G. Poyser, seconded by Mr J. Howitt, Mr J. Braithwaite was elected Chairman for the ensuing year and on the retirement of Revd J.W. Taylor, took the Chair.

On the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Poyser, the following persons were elected Overseers for the Poor for the ensuing year viz:-

Mr William Shipman - Farmer  
Mr William Clamp - Timber Merchant  
Mr Thomas Barker - Grocer

On the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Barke, Mr R. Flack was elected Vice Chairman, Mr G. Poyser who had been proposed and seconded having refused the office.

## July 17th 1899

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date.

Present: J. Braithwaite (Chairman), R. Flack (Vice Chairman) and Mr G. Poyser.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A cheque was signed in favour of the Clerk for £1.17s.9d in payment of the following items viz:-

	£	s	d
Audit Stamp		5	
Mr Marsh (Election expenses)		11	6
Mr Bradley (mowing cemetery grass )	1	1	3

The bad state of the Burial ground fence, also the fence across the Goit was considered and, at the request of the meeting the Chairman kindly consented to see to the repairs.

## November 20th 1899

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date.

Present: J. Braithwaite (Chairman), R. Flack (Vice Chairman), Messrs. H. Barke, G. Clamp, J. Howitt and G. Poyser.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A copy of a letter from the Medical Officer of Health to the Rural District Council was read, calling the attention of the Council to the nuisance in this Parish arising from an open grate connected with the sewer and recommending it be trapped and a ventilator put in. As there are several open grates connected with the sewer, it was unanimously decided that the Chairman, Mr G. Clamp and Mr J. Howitt be a committee to meet the Inspector of Nuisances and confer with him as to what should be done. Also, to see what can be done

to prevent the sewage from the top end of the village contaminating the water that supplies the Goit.

It was unanimously decided to remove the Walnut trees from the Burial Ground and the Chairman and Mr Barke kindly consented to see the work carried out.

The Revd J.W. Taylor and Mr G. Clamp were unanimously re-elected Trustees of William Hands Charity, their term of office having expired in accordance with Sec. 14 (7) of the Local Government Act 1894.

## **December 12th 1899**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. All the members being present viz:- J. Braithwaite (Chairman), R. Flack, (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, G. Clamp, J. Howitt and G. Poyser.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The committee appointed at the last meeting on sanitary matters reported that they had met a committee of the Rural District Council and they recommended that a drain be laid from Mr Poyser's premises across Mr Jacksons, and Braithwaite's orchard and connected with the tunnel near the Goit. Also that the open grate in the village connected with the sewer should be properly trapped, the work to be done by the District Council.

A letter from the Inspector of Nuisances was read complaining of the nuisance near the Parish houses and the Clerk was instructed to see that the nuisance was abated.

It was decided that Dixon's and Guy's Charities (£2.5s with 1/10 ½ balance from last year) be expended in coals and distributed as follows:-

Fanny Jackson	1 Ton
William Abbitt	1 Ton
Ann Storr	10 cwt
Mary Hebb	10 cwt
Widow Dobbin	10 cwt

Total 3 Tons 10 cwt at 13s/2d leaving a balance in hand of 9 ½d.

## March 1st 1900

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date.  
Present: J. Braithwaite, (Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, G. Clamp, J. Howitt and G. Poyser

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The new County Assessment was considered and it was decided not to make any objection to the same.

The following list of four men qualified and liable to serve as Constables for the ensuing year was agreed viz:-

Charles Haskard - Cordwainer  
John W. Braithwaite – Butcher  
William Greensmith Jnr – Grazier  
William Thraves – Farmer

The question of Telegraphic communication with the village was again considered when it was decided to request the Revd J.W. Taylor to again write to the Postmaster General requesting that Telegraphic communication may be established in the village and on the proposition of Mr J. Howitt, seconded by Mr G. Clamp, the Council unanimously agreed (in accordance with the Post Office (Guarantee Act 1898)) to guarantee the Postmaster General against any loss that may be sustained by the provision of such Telegraphic communication.

A cheque for £5.11s.7d was signed in favour of the Clerk in payment of the following items viz:-

	£	s	d
3 ½ tons of coal for the poor at 13/2	2	6	1
Mr Everitt (Fencing Burial Ground)	2	2	
Mr Everitt (Fencing Goit)		8	
Stationery		5	6
The School Board for 5 meetings (fire and lights) at 2/- each		10	



## **April 19th 1900**

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. Present: J. Braithwaite (Chairman), Mr R. Flack (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, G. Clamp and G. Poyser.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr G. Poyser proposed, Mr Flack seconded that Mr J. Braithwaite be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr H. Barke, seconded by Mr G. Poyser, the following persons were elected Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year viz:-

Mr William Clamp – Timber Merchant,  
Mr Thomas Barker – Grocer  
Mr George Whittaker – Grazier.

It was decided not to let the Parish houses lately occupied by Geo Knapp and Eliza Barker without the consent of the Sanitary Inspector or the Medical Officer of Health.

## **July 16th 1900**

A quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date. All the members being present viz:- J. Braithwaite (Chairman), R. Flack (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, G. Clamp, J. Howitt and G. Poyser

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A circular from the Local Government Board was read stating that they had decided to make a footpath by the side of the road leading from the village to the Washdyke at a cost of about £12 provided the Parish Council or inhabitants would contribute one half the cost. After discussion the Council were of opinion that by Sec.13 Sub Sec 2 of the Local Government Act 1894, they were precluded from contributing to the cost of a footpath by the side of the road. It was decided to adjourn the meeting until Thursday 19th July at 7:30pm and in the meantime ascertain whether the Trustees of Hands Charity would be willing to contribute the amount required.

## July 19th 1900

An adjourned meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date. Present: J. Braithwaite (Chairman), R. Flack (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, G. Clamp and J. Howitt

On the further consideration of the footpath question, Mr R Flack proposed, and Mr G Clamp seconded, that the Council having considered the proposal of the District Council to make a footpath on the side of the road leading away from the village to the Washdyke, approve of the same being carried out and suggest that the path be made on the right hand side leading from the village. The Council considered they are precluded from contributing to the cost by Section 13 (2) of the Local Government Act 1894 but having consulted the Trustees of the Hands Charity, they have been assured by them that they are prepared, out of funds at their disposal, to contribute the amount required. The Council also suggested that on the opposite side of the road the turf and soil be taken off so as to lower and level the same and provide a better drainage of the water from the road. The Council further suggest that a Committee consisting of one or more of the Trustees of Hand's Charity and the same number of District Councillors be appointed to see the work properly carried out. Agreed unanimously.

A letter from the County Council to the Rural District Council requesting them to take the necessary steps towards to the provision of a sewage scheme for this Parish having been forwarded for the opinion of the Council, it was proposed by Mr J. Braithwaite and seconded by Mr Howitt that this Council is not prepared to recommend any definite scheme but would suggest that in any scheme that may be adopted, the sewage may be carried as far from the roadside as possible so as to abate the present nuisance.

The nuisance caused by Mr H. Morris's pigs was discussed and on the proposition of Mr G. Clamp, seconded by Mr Flack, the Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council enclosing a copy of the resolution passed by this Council on July 18th 1898, and, as the District Council had failed to remove the nuisance as requested, the County Council be requested to take the necessary steps to have said nuisances removed as early as possible.

On the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Flack, the Clerk was requested to write to the District Council calling their attention to the very sharp curve in the road leading from the Green to Blacksmiths End, between Mr Howitt's corner and Mr Pearson's gate and suggesting that if it is possible to acquire a piece of adjoining land from the Marquis of Granby, the road be widened at that point as the present condition of the road is in the opinion of this Council dangerous for vehicular traffic.

## September 20th 1900

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date.  
Present: J. Braithwaite (Chairman), R. Flack (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, G. Clamp, J. Howitt and G. Poyser.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Draft Agreement between the Parish Council and the Post Master General as to guarantee against loss on the telegraph extension to Stathern was signed by three members of this Council viz Messrs Braithwaite, Flack and Barke, and on the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Poyser, the same members were authorised to sign the agreement when prepared.

It was agreed to let the Parish House, lately occupied by Mr Geo. Knapp to J. Pick to be used as a shoe-makers shop but not as a dwelling house.

## December 3rd 1900

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date.  
Present: J. Braithwaite (Chairman), R. Flack (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, G. Clamp, J. Howitt and G. Poyser

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Barke handed to the Clerk the sum of one pound, the amount received from Mr Freestone for the Cemetery Walnut trees.

It was decided that Dixon's and Guy's Charities (£2.5- with 9 ½ balance from last year) be expended in Coals and distributed as follows:-

Mary Hebb – 1 Ton  
Ann Dobbin – 1 Ton  
John Turner – 1 Ton

3 Tons at 14s/11 ½ d leaving a balance in hand of 11d.

A cheque for £2 1s was signed in favour of the Clerk in payment of the following items:-

	£	s	d
Audit Stamp		5	
Cleaning Goit and removing soil		7	
Mowing Cemetery grass	1	6	6
Repairing Sandpit Road		2	6

## December 31st 1900

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. All the members present viz:- Mr J. Braithwaite (Chairman), Mr R. Flack (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, G. Clamp, J. Howitt and G. Poyer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from the Rural District Council respecting an alleged encroachment on the Highway by Mr Howitt was read and discussed and the Council were of opinion that the fence was encroachment. Mr Howitt stated that he had no intention of encroaching; he also said the fence was a temporary one to guard a hedge he intending planting on the inside.

The Burial Act 1900 was read and discussed when it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be requested to see the Rector and obtain what information they could respecting the Ecclesiastical fees and report to an adjourned meeting to be held on Thursday January 10th 1901 at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned to that date.

## January 10th 1901

The adjourned meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. All the members present viz:- Mr J. Braithwaite (Chairman), Mr R. Flack (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, G. Clamp, J. Howitt and G. Poyser. The Rector was also present at the request of the Council.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Table of Fees for interments etc., in the Burial Ground be forwarded to the Home Secretary for his approval in accordance with Section 3 (1) of the Burial Act 1900 shall be the same as those in force for the past 20 years with the exception of the fee of 1/- to the Parish Clerk viz:-

	Fees	£	s	d
1	Opening the ground		2	6
2	To Sexton for digging ordinary grave		4	6
3	To Sexton for every extra foot after 6 feet up to 10		1	0
4	For a brick grave	2	2	0
5	For a vault	5	5	0
6	For a headstone		10	6
7	For a tombstone	3	3	0
8	To Minister for Service in the consecration and the unconsecrated parts of the Burial ground		1	6

It was agreed that all requests for an interment must be made to the Clerk to the Parish Council and all interment fees paid at the same time and that at least 24 hours notice must be given.

It was also requested that new grave copies be provided and the Clerk was requested to purchase the same.

## February 28th 1901

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. All the members present viz:- Mr J. Braithwaite (Chairman), Mr R. Flack (Vice Chairman), Messrs H. Barke, G. Clamp, J. Howitt and G. Poyser.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following list of four men qualified and liable to serve as constables for the ensuing year was agreed viz:-

John W Braithwaite – Butcher  
William Greensmith Jr – Grazier  
William Thraves – Farmer  
Albine Knapp – Cab Proprietor

It was decided to let the Parish House occupied by the late Edward Woodcock to Widow Abblitt.

On the proposition of Mr H. Barke, seconded by Mr G. Clamp, it was agreed to allow Mr G. Poyser to fence in the bit of vacant ground adjoining the Tofts Lane on payment of one shilling per year to the Parish Council. The Chairman and Vice Chairman were appointed to see that the fencing was properly carried out.

A cheque for £6.4.10 was signed in favour of the Clerk for payment of the following items viz:-

	£	s	d
3 tons of coal for the poor at 14/11 ½ per ton	2	4	10 ½
Mr J. Hall (removing soil from Goit)		16	0
Mr Talbott (repairing pumps)	1	10	6
Mr Bradley (repairing Burial Ground hedge)		6	3
Clerk to C.C (2 register of voters)		2	
Stationery (as per bill)		5	3
School Board for 10 meetings in the School (fire, lights etc. including March 4th 1901)	1	0	0

## **April 15th 1901**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. Present: Mr J. Braithwaite ( Chairman), Messrs G. Clamp, J. Howitt, A Pearson and W. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The declaration accepting office was signed by all the members except Mr G. Poyser who was absent through illness.

Mr G. Clamp proposed, and Mr Howitt seconded, that Mr J. Braithwaite be re-elected Chairman of the Council. Carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Pearson, Mr G. Clamp was unanimously elected Vice Chairman.

The following persons were unanimously appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuring year viz: -

Mr Thomas Barker – Grocer  
Mr George Whittaker – Grazier  
Mr William Shipman – Farmer.

A complaint having been made as to the state of the drain at the back of the Parish Houses on the Blacksmith End, the Chairman and Vice Chairman were requested to have the drain opened and see what was necessary to be done.

## **October 21st 1901**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. All the members being present viz:- Mr J. Braithwaite (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J. Howitt, A. Pearson, G. Poyser and W. Shipman

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr G. Poyser signed the declaration accepting office being absent at the last meeting through illness.

A letter from the Home Secretary enclosing a copy of 'Directions to Burial Authorities' and asking for further information respecting the Burial Ground Fees etc. was read. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk to the Council were requested to send the necessary information.

The question of letting the two Parish Houses lately occupied by J. Osbourne and Geo. Clarke was discussed, when on the proposition of Mr A. Pearson, seconded by Mr G. Poyser, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mr J. Howitt were requested to inspect the same and report to an adjourned meeting to be held on October 30th next at 7pm.

A cheque in favour of the Clerk was drawn for payment of the following items viz:-

	£	s	d
Sexton – 2 funerals (omitted last year)		9	
J. Abbott & Co (grave reopens)		7	6
P. Richardson (mowing grass in the Burial Ground)		14	
Sexton – 2 funerals		9	
J. Whittaker (repairing drain at Parish Houses)		3	
W. Marsh (nomination papers etc.)		11	
Marquis of Granby ( 4 years rent of Sandpit Gardens)		4	
Audit stamp		5	
G. Whittaker (repairing drain at “Goit”)		2	6

Mr J. Braithwaite and Mr W. Braithwaite were unanimously re-elected Trustees of William Hand’s Charity, their term of office having expired in accordance with Sec. 14(7) of the Local Government Act 1894.

## October 30th 1901

The adjourned meeting of the Parish Council was held in the schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz:- Mr J. Braithwaite (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J. Howitt, A. Pearson, G. Poyser and William Shipman.

The committee appointed to inspect and report as to the state of the two Parish Houses now vacant reported that with some repairs to the roof the houses would be useable.

On the proposition of Mr J. Howitt, seconded by Mr W. Shipman, it was decided to let the Houses occupied by the late Mr J. Osbourne to Charles Haskard and on the proposition of Mr W. Shipman, seconded by Mr J. Howitt, it was decided that Henry Gibson have the house lately occupied by Mr G. Clarke.

## December 12th 1901

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. All the members being present viz: Mr J. Braithwaite (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J. Howitt, A. Pearson, G. Poyser and William Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The clerk read a communication from the Home Secretary approving of the table of fees payable to the Minister and Sexton for internments in the Burial ground, passed by the Council at a meeting held January 10th 1901.

It was decided that Dixons & Guys Charities (£2-5-) with 11d balance from last year be distributed in coals as follows:

Mary Hebb 1 Ton

Ann Dobbin 1 Ton

John Turner 1 Ton

3 Ton at 13/6 per ton leaving a balance of 5/5 in hand.

The question of repairing the Washdyke was discussed and some doubts being expressed as to whether the Council could legally do the repairs. It was decided to let the matter stand over for three months and in the meantime ask the opinion of the District Auditor.

Mr Shipman introduced the question of the water supply to the village and on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J. Howitt, Messrs G. Clamp, A. Pearson and W. Shipman were requested to see the Hon. H.R. Scott and request the Marquis of Granby to allow water to be turned down the old channel through the village pumps, when necessary, instead of going into the tank.

## February 28th 1902

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. All the members being present viz: Mr J. Braithwaite (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J. Howitt, A. Pearson and William Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was unanimously decided that the sympathy and condolence of the Council be conveyed to the widow and family of the late member of the Council, Mr George Poyser, deceased.

On the proposition of Mr J. Howitt, seconded by Mr A. Pearson, Mr Joseph Mellon Bird was chosen Councillor to fill the vacancy caused through the death of the late Mr G. Poyser.



The following list of men qualified and liable to serve as Constables for the ensuing year was agreed to viz:-

Mr William Shipman – Farmer  
Mr Thomas Everitt, Joiner  
Mr John W. Braithwaite – Butcher  
Mr Albine Knapp – Cab Proprietor

Mr Henry Barke and Mr Joseph Mellon Bird were re-elected Trustees of Richard Cookes Charity.

The Parish House lately occupied by Ann Dobbin being now vacant, Messrs J. Howitt, A. Pearson and G. Clamp were requested to inspect the same and report to the next meeting of the council.

A Cheque in favour of the Clerk was signed in payment of the following items viz:-

	£	s	d
Mr G. Whittaker (3 ½ days at Parish Houses)		10	6
Mr Talbot (repairing pump)		8	6
Mr J. Howitt (3 tons coal – Charity)	2	0	6
Mr W. Clamp (sanitary pipes for Blacksmith End houses)	1	17	4
Mr B. Pick, Sexton (3 funerals)		13	6
School Board (5 meetings fire and light including 28/02/1902)		10	
Stationery		1	6
Total	6	1	10

## March 24th 1902

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. All the members being present viz: Mr J. Braithwaite (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M Bird, J. Howitt and W. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was proposed by Mr Shipman and seconded by Mr J. Howitt, that the house recently occupied by Ann Dobbin be let to Theo. Birkett, on condition that he put on a new roof and

raised the walls. An amendment was proposed by Mr G. Clamp and seconded by Mr Bird, that the house be not let at present; on being put to the meeting the amendment was carried.

It was decided to have a part of the Sandpit hedge cut and laid and Mr Shipman kindly consented to see the work properly carried out.

A cheque was signed in favour of the Postmaster General for £4.2s.10d in payment of half the deficiency on the Stathern Telegraph Office, as per agreement.

The Chairman was requested to see the Executors of the late Mr G. Poyser and ascertain if they intended to fence in the vacant ground in Tofts Lane as agreed to at the council meeting held February 28th 1901.

It was decided to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday April 7th 1902.

## **April 16th 1902**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. All the members being present viz:- Mr J. Braithwaite (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M Bird, J. Howitt, A Pearson and W. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Clamp, Mr J. Braithwaite was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

On the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Bird, Mr G. Clamp was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairman.

The following persons were appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year viz:-

Mr George Whittaker – Grazier

Mr William Shipman – Farmer

Mr John Levesley – Farmer

The Clerk was authorised to pay the sum of one pound for the cutting and laying of the Sandpit hedge, he was also instructed to write to John Harwood requesting him to remove and destroy the rabbit warren in the sandpit garden.

A letter from the Hon. H.R. Scott was read stating that he was willing, on the part of the Marquis of Granby, to lease to the Parish Council the water supply including the tank, pipes etc. on the following conditions viz:-

1. A lease from year to year, commencing April 16th 1902, terminable by six months' notice on either side.
2. An acknowledgement of two shillings per year payable half yearly.
3. The Reservoir, pipes and other means of supply, to be kept in good repair and order by the Parish Council.
4. A sufficient supply of water for the stock in the fields at present supplied from the reservoir be continued
5. The cost of the agreement to be paid by the Parish Council.

After some discussions, it was decided that the Clerk should write or see the Hon. H.R Scott and obtain some further information as to the conditions on which the water supply would be leased to the Council and report to a future meeting of the Council.

## **July 14th 1902**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date. All the members being present viz:- Mr J. Braithwaite (Chairman), Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M Bird, J. Howitt, A Pearson and W. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The draft of an agreement between the Marquis of Granby and the Parish Council for the use by the Parish Council of the reservoir and water mains connected with the water supply of the Parish was read as follows:-

1st. The Lessor shall let and the said Council shall take for the term of one year from the 6th day of April 1902 and so on from year to year until the tenancy hereby created shall be determined in manner hereinafter mentioned the right to use the Reservoir water, Mains and appliances belonging to the Lessor and now used for the purpose of the water supply of the said Parish and the right to the water flowing into the said Reservoir through the said mains.

2nd The said Council shall pay to the Lessor during the continuance of the said tenancy the annual rent of five shillings payable by equal half yearly payments on the 6th April and the 11th October in every year. The said Council shall also pay to the person or persons entitled thereto all such annual or other sums of money as may be necessary to secure the continuance of the Wayleaves for the said Mains and access thereto through or over any lands not the property of the Lessor.

3rd The said Council shall, during the continuation of the said tenancy, keep the said Reservoir and Mains and all appliances and things now used in connection therewith and all additions which may be made thereto in good repair and complete working order and so deliver up the same to the Lessor on the determination of the tenancy.

4th The Council shall at all reasonable times during the continuation of this tenancy have a right of access for their workmen and agents to the said Reservoir and the lands of the Lessor through which the said Mains are laid for the purpose of inspecting and repairing the said Reservoir and Mains and the appliances connected therewith and the Council shall pay to the Lessor or his tenants compensation for any damage that may be done to such land on the herbage there of on the gates and fences thereon by reason or in consequence of such access or repairs and in case of any and every dispute or difference as to the amount of such compensation or to whether or not any compensation is payable the matter in dispute or difference shall be settled by arbitration under the Arbitration Act 1889.

5th The Council shall at all times during the continuation of the said tenancy provide free of charge to the tenants for the time of the several closes of land belonging to the Lessor now supplied with water from the said Reservoir a good regular and sufficient supply of water for the stock grazing in the said closes.

6th All tenants of the Lessor in the said Parish shall at all times during the continuance of the tenancy be entitled to have and take a supply of water for all reasonable purposes from the said Reservoir and Mains and the Lessor and his tenants shall at all times be entitled to connect with the said Mains for the purpose of taking such supply to any property of the Lessor not already connected therewith and no rate shall be levied on the charge made to any tenant of the Lessor in respect of such supply.

7th If at any time during the continuance of this agreement the said Reservoir or Mains shall be increased or extended or a new or additional Reservoir provided on lands of the Lessor the additional or increased Reservoir and Mains shall be held upon and subject to the same terms and provisions as are herein contained with regard to the existing Reservoir and Mains.

8th This agreement and the tenancy hereby created may be determined at any time (whether at the end of any year if the tenancy or otherwise) by either party giving to the other 6 calendar months' notice in writing and such notice shall be sufficient if when given by the Lessor it is delivered or sent by registered post addressed to the Clerk of the said Council and if when given by the Council is delivered or sent by registered post addressed to the Lessor at Belvoir Castle.

9th The cost of and incidental to the preparation of this agreement and the counterpart thereof and of stamping the same shall be paid by the said Council.

After considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr Howitt and seconded by Mr Shipman that the agreement be accepted on condition that the Council have power to make what change they may think well on all persons having a private supply of water except where on premises belonging to the Marquis of Granby. Mr Clamp proposed that the agreement be not accepted but not being seconded, Mr Howitt's resolution was put to the meeting when

three (Messrs Howitt, Shipman and Bird) voted for, against none, the resolution was declared carried.

A precept on the Overseers for the sum of £13 was made out and signed to meet current expenses.

## **July 28th 1902**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date. Present: Mr G. Clamp Vice Chairman, in the Chair, also Messrs J.M. Bird, A. Pearson and W Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from Mr J. Braithwaite tending his resignation of the Chairmanship of the Council and also as a member of the Council was read. The Clerk was unanimously requested to convey to him the thanks of the Council for his past services and their regret at his resignation.

On the proposal of Mr Pearson, seconded by Mr Shipman, the Rev. J.W. Taylor, Rector, was unanimously elected a member of the Council to fill the vacancy caused through the resignation of Mr J. Braithwaite.

The Clerk reported that he had paid into the bank the sum of £1.11s.6d being the years rent of Sandpit & Mill Hill gardens due Lady Day 1902.

On the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Clamp, the Revd J.W. Taylor was unanimously elected Chairman of the Council and on Mr Clamp vacating the Chair he presided over the meeting.

A letter from the Solicitors of the Marquis of Granby was read stating that some alterations had been made in the draft agreement for the water supply and asking if that would meet the wishes of the Council. The Chairman stating that he had not had an opportunity of reading the agreement it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting until Friday August 1st 1902 at 7:30pm to enable him to do so and also to see the Marquis of Granby or his Steward respecting the same.

## **August 1st 1902**

The adjourned meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M. Bird, J. Howitt, A. Pearson and W. Shipman.

The agreement as to the water supply of the village was again discussed when on the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Shipman, it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Chairman and Clerk to arrange the best terms possible.

## **August 18th 1902**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M. Bird, J. Howitt, A. Pearson and W. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had had an interview with the Hon. H.R. Scott, steward to the Marquis of Granby, and he was willing on behalf of the Marquis to put in the stop cock above the Reservoir to regulate the supply of water down the old water course and to lease to the Parish Council for a term of 21 years the Reservoir water mains to the Parish Council to have the option of terminating the same at any time by giving six months previous notice in writing.

On the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Bird, the following resolution was carried "that the Parish Council of Stathern, assembled on this 18th day of August 1902, do authorised, after consideration, the Chairman of the Council and two other members of the Council to sign the lease of the Reservoir Water Mains as offered by the Marquis of Granby.

Mr J. Howitt and Mr J.M. Bird were appointed a committee to see that the parish pumps, taps etc. are kept in proper working order.

## **Sept 18th 1902**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M. Bird, J. Howitt, A. Pearson and W. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Shipman, it was decided to sign the lease of the Reservoir water, Mains etc. as agreed upon at the last meeting of the Council, the lease was according signed by the Chairman, Mr Bird, Mr Howitt and the Clerk.

A cheque was signed in favour of the Clerk to pay the following items.

	£	s	d
Audit Stamp		5	
J. Leversley (carting sanitation pipes to Parish houses)		2	
J. Pearson (cutting Sandpit Hedge etc.)	1		
Ditto		3	6
Rutland Saw Mills Co. (Posts, nails etc. for Sandpit hedge)		11	
J. Everitt (repairing Cemetery fence)		4	6
Total	2	6	0

A letter from Mr William Day was read applying for the Parish houses lately occupied by John Turner and Ann Dobbin, it was decided to let the matter stand over to a future meeting.

## December 4th 1902

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M. Bird, J. Howitt, A. Pearson and W. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The water question, having been introduced by the Chairman, after some discussion the following was proposed by Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Bird, "that payments such as have been hitherto made to the Marquis of Granby to continue until such time as a scheme can be devised for fairly assessing the amount to be paid by individual users of the same on their own premises carried".

The question as to whether the two Parish houses lately occupied by Ann Dobbin and John Turner should be let was discussed. Mr Shipman proposed, and Mr Pearson seconded, that the houses be let. Mr Clamp proposed and Mr Howitt seconded that the houses be pulled down, as utterly unfit for human habitation and that the materials be sold towards putting the sites of the same in decent order. Mr Shipman's proposition being put, two voted for

(Mr Shipman and Mr Pearson) on the amendment being put, four voted for viz the Chairman, Messrs Clamp, Bird and Howitt, the amendment was declared carried.

It was decided that Dixon's and Guy's Charities £2-5 with balance from last year of £1.15s.5d and 2/- added by the Chairman (total £4-2-5 ) be distributed in coals as follows viz:-

Mary Hebb	1 Ton
Hannah Dyer	1 Ton
J. Storer	1 Ton
Ann Storer	1 Ton
Widow Smith	1 Ton
Geo. Knapp	1 Ton

Total 6 Tons at 13/8 per ton to be supplied by Mr Howitt, leaving a balance in hand of five pence.

## **March 5th 1903**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, present Mr G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M. Bird, J. Howitt, A. Pearson and W. Shipman. The Chairman being absent through illness, Mr Clamp took the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following list of men qualified and liable to serve as Constables for the ensuing year was agreed to viz:-

William Shipman – Farmer  
Thomas Everitt – Carpenter  
William Thraves – Farmer  
Albine Knapp – Cab Proprietor

## **March 26th 1903**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, Present G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M. Bird, J. Howitt, A. Pearson and W Shipman. Mr Clamp, Vice Chair in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.



A precept on the Overseers for the sum of thirteen pounds was made out and signed.

On the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Bird, Messrs Clamp, Howitt and Pearson were unanimously appointed a committee to assess the amounts to be paid by those persons (not being tenants of the Marquis of Granby) who have a private supply of water from the Parish Mains.

It was decided on the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Clamp that the rents of the Parish houses should in future be paid to the Parish Council instead of to the Overseers.

Cheques were drawn on the Treasurer as follows in favour of:

	£	s	d
Mr Talbott (repairs of Water Mains pumps etc.)	9	7	3
Postmaster General (Telegraph Office deficiency)	4	4	9
Mr Marsh (preparing the lease for taking over Reservoir, Water Mains etc.)	3	4	
The Clerk in payment of the following items:-			
Mr Howitt (6 tons of coal for poor)	4	2	
Mr Everitt (repairs to the top railings & pumps)	1	16	
J & G Whittaker, cleaning Reservoir 6/-, pulling down Parish hovel 6/- assisting to repair water main 9/-	1	1	
Mr Pick, mowing grass, trimming hedges in Cemetery	1	13	
Sexton (4 funerals)		13	
Stationery – as per bill		18	
School Board (11 meetings, fire & lights) including March 26th 1903	1	2	
Total	12	10	9

## April 16th 1903

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 6:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M. Bird, J. Howitt, A. Pearson and W. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Bird, the Revd J.W. Taylor was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

On the proposition of Mr Bird, seconded by Mr Shipman, Mr G. Clamp was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairman.

The following persons were appointed Overseers to the Poor for the ensuing year:-

Mr William Shipman – Farmer  
Mr James Levesley – Farmer  
Mr Henry Barke- Grazier

The state of the Burial Ground was discussed and on the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Howitt, it was decided to invite tenders for keeping the ground in order during the year ending March 31st 1904, the grass to be mown three times during the year if necessary.

The correspondence between Messrs Shipman and Pearson and the Local Government Board respecting the pulling down of two parish houses was read and discussed when Mr Shipman and Mr Pearson demanded that a parish meeting be called to discuss the question.

## **23rd April 1903**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 6pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M. Bird, J. Howitt, A. Pearson and W. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A precept of the Overseers for the sum of £13 was made and agreed.

The following tenders for keeping the burial ground in order for the year ending March 31st 1904 were received viz:-

Frederick Knott £3  
Edward Turner £2 5s  
Geo. Whittaker £2  
Geo. Whittaker Jnr. £1 5s

On the proposition of Mr Pearson, seconded by Mr Shipman, the tender of Geo. Whittaker Jnr. for £1.5s was accepted.

The Clerk was instructed to collect the water charges hitherto paid to the Marquis of Granby due Lady Day last.

The question of the vacant ground caused by the pulling down of the houses lately occupied by Dobbin & Turner was discussed when on the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr

Bird, it was decided "That the space caused by the pulling down of the houses lately occupied by Dobbin and Turner be enclosed, to be utilised at some future time for parish purposes". The Chairman offering to do the fencing, on the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Pearson, this offer was accepted and the materials now on the ground were allocated to him for that purpose.

## 1903 July 2nd

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M. Bird, J. Howitt, A. Pearson and W. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

In accordance with a request from the Leicestershire County Council (Education Act 1902), the Council proceeded to elect two Managers for the Stathern Board School for the year ending June 30th 1904.

Mr William Clamp, proposed by Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Clamp  
Mr John Braithwaite, proposed by Mr Clamp, seconded by Mr Shipman  
Mr J. Howitt, proposed by Mr Bird, seconded by Mr Pearson  
Revd J.W. Taylor, proposed by Mr Pearson, seconded by Mr Howitt

On the names being put, the votes given were as follows viz:-

Mr William Clamp	2
Mr John Braithwaite	2
Mr John Howitt	2
Revd J.W. Taylor	3

The three first named being again put to the meeting, the votes for Mr Clamp -2, Mr Braithwaite -1, Mr Howitt – 2, the Chairman giving his casting vote in favour of Mr William Clamp. The Revd J.W. Taylor and Mr William Clamp were declared duly elected.

The committee appointed March 16th 1903 to assess the annual amounts to be paid to the Council by those persons (not being tenants of the Marquis of Granby) having a private supply of water, presented their reports which, with a slight alteration, was adopted as follows:-

Messrs Davy & Co (W. Barke)	10s
Revd J.W. Taylor	£1
Revd J.W. Taylor (W. Bradley)	5s
Mr Y.G. Veen (Cheese Factory)	£1.10s

Mrs Poyser (2 cottages)	5s
Mr H. Morris (Cheese Factory & Co)	£3
Mr G. Hardy (milk cooling)	10s
Mr B. Pick (milk cooling)	10s
Mr Edward Bailey	5s
Mr Saul Armstrong	5s
Messrs Pacey & Co (Plough Inn)	10s
Mr William Clamp	5s
Loughbro' ?? (Mr Bramley)	10s
Mr Edward Alderman	5s
Mr Edward Alderman (3 cottages)	5s
Total	£10

The above sums to be paid yearly, the first payment being due Lady day 1904.

## December 7th 1903

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M. Bird, J. Howitt, A. Pearson and W. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from the Clerk to the Rural District Council enclosing a report from the County Medical Officer on the unsanitary condition of the village was read, when it was decided to postpone the discussion of the question until the next meeting.

The Revd J.W. Taylor and Mr G. Clamp were unanimously re-elected trustees of Hand's Charity, their term of office having expired in accordance with Sec. 14 (7) of the Local Government Act 1894.

On the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Clamp, Mr Benjamin Pick was elected a trustee of Hands Charity to fill the vacancy caused through the death of Mr William Braithwaite.

It was decided to distribute Dixon's and Guy's charities (£2.5s with 5d balance from last year) in coals as follows:- Mary Hebb, Hannah Dyer and Theo. Starr one ton each to be supplied by Mr Howitt at 13s.9d per ton, leaving a balance in hand of 4s.2d.

An encroachment by Mr J.W. Haskard by placing a soft water tub on Parish property adjoining his house in the City was discussed when on the proposition of Mr Shipman,

seconded by Mr Howitt, it was decided that Mr Haskard be requested to pay an acknowledgement of sixpence a year or remove the same.

## **January 28th 1904**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, present G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.M. Bird, J. Howitt, A. Pearson and W. Shipman. Mr Clamp (Vice Chairman) in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The insanitary condition of the village, as stated in the report of the County Medical Officer and read at the last meeting of the council was again discussed and on the proposition of Mr Bird, seconded by Mr Howitt, the following resolution and suggestions were agreed to.

“That the Clerk of the Parish Council be requested to reply to the letter of the district Council thanking them for their courtesy and submitting the report of the Medical Officer of the council for their consideration. Without wishing in any way to dictate to the District Council or to interfere with their authority, the council would venture to make (on their invitation) the following suggestions:-

- 1        That any scheme for the sanitary drainage of this parish should, to be effective, be a comprehensive one not a piecemeal, that is to say that they would wish pure streams to be kept pure from the drainage of the other parts, and that the money required for such scheme should, with the consent of the County Council and Local Government Board be borrowed on the rates of the parish and the repayment extended over 30 years.
2.        That such scheme should be carried out by the advice and under the direction of a competent surveyor who has had experience in such matters, and that the opinion of the County and District Medical Officers should be respected.
3.        That all present sewers and culverts should be utilised as far as possible.
4.        That all sewage should be brought to one point and dealt with as a whole at the bottom of the village.
5.        That all streams of pure water should be cut off from the sewage as far as possible.
6.        That orders be made to regulate the keeping of pigs in the centre of the parish so as to prevent the nuisance as at present prevailing”.

Mr Bird proposed and Mr Howitt seconded that a cheque be drawn on the Treasurer to pay the following items, an amendment was proposed by Mr Shipman and seconded by Mr

Pearson that the £1.10s for pulling down the Parish Houses be not paid, on the amendment being put Messrs Shipman and Pearson voted for it, and for the original resolution Messrs Bird Clamp and Howitt, the cheque was thereupon signed.

	£	s	d
Audit Stamp		10	
J. Whittaker (pulling down 2 parish houses)	1	10	
G. Darby (repairing water main)		3	
G. Whittaker (mowing grass in Cemetery)	1	5	
J. Howitt (3 tons of coal for the poor)	2	1	3
Total	5	9	3

Mr B. Pick appealed against the charge of 10/- per year for the supply of water on his premises, when on the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Bird, the question was referred to the Water Assessment Committee and to be reported to the next meeting.

The following list of four men qualified and liable to serve as Constables was agreed to viz:-

Mr A. Shipman – Butcher

Mr Edward Bailey – Grocer

Mr William Greensmith Jnr. – Grazier

Mr William Shipman – Farmer.

## March 28th 1904

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7 o'clock on the evening of the above date, present: Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), Messrs, J. Howitt, A. Pearson and W. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

In reply to Mr Pick's appeal against the charge of 10/- per year for supply of water on his premises, Mr Howitt, on behalf of the committee, stated that they had decided to adhere to the charges agreed upon at the council meeting held July 2nd 1903.

Cheques were drawn on the Treasurer in payment of the following accounts viz

	£	s	d
Postmaster General for ½ deficiency on Telegraph Office	4	1	1
Mr Talbot (repairs to water mains, taps etc.)	5	0	6

In favour of the Clerk for payment of the following items:-

	£	s	d
One years rent of Sandpit Gardens		1	
Two copies of Register of Voters		2	
Poor rate on Parish Property		6	4
"		7	10
"		3	7½
"		4	3½
Land Income Tax on parish property		11	6
Stationery		3	10
7 meetings at 2/- (fire, lights) including meeting held March 28th 1904		14	
Sexton – 13 funerals at 4/6	2	18	6
Total	5	12	11

## April 15th 1904

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7 o'clock in the evening of the above date, present Revd J.W. Taylor (Chairman), G. Clamp (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.W Braithwaite, Mr William Greensmith Jnr, Mr Geo Hardy and Mr J. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The declaration accepting office was signed by all members present viz:- Messrs John W. Braithwaite, Geo. Clamp, William Greensmith Jnr, Geo. Hardy and John Howitt. Mr William Shipman being absent through illness it was agreed that he should sign at the next meeting.

The Rcvd J.W. Taylor having expressed his wish to resign his office of Chairman of the Council, on account of failing health, Mr Howitt proposed, and Mr Harby seconded that Mr Geo Clamp be elected Chairman, carried unanimously.

Mr G. Clamp then took the Chair and on the proposition of Mr Hardy, seconded by Mr Greensmith Jnr. Mr William Shipman was elected Vice Chairman.

The following persons were appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year:-

Mr James Levesley – Farmer

Mr Henry Barke – Grazier

Mr William Sarson – Grazier.

The question of repairs to the Sandpit hedges was discussed when Messrs Clamp, Greensmith and Howitt were appointed a committee to inspect same and report to the next meeting.

## **June 1st 1904**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Mr G. Clamp (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.W. Braithwaite, W. Greensmith, G. Hardy and J. Howitt

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The declaration accepting office was signed by Mr Shipman as agreed at the last meeting of the Council.

The Clerk was unanimously requested to convey to Mrs Taylor their sense of the great loss they had sustained on the death of the late Rector Revd J.W. Taylor, and to express their deep sympathy and condolence with herself and family in their sad bereavement.

Any repairs to Sandpit hedge was left in the hands of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council.

Mr J. Howitt and Mr W. Greensmith were appointed a committee to look after the water supply of the village and to keep in repair the pumps, taps etc., with power to prosecute anyone doing wilful damage to the same.

Mr William Clamp and Mr Geo Hardy were duly elected as managers for the Stathern Council School, for a period of three years, terminating on the 31st day of March 1907.

On the proposition of Mr J.W. Braithwaite, seconded by Mr Geo Hardy, Mr William Shipman was elected a trustee of Hands Charity to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Revd J.W. Taylor.

Mr Shelbourne's plan of a Sewage Scheme for the village (at an estimated cost of £1200 exclusive of the land required for the outfall) and his report thereon, were laid before the Council and after considerable discussion it was decided on the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Greensmith, that a Parish Meeting be called at an early date to discuss the question.



## September 19th 1904

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Mr G. Clamp (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.W. Braithwaite, W. Greensmith, G. Hardy and J. Howitt

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk read the following letter from Mrs Taylor in reply to the letter of sympathy and condolence from the Council on the death of the Rector Revd J.W. Taylor.

Stathern Rectory June 2nd 1904

*Dear Mr Braithwaite*

*Thank you very much for your letter conveying to me, on behalf of the Parish Council, their kind expression of sympathy and regret at the loss which we have all sustained.*

*The great kindness that has been shown by all around us has been a great consolation to us in our bereavement, and this fresh mark of respect is indeed a touching and graceful tribute to my husband's memory. Mr Taylor was indeed interested in all matters for the welfare of Stathern, and was always ready to assist with his great knowledge of parish matters, even when in ill health. Will you please convey to your council at your next meeting my sincere thanks for their kindly thoughts, and with many thanks to you personally for your kind expression of condolence.*

*I am yours very truly  
Harriett Taylor.*

Mr Shipman proposed, and Mr Greensmith seconded that the two Horseponds be cleaned out and repaired. An amendment was proposed by Mr Howitt and seconded by Mr Braithwaite "that the question be deferred for the advice of the Medical Officer of Health as to the insanitary state of the Horseponds". On the amendment being put, 3 voted for viz Messrs Braithwaite, Hardy and Howitt and for Mr Shipman's resolution 3 voted for viz Mr Clamp (Chairman) and Messrs Greensmith and Shipman, the notes being equal the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr Shipman's resolution which was declared carried. Mr Shipman and Mr Greensmith were appointed a committee to carry out the work.

The question as to what steps should be taken against the persons who had not paid the water charges for the year ending Lady Day last was considered when Mr Howitt proposed and Mr Shipman seconded "that legal advice be taken as to suing them in the County Court for the sums due, also that six months' notice be given to cancel the supply of water unless the amount due be paid at once - carried.

A cheque was drawn in favour of the Clerk for payment of the following items viz:-

	£	s	D
Audit Stamp		10	
Mr Marsh (nomination papers etc.)		11	9
Mr A. Pearson (repairs to manhole at spring)	1	14	
Mr Whittaker (cleaning Goit)		5	
Mr Hall (carting soil from Goit)		5	
Mr Howitt (journey to Melton)		1	4
Geo Whittaker (mowing grass in Cemetery)	1	5	
	4	12	1

## October 17th 1904

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Mr G. Clamp (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.W. Braithwaite, W. Greensmith, G. Hardy and J. Howitt

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Sewage Scheme and plan of same as revised by Mr Shelbourne was examined and discussed and on the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Hardy, it was decided that the drain up Blacksmiths End and from the Butchers shop to Mr Flacks be opened and inspected by Mr Clamp, District Councillor. On the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Greensmith, the following resolution was carried "That the meeting of the Parish Council assembled cannot sanction any scheme which includes the relaying of the following drains viz 1,3,4 and top end of 5 junction to Mr Bird, unless compelled by the Local Government Board". A copy of the same to be sent to the Rural District Council.

The new regulations with reference to the supply of water on private property and the schedule of charges for the same, as prepared by the water committee, were read and approved, and on the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Shipman, the Clerk was requested to get copies of the same printed and supplied to each person having a private supply.

The Clerk was unanimously requested to write to the Chief Constable asking him to supply new handcuffs for the use of the Parish Constable.

The question of the custody of the Parish documents was discussed and on the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Hardy, the following resolution was carried "That the Parish Award and all other public books, writing and documents which under Section 17(8) of the Local Government Act 1894, come under the custody of the Parish Council, shall be deposited with the Clerk to the Parish Council".

## 28th November 1904

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Mr G. Clamp (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.W. Braithwaite, W. Greensmith, G. Hardy and J. Howitt

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was decided to distribution Dixon's and Guy's Charities (£2-5- with balance from last year of 4/2) in coals as follows viz Mary Hobb, Hannah Dyer and Ann Storr one ton each and William Jackson 10 cwt, to be supplied by Mr J. Howitt at 13/7 per ton leaving a balance in hand of 1/8.

## February 13th 1905

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Mr G. Clamp (Chairman), Messrs J.W. Braithwaite, W. Greensmith, G. Hardy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr Hardy, seconded by Mr Greensmith, the following persons were nominated as qualified and liable to serve as constables for the ensuing year viz

Mr A. Shipman – Butcher  
Mr Edward Bailey – Grocer  
Mr William Greensmith Jnr – Grazier  
Mr William Shipman - Farmer.

The new County Rate Basis was discussed and the Clerk was requested to write to the Clerk to the County Council pointing out that the Rateable Value of Agricultural Land for this Parish is stated to be £2570 instead of £2495 as per Valuation List and requesting that this may be reduced to £2495.

It was decided to have the hedges on the bottom side of Sandpit Gardens cut and laid and Mr G. Hardy and Mr W. Greensmith consented to see the work properly carried out.

A cheque in favour of the Clerk was drawn in payment of the following items viz

	£	s	d
Cheque book		2	6
Cleaning the Horsepond as follows:-		19	3

	£	s	d
Jno. Whittaker and R, Knott 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ days each at 3/6 per day			
Jno. Whittaker 6 days at 3/6 per day	1	1	
R. Knott 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ days at 3/6 per day	1		1 $\frac{1}{2}$
			2
W. Whittaker 1 day at 3/6 per day		3	6
Jno. Whittaker 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 3/6 per day		12	3
R. Knott 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 3/6 per day		12	3
J. Shipman 6 days at 2/6		15	
R. Knott opening water mains		2	
Jno. Hutchins opening water mains		2	
New handcuffs for Parish Constable		3	9
Mr Howitt 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons coal at 13/7 (Dixon's & Guy's charities)	2	7	6
	8	4	2

## March 27th 1905

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, present Mr G. Clamp (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs J.W. Braithwaite, W. Greensmith, G. Hardy and J. Howitt

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

An application from Mr Holmes for a private supply of water from the mains was read, and on the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Harby, it was decided he could have a supply of water on condition that the work throughout should be done by the Parish Council at Mr Holmes expense, and the annual charges as per regulations paid.

A letter from the Hon. H.R Scott, agent to the Marquis of Granby, was read asking the consent of the Council to a supply of water being taken from the main for the premises occupied by Mr Pick, the property of the Marquis of Granby, on the proposition of Mr Hardy, seconded by Mr Greensmith, consent was agreed to.

Cheques were drawn on the Treasurer in payment of the following accounts viz

	£	s	d
Postmaster General, $\frac{1}{2}$ deficiency on Telegraph Office	2	16	6
Mr Talbot (repairs to pumps and water mains	2	4	

In favour of the Clerk in payment of the following items

	£	s	d
Mr Marsh, drawing up Water regulations, professional advice , printing	2	6	6

	£	s	d
etc.			
Mr Potts (repairs at Bottom Tap		1	6
Mr D. Musson, (fencing at top Horsepond)	1	15	`1 0
Mr G. Whittaker (cutting Sandpit Garden hedge)		15	
Poor rates on Parish Property, April 04 – 5..9 ½	1	0	8½
Poor rates on Parish Property, July 04 – 6..4			
Poor rates on Parish Property, Oct 04 – 4..3 ½			
Poor rates on Parish Property, Jan 05 – 4..3 ½			
Land and Income Tax on above		12	2
1 ½ years rent of Herbage of Sandpit Garden to Michaelmas 1904		1	6
Mr Warner (stationery)		3	
Mr Vice (stationery)		3	
School managers, 8 meetings at 2/- (fire and lights) including meeting held March 27th 1905		16	
Sexton – 7 funerals at 4/6	1	11	6
	9	6	8½

## April 17th 1905

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Mr G. Clamp (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs W. Greensmith, G. Hardy and J. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr Hardy, seconded by Mr Shipman, Mr Geo Clamp was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

On the proposition of Mr Greensmith, seconded by Mr Hardy, Mr William Shipman was re-elected Vice Chairman.

On the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Hardy, the following persons were appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year viz:-

Mr Henry Barke, Grazier

Mr William Fisher Sarson, Grazier

Mr John Allen Howitt, Grazier

Mr J. Howitt and Mr W. Greensmith were re-appointed a committee to look after the water supply of the village and to keep in repair the Pumps, Taps etc. with power to prosecute anyone doing wilful damage to the same.

## **July 31st 1905**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Mr G. Clamp (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs G. Hardy and J. Howitt

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr J. Howitt proposed, and Mr W. Shipman seconded that Mr William Hanson Braithwaite be elected a member of the council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr J.W. Braithwaite, carried unanimously.

On the proposition of the Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Hardy, the clerk was requested to write to Mrs Braithwaite and convey to her the sincere sympathy and condolences of the council in her sad bereavement.

## **August 11th 1905**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Mr G. Clamp (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs W.H. Braithwaite, W. Greensmith, G. Hardy and J. Howitt

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The question as to letting the Parish House, lately occupied by Mrs Hebb was discussed and on the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Hardy, it was decided to let the house at the same rent as previously (19/- per year) on condition that the tenant put it in good tenable repair and provide sufficient accommodation to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Authority.

It was unanimously agreed that the sum of £1..10.. be paid to the Assistant Overseer for each special expenses rate made out and collected, also that the sum of £1..1 be paid to him for making out the new valuation list for the parish.

It was decided to distribute Dixon's and Guy's Charities (£2..5.. with balance from last year of 1/8) in coals as usual, recipients - widow Hebb, widow Dyer, Ann Storr and widow Smith one ton each (4 tons) to be supplied by Mr Howitt at 11/- per ton, leaving a balance in hand 2/8.

## February 28th 1906

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Mr G. Clamp (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs W.H. Braithwaite and W. Greensmith Jnr.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following list of men qualified and liable to serve as Constables for the ensuing year was unanimously agreed to viz:

Mr A. Shipman, Butcher

Mr Edward Bailey, Grocer

Mr William Greensmith Jnr, Grazier

Mr William Shipman, Farmer

It was decided on the proposition of Mr W.H. Braithwaite, seconded by Mr Shipman, that the Parish House lately occupied by Mrs Hebb be let to Tho. Storr, rent free for not more than 3 years, afterwards at 9/6 each half year as previously, on condition that he put in tenantable repair to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, Mr W. Shipman and Mr W. Greensmith were appointed to see the work properly carried out.

Cheques were drawn on the Treasurer in payment of the following items viz

	£	s	d
Postmaster General, ½ deficiency on Telegraph Office	1	19	5

Cheque payable to the Clerk for

	£	s	d
Audit Stamp		10	
Poor rate on Parish Property		4	10
Ditto		4	10
Ditto		4	10
Ditto		4	4
Special expense for above		9	8
Land & Income Tax for above		12	2
½ years rent of Sandpit Garden			6
Opening Water Main		3	
Mrs Cook, ?? for Sandpit hedge			8
Messrs Stead & Levington, repairs to Manhole etc.		8	6
2 ½ years rent of Water Mains etc.		5	
Mr Talbott, repairs to Water Mains	1	11	
5 meetings at 2/- (fire & lights) including Feb 28 1906		10	
Mr Warner, stationery		5	2
Geo Whittaker, mowing grass in cemetery etc.	1	5	
Sexton, 12 funerals at 4/6	2	14	

Mr Howitt, 4 tons coal for the poor at 11/-

2	4
11	17 6

The Clerk was requested to get some number plates for the graves in the Cemetery.

## April 17th 1906

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Mr Geo Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs W.H. Braithwaite, William Greensmith, Geo Hardy and Jno. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Hardy, Mr Geo Clamp was unanimously re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Mr Hardy, seconded by Mr Greensmith, that Mr William Shipman be re-elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year, carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Shipman, the following persons were appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year viz Mr William Fisher Sarson, Mr Jno. Allen Howitt and Mr Tho. Barker.

Mr Jno. Braithwaite was unanimously re-elected Trustee of Sills, Penn's Lonsdales, Parke's and Ray's Charity.

Mr William Shipman and Mr Edward Bailey were elected Trustees of Cookes' Charity in place of Mr H. Barke, resigned, and Mr J.M. Bird who had left the village.

It was agreed that Mr Geo Whittaker be allowed 50/- for mowing the grass in the Cemetery (3 times) and plashing the hedge (twice) during the ensuing year.

The Council being anxious to let, on a building lease for a number of years, the ground on which the Parish House lately occupied by Mrs Hebb stands, the Clerk was requested to write to the Local Government Board asking if they would give their sanction of the same.

## May 29th 1906

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman) in the Chair, Messrs W.H. Braithwaite, W. Greensmith, G. Hardy and J. Howitt



The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Shipman having to leave the meeting, Mr Howitt was unanimously elected Chairman.

Several papers from the Local Government Board relating to the letting on a building lease of the land on which the Parish House, lately occupied by Mrs Hebb stands, were read and signed by the Chairman and two members of the council.

A letter from the Rural District Council suggesting that the Parish Council should undertake the management of the land at the sewage outfall was read and on the proposition of Mr Hardy, seconded by Mr Greensmith, Messrs Clamp, Shipman & Braithwaite were appointed a committee to manage the same.

Messrs Howitt and Greensmith were unanimously re-appointed a committee to look after the water supply etc.

## **August 8th 1906**

The meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Mr Geo Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs William Greensmith, Geo Hardy and Jno Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk was requested to issue a notice inviting tenders from anyone willing to take on a building lease for 99 years the land on which the Parish House, lately occupied by Mrs Hebb, stands.

Mr Geo Hardy was unanimously elected a member of the water committee in place of Mr Howitt who resigned.

The Clerk was requested to raise a notice warning persons against allowing fowls to trespass on the Burial Ground.

## **October 31st 1906**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Mr Geo Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs W.H. Braithwaite, William Greensmith, Geo Hardy and Jno Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from the District Council was read stating that Mr J. Hall had applied for £5 compensation for damage done to land in his occupation by the drain to the sewage tank being carried across his field, the District Council wishes to know what were the views of the Parish Council with reference to the payment of this sum. After some considerable discussion it was ultimately agreed on the proposition of Mr Clamp, seconded by Mr Shipman, that "no compensation is required".

Mr Thraves offer to take, on a Building Lease for 99 years, the land on which the vacant Parish House stands at a ground rent of 5/- per year, and to build thereon one or two respectable cottages, plans for same to be passed by the Rural District Council, was accepted on the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Hardy, on condition that the Lessee pay all costs of the Lease.

A cheque for £7..15..4 was drawn in favour of the Clerk in payment of the following items viz:

	£	s	d
Audit Stamp		5	
May 22 – Poor rates on Parish property		5	3
May 25- Jno. Pick, repairing Pump sucker		1	6
July 14 – 40 number Tablets for graves	2		
July 19 – 19 years rent of Sandpit Gardens to Lady Day 1906		1	
July 19 – ½ years rent of Water Mains et to Lady Day 1906		1	
Aug 4 – G. Whittaker, cleaning the Reservoir		12	
Aug 18 – Jno Whittaker, cleaning Horseponds & Goit		12	
Aug 28 – Poor rate on Parish property		6	6
Aug 28 – Special expenses rate on above		6	1½
Sep 13 – G. Whittaker, repairing drain at Goit		3	6
Sep 13 – J. Hebb, cleaning Goit and Dyke		12	
Sep 13 – Jno Whittaker, cleaning Horsepond		4	6
Sep 30 – Jno Whittaker, cleaning pond		3	
Oct 18 – G. Whittaker, mowing grass etc. in Cemetery	1	10	
Oct 31 – Stead & Sevington, repairing manhole frame etc.		12	
	7	15	4½

## **March 27th 1906**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Mr Geo Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs William Greensmith, Geo Hardy and Jno Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was decided to distribute Dixon's and Guy's Charities £2..5- (with balance from last year of 2/7 ½ ) in coals as usual, recipients Widow Hebb, Widow Dyer, Widow Smith and Ann Storr, one ton each (4 tons) to be supplied by Mr G. Braithwaite at 11/9 per ton leaving a balance in hand of 7½ d.

## **February 28th 1907**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Mr Geo Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs W.H. Braithwaite , William Greensmith, Geo Hardy and Jno Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr Hardy, seconded by Mr Greensmith, the following persons were nominated as Constables for the ensuing year viz;-

Mr Andrew Shipman – Butcher  
Mr Edward Bailey – Grocer  
Mr William Greensmith – Grazier  
Mr William Shipman – Farmer

A copy of the order issues by the Local Government Board, for the letting by the Parish Council to Mr William Thraves, on a building lease for 99 years of a plot of land (about 200 square yards) with a dilapidated houses thereon, belonging to the Parish, was read and discussed.

## **February 29th 1907**

An informal meeting of the Parish Council was held at the house of the Clerk, all the members being present except Mr Hardy. The draft copy of the lease of Parish property to Mr Thraves was read and approved and it was agreed that it should be signed at the next meeting of the council.

## March 28th 1907

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 6:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Mr Geo Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs W.H. Braithwaite, William Greensmith, Geo Hardy and Jno Howitt. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Lease to Mr William Thraves of about 200 yards of land belonging to the Parish, was signed by two members of the Council (Messrs Clamp and Hardy) and the Clerk, and the plans of two cottages proposed to be erected thereon, which plans had been passed by the District Council, were examined and approved, on condition that the front corner measured to Mrs Dales' property be built with round cornered bricks at least six feet high.

Mr William Clamp, and Mr George Hardy were unanimously re-elected managers of the Sathern Council School for the three years ending March 31st 1910.

Four cheques were drawn in payment of the following items:-

	£	s	d
1906		5	3
Nov 22 – Poor rate on Parish property			
1907		1	6
Jan 15 – Mrs Knapp, carriage of 41 plates for graves			
Jan 31 – Land & Income Tax on Parish property		12	2
Feb 14 – Poor rate on Parish property		4	3
Feb 21 – 2 registers of voters, for the Election		2	
Mar 18 – Jno. Whittaker, opening drain at bottom Horsepond		4	6
Mar 23 – Jno. Whittaker, 3 days opening drain etc. at top tap		6	6
Mar 29 – 9 meetings in Council School at 2/- each (fire & lights)		18	
including meeting held March 28th 1907			
Mar 20 – Stationery as per bill		11	1
As above		6	
	3	11	3

	£	s	d
Mar 28 – Mr G. Braithwaite, 4 tons coal for the poor at 11/9 per ton	2	7	
Mar 28 – Mr B Pick (Sexton) 11 funerals at 4/6	2	9	6

	£	s	d
Mar 30 – Mr Talbot, repairing pumps, water mains and taps	3	19	6

## **April 15th 1907**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the newly elected members being present viz Mr Geo Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs Edward Bailey, William H. Greensmith, Geo Hardy and Jno Allen Howitt, the declaration accepting office having been signed by all members, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Mr Geo. Clamp and Mr William Shipman were unanimously re-elected Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively for the evening year.

The following persons were unanimously appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year viz:-

Mr John Allen Howitt

Mr Thomas Barker

Mr James Potts

The various committees were appointed as follows-

Water Committee – Mr William Greensmith, Mr Geo. Hardy and Mr Edward Bailey.

Sewage Outfall Committee– The whole Council

Cemetery Committee – Mr Edward Bailey, Mr Jno. Howitt and Mr Geo. Hardy.

It was agreed that Geo Whittaker should mow the grass in the Cemetery (3 times) and plash the hedge (twice) for the same remuneration as last year viz 30/-.

Some discussions took place respecting the recommendation of the Sexton (Mr B. Pick) when it was agreed that the Cemetery Committee should see Mr Pick and report to the next meeting.

## **August 19th 1907**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Mr Geo Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs Edward Bailey, William Greensmith, Geo Hardy and Jno Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The state of the causeways in the village was discussed, and it was unanimously decided that Mr Shipman, District Councillor, request the District Council to lower the causeway opposite Mrs Bramley's house for about 70 – 80 yards and pave the same with Blue Bricks, also that the asphalt paths be repaired where necessary. The Parish (with the consent of

the Trustees of Hand's Charity) are willing to pay half the cost providing it is not more than £20. Mr Shipman was also requested to ask the District Council to sanction a new tank being made on the sewage outfall ground, by the Outfall Committee.

It was unanimously agreed "that the Clerk be, and is hereby instructed to, take the necessary steps to redeem the Land Tax on the 200 yards of land on which the Parish House occupied by Mrs Hebb previously stood.

The Cemetery Committee had no report to make.

## **November 25th 1907**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Mr Geo Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs Edward Bailey, William Greensmith, Geo Hardy and Jno Howitt. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was decided to distribute Dixon's & Guy's Charities in coals as usual (£2..5 - balance from last year 7 ½ d), recipients Widow Hebb, Widow Dyer and Widow Smith one ton each, to be supplied by Mr H. Brooks at 15/- per ton, leaving a balance in hand of 7 ½ d.

## **February 20th 1908**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date present Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs Edward Bailey , William Greensmith, Geo Hardy and Jno Howitt. In the absence of the Chairman, through illness, Mr Shipman took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following list of men liable to serve as Constables for the ensuing year was agreed to viz:-

Albine Knapp, Grazier  
Andrew Shipman, Butchers  
Edward Bailey, Grocer  
William Greensmith, Farmer

An application from the Miniature Rifle Club, to be allowed to make a rifle range in the Sandpit was considered and Mr Bailey, Mr Greensmith, and Mr Howitt were appointed a committee, to meet the Rifle Club Committee and report to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr Howitt suggested that a short drain should be made near the Reservoir, to prevent the surface water getting into the drain which supplies the pumps etc. It was decided to leave it to the water committee to do what they considered necessary.

Mr Geo. Clamp was re-elected a Trustee of Hands Charity and Mr Jno. C. Warren was also elected a Trustee, in place of Mr W. Shipman whose term of office had expired. Mr William Hanson Braithwaite was also elected a Trustee in place of Mr Jno. Braithwaite who resigned.

The Small Holding & Allotments Act 1907 was discussed, and there being several applications for allotments, the Council resolved itself into a committee to endeavour to meet the demand as early as possible.

## March 30th 1908

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Mr Geo Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs Edward Bailey, William Greensmith, Geo Hardy and Jno Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The new County Rate assessment was considered and it was decided not to offer any objection to same.

Three cheques were drawn as follows in favour of the Clerk for £9..19..8, Mr A. Talbot £12 and the Postmaster General £1..10.

	£	s	d
1907		10	
Audit Stamp			
June 3 – Geo. Whittaker, paving etc.		2	
June 18 – Mr March, nomination papers etc.		11	
July 18 – Duke of Rutland, years rent of Water Mains etc.		2	
July 18 – Duke of Rutland, years rent of Sandpit Gardens		1	
Dec 10 – Mr Murphy, new gate etc. for Sandpit		11	
Jan 26 – Geo Whittaker, opening Water Mains etc.		11	5
Feb 1 – Geo Whittaker, opening Water Mains & paving		6	
May 25 – Poor rate on Parish Property		6	5
Aug 16 – Poor rate on Parish Property		5	3

Nov 13 – Poor rate on Parish Property	4	11
Feb 10 – Poor rate on Parish Property	3	1
Mar 25 – Geo. Whittaker	2	
Mar 25 – Stationery as per bill	12	7
Sep 24 – Geo. Whittaker, mowing grass etc. in Cemetery	1	10
Mar 3` - Mr Pick (Sexton) 8 Funerals at 4/6	1	16
Feb 8 – Mr H. Brookes, 3 tons coal for the poor	2	5
	9	19
		8
Mar 31 – Mr A. Talbot, repairs to Pumps, Water Mains etc.	12	
Mar 31 – Postmaster General ½ deficiency on Telegraph Office	1	10

## April 15th 1908

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz:-Mr Geo. Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, W. Greensmith, Geo. Hardy and Mr Jno. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Hardy proposed and Mr Greensmith seconded, that Mr Geo. Clamp be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year, an amendment was proposed by Mr Howitt, and seconded by Mr Bailey, that Mr Jno. C. Warren be elected an outside Chairman. On being put to the vote, two voted for the amendment viz Mr Bailey and Mr Howitt and three for the original resolution viz Messrs Greensmith, Hardy and Shipman. Mr Clamp was therefore declared re-elected, the Chairman did not vote.

Mr Shipman was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairman.

The following were appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing years viz:-

Mr Thomas Barker  
Mr James Potts  
Mr Edward Bailey

The various Committees were there appointed as follows:-

Water Committee – Mr W. Greensmith, Mr E. Bailey and Mr G. Hardy  
Sewage Outfall Committee – Mr G. Clamp, Mr Jno, Howitt, Mr W. Shipman  
Cemetery Committee – Mr E. Bailey, Mr G. Hardy, Mr Jno. Howitt

The allotment question was again discussed and the Clerk was requested to write to the Hon. H.R. Scott, stating that there appeared to be some misunderstanding as to what took place when the deputation from the Parish Council had an interview with him on the allotment question, and asking for further information.



## September 21st 1908

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz Mr Geo Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs Edward Bailey, William Greensmith, Geo Hardy and Jno Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was decided to let the vacant Parish House on Blacksmiths End to William Singleton, for domestic purposed only, at a yearly rent of 5/- the first ½ years rent to be paid at Lady Day next.

A discussion took place to whether the Council should repair the stiles on the footpaths, it was ultimately decided, on the proposition of Mr W. Shipman, seconded by Mr E. Bailey "that the District Council be requested to erect convenient stiles and keep them in repair on the footpath leading to the Station and elsewhere.

The allotment question was again discussed when the following correspondence between the Clerk and the Hon. H.R. Scott was read

*Stathern April 16th 1908*

*Dear Sir*

*At a meeting of this Parish Council held last evening, the Allotment question was again discussed, there appears to be some misunderstanding between yourself and the deputation that waited upon you some time ago, as to what took place at the meeting. The deputation understood that you would see Mrs Morris, to know if she would be willing to give up the field at the corner of Wood Lane, and on what terms, and that you would let the Parish Council know if the field would be available for Allotments, and when, and at what rent.*

*If you will kindly do so, the Council will be much obliged.*

*Yours faithfully  
Geo. Braithwaite, Clerk.*

*Belvoir Castle  
Grantham*

*4th May 1908*

*Dear Sir,*

*I have received your letter of 16th April on my return. I much regret there should have been any misunderstanding in the matter of the Allotments between the deputation and myself. As it is now, so late in the year, it will be better to postpone the matter till next year when arrangements can be made for possession to be had at Lady Day.*

*Yours faithfully  
H.R. Scott*

The Clerk was requested to write to the Hon. H.R. Scott asking if the Council could have the field for Allotments this Michaelmas, so that the Allotment holders could prepare the ground during the winter, also on what terms and conditions he would be willing to let the ground.

## October 12th 1908

A committee meeting of the whole Council was held at the house of the Clerk at 7:15pm on the above date, when the following letter from Hon. H.R. Scott was read.

*October 5th 1908*

*Dear Sir,*

*With reference to our conversation as to the Allotments at Stathern, I am willing to let to the Stathern Parish Council for the purpose of sub-letting to parishioners of Stathern, 3 acres (which appears to be the quantity required) of the field in the occupation of Mrs Morris, proposed at the meeting with the deputation last spring, on a yearly tenancy from Lady Day 1909 on a year's notice to quit, at £2 per acre to include rates. The Parish Council to do the fencing necessary to partition off the portion of the field taken.*

*I have seen Mrs Morris and she is willing to give possession at Michaelmas the 11th inst., on the condition that the Parish Council pay her £6 for this accommodation. This I require on her behalf as I consider it is only what is fair to her.*

*Yours faithfully  
H.R. Scott*

The Clerk was requested to write to Mr Scott requesting that the Council might have the whole of the field (4 acres) and thus save the expense of fencing.

## October 23rd 1908

A committee meeting at which all the members were present was held in the house of the Clerk at 7pm on the above date. A letter from Hon. H.R. Scott was read which stated the Council could have the whole of Mrs Morris's field (4 acres) for allotments at £8 per year, the tenancy to commence at Lady Day 1909, and £8 to be paid to Mrs Morris as compensation for giving possession at once, the above offer was accepted by the Committee.

It was decided to have two gates on the Wood Lane for convenient access to the Allotments, the 4 acres be set out in 32 equal parts as per plan produced, and oak stakes 2 feet 6 inches long and 4 inches square be used for dividing the plots.

The Clerk was requested to write to the Hon. Scott asking if he would kindly give the 4 oak posts for the gates, also if he had any objection to the Council employing Mr Turner to set out the allotments.

## **November 9th 1908**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz: Mr Geo. Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, W. Greensmith, Geo. Hardy and Jno. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Allotment Committee reported that the Hon. H.R. Scott, on behalf of the Duke of Rutland, had offered to let a grass field of four acres at the corner of Wood Lane and Moor Lane to the Council for allotments, at £2 per acre including rates, the tenancy to commence at Lady Day next (1909), on condition that the Council pay the present tenant (Mrs Morris) the sum of £8 compensation for giving possession at once, your committee strongly advise the Council to accept the above offer.

They also recommend that two gates be placed in Wood Lane and the ground divided into four equal parts, and each part into eight equal allotments making 32 in all. On the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Howitt, the above offer of the Duke of Rutland, and the recommendations of the committee were unanimously agreed to.

The Committee produced several tenders for the supply of the Gates, Posts and Stakes, and on the proposition of Mr W. Shipman, seconded by Mr Hardy, Mr Murphy's tender for two gate posts, eight feet long, 8 inches by 8 inches and two ditto eight feet long 7 inch by 7 for £2-2-6, and fixing posts, hanging the gates and finishing complete for 11/- was accepted.

Also Mr W. Everitt's tender for making the two gates with oak heads and backs and plained and topped for £1-5s was accepted. On the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Hardy, Mr Austin's tender for 84 pitch pine stakes, 2 feet 6 inches long, 3 inch by 3 square at 5d each was accepted.

It was agreed that the iron works for the gates etc. should be done by Messrs Stead and Swingler.

## **30th November 1908**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, the members being present viz: Mr Geo. Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs W. Greensmith, Geo. Hardy and Jno. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr Howitt, seconded by Mr Hardy, Messrs G. Clamp, W. Shipman and W. Greensmith were appointed an Allotment Committee, to see that the gates, posts etc. are properly put down, the hedges trimmed, ditches sound and filled in etc.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr Greensmith, seconded by Mr Howitt, that the allotments should be let at six shillings and sixpence per annum each.

It was decided to distribute Dixon's and Guy's Charities in coals as usual (£2-5, balance from last year 8d) recipients Widow Hebb, Widow Dyer and Widow Smith one tonne each, to be supplied by Messrs Furmidge & Co at 14s 3d per ton Digby Open Grained Hard, leaving a balance in hand of two shillings and eleven pence.

## **December 26th 1908**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 6:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz: Mr Geo. Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, W. Greensmith, Geo. Hardy and Jno. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The conditions of letting the Parish Council Allotments as recommended by the Allotment Committee were read and unanimously agreed to as follows (for conditions see minute book).

## **1st February 1909**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz: Mr Geo. Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, W. Greensmith, Geo. Hardy and Jno. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following list of men liable to serve as Constables for the ensuing year was agreed to viz:

Albine Knapp – Grazier  
Edward Bailey – Grocer  
Andrew Shipman – Butcher  
William Greensmith – Farmer

A cheque for £11 14s was drawn in favour of the Clerk for payment of the following expenses in conjunction with the allotments viz:

	£	s	d
4 men, 1 day each filling in pond		10	
G. Whittaker, hedging and ditching	1	2	6
20 agreement stamps		10	
Mr Murphy, 4 oak posts & hanging gates	2	13	6
Mr W. Everitt, 2 gates	1	5	
Mr Preston, 84 pitch pine stakes	1	15	
Messrs Stead & Sevingler, iron works for gates		12	6
Mr Marsh, preparing agreements and printing	1	15	6
Mr Braithwaite, surveying and setting out Allotments	1	10	
	11	14	

It was unanimously agreed to put two stop cocks in the water main, one near Mr Barker's and the other near the Post Office.

The Clerk was requested to write to the District Council calling their attention to the dangerous corner of the road near the top Horsepond and ask them to clear the sides of the road, brush the hedges, and make it as convenient as possible for traffic.

## 29th March 1909

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 6:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz: Mr Geo. Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, W. Greensmith, Geo. Hardy and Jno. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A cheque in favour of the Clerk was drawn in payment of the following items viz:

	£	s	d
Audit Stamp		10	
July 9 (1907) Overpaid into Bank		2	6
Jan 16 (1908) Land & Income Tax on Parish property (last year omitted)		12	2

	£	s	d
1908 - Apr 15 Mr W. Clamp, 7 meetings in Schoolroom at 2/- including meeting held March 30 1908		14	
May 25 Poor rate on Parish property		5	9
Aug 13 Poor rate on Parish property		5	9
Nov 17 Poor rate on Parish property		5	9
Feb 17 (1909) – Poor rate on Parish property		6	2
Aug 13 – Special expenses rate on above		3	3
Jan 21 (1909) Land & Income tax on Parish property		12	5
June 15 E. Knott – 2 days cleaning Goit		6	
July 16 Duke of Rutland – years rent of Sandpit Gardens to Lady Day 1908		1	
Ditto – Water Mains to Lady Day 1908	1	4	
Dec 7 G. Whittaker, cleaning Horsepond		3	
1909		3	
Feb 19 – G. Whittaker, opening Water Main			
Mar 5 – R. Singleton, ½ day at pond		1	3
Mar 30 – W. Clamp, 7 Meetings in school room including the meeting March 29th 1909		14	
Mar 30 – Mr Warner, stationery as per bill		12	5
Mar 20 – Mr Talbot, repairing Water Mains		18	6
Oct 12 – Mr G. Whittaker, mowing grass etc. in Cemetery	1	10	
Mar 30 – Mr Pick (Sexton) 9 funerals at 4s-6d	2		6
Jan 22 – Messrs Furmidge & Kemp, 3 tons coal at 14/3	2	2	9
	13	16	2

It was agreed that part of the Sandpit hedge should be cut and laid and Mr Hardy and Mr Howitt were appointed a committee to see the work carried out.

## April 16th 1909

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Mr Geo. Clamp (Chairman), Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs W. Greensmith, Geo. Hardy and Jno. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Clamp was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr William Shipman was re-elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

The following persons were appointed Overseers to the Poor for the ensuing year viz  
Mr Edward Bailey  
Mr James Potts

Mr Joseph Hall

The various committees were appointed as follows:-

Water Committee – Mr William Greensmith and Mr Geo. Hardy

Sewage Outfall Committee – Mr Geo. Clamp and Mr William Shipman

Cemetery Committee – Mr Edward Bailey and Mr Jno. Howitt

Allotment Committee – Mr William Greensmith and Mr William Shipman

It was agreed that Messrs Emberton & Co should pay 5/- for water for the year ending Lady Day 1909 (same as last year) instead of £1 10s on account of not making cheese.

## **December 2nd 1909**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, Mr William Shipman in the Chair. Present Mr Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, W. Greensmith and Jno. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman expressed the regret of the Council at the loss they had sustained through the death of the late member, Mr Geo. Hardy, and the Clerk was requested to convey to Mrs Hardy their deep sympathy with her in her sad bereavement.

It was decided to distribute Dixon's and Guy's Charities (£2 5s and balance from last year 2/11) in coals as usual, recipients Widow Hebb, Widow Booth and Widow Hallam, one ton each and Widow Dyer 10 cwt, to be supplied by Mr H. Brooks at 12s per ton leaving a balance in hand of 5/11.

## **February 28th 1910**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, W. Greensmith and Jno. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following list of men qualified and liable to serve as Constables was agreed to viz

Edward Bailey – Grocer

Andrew Shipman - Butcher

William Greensmith – Grazier

Albine Knapp – Grazier

Mr Bend. Pick and Mr William Hanson Braithwaite were re-appointed Trustees of Hand's Charity, their term of office having expired in accordance with Sec. 14 (7) of the Local Government Act 1894.

Mr Howitt protested against the appointment on the ground that the vacancy at the Council caused by the death of Mr Geo. Hardy had not been filled up.

Mr Geo. Turner, being more than 40 days in arrears with his allotment rent, the Clerk was requested to give him one month's notice to quit and deliver up his allotment in accordance with Rule 3 of his agreement.

It was agreed that Jno. Swain could give up his allotment at Lady Day without notice if he chose to do so.

## **March 14th 1910**

The Parish Council Meeting for the election of Parish Councillors was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, pursuant to notice duly given, Mr Jno. C. Warren was unanimously elected Chairman.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Nominations for Parish Councillors were handed in as follows viz

1. Baker, John William - Ironstone Labourer

Proposed by Horace William Day

Seconded by J. William Hallam.

2. Slack, James Edward - Weighman

Proposed by Robert Flack

Seconded by Jno. Holmes

3. Howitt, Jno. Allen - Gentleman

Proposed by Geo. Arnold

Seconded by Jno. William Mapletoft

4. Pointer, Geo. William - Labourer

Proposed by Geo. Edgar Green

Seconded by Jno. Bufton

5. Greensmith, William Henry – Grazier



Proposed by William Shipman  
Seconded by James Potts

6.      Clamp, Arthur William - Clerk  
Proposed by Mr Barke  
Seconded by T. Dewery

7.      Shipman, William - Farmer  
Proposed by William Clamp  
Seconded by J. Potts

8.      Bailey, Edward - Grocer  
Proposed by William Clamp  
Seconded by Sidney Armstrong

9.      Morris, Jno. Rudkin – Farmer  
Proposed by Jno. Pick  
Seconded by W. Sevingler

10      Levesley, Tho. Musson – Grazier  
Proposed by Edwin Armstrong  
Seconded by William Clamp

11      Bend, Tho.- Plate layer  
Proposed by Geo. William Pointer  
Seconded by Jno. Bufton

No nominations being withdrawn, the names were put to the meeting as follows viz

Bailey, Edward	10 votes
Baker, Jno. William	29 votes
Bend, Tho.	33 votes
Clamp, Arthur William	18 votes
Flack, Jno. Edward	30 votes
Greensmith, William H.	15 votes
Howitt, Jno. Allen	28 votes
Levesley, Tho. Musson	16 votes
Morris, Jno. Rudkin	22 votes
Pointer, Geo. William	27 votes
Shipman, William	24 votes

The Chairman stated that, subject to a poll being demanded, he would declare the six candidates being the highest number of votes, elected. When a poll was demanded, by five electors viz, Messrs William Shipman, Tho. Levesley, William Clamp, Geo Turner and

SidneyArmstrong (*there seems to be something missing as page just left blank and the people with the most votes do not appear to have taken up their position*).

## March 31st 1910

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date.  
Present Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey and Jno. Howitt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A cheque in favour of the Clerk was drawn in payment of the following items viz

	£	s	d
1909		10	
Audit Stamp			
Apr 17 – Geo Whittaker, putting in drains & pipes at Allotment Gates		10	
May 1 – W. Pearson, cutting Sandpit hedge		8	
June 26 – Messrs Parks & Son, Bricks etc.		6	
June 26 – Geo. Whittaker, opening water mains etc.		10	6
July 3 – William Ward, plashing Allotment hedge		2	3
July 3 – William Ward, opening water main		3	
July 15 – Duke of Rutland, years rent of Sandpit Gardens to Lady Day		1	
1909			
July 15 - Duke of Rutland, years rent of Water Mains etc.		2	
Aug 30 – W. Everitt, painting allotment gates		12	
Sep 16 – A. Murphy, fencing at allotments	1	2	7
Oct 11 – Geo. Whittaker, opening water mains		2	6
Nov 3 – Agreement stamp, S. Armstrong Allotment			6
Nov 27 – William Ward, opening mains water main 2 days		6	
Jan 13 – Duke of Rutland , ½ years of allotments to Michaelmas Day	4		
1909			
Feb 28 – William Ward, opening dyke on allotments 3 days		7	6
Mar 9 – Clerk of County Council, two copies of register of voters		2	
Mar 12 – William Ward, opening of dyke on allotments 3 days		7	6
May 24 – Poor rate on parish property		5	8
Aug 9 – as above		6	2
Nov 22 – as above		6	10
Feb 14 – as above		6	2
Mar 31 – 5 meetings in Schoolroom at 2/- including meeting held on 31st March 1910		10	
Mar 29 – Stationery as per bill		8	10
Mar 31 – Paid Sexton (Mr Pick) 8 funerals at 4/6	1	16	

Oct 23 – Geo, Whittaker, mowing grass in Cemetery	1	10
Jan 6 – H. Brookes, 3 ½ tons of coal, Dixon's & Guy's Charities	2	2
TOTAL	17	5

A cheque was also signed in payment of Mr Talbott's bill for work done at the water main £11-1s.

It was agreed that Jno. Dickman should have allotment No. 25 from Lady Day 1910, previously occupied by Jno. Swain.

## March 31st 1910

The Annual Parish meeting was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, pursuant to notice duly given. Mr J.C. Warren was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting. The notice convening the meeting was read.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The accounts of Dixon's & Guy's Charities for the year ending March 31st 1910 were presented by the Clerk to the Parish Council showing a balance in hand of 5s 11d.

The account of Hand's Charity for the past year were presented by the Chairman (the Treasurer) showing a balance in hand on the Poor's Account of 10s 4 ¾ d, Causeways etc. of £39-16-4 ¼, Repairs of £24-18-4 leaving a total in hand of £65-5-1.

The Chairman also presented the accounts of various Charities of which the Rector (Revd E.G. Peirson) is Treasurer showing a balance in hand of £3-16-4 on Sill's Charity, £1-16 on Ray's Foundation and £1-14-3 on Westby's Charity. Cooke's Charity – the Rectory and Churchwardens certified that 12 penny loaves had been distributed in Church each Sunday morning during the year

## April 16th 1910

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the (newly elected) members being present viz:- Messrs Edward Bailey, Arthur William Clamp, William Henry Greensmith, Thomas Musson Levesley, John Rudkin Morris and William Shipman. The declaration accepting office having been signed by each member, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr Levesley, seconded by Mr Greensmith, Mr J.C. Warren was unanimously elected Chairman of the Council.

Mr William Shipman was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairman. Mr Warren not being present, Mr Shipman took the Chair.

The following persons were appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year:-

Edward Bailey

Joseph Hall

William Thraves

The various Committees were appointed as follows:-

Water Committee – William Greensmith and Tho. Levesley

Sewage Outfall Committee -William Shipman and R. Morris

Cemetery Committee – Edward Bailey and William Greensmith

Allotment Committee – A. Clamp, R. Morris and W. Shipman

Mr Jno. Braithwaite was re-elected Trustee of Sills' Penn's, Lonsdale's, Parkes and Ray's Charities.

Mr Barke and Mr William Clamp were elected managers of Stathern Council School for the three years ending March 31st 1913.

It was agreed that Geo. Whittaker should be paid the sum of £1-10 for mowing the grass (3 times) and plashing the hedge (twice) in the Cemetery as usual.

It was agreed that Messrs Emberton & Co should pay the sum of 7/6 for water for the year ended Lady Day 1910 instead of £1-10 on account of not making cheese.

It was agreed that Widow Ellen Booth should have the Parish House on the Green, lately occupied by Mrs Bass.

## **May 22nd 1910**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 8pm on the above date, all the members being present viz:-

Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp, W. Greensmith, J. Levesley and R. Morris.

The Chairman, not being present at the last meeting, signed the declaration accepting office.

It was agreed that all future tenants of Parish Houses should sign an agreement and on the motion of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Clamp, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk were appointed a Committee to propose a form of agreement for the purpose.

With reference to Mrs Button's tenancy it was, on the motion of Mr Bailey, seconded by Mr Greensmith, resolved that the Chairman and Clerk see the present occupant of the Cottage and endeavour to arrange for his giving up possession without recourse to legal proceedings.

## **September 26th 1910**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz:-

Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp, W. Greensmith, J. Levesley and R. Morris.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A draft agreement for the tenancy of the Parish houses was submitted and was referred to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk for settlement. The Chairman reported he had seen Mr Hallam, Nottingham, the solicitor to Mr Alderman (the present occupant of Button's house) and he stated he had advised his client to give up possession.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Morris, it was agreed that Mrs Booth's rent of the Parish house on the Green, should commence on the 29th September 1910.

The application of Mr E. Armstrong for a private supply of water from the "Dallywell" was considered and on the proposition of Mr Shipman, seconded by Mr Levesley, Mr Greensmith, Mr Morris and the Clerk were appointed a Committee to see Mr Armstrong and report to the next meeting.

The question of the drainage of the village was discussed and the following resolutions were passed (proposed by Mr A. Clamp and seconded by Mr E. Bailey):- That the Council requests the District Council to have the connection between the culvert and the new sewer, which is now in a very unsatisfactory and dangerous state, properly made in accordance with the original specifications.

Secondly, proposed by Mr Levesley and seconded by Mr Greensmith "That in the option of the Council, the present sewage system of the village, when the connection referred to in the previous resolution has been properly made, is satisfactory and that any extension is unnecessary".

The question of lighting the village was postponed until the next meeting.

A cheque for £6-12-2 in favour of Mr Morris was drawn, in payment of Parish Council Election expenses. A cheque for £6-11s was also draw in favour of the Clerk in payment of the following items.

	£	s	d
Apr 4 – Agreement stamp, J. Dickman’s allotment			6
May 17 – Poor rate on Parish property		6	10
May 25 – Land and Income Tax on above		13	10
Jul 9 – W. Everitt, repairs at pumps and taps		3	6
Jul 15 - Duke of Rutland ½ year allotment rent due Lady Day 1910	4		
Jul 15 -Sandpit Garden rent		1	
Jul 15 - Years rent of Water Supply		2	
Aug 6 – Trimming Allotment Hedge etc.		8	
Aug 11 – Poor rate on Parish property		6	10
Aug 19 – Cleaning out Goit and Horsepond		8	6
	6	11	0

The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council calling their attention to the bad state of the causeway near the School and request them to have same repaired as soon as possible.

## December 16th 1910

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, all the members being present viz:-

Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp, W. Greensmith, J. Levesley and R. Morris.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the consideration of Mr E. Armstrong’s application for a supply of water from the Dallywell , it was resolved “That Mr Edwin Armstrong, Tailor, Stathern, be allowed to draw a supply of water from the Dallywell for his house in Dallywell Footpath, by a pipe joining the well not more than 18 inches below the opening of the present waste pipe, he bearing all expenses and making good any damage caused to the well, pump, pipes or pathway by his work, and keeping the said pipe and tap in good repair, and also undertaking to remove his said pipe and connection within 3 months after notice from the Parish Council, making good the said well, pump, pipes and pathway thereafter. Mr Armstrong to pay an acknowledgement of 2s/6d per annum for the use of the pipe and water and the Parish Council to retain the same right to stop the use of the water by him, as they have in the case of other persons”.

It was decided to distribute Dixon's and Guy's Charities in coals as usual, recipients to Widow Hebb, Widow Booth, Widow Barke and Ann Storr, one ton each to be supplied by Mr Brooks at 12/3 per ton, leaving a balance in hand of 1s/11d.

The question of the Parish house in Blacksmith's end lately occupied by Mr Button now in the occupation of Mr William Alderman was considered, and it was resolved "That the Chairman make a formal demand on Mr Hallam (Mr Alderman's solicitor) for the possession of the parish house now in Mr Alderman's occupation and in case it shall not be surrendered within a limited period, take such steps as he may think well to recover possession".

## **March 3rd 1911**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 8pm on the above date, the members being present viz:-

Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, W. Greensmith, J. Levesley and R. Morris.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following list of men qualified and liable to serve as Constables was agreed viz

Mr William Greensmith – Grazier

Joseph Hall – Farmer

John Rudkin Morris – Farmer

Andrew Shipman – Butcher

Mr Warren, the Chairman, reported that Mr Alderman declined to surrender the Parish house held by him and was requested to consider what was the best course to take to eject him.

It was resolved that a representation should be made to the Chief Constable, with reference to the non-payment to Mr Knapp of any remuneration for his services as Parish Council.

A letter was read from Mr R. Shipman, as to the condition of the fence round the spring from which the Parish water comes. The Clerk was requested to see Mr Scott and ascertain where the pipes ran, and ask him to see to the repair of the fence.

It was resolved that the Clerk give notice to all consumers of water in the village to have their stop cocks put into proper repair.

Mr Shipman reported that the Sewage Farm sub-committee proposed to try the experiment of planting the ground used for sewage purposes with osiers. This was approved and it was resolved that Mr Robert Shipman's tender of 12s/6d for the willow and grass on the sewage land be accepted. The Clerk was instructed to see Mr R. Singleton (now living at Plungar)

as to his garden allotment and inform him he could not sublet same, and report to the next meeting of the Council.

## March 31st 1911

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, pursuant to notice duly given. Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman of the Parish Council) in the Chair. The notice convening the meeting having been read the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The account of Dixon's and Guy's Charities for the year ending March 31st 1911 were presented by the Clerk to the Parish Council showing a balance of 1s/11d.

The accounts of Hand's Charity for the past year were presented by the Chairman (the Treasurer) showing a balance in hand on Poors Account – 6s -4 ¼ d, Causeways etc. £47 -5s- 5 ¾ d, Repairs £26 – 15s – 7d, total balance in hand of £74 -7s- 5d.

Mr Jno. Braithwaite (one of the Trustees) presented the accounts for the past year of the various charities of which the Rector (Revd E.G. Peisson) is treasurer showing a balance in hand on Sill's Charity of £1-10s-1d, on Ray's Foundation a balance in hand of 11s – 6d, on Westby's Charity a balance in hand of £1-18s-7d.

Cookes' Charity – the Churchwardens certified that 12 penny loaves had been distributed in church each Sunday morning during the year.

## March 31st 1911

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz:-

Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp, W. Greensmith, J. Levesley and R. Morris.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

A cheque in favour of the Clerk was drawn in payment of the following items viz:-

	£	s	d
1910		2	6
29 Sep – Redemption of the Land Tax on land leased to Mr William Thraves			
Nov 12 – Poor rate on Parish property		6	10
Nov 12 – Special expenses for above		2	3
Dec 16 – 1 days work at allotments		2	6



	£	s	d
Jan 12 – ½ years rent of allotments due Michaelmas 1910	<u>4</u>		
Feb 13 – Poor rate on Parish property		6	2
Feb 17 – Land & Income Tax on above		11	2
Jan 20 – Stamp for C. Courts allotment agreement			6
1911		10	10
Mar 31 – Stationery as per bill			
Mar 31 – 6 meetings in Schoolroom at 2s each		12	
Oct 14 – Mowing grass in cemetery	1	10	
Oct 14 – 2 rolls wire netting for cemetery fence, & wire		18	8
Oct 14 – Carriage of same			10
Feb 16 – Fixing same on fence – 2 days		6	
Mar 31 – Sexton for 12 funerals at 4s/6d	2	14	
Mar 31 – as above – 1 funeral at 6s/6d		6	6
Jan 12 – Mr H. Brooks, 4 tons coal for the poor	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	
Total	14	19	9

The Clerk reported that Mr Knapp had received his remuneration for services rendered as Parish Constable. The Clerk also reported that Mr R. Singleton stated he had not sublet his allotment and desired to remain tenant of it.

A letter was read from Mr A. Knapp as to the bad condition of the Sandpit road and it was resolved that the Clerk write to the Rural District Council calling their attention to this and requesting them to put it in repair as far as the first gate.

The Clerk was instructed to give notice of a Sandpit garden being vacant, applications to be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

A letter from Mr Arthur Pearson (signed by 10 other householders) was read asking the Council to give them a public supply of water from the mains as the Parish pumps in that district were practically useless, the question was deferred to a future meeting.

Mr J.W. Levesley resigned his membership on the Council on account of leaving the parish. The Council accepted the resignation and heartily thanked Mr Levesley for his services whilst a member.

## April 21st 1911

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 8pm on the above date, present :-

Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp, W. Greensmith and R. Morris.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr J.C. Warren was unanimously re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr William Shipman was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairman.

The following persons were appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year viz:-  
Joseph Hall, William Thraves and Henry Barke.

Mr William Shipman proposed, and Mr Warren (the Chairman) seconded, that Mr James Flack be elected a member of the Council in place of Mr Levesley who had resigned on leaving the village. Mr Morris proposed, and Mr Clamp seconded, that Mr Robert Shipman be elected. On the names being put to the meeting, 2 voted for Mr Flack viz Mr Shipman and Mr Warren, 4 voted for Mr Robert Shipman viz Mr E. Bailey, Mr A. Clamp, Mr W. Greensmith and Mr R. Morris. Mr Robert Shipman was thereupon duly elected.

The various Committees were appointed for the ensuing year as follows viz:-

Water Committee – William Greensmith and William Shipman

Sewage Outfall Committee – William Shipman and R. Morris

Cemetery Committee – Edward Bailey and William Greensmith

Allotment Committee – A. Clamp, R. Morris and R. Shipman

It was decided that the vacant Sandpit garden be offer to Geo. Huchin, failing him to A.E. Burdett.

A letter from Hon, H.R. Scott was read, suggesting that the Parish Council should repair the opening in the field occupied by Mr Robert Shipman. It was decided to employ a man (not more than 2 days) to endeavour to find out whether the Parish water supply comes from the said spring.

It was agreed that Messrs Emberton & Co should pay the sum of 9s/6d for the year ending Lady Day 1912 if not making cheese, and the sum of £1 10s if making cheese.

The Clerk produced the accounts of the Council for the past year showing a balance in the bank of £31-0-2 made up as follows, viz:-

General Account	£28 12s 5d
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Burials Account	£2 5s 10d
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Charities Account	1s 11d
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Total	£31 2d
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## November 14th 1911

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 8pm on the above date, present:-

Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp, R. Morris and R. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Robert Shipman, who was elected a member of the Council at the last meeting, signed the declaration accepting office and was welcomed by the Chairman on taking his seat as a member of the Council.

With reference to the fencing of the swamp in the field occupied by Mr R. Shipman, it was reported by the Water Committee that Mr H.R. Scott had inspected the place, along with the members of the Committee and Mr R. Shipman, and had agreed to fence the place, considering that it was not the duty of the Council to do so.

With regard to the village water supply, the Water Committee recommended that a pipe should be laid, from the manhole in Mr Robert Shipman's field, in the direction of the spring, for a distance not exceeding 50 yards, with a better fall than at present, and with junctions where other drains might hereafter be required, and it was proposed by Mr W. Shipman, seconded by Mr W. Greensmith, that this recommendation be carried out. An amendment proposed by Mr Morris, seconded by Mr R. Shipman, to the effect that the members of the Council meet on the spot to decide on the best course to adopt was however carried. Saturday the 18th at 3:30pm was fixed for this.

Mr Robert Shipman complained that the hole dug some months ago in the field where the spring was, was left unguarded. Mr William Shipman undertook to have this seen to at once.

On the motion of Mr Morris, seconded by Mr W. Greensmith, Mr Arthur Clamp was appointed a School Manager, in place of his late father, and the Chairman signed the necessary certificate to that effect.

A letter was read from the Clerk to the District Council suggesting that the Parish Council should provide a suitable place as a receptacle for rubbish, and offering on behalf of the District Council, if this was done, to have it cleared from time to time. The suggestion was approved, but it was decided to postpone the matter to the next meeting to enable the members to consider a suitable site.

Reference was made to the action of the County Council in insisting on the assessment made for the Parish, although the Clerk had pointed out that this was incorrect and had

given notice of appeal. It was, on the motion of Mr W. Shipman, seconded by Mr R. Shipman, resolved "That the Clerk write to the Clerk of the County Council protesting their action on this matter".

It was also, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Clamp, resolved that quarterly meetings of the Council be held in the third week of April, July, October and January in each Council year.

## **November 23rd 1911**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz:-

Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp, R. Morris and R. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

With regard to the water supply, it was, on the motion of Mr W. Shipman, seconded by Mr A. Clamp, resolved "That a three inch sanitary pipe drain be laid from the manhole in a direct line towards the present sources of supply for 33 yards or thereabouts, with one junction from which a further drain might be laid if necessary, provided that the work can be carried out for a sum not exceeding £4." It was also resolved "That tenders be invited for the work (the lowest tender not to be necessary accepted) the notice to be prepared by the Clerk to the approval of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, tenders to be sent in to the Clerk not later than the 5th December next."

It was also, on the motion of Mr A. Clamp, seconded by the Chairman, resolved "That immediate steps be taken to secure Mr Alderman's ejection from the Parish house of which he is now improperly in possession."

It was also resolved "That the receptacle for rubbish be placed on the left hand side of the road to Tofts Hill, just before the first rise begins." It was also resolved "That the receptacle be seven feet square, and be fenced with a fence six feet high." The respective costs of wood and line was directed to be obtained before the next meeting of the Council.

It was resolved "That the Clerk give Mr R. Singleton one months' notice to quit possession of the allotment garden held by him, on the ground that he had not observed the terms of agreement.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for the 6th December.

## **December 6th 1911**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, all the members being present viz:-

Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp and W. Greensmith.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Tenders for laying the sanitary pipe drain at the spring in the field occupied by Mr Robert Shipman were opened as follows:-

Mr Talbott £4

Mr R. Rowbotham £3-12-6

Mr J. Potts £3 10s

Mr G. Whittaker £3 5s

After some discussion Mr Potts tender at £3 10s was accepted.

Tenders for making the Parish Receptacle for rubbish were opened as follows:-

Mr William Everitt £4

Mr A. Murphy £3 – 17 -6

Mr Everitt's tender of £4 was accepted.

It was decided to distribute Dixon and Guy's Charities in coal as usual, Mr H. Brooks tender of 14s per ton was accepted. Recipients Ann Storr and Widow Booth one ton each, Widow Hebb 15 cwt and Mrs Dickman 10 cwt. Total 3 ton 5 cwt leaving a balance in hand of 1/5.

On the consideration of the Parish House question, the Chairman reported that he had seen Mr Alderman's solicitor but had not received any definite reply as to quitting the house, but hoped to see him again in a day or two.

## **January 18th 1912**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7pm on the above date, present:- Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman) in the Chair, Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp, W. Greensmith, R. Morris and R. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Cheques were drawn in payment of the following accounts, Hon. H.R. Scott, on behalf of the Duke of Rutland, for half years rent of allotments due Michaelmas 1911 £4.

Mr H. Brooks, £2-5-6 for 3 ton 5 cwt coal at 14s per ton, Dixon & Guy's Charities as per tender.

Mr J. Potts, £3-10 for 33 years of draining at the spring in the field in the occupation of Mr Robert Shipman as per tender.

In favour of the Clerk £10-4-4 for the following times which had been paid by him viz:-

	£	s	d
1911		10	
Nov 9 - Audit Stamp			
Nov 9 – Audit Stamp (omitted last year)		10	
May 30 – Poor rate on Parish property		6	2
Jul 7 – G. Hutchins & F. Sharpe, one day each opening drain at spring		7	
Jul 14 – Duke of Rutland, ½ years rent of Allotment due Lady Day 1911	4		
Jul 14 – Duke of Rutland, years rent of Water supply		2	
Jul 14 – Duke of Rutland, years rent of Sandpit Gardens		1	
Aug 5 – T. Julian, 6 days of cleaning out Goit and water course		18	
Aug 18 – Poor rate on Parish property		6	10
Sep 30 – Geo. Sharpe, trimming allotment hedge		9	
Nov 3 – G. Whittaker, mowing grass etc. in cemetery	1	10	
Nov 18 – G. Whittaker, 2 days opening water main		6	
Nov 28 – Poor rate on Parish property		5	4
Nov 28 – Special expenses rate on above		2	10
1912		10	2
Jan 12 – Land and Income tax on above			
Total	10	4	4

Geo. Turner, having given 6 months' notice of his intention to quit allotment number 23, it was agreed that he might quit at once if he wishes and Robert Cox (who had applied for an allotment) could have the same on condition that he paid the ½ year rent now due.

Allotment No. 1,2,3 and 4, lately occupied by Reuben Singleton, being now vacant, and there being several applications for Allotments, it was agreed that Geo. Rawings should be offered allotment 1, Geo. Hutchins No. 2, William Hodgson No. 3, and J. Singleton No. 4 on condition that they pay the ½ year rent now due. If any fail to accept the terms, the Clerk to advertise for other applicants and if there are more applicants than vacant allotments the Allotment Committee to decide as to the tenants.

On the consideration of the Parish house question, it was decided to take proceedings at once to get Mr Alderman ejected, and on the motion of Mr R. Morris, seconded by Mr A. Clamp, it was decided to put the case in the hands of Mr Watson Wright, Solicitor, Melton Mowbray.

A discussion took place as to the bad state of the road leading to the Sandpit Gardens and Mr W. Shipman kindly offered to see that the ruts were filled in, the Council approved of that being done.

## **March 12th 1912**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, present:- Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp, W. Greensmith, R. Morris and R. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following persons were recommended as Parish Constables to be selected,

Mr Joseph Hall – Farmer

Mr Thomas Green – Grazier

Mr Arthur Pearson – Builder

Mr Allan Hempshall – Grazier

The requisite documents were signed by the Chairman.

It was decided that Mr Allen Hempshall should pay 10s per year for his water supply.

It was also decided that Messrs Emberton & Co should pay 7/6 for their water supply when not making cheese and 30s a year if making cheese.

It was reported that Mr Burdett had given up his Sandpit garden. It was resolved that the Clerk advertise it, but if no person who had not a garden applied for it, it should be let to Mr A. Knapp who desired to take it.

Mr George Clamp and Mr Jno. C. Warren were re-elected Trustees of Hands Charity, their term of office having expired.

## March 29th 1912

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 8pm on the above date, present:- Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman) in the Chair, Messrs A. Clamp, R. Morris and R. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr W. Shipman, for Water Committee, reported that the leakage in the water main had been found in Mr Armstrong's second field and had been put right.

A cheque was drawn, in favour of the Clerk, in payment of the following items:-

	£	s	d
Apr 30 – Mr Swingler, opening manhole cover 1912		2	
Jan 19 – 5 agreement stamps for allotment gardens		2	6
Feb 10 – W. Everitt, opening water main - 1 ¼ days		4	
Feb 15 – G. Clarke – opening water main – 3 days		7	6
Feb 17 – W. Everitt – making receptacle for rubbish as per tender	4		
Feb 28 – Poor rate on Parish property		5	4
Mar 8 – G. Pointer, digging for water main – 2 ½ days		6	6
Mar 22 – F. Sharpe, opening water main – 1 day		2	6
Mar 22 – H. Furbank, cementing pipes in water main – ½ day		1	6
Mar 29 – 7 meetings in Schoolroom, Fire & Lights, to Mar 29th 1912		14	
Mar 30 – Mr Warner, stationery as per bill		8	11
Mar 30 – Mr Pick (Sexton), 12 funerals at 4/6 and 1 funeral at 6/6 (2/- too little)	2	18	6
Mar 30 – Mr Talbott, repairs to water main taps etc.	5	7	3
Mar 30 – Mr Talbott, repairs to pump	1	15	
Total	16	15	6

Mr W. Shipman gave notice that at the next meeting he would call the attention of the Council to the state of the causeways and move a resolution.



## March 29th 1912

The annual Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, pursuant to notice duly given. In the absence of the Chairman of the Parish Council. Mr Jno. Braithwaite was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting. The notice convening the meeting having been read, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk to the Parish Council presented the accounts of Dixon and Guy's Charities for the past year, showing a balance in hand of 1s/5d.

Mr Hanson Braithwaite, one of the Trustees, presented the accounts of Hands Charity for the past year, showing a balance in hand of

	£	s	d
Poor Fund		5	5 ½
Causeway Fund	54	15	1
Repairs	<u>28</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>½</u>
Total	<u>83</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>

Mr Jno. Braithwaite, one of the Trustees, presented the accounts of Sills, Ray's Foundation and Westby's Charities showing an adverse balance of 4s on Sill's Charity, an adverse balance of 2/3 on Ray's Foundation, and on Westby's Charity, a balance in hand of 2/7.

Cook's Charity – The Rector and Churchwarden certified that 12 penny loaves had been distributed in church each Sunday morning during the year.

## April 16th 1912

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date. Present:- Mr William Shipman (Vice Chairman) in the Chair, Messrs. E. Bailey, A. Clamp, W. Greensmith and R. Shipman

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr J.C. Warren was unanimously re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.  
Mr William Shipman was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairman.

The following persons were appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year viz:-  
William Thraves - Grazier  
Henry Barke – Grazier  
Edwin Armstrong – Tailor

The various committees were re-elected as follows:-

Water Committee = William Greensmith and William Shipman  
Sewage Outfall Committee– R. Morris and W. Shipman  
Cemetery Committee – Edward Bailey and William Greensmith  
Allotment Committee – R. Morris and R. Shipman

A letter from Mr William Thraves (the Lessee of the bit of land belonging to the Parish on which the two cottages were built) was read stating that it was his intention to transfer the said land and cottages to Mrs Jno. Howitt of Stathern.

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of the Council, Mr W. Shipman's motion re repairs of Causeways, was postponed to the next meeting.

The question of emptying the receptacle for rubbish was considered when Mr W. Shipman undertook to bring the matter before the District Council of their decision.

There being no applicant for the vacant Sandpit garden, the Clerk was instructed to let it to the first person who might apply.

Mr Geo. Whittaker's application for the increase in his remuneration for mowing the grass etc. in the Cemetery was considered and it was agreed that in future he should be paid £1 – 15s per year instead of £1 – 10s.

The Clerk was requested to have one of the allotment gates repaired.

## **May 17th 1912**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, present:- Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs A. Clamp, W. Greensmith, R. Morris and R. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The question of the repair of the causeways was considered and it was resolved "That the causeway in the Parish be repaired, and that the Trustees of Hand's Charity be requested to contribute £20 towards the expense". Mr W. Shipman suggested the causeways should be laid with blue bricks instead of asphalt, but as this proposal did not meet with favour he withdrew it.

Mr W. Shipman reported that he had had the receptacle for rubbish cleared out at a cost of 7s/6d. This was approved and the amount was ordered to be paid.

The Sanitary Committee was requested to see that the door of the receptacle was made to open outwards. The Sanitary Committee was requested to see that the outfall at the Sewage farm was kept in proper condition.

The Clerk reported that the vacant Sandpit garden had been let to Mr J. Hallam.

Mr Shipman reported that certain complaints had been made about the quality of the water from the pump on the Green and stated that a sample had been taken for analysis. After some discussion it was decided that the Clerk should write at once to Mr Marsh and request a copy of the report and intimate that the Council would take immediate steps for dealing with the water if necessary.

On the application of the Miniature Rifle Club and Boy Scouts, it was decided that the members might use Sandpit as a Rifle Range, on proper precautions being taken to prevent any risk to the public.

## July 8th 1912

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, present:- Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman) and Mr E. Bailey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Shipman reported that the door of the refuse receptacle, and the sewage outfall had been satisfactorily dealt with.

With regard to the pump water, the following letter was read from Mr Whitworth, Sanitary Inspector of Melton Mowbray Rural District Council.

*Dear Sir,*

*I understand from Mr Marsh, that you require to know the result of the analysis of the sample of water from the Parish pump. Dr. Robinson states that the water is a hard water and a very fair water for drinking purposes.*

*Yours faithfully  
Clifford Whitworth*

A letter was read from the Revd. E.G. Peisson calling attention to the liability of the Council for the upkeep of the Churchyard. The Chairman was requested to ascertain the legal position, and meanwhile he and the Clerk were authorised to have the swing gates into the Churchyard put in order at a cost not exceeding 30s.

## November 6th 1912

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, present:- Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp, W. Greensmith and R. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman gave notice that at the next meeting he would bring up the question of a quorum at the Council meetings.

The following letter from Messrs Oldham and Marsh Solicitors, Melton Mowbray, to the Clerk to the Parish Council was read.

Sept 11th 1912

Dear Sir,

*We have to give you notice that an Indenture dated the 3rd day of September instant and made between William Thraves of Stathern in the County of Leicester, Grazier of the one part, and Sophia Howitt, wife of John Allen Howitt of Stathern, aforesaid Gentleman of the other part, the lease dated the 28th March 1907 of a piece of land containing 200 square yards or thereabouts, situate at Stathern, the aforesaid granted by the Parish Council of Stathern to the said William Thraves was assigned to the said Sophia Howitt for all the residue unexpired of the term of 99 years granted by the said lease.*

*Yours faithfully  
Oldham Marsh*

The above letter was directed to be kept with the lease.

The question of the upkeep of the churchyard was considered but no action was taken as the Council did not admit any liability.

There were several applicants for the allotment left vacant by H. Rowbotham. It was resolved that the allotment should be advertised, and the letting be left to the Allotment Committee.

A letter was read from Mr J. Bend as to the flooding of the allotments. The same Committee were requested to consider the matter and report.

The question of a Fire Extinguisher was left to Mr A. Clamp to consider and report.

A discussion took place as to better postal facilities and it was resolved "That the Clerk should write to the Postmaster at Melton Mowbray requesting him to take steps to arrange for an earlier and quicker morning delivery of letters, and a later despatch of the afternoon post.

Mr W. Shipman was requested to arrange with Mr Palmer for the cleaning of the rubbish receptacle.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing £8 – 5s- - 4d expended by him, a cheque for that amount was signed , the amounts were as follows:-

	£	s	d
1912 – Cheque Book		2	
Apr 8 – Josh. Betts, opening drain from spring		2	6
May 18 – Poor rate on Parish property		5	4
May 25 – Jno. Palmer, emptying rubbish receptacle		7	6
Jun 8 – Geo. Clarke, 1 day filling ruts in Sandpit road		2	6
Jun 8 – Geo. Sharpe, plashing allotment hedge		4	6
Jul 19 – Duke of Rutland, ½ years rent of allotment due Lady Day 1912	4		
Jul 19 – Duke of Rutland – years rent of Sandpit Gardens		1	
Jul 19 – Duke of Rutland - years rent of water mains		2	
Jul 20 – Stead & Swingler, bolts, bar and locks to rubbish receptacle		4	6
Aug 12 – Poor rate on Parish property		6	3
Oct 29 – Geo. Whitaker – mowing grass in Cemetery etc.	1	15	
Nov 4 - Geo Sharpe, plashing allotment hedge		6	
Nov 6 – Poor rate on Parish property		6	3
Total	8	5	4

## December 2nd 1912

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, present:- Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp, W. Greensmith and R. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Allotment Committee reported that there were four applicants for the four vacant allotments and they allotted them as follows:- Geo. Arnold No. 5, Arthur Burdett No. 6, J.W. Hallam No. 7 and Albine Knapp No. 8. This was approved.

A report as to a fire extinguisher was promised for the next meeting.

The following report from the Inspector as to the Stathern Sewage Farm, was sent by the Clerk to the Rural District Council, for the Parish Councils observations "The tanks of this farm have been cleaned out. To put the farm in proper order, a sum of about £10 requires spending, for levelling the ground and cutting more trenches. I ask for instructions on this matter." After some discussion it was resolved that the Clerk write to the District Council and suggest that the upper part of the farm be dealt with as proposed by the Inspector, first see the result.

Tenders for coal to be supplied to the Charities were opened and the tender of Mr Fumridge was accepted, Dixon and Guy's Charities were distributed as follows:-

Widow Booth 1 ton, Ann Storr 1 ton, widow Hebb 15 cwt, widow Dyer 10 cwt – 3 -5 at 14/- - £2 -5 -6 leaving a balance in hand of 11d.

The Clerk reported he had forwarded the resolution as to better postal facilities to the Postmaster at Melton.

Mr W. Shipman reported that he had arranged for the clearing of the rubbish receptacle by Mr Palmer on the same terms as last year.

## **January 20th 1913**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, present:- Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs A. Clamp, W. Greensmith, R. Morris and R. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr W. Shipman was requested to see to the emptying of the rubbish receptacle.

The Clerk was requested to see Mrs Booth and Mr Pointer as to the nuisance caused by emptying ashes into the roadway near their houses and instruct them to abate it.

The Clerk was also to advertise the letting of the vacant allotment.

The Allotment Committee was requested to see to the cutting of the Sandpit hedge, of the condition of which the adjoining tenant had complained. They were also asked to have the Parish house in the City, which was in a ruinous condition, pulled down.

The Chairman read the statement he had submitted to Mr Watson Wright with regard to the ejectment of Mr Alderman from the Parish house which he had taken wrongful possession of, and this was approved.

The Chairman was also requested to enquire and report as to the Insurance of the Council against damage to passers by through defective condition of any of the Parish houses.

## **February 25th 1913**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, present:- Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman) in the Chair, Messrs W. Greensmith, R. Morris and R. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk reported he had seen Mrs Booth and Mr Pointer respecting the nuisance in the Toft's Lane caused by their throwing of ashes etc. on the side of the road, but they have not abated the nuisance.

Mr W. Shipman reported he had agreed with Mr Palmer to empty the rubbish receptacle at 1s/6d per load.

The Clerk report that, with the approval of the Allotment Committee, he had let allotment No. 7 to Mr Albine Knapp and Jno. Hallam, at his own request, is having allotment No. 6 instead of No. 7.

The Allotment Committee reported they had agreed with Mr G. Jackson Jrn to clear away the dilapidated old Parish house in the City, and the work had been carried out.

The following list of men liable to serve as Constable was agreed to viz:-

Thomas Green – Grazier  
Arthur Pearson – Builder  
Gervase Jackson Jrn – Grazier  
John Rudkin Morris – Farmer

The drainage of the Allotment gardens was discussed and the Clerk was requested to see Mr Scott and ascertain what the Duke of Rutland would be willing to do in this matter.

## **March 17th 1913**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 7:30pm on the above date, pursuant to notice duly given Mr Warrant, Chairman of the Parish Council, in the Chair. The notice convening the meeting was read, the minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed.

The Chairman explained the object of the meeting and the course of proceedings.

He then asked for nomination papers. The following persons, all rate payers, were duly nominated viz:- Messrs Jno. Baker, Tho. Bend, Arthur Clamp, J.W. Flack, Jno. R. Morris, William Greensmith, Robert Shipman, William Shipman and Charles Wright.

The opportunity was given for questions to be put to the candidates which was taken advantage of.

The Chairman asked if any candidates desired to withdraw but no such withdrawals took place.

The names of several candidate in alphabetical order, were then separately put to the meeting by the Chairman, and a show of hands in favour of each candidate was asked for. At the completion of the voting, the Chairman declared that, subject to a poll being demanded, the following candidate had obtained the largest number of votes and were elected namely:- Messrs J.R. Morris, Jno, Baker, Tho, Bend, William Shipman, J.W. Flack and William Greensmith.

A demand for a poll was made by two parochial electors present at the meeting.

The demand for the poll was not withdrawn and the Chairman directed the same to be taken accordingly,

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## **March 31st 1913**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom at 8pm on the above date, present:- Mr J.C. Warren (Chairman), Mr W. Shipman (Vice Chairman), Messrs E. Bailey, A. Clamp, W. Greensmith and R. Shipman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.



A cheque for £14-12-2 was drawn in favour of the Clerk in payment of the following amounts viz:-

	£	s	d
1912		10	
Audit Stamp			
Dec 4 – Agreement stamps for allotments 5,6,7,8		2	
Dec 27 – Geo Sharpe – 1 ½ days at Horsepond		3	9
Dec 28 – Geo, Whittaker – 2 days at Horsepond		6	
1913	4		
Jan 10 – Duke of Rutland – ½ years rent of allotments to Michaelmas			
1912			
Jan 30 – Stead & Swinger – hook to allotment gate		1	6
Feb 10 – Poor rate on Parish property		6	3
Feb 10 – Lane & Income Tax on above		10	2
Mar 16 – Geo. Turner – cutting Sandpit hedge	1	4	6
Mar 17 – A Pearson, 6 sanitary pipes for Horsepond		3	
Mar 17 – 2 Register of voters for the election		2	
Mar 22 – Geo. Turner – clearing thorns, Sandpit hedge		3	
Mar 27 – A. Murphy – repairing allotment fence		7	8
Mar 28 – G. Jackson Jnr., pulling down old Parish house	2		
Mar 31 – 7 meetings in schoolroom, including March 31st 1913		14	
Mar 31 – Stationery as per bill		12	10
Mar 31 – Mr Pick, Sexton, 4 funerals at 4/6		18	
As above – omitted last year		2	
Date missing – Mr Furmidge & Kemp, ¾ tons coal at 13/- Dixon and Guy's Charity	2	5	6
Total	14	12	2

A cheque was also drawn for £3-16-3 in payment of Mr A. Talbotts account for repairs to Water Mains and taps etc.

Mr Palmers offer to rent the vacant bit of land in the City for £1 per year, was not accepted.

Messrs Emberton & Co having made cheese during the year, it was decided that they should pay the full charge of 30/- for the water supply.

It was agreed that Geo. Whittaker should be paid £1-15s for mowing the grass and plashing the hedge in the cemetery during the summer.

*This is the last meeting recorded in the book.*