

A Special Meeting of the Chamber  
was held at the "Institute" on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> /25.

Town Hall.

when Mr. For, Assistant Commissioner, was present to hear the Chamber's views re respecting their proposal to build a "Town Hall" on the High St. site

Mr. Cuming briefly outlined the proposal, and referred to correspondence which had passed with reference to plans and estimated cost of the building

The matter was thoroughly discussed, and various questions were asked by Mr. For and satisfactorily answered by the Chairman and others.

Mr. Cuming thanked Mr. For for his attendance, who replied saying he was delighted to have had the opportunity of meeting the Trustees, he congratulated them on having secured such an excellent site in a good central position of the Town, the business had been made very clear to him, he would lay the whole facts before the Commissioners on his return, and he felt sure it would receive the most sympathetic consideration of the Board.

Present

Messrs	Mr. E. H. Cuming (Chairman)
	G. M. Smith. J. Tollett
	W. Smetland. J. J. Baker
	J. Lealley. G. Sprague
	E. G. Bastable. N. H. Board
	J. J. Tompsett. and
	Mr. J. A. Lucas' representatives.

E. H. Cuming  
 Chairman.



March 10<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Monthly Meeting.

Present Mr. E. M. Cuming (Chairman)  
Messrs Baker, Follett, Henderson, Lealley,  
Bastable, Tompsett, Davy, Sprague, Board  
and G. M. Smith.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr. Follett, seconded by  
Mr. Bastable, cheques were drawn for the following Aps.:

Mr. Northcott.	Salary	4 - 5 - 0.
"    "	Water ap.	45 - 11 - 7
Grammar School.	Foundation Grant.	32 - 10 - 0
Metal Agencies	Water votes	2 - 19 - 8
Bailiff.	Salary & Stamps	8 - 5 - 0
Bar-taker	Water Appliances. Donation.	4 - 0 - 0
	Total	<u>£ 97 - 4 - 3</u>

Mr. Cuming proposed that the Chamber revert  
to the former system of granting a bonus of  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$   
to the Colyton Coal & Clothing Club. Mr. Follett  
seconded.

Mr. Tompsett proposed & Mr. Baker seconded  
that the following form a Committee to confer with  
the various Club Officials respecting the matter:-  
Messrs Cuming, Follett, Henderson, Bastable,  
and Sprague. Carried

Mr. Davy proposed, and Mr. Lealley seconded,  
that the revised water rents, as recommended by  
the Water Committee, be adopted. The book was duly  
signed by the Chairman.

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Aid of

Applications for Aid were received from:-

James Board. North St.	Resolved that £2.0.0 be granted.
James Long. Colyton.	do 3.0.0
Herbert Palmer. West St	do 5.0.0

E. H. Cumings

Chairman

Improvement Committee Meeting.

Apr ~~March~~ 4<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Present Mr E. H. Cumings Chairman

Messrs Baker. Jollett. Tompsett. Sprague. G. Smith  
& Board.

A letter was from the Commissioners respecting erection of Town Hall etc. was read, & considered very satisfactory - It was resolved, on the proposition of Mr Board, seconded by Mr Tompsett, that Mr Lucas be informed that a favourable reply had been received from Commissioners respecting the Town Hall etc, and that the Trustees would be glad to know, before proceeding further, what his inclusive fee would be for preparing of plans, drawing up specifications, and superintending the whole of the work to a satisfactory completion.

Mr Tompsett proposed, & Mr Smith seconded, that the Chairman and Baliff wait on Mr Mortimer & request him to insert the necessary Resolution needed on Application form to be sent Charity Commissioners. barred

It was decided to meet at 6.30 pm on Tuesday next to consider Mr Lucas's reply, & report to the full Body meeting at 7 pm.

3500

2240 about

1250 to be paid out of ~~the~~ Revenue

125



April 14<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Monthly Meeting

Present: Mr. E. W. Cuming (Chairman)  
 Messrs Baker, Lealby, Sprague, Board, Hollett,  
 Henderson, Skinner, Bastable, Simthard, Bigg  
 Tompsett and G. M. Smith.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
 and confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr Board seconded by  
 Mr Baker cheques were drawn for the following A/cs

Insurance Premiums	£	11	10	2
Bathing Pool Rent		1	11	6
		<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>

Mr Board proposed & Mr Bastable seconded  
 that a Donation of Ten pounds (£10) be granted to the  
 Colyton Nursing Association. Carried

A letter was received from the Charity Commissioners stating  
 that they had now considered a report to them by their  
 Assistant Commissioner, Mr Hor, upon the proceedings at the  
 conference with the Trustees on March 6<sup>th</sup>, and that they  
 will be prepared upon receipt of a sufficient application  
 in the enclosed form, to proceed towards the establishment  
 of a further scheme authorising the erection of the proposed  
 Hall & adjoining cottage (at a cost of £3,500, to be  
 provided out of capital funds of the Charity to the  
 extent of the difference between £3,500 & the cash  
 produced by a sale of the investments held by the  
 Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, on the Building  
 Funds account under Clause 5. (2) of the Scheme of the  
 12<sup>th</sup> August 1921.

In the opinion of the Commissioners any Capital  
 funds so spent in excess of the value of the above



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mentioned Building Fund should be replaced within a period not exceeding ten years, out of income of the Charity, and the Scheme would contain a provision to that effect.

Mr Lombzett proposed, and Mr Bastable seconded, that the Improvement Committee's report be adopted - viz: -  
 " That application be made for the establishment of  
 " a further scheme for erection of a Town Hall &  
 " Cottage on the terms stated in the Commissioner's  
 " letter dated March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and that the Trustees respectfully suggest to the Commissioners that the period for repayment, of difference between the amount of Building Fund, & the cost of erection, be extended from 10 to 15 years. (Carried unanimously.)  
 The Application form being signed by the whole of the 13 Members present.

The Commissioners in their letter referred to an entry in last year's balance sheet of £10.1.6 in respect of Bathing Pool, & asked whether in making this payment, the Trustees relied on any provision under the Scheme of Jan<sup>y</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1913, and if so, which of them.

The Bailiff was instructed to reply, that payment had been made for several years past under an earlier scheme. The Pool being of the greatest benefit to the poor of the Parish.

Applications for aid were received from:

E. Potter. Stratkayne	Richard	That same be on the table.
George Clark. Cross St	do	That £5. be granted
Frank Goddard. Cathayne.	do	That Mechanics tools to the value of £3.17.8 be given.

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The Clerk produced a statement of Accounts for the past year.

Mr Baker proposed, and Mr Follett seconded, that the accounts be passed, audited and printed, and that Mr Mortimer be requested to audit them.

Carried

E W Cummings  
Chairman.



May 13<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Monthly Meeting.

Present: Mr. E. M. Cuming (Chairman)  
 Messrs. F. J. Baker, R. A. Anderson, R. G. Smith,  
 E. G. Bastable, G. Sprague, W. Board, H. Smetland,  
 F. J. Tompsett, J. Lealley, & J. Tollett.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr. Bastable proposed & Mr. Baker seconded that  
 Cheques be drawn for the following:

1. 1st (Carting etc)	£ 1 - 16 - 0
H. Smith (Printing etc)	7 - 6
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	£ 2 - 3 - 6

A letter was received from Mr. R. W. Kittle complaining  
 that a portion of the High St like iron fencing was  
 overlapping his wall at Pretoria House.

It was resolved to inspect same at conclusion of the  
 Meeting.

Mr. A. Lovridge made an application for a  
 supply of water at his field opposite Colcombe gate.

Mr. Bastable proposed, and Mr. Smetland  
 seconded, that the request be granted, providing Mr. Lovridge  
 paid for tapping of the main & other charges in connection  
 with same. (Carried)

Mr. Board proposed, and Mr. Baker seconded, that  
 the Bathing pool be reopened on June 1<sup>st</sup>, & that E. Mayne  
 be appointed Cartaker on same terms as last year. (Carried)

It was resolved that the same facilities as last  
 year, be granted to the "Grammar School", "Council School" and  
 "Rovers Scouts" for use of the Pool.



May 13<sup>th</sup> continued:-

Mr. Tompsett proposed and Mr. R. Smith seconded that the Committee's report be adapted viz:

That a bonus of 1/2% be granted to the Coal and Clothing Clubs, on application being received, providing that no bonus be given to persons in receipt of an income of over £3 per week if there are less than 3 persons to be maintained out of that sum (special circumstances excepted)

(Carried)

On the proposition of Mr. Follett, seconded by Mr. Board, Messrs. Baker, Sprague, Bastable, & the Chairman were appointed to examine the list of Applicants for the Seed potato allowance.

(Carried)

Applications for Aid were received from:-

Walter Long	West?	Resolved that	£2.0.0	be granted
Mr. C. Sellers	Colyford	D <sup>o</sup>	a Recommend of 10/-	"
" E. Horner	Coles Mill	D <sup>o</sup>	That same be on the table	
J. Scagill	Road Green	D <sup>o</sup>	£1.0.0	be granted.

The Improvement Committee reported having interviewed Mr. Lucas, who agreed, that his travelling expenses be included in his 6% fee for the preparation of proper working drawings, writing Specifications, inviting tenders, settling contract, superintending works and adjusting accounts, also one copy of the working drawings and one copy of the Specification for the Charity Commissioners and the Contractor, if necessary, also plans & sections for the Local Authorities.

The Clerk was asked to write Mr. Lucas, asking him to furnish the Chamber with Specifications &c at an early date.

E. H. Cuming



June 9<sup>th</sup> 1925

Monthly Meeting

Present Mr. E. H. Cuming (Chairman)  
 Messrs Baker. Lealley. Skinner. Bastable. Sprague.  
 Board. Follett. Ingham. Bligg.

Mr. Follett proposed and Mr. Baker seconded that cheques be drawn for the following A/c's.

	£	s	d
Poor Rates	13.	15.	8
Bailiff (Salary & Stamps)	8.	3.	6
E. Mayne Wages	6.	0.	0
Grammar School. (J. Grant)	32.	10.	0
Hortleott Salary	4.	5.	0
Churchwardens (Clock A/c)	7.	10.	0
Petty Cash A/c	5.	0.	0
Total	£	77.	4.2

A further letter, was received from Mr. Tompsett respecting the town hot water supply at the Grove.

On the motion of Mr. Board, seconded by Mr. Bastable, the Bailiff was instructed to reply repudiating any liability in the matter.

The Water Committee resolved to meet on Thursday next at 8. pm, and inspect the Reservoirs & receiving tank, owing to complaints received respecting discoloration of the water in the mornings.

Plans & specifications of proposed Town Hall were examined, & approved of, & the Bailiff was instructed to return same to Mr. Lucas, requesting him to forward them to Mr. Caroi for his approval, and if satisfactory, on their return, Mr. Lucas be asked to meet the Chamber before inviting tenders for the work. E. H. Cuming



July 14<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Monthly Meeting

Present Mr. E. H. Cuming (Chairman)

Messrs F. J. Baker, R. A. Anderson, M. Smetland  
E. G. Bastable and P. Sprague.

On the proposition of Mr. Bastable, seconded by  
Mr. Sprague, cheques were drawn for the following  
accounts:

		£	s	d	
Messrs Mr. J. Copp.	Water Exp		18	6	
H. Smith.	Printing Exp	1	5	0	
Mr. L. Mortimer	Auditing Exp	1	1	0	
		£	3	4	6

An Acknowledgement of letters sent to Mr. Lucas and Mr. Coroe  
was received, and the Bailiff was requested to ask Mr.  
Lucas to urge matters forward, respecting the new Hall.

The Water Committee reported having inspected the  
Reservoirs, and ordered a galvanized pan (since supplied)  
for fishing at the bottom of the Collecting Tank in order  
to ensure a more regular and efficient cleaning out of  
sand &c which become deposited there.

The water bailiff was instructed to thoroughly  
clean out Reservoirs when empty, and to obtain 3 new  
locks for covers.

It was resolved that no meeting be held  
in August.

No applications for aid were received.

E. H. Cuming



July 30<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Special Meeting

To meet Mr Lucas re proposed new "Town Hall"

Present Mr E. H. Cuming (Chairman)  
Messrs Board, Sprague, Smetland, Bastable  
Skinner, Lally, Baker, Hollett & Tompsett

The Chairman read the following letter received from the  
Commissioners:

"Town Hall"

Referring to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> Apl last, I am to say that the Commissioners have now received Mr Carve's report. A copy is enclosed herewith, together with Mr Lucas' Specifications and Plans, and the Trustees are now at liberty to invite tenders for the proposed undertaking, subject to compliance with Mr Carve's recommendations.

Mr Carve's report was also read. Mr Lucas promised to alter the Specifications on various points as recommended by Mr Carve, and also stated he would submit for the approval of the Chamber a new design for frontage of Hall, which would not add to cost of the building. It was decided that tenders be advertised for, in the "D & E Gazette", "Express & Echo", "Pulmans", and that same be sent, sealed, to the Bailiff by August 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr Lucas promised to meet the Trustees again on Augt. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Colyford  
Water Supply.

After the conclusion of the Meeting, reference was made to the Colyford Water-works being on offer for sale, a discussion ensued, and it was considered it would be most beneficial to the inhabitants of Colyford, and also as an augmentation of the Colyton supply, if the Commissioners' sanction could be obtained, for the Chamber to purchase same.

It was unanimously resolved, that the Bailiff write asking for their approval, and also, that Sir F. de la Pole be written to, asking him to inform the Trustees the lowest reserve price required, or failing that, would he meet a Deputation (consisting of the Chairman & Vice Chairman) to consider the matter.

E. H. Cuming



September 8<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Monthly Meeting

Present: - Mr. E. H. Cuming (Chairman),  
Messrs Baker G. Sprague, W. Board, H. Sweetland  
E. G. Bastable, H. J. Cligg, A. J. Skinner,  
J. Lealley and J. Follett.

A/cs

On the proposition of Mr. Board, seconded  
by Mr. Baker, Cheques were drawn for the following:-

W. Smith.	Printing a/c	12. 6
J. Tuel.	Water a/c	12. 0
W. A. Richards.	Repairs to School Roof	11. 3
D <sup>o</sup> .	D <sup>o</sup> Water Course	2. 19. 6
Bailiff.	Salary & Stamps	8. 4. 6
J. Northcott.	Water a/c	14. 13. 3
D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	9. 6
D <sup>o</sup>	Salary	4. 5. 0
Grammar School.	Foundation Grant.	32. 10. 0
	Total	<u>64. 17. 6</u>

Publication of new  
Scheme for  
Town. Hall

- A letter from the Charity Commission was read requesting:
- That Notices in the enclosed forms may be affixed to, or near, a principal outer door of the Parish Church and of some other public building in the Parish, and remain so affixed for at least fifteen days.
  - That a copy of the proposed Scheme may be deposited for inspection at some suitable place in the Parish.
  - That the forms of Declaration endorsed upon the enclosed duplicate forms of Notice should be filled up, signed, and returned to their office at the expiration of the period of publication.

It was decided to publish same after Tenders for erection of the "Hall" had been received, as approved by the Charity Commission in a letter dated Sep<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> inst.

Donations

Mr. Bastable proposed, and Mr. Board seconded, that a Donation of Ten Pounds be granted to the "Bolton Nursing Association"  
Carried



Continued

Sep: 8<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Donations

On the proposition of Mr Tollett, seconded by Mr Swetland, a Donation of Ten Guineas was granted to the "Exeter Eye Infirmary."

Mr Skinner gave notice of motion to bring forward at the next meeting, the question of granting a Donation to the "Aseminster Cottage Hospital."

Chairman

Mr Board proposed and Mr Tollett seconded that Mr Cuming be re-elected Chairman for ensuing year.

Carried

Vice-Chairman

Mr Cuming proposed and Mr Baker seconded that Mr Tollett be re-elected Vice-Chairman for ensuing year.

Carried

Both thanked the Chamber for the honour again conferred on them.

Aid

Applications for Aid were considered from:

M. L. Barnatt. Cross St	Resolved that £ 1. 10. 0 be granted.
W. G. Horner. Coker Mill	Do " Inquiries be made.
E. Bright. Cotswayne.	Do " { 10/- weekly for 4 mths "
	{ and reconsidered at next meeting.
J. Wilkes. East St	Do " £ 5. 0. 0 be granted
W. Phillips. King St	Do " £ 3. 0. 0 Do

A letter from the Vicar respecting the Johns' family was deferred for consideration, after the Guardians had dealt with the case.

Bolyford Water Supply.

A report was made by the Chairman, on behalf of the Committee appointed to interview Sir Frederick Cole respecting purchase of Bolyford Water Supply, a letter from the Charity Commissioners was also read, disapproving of the proposed purchase on various grounds.

It was suggested that a further letter be sent them, and the matter was referred to the Committee.

E. H. Cuming  
Chairman.



September 18<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Special Meeting to receive and consider Tenders  
for "own Hall"

Present Mr. Cumings (Chairman),  
Messrs. Board, Sprague, Innesland, Baxtable,  
Tompsett, Skinner, R. Smith, Henderson Baker & Collett.

Tenders were received as follows:

Messrs. Ham & Passmore	Creter	£ 7170 . 0 . 0
	less if Beer Store used.	80 . 0 . 0
		£ 7090 . 0 . 0
Spiller, Chard.		£ 6830 . 0 . 0
	less D	85 . 0 . 0
		6745 . 0 . 0
Ketch. Ottery		£ 8050 . 0 . 0
S. J. Richards	Colyton	£ 5593 . 0 . 0

After some discussion, in which various strong opinions were expressed respecting the high prices quoted, (the Architect having at a previous meeting stated, in his opinion, the Building could be erected for the sum available.)

Mr. Lucas suggested that brick be substituted for concrete, the specifications altered where possible in order to cut down the amount, and that he be allowed to confer with Mr. Richards, go carefully into details, & endeavour to get a more reasonable tender, and submit to the Chamber at a future meeting.

Mr. Tompsett proposed, & Mr. R. A. Henderson seconded, that the whole matter be deferred, and reconsidered this day 6 months.

As an Amendment, Mr. Baker proposed, & Mr. Board seconded, that Mr. Lucas confer with Mr. Richards, as suggested, in order to obtain a more reasonable tender if possible, & thereby prevent further delay.

September 18<sup>th</sup> 1925.

On the Amendment being put to the meeting it was declared Carried.

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A further letter from the Charity Commissioners was read, respecting the purchase of Colyton Water Supply.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Board, that a letter be sent to Mr Kyrke, stating that a more favourable reply had been received from the Commissioners and would they still hold the question of sale in abeyance,

And that in the event of a favourable answer, Mr Selley be asked to come and inspect the supply & fittings, and a full report be sent the Commissioners.

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A further letter respecting Carl Bright's application for aid was considered, and it was resolved that a Poroplastic jacket value £2.15.0 be purchased, as recommended by the Hospital Authorities, the former grant, of 10/- weekly for next 3 mths, to be discontinued.

M. G. Horner's application was again deferred for further enquiries

E. H. Canning  
Chairman



October 13<sup>th</sup> 1925

Monthly Meeting

Present Mr. E. M. Cumming Chairman  
 Messrs Baker. Sprague Skinner Smith Lealley  
 Tompsett. Emmet Hand. Board & Follett.

A/c

On the proposition of Mr. Board seconded by Mr. Sprague  
 a cheque was drawn for Mayne's wages £ 6. 4. 6

Town Hall

A letter was received from Mr. Lucas stating that  
 the revised plans & prices for proposed Town Hall were  
 not ready for Chamber's consideration, but was doing his best  
 to speed up matters.

On the proposition of Mr. Follett, seconded by  
 Mr. Board, the following statement was issued for publication  
 in the press: That this Chamber regrets that it is  
 unable to report any further progress with regard to the  
 proposed Town Hall, and is urging the Architect to use  
 his best endeavours to put something definite before the  
 Chamber at the earliest possible moment.

Scheme to be  
 published.

The Clerk was instructed to publish proposed new scheme  
 for Town Hall, referred to in the Minutes of last Meeting.

Colyton water  
 supply.

A long discussion ensued, when a letter was read from Mr. Kyrke  
 respecting purchase of Colyton water supply, and Mr. Tompsett  
 proposed, and Mr. Board seconded, that this Chamber engage  
 the services of an expert to advise it with regard to the  
 desired purchase of the Colyton water works, provided that  
 the Westminster Rural District Council have not yet committed  
 themselves definitely in the matter.

As an Amendment, Mr. Follett moved, and Mr. Lealley  
 seconded, that the Chamber postpone any further action  
 in the matter until after the next meeting of the Rural  
 District meeting.

On being put to the meeting, the Amendment was carried  
 by six votes to two.

October 13<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Donations to  
Acminster Hospital

Mr. Skinner brought forward his motion of granting a Donation to the Acminster Cottage Hospital.  
Mr. Board proposed, and Mr. Sprague seconded, that a grant of three guineas be made. Carried.

Games Association.  
Memorial Institute.

Applications for Donations were received from the "Games Association" and "Memorial Institute" Committee.  
Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Smetland, and seconded by Mr. Lealley, that £5 be granted "Games Association".  
Mr. Board proposed, and Mr. Hollett seconded, that the Memorial Institute be granted £25. Carried.

Aid.

Applications for Aid was considered from:-

W. Palmer. West St.	Resolved that a sum of £5 be granted
F. Sansom. Crosslands.	do " £2 do
H. G. Horner. Gales Mill.	do " 5/- weekly to Dr. 31 <sup>st</sup> 1/25. do
Mr. Johns. Church St	do " £6 be paid to Mr. Edwards R.O. (provided family emigrated to Canada.

Hollett. Chairman



November 10<sup>th</sup> 1925

Monthly Meeting.

Present Messrs Baker, Sprague, Bastable, Skinner,  
Anderson, Board, Follett, Smeeth and  
Tompsett and R. Smith.

Owing to the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Cuming, through  
indisposition the Chair was taken by Mr. J. Follett

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

On the proposition of Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Bastable,  
cheques were drawn for the following a/c's.

Basking Pool. ½ Year's Rent.	£ 1. 11. 6
Poor Rates.	£ 15. 15. 0
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	£ 17. 6. 6

Letters of thanks, for donations granted at the last Meeting,  
were received from the "Games Association" and Institute Committee.

An application was received from Mrs. Myatt, Hon. Secy, on behalf  
of the "Girls Friendly Society" Club, for a donation towards  
their expenses. Mr. Skinner proposed, and Mr. Bastable  
seconded that a sum of £5 be granted. Carried.

Applications were received from the Church and Congregational  
Chapel - "Coat & Clothing Club" for a donation towards the  
bonus allowed to their members.

It was decided that 7½% be granted, and that the  
following Committee be appointed to inspect & approve of the  
lists of members, viz: Messrs Cuming, Sprague and Bastable.

The Bailiff was asked to call a special Meeting of the  
Chamber on receipt of the revised plans &c, for Town  
Hall, from Mr. Lucas.

November 10<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Application for aid was received from:-

Mrs J. Fry. Vicarage St. Resolved that £2 be granted

The Bailiff stated, that under the late Mrs Smetland's bequest, Coal, Blankets, & sheets, to the value of £11.10.11 was to be dispensed to the needy poor of Colyton on 25<sup>th</sup> day of November.

Messrs Cuming, Sprague, & Bastable were appointed to deal with this matter.

Bailiff. Chairman



December 8<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Monthly Meeting.

Present:

M<sup>r</sup>: J. Tollett. (acting Chairman)  
Messrs Baker, Bastable, Smetland, Skinner, Lealley  
Sprague, Henderson, Tompsett, & M<sup>r</sup>: Board  
An apology was received from M<sup>r</sup>: Cuming for absence, owing  
to illness.

A/cs

M<sup>r</sup>: Sprague proposed and M<sup>r</sup>: Board seconded that cheques  
be drawn for the following A/cs:

Bailiff (Salary & Stamps)	£ 8. 4. 6
J. Northcott. (Salary)	4. 5. 0
Grammar School (Foundation Grant)	32. 10. 0
Total	<u>£ 44. 19. 6</u>

Boys Club & Scouts  
Donation.

An application for a donation was received from "Boys Club  
and Scouts". M<sup>r</sup>: Bastable proposed and M<sup>r</sup>: Baker  
seconded that £10 be granted. Carried

Water

A letter was read from M<sup>r</sup>: Woollett respecting the water  
supply of the "Goscombe Castle Hotel".

On the motion of M<sup>r</sup>: Board, seconded by M<sup>r</sup>: Lealley,  
this matter was referred to the Water Committee to make  
the best possible arrangements to remedy the grievance.

D & E. Hospital  
Donation

M<sup>r</sup>: Smetland proposed, and M<sup>r</sup>: Board seconded, that  
the annual donation of Ten guineas be granted to the  
"Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital". Carried

Christmas Gifts

It was resolved that the usual Christmas gifts be  
distributed, and the following Committee were appointed  
to revise the list of recipients: Messrs J. Sprague  
Col. Henderson. A. J. P. Skinner and J. J. Baker.



December 8<sup>th</sup> 1925. - Continued:-

Special Meeting.

The Bailiff was instructed to call a special Meeting for Wednesday Dec<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, when Mr. J. A. Lucas would be present, respecting the proposed "Town Hall"

Smellands Charity distribution

E. H. Cuming

The Committee appointed to deal with Smellands Charity reported that 31 deserving persons had been given 3 cwt of Coal each, and a list of the recipients names was produced. This was considered most satisfactory, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Committee.

Aid.

An application for aid from Mrs. S. White, Cross St was deferred to next meeting, the Bailiff to make further enquiries respecting same.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, the Water Committee considered Mr. Woollett's letter, and after some discussion it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Bastable, seconded by Mr. Sprague, that Northcott be instructed not to turn the water off nightly from Dec<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> to Jan<sup>y</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> inclusive

Dec 16

The Bailiff was asked to inform Mr. Walter Richards that owing to shortage of water they would be unable to supply him with Town water for his engine, but the Committee would recommend to the Chamber, that the Town Lead water be conveyed from the Institute to his premises, and a charge of £1.0.0 be made, providing he would pay half of cost incurred.

It was also suggested, the Garage and Mr. J. A. Wanning's yard be also supplied with Town Lead water in order to save consumption of the Town Supply.

Present - Mr. Hollett (Chairman.)

Mr. Baker, Bastable & Sprague.

Agreed to Dec<sup>r</sup> 16/25



December 16<sup>th</sup> 1925

Special Meeting

Present Mr. E. H. Cuming (Chairman)  
Messrs G. Sprague, W. S. Mettland, E. P. Protable,  
W. Board, J. J. Baker, and  
Mr. J. A. Lucas (Architect) & his Assistant.

Mr. Lucas submitted plans for proposed Town Hall, with revised frontage design, and quotation for erection viz:

Hall	£ 3816. 0. 0
Cottage	730. 10. 0
Total	£ 4546. 10. 0

After some discussion it was decided to substitute concrete for Beer Stone dressing, & effect a saving of about £ 100. 0. 0  
{ To substitute asbestos tiles for slates } " 200. 0. 0  
    { on back of Hall roof. }  
To omit W.C. by Board room " 20. 0. 0  
To omit Heating Apparatus & instal later " 150. 0. 0  
To " Lighting " 50. 0. 0  
Total £ 520. 0. 0

Mr. Lucas suggested that as he was visiting London probably next week, with the Chamber's approval, he would make an appointment with Mr. Carr, the Charity Commissioners, & explain that owing to extra cost of new frontage &c the Chamber were unable to obtain a tender for erection less than about £ 4000, and ask the Commissioners' sanction to allow a sum of £ 4000 to be spent on the buildings. Mr. Lucas' suggestion was approved of by the Chamber, and he was asked to furnish them with result of the interview as early as possible.

At the conclusion of this meeting, the Water Committee

considered a letter received from Northcott respecting  
the water supply at Reservoir

After some considerable discussion, the Parloff  
was asked to make a house to house inspection of  
the water taps, overflows &c. and make a full  
report to the Committee as to their condition and any  
leakages of water.

Present Mr E. M. Cumming (Chairman)  
Messrs Sprague, Baker & Bastable.  
(Mr Board was also present)

It was also agreed that Water be conveyed  
to Mr J. Richards from Town last - Mr Richards  
agreeing to pay half of the cost.



January 11<sup>th</sup> 1926

Monthly Meeting.

Present: Mr. E. M. Cuming. (Chairman),  
Messrs. Follett, Baker, Lealley, Tompsett, Davy,  
Incehand, Bastable, Sprague and Col. Henderson.

Before the commencement of business the Chairman wished the members a happy New Year.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Exp

On the motion of Mr. Follett, seconded by Mr. Sprague, cheques were drawn for the following Exp:

	£	s	d
J. Derges. Water Exp	2.	17.	9
H. T. White. Land Tax	1.	4.	2
Incehand's Charity Cont.	11.	12.	6
Chas. Giff's.	24.	0.	6
Coal & clothing Clubs (Donations)	20.	11.	6
Total	£	60.	6. 5

Mr. Cuming reported that the Committee appointed, had revised the recipients list for Chas Giff's, and had also examined the members list of the various coal & clothing clubs.

A letter of thanks was received from the Boys Club & Scouts for donation granted at the last meeting.

Water taps re  
inspection report

The Water Committee reported that the Bailiff, as requested, had made a house to house inspection of water taps &c and found 71 taps and 48 cistern-overflowers leaking, also 10 overflowers emptying into lavatory pans, and 21 Cisterns out of order. And recommended that Rubber or better leather washers be used for re-leathering of taps.

Spring Taps  
to be used in  
special cases

That Taps in Courts or Gardens used by 2, or more, families, be fitted with a Spring Tap instead of present screw one, to prevent water being left running.



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That where possible, all stopcock boxes in roadway be discovered, raised, and kept visible.

Mr Tompsett moved, and Mr Lealby seconded, that the report be accepted and the recommendations be adopted. also (a) That present overflows in pans be made visible.

(b) " a 3 monthly inspection of taps be made, and the Bailiff adequately remunerated for his services.

(c) " if necessary, extra help be engaged for urgent repairs.

Carried.

Water Bailiff's  
Salary £20. p.a.

After further suggestions & much discussion on the subject, the matter was referred to the Water Committee, to take necessary steps to remedy the existing state of affairs, with power to increase Northcott's salary to £20 p.a. providing his work was done more efficiently and promptly in the future.

Mr Sprague proposed, and Mr Hollett seconded, that Mr Lucas be informed of the Chamber's disappointment at not having received a report of his interview with the Commissioners.

Upon receipt of same, a Meeting of the Committee to be called.

Carried

Aid.

Applications for aid were received from:

Mr S. White. Cross St. Resolved that £4.00 be granted towards purchase of artificial set of teeth, at a cost of £6.10.0.

Mr E. Edwards. St. Andrews Terrace

£2.0.0

S. Lilly. Colyford

£2.0.0 be granted

Fred. Massey. King St

Tools to value of £4.0.0 be granted

E. Bright. Gotskayne.

2/3rds of Railway fare (Season Ticket) to Exeter, be granted.

E. H. Cummins



February 9<sup>th</sup> 1926.

Monthly Meeting.

Present: Mr. E. H. Cuming (Chairman)  
Messrs E. G. Bastable, J. J. Baker, W. Board, G. Sprague,  
and J. Follett.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. Baker seconded by Mr. Bastable, cheques were drawn for the following A/cs:-

A/cs		£	s	d
	Northcott. (Water A/c)	22	6	9
	J. Jurl. " "	3	1	0
	J. J. Richards " "	2	4	0
	Metal Agencies Co (Goods)	3	13	14
	A. Richards & Sons (Repairs to Mated)	2	13	14
	Total	33	18	5

Seed potato  
allowance  
4/- per cwt

Mr. Board proposed, and Mr. Sprague seconded, that an allowance of 4/- per cwt be granted towards the cost of seed potatoes purchased by the working classes of Colyton, on the same conditions as last year.

Carried

Repairs  
Specifications

Mr. Follett proposed, & Mr. Baker seconded, that Mr. W. Richards be requested to prepare a specification of repairs &c needed to the pinnacles, gables, windows &c of the School-house, & that tenders be invited for the work.

Carried

A copy of letter sent by Mr. Lucas to the Commissioners, with particulars of revised estimate &c for "Town Hall" as arranged at his interview with them on 27<sup>th</sup> January last, was considered in Committee, & the Bailiff was requested to ask Mr. Lucas to forward the Commissioners reply at earliest moment.

E. H. Cuming



March 9<sup>th</sup> 1926.

Monthly Meeting.

Present. Mr. E. M. Luning (Chairman)  
Messrs. Baker, Sprague, Board, Henderson,  
Keviner, Tompsett, Bastable & Follett  
and Imtland.

Mes.

On the motion of Mr. Sprague, seconded by  
Mr. Baker, cheques were drawn for the following:-

	£	s	d
Grammar School (Foundation Grant)	32	10	0
Bailiff (Salary & Stamps)	8	5	6
W. Smith. Printing of		12	0
P. Turl Vineyard	3	10	0
J. Northcott Salary	5	0	0
Bar-takers of Water Appliances	4	0	0
Total	£	53	17
		6	

School house  
repairs

The Bailiff produced a plan and specifications of  
repairs needed to the exterior of "School House".  
After some discussion, it was resolved on the proposition  
of Mr. Board, seconded by Mr. Follett, that the  
matter be deferred for one month.

Town Hall  
Correspondence

Correspondence respecting the Town Hall was read,  
the Commissioners stated that before replying to the  
Chamber's request they were awaiting Mr. Caroi's report  
on the revised plans, specifications & prices of the proposed  
Hall & Cottages.

The Bailiff was requested to write asking for a reply  
before next monthly meeting, and if necessary to call a  
special meeting.

Brigade attendance  
list

J. Northcott presented a list of Brigade attendances  
for Year ending Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1926.



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Heat water  
to South St.

Prices for conveyance of the Town heat water from High St to Saw Mills South St were considered (in Committee), and it was resolved, on the proposition of Mr Board, seconded by Mr Tompsett, that the matter be left to the Water Committee, with power to act.

Mr Sprague's  
motion

Mr Sprague gave notice of motion: "That at the next meeting he proposed making an application for a donation towards the Congregational Chapel School Room repairs fund."

Aid

Applications for Aid were received from:

M. A. Edwards	School Court.	Resolved that	£1.0.0 be granted
E. A. Wood.	King St.		5.0.0 do
Dick Solway.	Hillhead		Tools to value of £4.0.0
			be given
M. Marshall.	Bulls Court		The Application lie on the table.

E. H. Cuming  
Chairman