

April 13<sup>th</sup> 1926

Monthly Meeting.

Present. Mr E. H Cuming (Chairman)  
 Messrs H. Board, G. Sprague, E. G. Bastable  
 M. Smetland, F. J. Tompsett, M. J. Clegg, A. J. Skinner  
 J. Lealley, Col. Anderson, F. J. Baker, and  
 J. Follett.

A/cs

On the proposition of Mr Follett, seconded by Mr Baker cheques were drawn for the following :-

"Insurance. Fire	£ 1. 0. 0
"    "    Liability	2. 2. 0
Smith Printing acf	7. 0
Bathing Pool. Rent	1. 11. 6
Petty Cash acf	5. 0. 0
Total.	<u>£ 10. 0. 6</u>

Last Years A/cs

The Bailiff produced a statement of Accounts for Year ended Mch 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr Board proposed, and Mr Bastable seconded, that the accounts be passed, audited and printed, and that Mr Mortimer be requested to audit same. Carried

Seed Potatoe list

On the motion of Mr Follett, seconded by Mr Clegg, Messrs Baker, Sprague, Bastable & the Chairman were appointed to inspect the list of Applicants for the Seed potatoe allowance. Carried

Nursing Assoc<sup>n</sup>  
 Donation

Mr Follett proposed, and Mr Lealley seconded, that the half yearly Donation of Ten pounds be granted to the Colyton Nursing Association. Carried

Mr Board moved, and Mr Smetland seconded, that tenders be invited, for production at the next meeting, from local builders, for repairs necessary to the exterior of School-house. Carried

A further report received from M<sup>r</sup>. Carol, respecting the Town Hall, was ordered to be sent to M<sup>r</sup>. Lucas to deal with.

A letter was read from Messrs Gooding & Son respecting the unsatisfactory state of water valves in the Town. The Bailiff reported that this matter was receiving attention.

Congregational  
Chapel Donation

M<sup>r</sup>. Sprague made an application for a Donation towards the Congregational Chapel School-room repairs fund.

M<sup>r</sup>. Board proposed and Col. Henderson seconded that a grant of £25 be made

Carried

Applications for Aid were received from:-

J. Purse. Fore St. Resolved that £5.00 be granted.

William French. "Millside." D. " Tools to value of £2 be given

Carl Bright. Cotsayne. D. " £1.15.0 be given

E. A. Cuming

Chairman

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1926.

Monthly Meeting.

Present: Mr. E. W. Cuming (Chairman)

Messrs Baker, Sprague, Eastable, Smeeth, Tompsett, Skinner, Follett, Board, & G. A. Smith.

On the motion of Mr Board, seconded by Mr. Sprague, a cheque was drawn for Northcott's Insurance £ 1.8.2.

Town Hall

Mr Lamcraft attended on behalf of Mr Lucas of Exeter, and submitted a new specification & plans for proposed Hall, as per Mr. Caro's request.

The statement accompanying the plans &c showed that the adoption of the modifications suggested by Mr. Caro will mean an addition to Mr. S. Richards' revised estimate of £ 160. 14. 0, the total estimated cost of the works now standing as follows:-

Revised Estimate

For erection of Hall.	£ 3451. 6. 9	
Increase by modifications	160. 1. 6	£ 3611. 8. 3

For erection of Cottage.	£ 676. 0. 3	
Increase	12. 6	676. 12. 9

Total cost of Buildings	£ 4288. 1. 0
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Stairs, cooling	45
	£ 4363. 1. 0

Stairs, cooling of Halls would cost an additional £ 45

After some discussion, and various enquiries being made of Mr Lamcraft who was thanked for his attendance, it was unanimously resolved for the Bailiff to inform Mr Lucas that the revised plans &c met with the full approval of the Chamber, and to request him to forward same immediately to Mr. Caro asking him to please make an early report to the Commissioners, as the Chamber are anxious to receive their approval in order that the erection of the buildings may take place this Summer.

Tenders for exterior repairs of School house were received as follows:-

School Front  
repairs  
Tenders

Messrs W. A. Richards & Sons.	£ 130. 12. 10
" Warren & Barnell.	133. 7. 6
" J. J. Richards & Son.	135. 10. 0
M <sup>r</sup> . John Hooper.	127. 17. 0

M<sup>r</sup>. Board proposed, and M<sup>r</sup>. Bastable seconded, that M<sup>r</sup>. Hooper's tender be accepted, and that M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Richards be asked to supervise carrying out of the work. Carried.

Bathing Pool  
To be opened  
June 1<sup>st</sup>

On the motion of M<sup>r</sup>. Follett, seconded by M<sup>r</sup>. Bastable, it was resolved to re-open the Bathing pool on June 1<sup>st</sup> next, and that Mayne be re-appointed caretaker on the same terms as last year.

Water to be  
flushed twice  
weekly during summer

It was decided for Mayne to flush the sewer at West St twice weekly during summer months, and fortnightly during the winter.

A complaint respecting the turning off of water at night was referred to the Water Committee.

Aid of

Applications for Aid were received from:

M. A. Moore.	Vicarage St.	Resolved that	£1.0.0 be given. (Providing that Dentist's receipted A/c was produced)
A. Wood.	West St	D <sup>o</sup>	" £1.0.0 be granted.
G. Purse.	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	£2.0.0 D <sup>o</sup>
G. Holmes	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	That same lie on the table.

An offer to purchase Chairs, was received from M<sup>r</sup>. Little, Esq<sup>r</sup>. It was decided to reply that Chamber had no wish to dispose of same.

E. H. Cuming

June 8<sup>th</sup> 1926

Monthly Meeting

Present: Mr. E. N. Cuming (Chairman)  
 Messrs Follett, Baker, Skinner, Tompsett,  
 Dury, Bastable Sprague and Board

Col. Henderson's  
 resignation

A letter was received from Col. Henderson apologising for his absence, and also tendering his resignation owing to leaving the neighbourhood.

The resignation was accepted with regret, and, on the proposition of Mr. Follett, seconded by Mr. Board, the Bailiff was requested to write thanking Col. Henderson for services rendered to the Chamber.

A/c

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

	To	s	d
Poor Rates	15	19	5
Bailiff (Salary & Stamps)	8	3	6
Metat Agencies Co <sup>y</sup>	4	0	3
M. Smith (Printing etc)	1	5	0
J. Northcott. (Salary)	5	0	0
E. Mayne. (Wages)	6	0	0
Grammar School. (Grant)	32	10	0
	<u>72</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>

School  
 Foundation Grant

Owing to a request from the Governors of Grammar School, Mr. Board proposed, and Mr. Dury seconded, that a letter accompany the cheque, stating that the Chamber express the hope that a portion of this year's grant might be used for clearing off an adverse balance on the "Governors' School playing fields account."

Messrs Bastable &  
 Skinner appointed  
 Rep<sup>s</sup> on Nursing Assoc:

The Bailiff was instructed to inform the Hon Sec<sup>y</sup> of the "Colyton Nursing Association", that Messrs Bastable & Skinner are representative members of the Chamber on that Committee.

Mr. Tompsett proposed, and Mr. Follett seconded,

that <sup>they</sup> be reappointed, as representatives, until Ladyday 1927.  
Carried.

Applications for  
use of Bath

It was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Bastable, seconded by Mr. Board, that the same facilities as last year be granted to the Grammar School and Elementary Schools for use of the Swimming Bath.

Authority from  
Charity Com<sup>rs</sup>  
to spend £4353  
on Hall  
& Cottage.

A letter was read from the Charity Commissioners stating they are prepared to authorise the Trustees to expend a sum not exceeding £4353 on the erection of the proposed Hall and Cottage, the difference between that sum & the amount standing to the credit of the Building fund to be replaced within a period of 15 years. Instructions for a revision of the draft Scheme had been given.

In the event of a further letter being received before next monthly meeting, the Bailiff was asked to call a Special Meeting.

Period of "Council"  
Representatives  
expires.

The Bailiff was asked to inform the "Colyton Parish Council", that the period for which their representatives were elected, would expire in July next, and request them to fill the vacancies.

Roadway near  
Institute to be  
repaired.

On the proposition of Mr. Board, seconded by Mr. Skinner, it was decided to authorise the Juror or to spend £10 in improving roadway between the "Institute" & "Brookfield".

The Water Committee decided to inspect Reservoirs on Thursday next at 9.30 p.m.

Aid

Applications for Aid were received from:  
E. T. Porter. Kingsdon - Resolved that - 8 grocery tickets be given for 8 meals  
J. Sansom. Crosslands - do that £2.00 be granted  
J. Helliier "Country House" do " £5.00 do

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1926  
Monthly Meeting

Present Mr. E. H. Cuming (Chairman)  
 Messrs W. Board, E. G. P. Astable, F. J. Tompsett,  
 A. J. P. Skinner, and J. Lealley

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

A/cs

On the motion of Mr. Tompsett, seconded by Mr. P. Astable,  
 cheques were drawn for the following A/cs.

W. Smith (Printing a/c)	£	-	12	0
Insurance (Chairs)			2	0
W. Edwards (Wages) Water a/c	1	9	10	
Copies of New Scheme (Town Hall)	1	5	0	
L. A. Mortimer (Audit a/c)	1	1	0	
Churchwardens (Clock a/c)	7	10	0	
	£	11	19	10

Council Representatives  
 appointed  
 for 4 Years.

A letter was received from the Parish Council stating that  
 Messrs H. T. Cligg, W. W. Board, W. Streetland, J. Lealley,  
 H. J. Lovridge, F. Wood and W. B. Strawbridge had been  
 appointed as their representatives on the Chamber for a  
 term of four years.

Town Hall Scheme.

Copies of the Town Hall Scheme received from the  
 Commissioners were handed to the members present, and  
 approved of. The Bailiff was instructed to return the  
 sealed copy asking for a correction of the yearly repayment  
 amount (£112), as the original copy stated £102 only.

- Correspondence received from Mr. Lucas was read, and it was resolved
- That the Charity Commissioners be asked to return the  
 plans & specifications as the Contractor was anxious  
 to proceed with the work.
  - That Mr. Lucas be informed, that the Scheme having been  
 approved of, Mr. Richards might proceed with the  
 preparation of the site and assembling of materials &c.

Water supply.

Letters from Mr. Woollett & Mr. Follett respecting the inadequate water supply, and also a report from Northcott, were read, and after a long discussion, on the motion of Mr. Tompsett, seconded by Mr. Lealley, it was resolved to ask Mr. E. J. Tilley to meet the Committee and advise them as to the best means of securing a larger supply.

It was decided to ask Northcott to furnish a further report as to the measurement of the water in tank, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., and also to instruct him that, if it is necessary to turn off the water nightly the supply must be turned on not later than 6 a.m.

Mr. Tompsett's resignation

Mr. Tompsett stated, this being his last attendance owing to leaving the town, he desired to express his gratitude for the kindness and courtesy at all times extended to him, he much regretted his severance from this body.

The Chairman on behalf of the Chamber & himself expressed regret at Mr. Tompsett's departure and thanked him for his past services.

No meeting in August

It was decided to observe the usual holiday in August.

Applications for Aid were received from:-

Aid	William Purse.	Cross St.	Resolved that 5/- weekly be given for a period not exceeding 8 weeks.
	Harry Newton.	Fivorslane.	Do " £2 be granted
	M. A. Moore.	Vicarage St.	Do " Same lie on the table
	Mrs. S. White.	Cross St.	Do " Do

E. H. Canning



September 14<sup>th</sup> 1926.

Monthly Meeting.

Present: Mr. E. A. Gurney (Chairman)  
 Messrs: Baker, Skinner, Wood, Bastable, Sprague,  
 Board, Smith, Loxridge, Davy, Streetland,  
 Follett & Mr. Strawbridge.

Welcome to new members

Before the commencement of business the Chairman welcomed the three new members, recently appointed by the Parish Council.

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

A/ps

Grammar School. (Foundation Grant)	£ 32.10.0
Bailiff. (Salary & Stamps)	8. 3. 6
W. Smith. (Printing A/c)	1.12.0
Water Bailiff Salary	5. 0. 0
J. Hooper. (Repairs to School house &c)	130. 19. 3

The latter amount to be paid by Bailiff on receipt of the Architect's certificate.

Re. Sale of Stock.

A letter was received from the Charity Commissioners, also a form of application to authorise sale of Stock and Payment of Proceeds for the erection of the Town Hall. Mr. Bastable proposed, and Mr. Board seconded, that the Commissioners be asked to sell the investments standing to the credit of the "Building fund," and that the question of disposing of further stock, for balance of amount required, be deferred, in order that interest may be obtained as long as possible. Carried

The Chairman reported that the contract for Hall had been signed and satisfactory progress was being made with the erection of the buildings

Water

Complaints respecting the water supply received from Messrs Mitchell Toms & Co., and Col Barnes, were referred to Water Committee.

Nursing Assoc:  
Donation.

On the application of Mr J. Follett, Mr Skinner proposed, and Mr Smith seconded, that a grant of £10 be made to the Colyton Nursing Association. Last year's statement of accounts and report was produced by Mr Follett.

Committees:-

The various Committees were appointed as follows:

Water. Messrs Cuming, Sprague, Smith, Follett, Bastable and Baker.

Finance. Mr Skinner, Cuming & Board.

Estates and Improvement. Mr Cuming, Board, Sprague, Smith, Follett, Baker, Bastable and Mr B. Strawbridge.

Allotments. Mr Sprague, Cuming, <sup>Barry</sup> Ince Hand and J. Wood.

Swimming Bath. Mr Cuming, Bastable and Mr J. Lorridge.

On receipt of Mr Tilley's report, the Bailiff was asked to call a meeting of the Water Committee.

The election of Chairman & Vice Chairman was deferred to next meeting.

Aid. Applications for Aid were received from:-

M.A. Edwards	School Ct	Resolved that	£ 2.00	be granted
A. Long	Bulls Court	do	£ 2.00	do
E. Purse	Cross St	do	Extraction of teeth	be paid for
Albert Long	Didmouth Rd	do	£ 10.00	be granted
Mr Purse	Cross St	do	5/- weekly for 1 month	do

for  
Knights College  
Education

E. H. Cuming

We, the undersigned Representative Members of the  
 Colyton Feoffees, in accordance with the  
 Scheme Sealed 31<sup>st</sup> January 1911, hereby  
 declare that we accept the said office and will  
 duly and faithfully discharge the duties thereof  
 to the best of our abilities.

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1927

W.W. Board

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1927.

F. Wood

"

H. J. Loveridge

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A. Sweetland

"

J. Zalley

H.B. Strawbridge

H.B. Strawbridge

J.F. Clegg

October 12<sup>th</sup> 1926

Monthly Meeting.

Present: Mr. Cuming Chairman  
Messrs Bastable, Skinner, Lealloy, Smetland, Strawbridge  
Sprague, Board, Follett, Lorridge & Wood.

Mr. Bastable proposed, and Mr. Sprague seconded, that cheques be drawn for the following A/cs:

A/cs		£	s	d
Bathing Pool Rent to 29/26		1	11	6
Mayne's wages (Balance)		6	4	6
H. A. Richards (preparing plans re for School house repairs)		3	12	0
		<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

A letter was received from the Governors of the Grammar School, requesting the Chamber to appoint a Representative in the place of Col. Henderson who had resigned, owing to his leaving the neighbourhood. On the motion of Mr. Strawbridge, the matter was deferred to next meeting.

Funds for Town Hall

Mr. Follett proposed, and Mr. Board seconded, that the Charity Commissioners be asked to sell "£2200-4% Victory Bonds" in order to secure balance of amount necessary for erection of Hall. (Carried)

Foundation Stone

Mr. Lucas wrote suggesting that a small function might be held in connection with the laying of the Foundation Stone. Mr. Strawbridge proposed, and Mr. Follett seconded, that the suggestion be adopted, and the Bailiff was asked to write Mr. Lucas ~~requesting~~ respecting probable date when Stone might be laid, & for other particulars. (Carried)

Donations.

Applications for donations were received from the "Girls' Club," "Memorial Institute," and "Games Association." After discussion, Mr. Bastable proposed, & Mr. Follett seconded, that same donations as last year be granted, viz: £5, £25, and £5 respectively,

They also suggested the advisability of the whole question of future donations being dealt with by the Memorial Institute Committee.

Tilley's water report

Carried  
Mr. Tilley's report respecting the water supply was dealt with in Committee, and was referred back to the Water Committee for their full report at the next meeting.

Appointment of  
Chairman &  
Vice Chairman.

On the motion of Mr. Sprague, seconded by Mr. Board, Messrs E. M. Cuming and J. Follett were reelected as Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Both thanked the members for their renewed confidence.

Eye Infirmary  
donation

Mr. Bastable proposed, and Mr. Sprague seconded, that usual donation of Ten guineas be granted to the "West of England Eye Infirmary." Carried

Aid

Application for Aid were received from:-

Fred Barratt.	East St.	Resolved that	£ 5	be granted
K. Purse.	West St	D <sup>o</sup>	£ 1	"
J. Board.	King St	D <sup>o</sup>	£ 3	"
M. Seaward.	Church Row	D <sup>o</sup>	£ 3.5.0	"

Mrs E. Barratt, Cross St, was appointed a recipient of 3/- monthly gift, in place of John Long, deceased.

E. M. Cuming

November 9<sup>th</sup> 1926

Monthly Meeting

Present. Mr. E. H. Cuming (Chairman)  
 Messrs Sprague, Smetland, Bastable, Smith,  
 Lealley, Strawbridge, Bligg, Wood, Follert  
 and Baker.

Clothing & Clubs  
 donation.

Applications were received from the "Church and Congregational Chapel": Coal & clothing clubs, for a donation towards the bonus allowed to their members.

Mr. Smetland proposed, and Mr. Lealley seconded, that 10% be granted this year (an increase of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ %, in view of the high cost of coal). Messrs Cuming, Sprague, Bastable, Strawbridge & Wood were appointed to inspect, and approve of, the list of members. Carried

New  
 Grammar School  
 Governor:-  
 Mr. E. G. Bastable  
 for 4 Years.

On the motion of Mr. Sprague, seconded by Mr. Lealley, Mr. E. G. Bastable was appointed a Representative Grammar School Governor, in the place of C. Henderson resigned.

Foundation Stone  
 for new Hall

Mr. Lucas wrote suggesting that the Foundation stone for Town Hall should be of Portland Stone.

After discussion, Mr. Smith proposed, & Mr. Follert seconded, that the stone be of grey granite with panel sunk for inscription. Carried

It was unanimously resolved that the Chairman should lay the stone, the position to be the North-East Corner of the building.

Name of "Hall."

Mr. Bastable proposed, and Mr. Baker seconded, that the Building be called the "Feoffees's Town Hall", the same, and date of erection, to be suitably inscribed over the entrance. Carried

Heating Apparatus

The installation of Heating apparatus was referred to the Estates Committee, with power to act, and the Bailiff

was asked to enquire of Mr Lucas what type of Apparatus he recommended, and the probable cost of same.

Water supply for  
Didmouth Rd houses

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Baker, seconded by Mr Bastable, that  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch Galv-iron pipes be used for conveying water, to the new Council houses in Didmouth St., through property in West St owned by the Chairman and Mr S. Long, at an ~~approximate~~ cost of £26.

Sweetland's Charity

Mr Cuming proposed, and Mr Baker seconded, that Sweetland's Charity (£11.10.4) be distributed on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>

It was decided that stews be given this year to the deserving poor, and the same Committee, as appointed for Clothing Clubs, were asked to supervise the distribution.

The water Committee's report was deferred to next Meeting.

Aid

Applications for Aid were received from:-

M<sup>rs</sup> A Sellers. Colyford. Resolved that a Recommend, Railway fare, and cost of glasses, be granted.

M<sup>rs</sup> L. Fry Cross St. Resolved that same be dealt with in Sweetland's distribution.

E. H. Cuming

# Water Committee Meeting

Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Present: Mr E. M. Cuming (Chairman)

Messrs Follett, G. Sprague, G. H. Metz, G. Sprague  
and F. J. Baker

An apology for absence was received from Mr G. G. Bastable.

Mr. Tilley's report was fully considered and it was unanimously resolved to make the following recommendations:—

That the whole of the collecting Chambers be opened  
by a local Contractor, & Mr. Tilley be asked to come and inspect same, when open. If found to be in good condition & not silted up with sand etc,

That Mr. Tilley's suggestion, & recommendation, as to finding additional water in allotment field near the "Liris", be adopted.

Mr. Tilley's opinion, as to probable depth, and the cost of this scheme, be ascertained on his next visit.



# Estates Committee Meeting.

Wednesday Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1926

Present:- Mr E. McComing (Chairman)  
Messrs J. Follett, H.B. Strawbridge, F.J. Baker, W. Board,  
G. Sprague, & E.G. Bastable,

Tenders for a Foundation Stone were received from Mr Lucas  
as follows:- Grey Granite £ 9.15.0  
Portland Stone £ 7.10.0

(Mr Lucas recommended that a Portland Stone be selected, as Grey Granite  
would not harmonise with the building.)

On the motion of Mr Follett, sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr Board, it  
was resolved that a Portland Stone be ordered.  
It was decided that the laying of Stone take place on Wed. Jan<sup>y</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1927.  
also that - "Hoffe"  
Town Hall be inscribed over main entrance door,  
and date of erection in the Gable.

Tenders from Hubber & Son for Heating, & Domestic hot water supply,  
were rec<sup>d</sup>. These were considered & approved & it was  
resolved as follows:-

1. That Radiators be omitted in cloak rooms, Board room & Office.
2. That 6.16 section instead of 8.12 sec<sup>n</sup> <sup>Radiators</sup> be fixed in Auditorium.
3. That the Domestic hot water supply scheme be allowed to stand over.
4. That a good sized, white, ware sink be fixed in Heating Chamber, for washing up  
purposes.

Mr H.B. Strawbridge proposed, & Mr W. Board seconded, that  
Mr Lucas be asked to obtain a revised tender from  
Messrs Hubber, & also from Messrs Pooling & Sons,  
& submit to the Chamber by the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. Carried.

It was decided to inspect the Building tomorrow (Thursday) at 2 pm.

December 14<sup>th</sup> 1926

Monthly Meeting.

Present:- Mr. E. H. Cuming (Chairman)  
 Messrs Baker, Streetland, Davy, Sprague,  
 Board, Strawbridge, Wood, Bastable  
 Lovridge, & Smith.

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

	£	s	d
E. Mayne. (Brook A/c)	5.	0.	0
T. Northcott. (Salary)	5.	0.	0
T. Turl (Road repair near Institute)	10.	0.	0
Bailiff (Salary & Stamps)	8.	4.	6
Poor Rates	15.	19.	4
Grammar School (Foundation Grant)	32.	10.	0
Congregational Chapel (Clothing Club)	2.	5.	3
	£	78.	19. 1

An application for a Donation was received from the Boys Scouts, Mr. Bastable proposed, and Mr. Wood seconded, that £5.0.0 be granted. Carried.

A letter was read from Mr. S. Luance asking if two houses at Kingsdon could be supplied with Town water and the approximate cost.

On the motion of Mr. Strawbridge, seconded by Mr. Board, it was resolved that the request be granted, & the matter be referred to the Water Committee with power to act. The Bailiff was asked to ascertain if other owners of property in that vicinity wished to be also supplied.

The Water Committee reported having fully considered Mr. Tulley's report respecting the water supply at Ridgeway and recommended:-

(a) That the whole of Collecting Chambers be opened by a local Contractor & that Mr. Tulley be asked to come & inspect same

December 14<sup>th</sup>. Continued.

If Chambers are found to be in good condition, Mr. Tilley's suggestion and recommendation, as to finding additional water in the Allotment field near the "Firs," be adopted.

- (b) That Mr. Tilley be asked to furnish the Chamber with approximate cost of this scheme.
- (c) That the work be commenced early in the New Year.

Mr. Strawbridge proposed, & Mr. Board seconded, that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted, and that the date for inspection of the Chamber be considered at next meeting. Carried

The Improvement Committee's report, respecting the Foundation Stone & Heating apparatus for Town Hall, was adopted, on the proposition of Mr. Board, seconded by Mr. Strawbridge, the tenders received for heating apparatus was referred to the Committee for their further consideration.

It was resolved, that the Laying of the Foundation Stone should take place on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 1927, at 2.30 p.m., that Mr. Tollett should open the proceedings & call on the Chairman to perform the ceremony, also that invitations, to be present, be extended to the members of the "Parish Council" the "Girl Guides" and "Boy Scouts", and that an Advertisement be inserted in "Pulman's Weekly News."

A Donation of Ten Guineas was granted to the "Dron and Exeter Hospital", on the proposition of Mr. Bastable, seconded by Mr. Smith.

It was resolved that the usual New Year Gifts be made, & the following Committee was appointed to revise last year's list: Messrs Cuming, Sprague, Bastable, Wood and Strawbridge.

Applications for Aid were received from:-

J. Littley, Cross St. Resolved that £ 2.0.0 be granted.

Grace Solway, Hillhead. D<sup>o</sup> £ 5.0.0 D<sup>o</sup>

M<sup>rs</sup> T. Bennett, St. Andrews Ter. D<sup>o</sup> £ 2.0.0 D<sup>o</sup>  
(4 - 10/- Grocery tickets)

" E. Horner, Coles Mill D<sup>o</sup> same be deferred to next meeting  
for further particulars from  
M<sup>rs</sup> G. Sprague

E. H. Corning  
Chairman.

January 11<sup>th</sup> 1927.  
Monthly Meeting.

Present Mr E. W. Cuming (Chairman)  
Messrs: E. G. Bastable, G. Sprague, F. R. Baker,  
W. B. Strawbridge, F. Wood, G. M. Smith,  
W. W. Board, & J. Pollett

Mr Strawbridge moved, and Mr Sprague seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Chairman, Vice Chairman & Bailiff, for the satisfactory arrangements made in connection with the Ceremony of the Laying of the Foundation Stone of the new Town Hall, on Jan<sup>y</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> inst., also, that particulars of the Ceremony be duly recorded in the Minutes. Carried

Mes

Mr Baker proposed, and Mr Sprague seconded, that the following accounts be paid:—

S. J. Richards	16. 6
J. Derges	6. 7. 3
M. Hooper	10. 6
R. M. J. Pollett	15. 6
A. T. White	1. 4. 2
J. Northcott	22. 5. 5
Petty Cash Ac	5. 0. 0
Total	£ 36. 19. 4

Various letters of thanks were received for Donations granted at the last meeting.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Board, that the proposal made at the last meeting, respecting date for inspection of Collecting Chambers, be deferred, pending a further interview between the Water Committee and Mr Tilley.

Water to Kingsdon

Mr Bastable proposed and Mr Baker seconded that 1½ inch galvanised pipes be laid as far as Mr Resprick's garden wall, and 1 inch pipes from there to Mr Luance's house at Kingsdon. Mr Luance having agreed to pay 2/3<sup>rds</sup> of approt.

cost for one inch pipes, viz: £ 27. 17. 6.

Carried

Churchyard Tree

Mr Bastable proposed, and Mr. Smith seconded, that the Parochial Church Council be asked to cut down the tree in Churchyard, which was causing damage to the Schoolhouse.

Carried

It was decided that the road be opened near Institute, & water valve be examined by the Committee.

Aid etc

Applications for Aid were received from:-

John Facey. Church St., Resolved that £ 1.0.0 be granted  
William Fry. East St. do Four 5/- grocery tickets "

Mr. E. Horner, Colles Mill, (deferred from last Meeting.)  
Resolved that same lie on the table.

It was resolved that the name of Hall, to be inscribed over main entrance doorway, be as follows:-

FEOFFEES'  
TOWN HALL.

E. H. Cuning  
Chairman.

Extract from Devon & Exeter Gazette. January 7<sup>th</sup> 1927.

"New Town Hall."  
Laying of Foundation Stone at Colyton.

Great interest was taken in the laying of the foundation stone of the new Feoffes Town Hall, by Mr E. H. Cuming (Chairman of the Chamber of Feoffes). It is hoped to open the new building during the coming Summer, and when completed it will satisfy a long felt want in Colyton. The foundation stone is inscribed as follows:-

"Foundation Stone, laid on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1927. by  
E. H. Cuming, J. P. Chairman of the Feoffes of Colyton;  
J. Archibald Lucas, F.S.S. F.R.S.B.A., Architect, Exeter;  
Sydney J. Richards, Builder, Colyton."

The Feoffes present were Messrs E. H. Cuming (Chairman), J. Follett (Vice Chairman), J. J. Baker, E. G. Bastable, W. W. Board, C. E. Davy, A. J. P. Skinner, A. B. Strawbridge, G. Sprague, F. Stokes, A. J. Lovridge, J. Wood, J. Lealley, and A. D. Harris (Bailiff). The Vicar (the Rev. St. S. Wyatt) and Messrs J. A. Lucas and S. J. Richards were also present.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Colyton Boy Scouts were present under Assistant Scoutmaster I. Solway and the 1<sup>st</sup> Colyton Girl Guides under Captain Symondson.

The building, when completed, will consist of a Feoffes Town Hall and caretaker's cottage, the whole being in the Tudor style of architecture, built of brick with Beer stone dressings (worked by the Beer Stone Co<sup>l</sup><sup>td</sup> Seaton) and with slated roofs. The main hall will have seating accommodation for over 400 people, and be 54 ft long and 37 ft 6 in wide. There will be a stage 25 ft wide & 16 feet in depth. At the back of the stage will be dressing rooms & offices. The hall will be approached by a vestibule and crush hall. Over the vestibule there will be a board room, cinema-box, and film winding room. Underneath the stage provision will be made for a large scenery store and apparatus for central heating. Adjacent to the hall will be a commodious caretaker's cottage.

The construction of the Town Hall has been entrusted to Mr. Sydney J. Richards, builder of North St., Colyton, and the architect is Mr. J. A. Lucas F.S.I. F.R.I.B.A. chartered architect and chartered surveyor, of Guildhall Chambers, High St., Exeter.

Mr. Follett, in calling upon Mr. Cuming to lay the foundation stone, expressed pleasure at the large number of children present. It was, he said, equally pleasing that there should be such a large attendance of Colytonians generally to witness what must be regarded as an unique event in the history of Colyton. He felt sure that in the years to come the new Town Hall would be a boon, blessing, and benefit to the neighbourhood. (Applause)

Mr. Cuming, received with applause, said although he had been associated with the public life of Colyton for a good many years he felt that the position he occupied that day was one of the proudest he had ever held. He felt sure that the new building, when complete, would add considerably to the happiness and comfort of the present and future generations of Colytonians. The Colyton Chamber of Hoopes dated from 1538. Lands held by Henry Courtenay, who was beheaded by Henry VIII., were confiscated by the Crown. A certain body of men called a public meeting and were successful in collecting 1,000 marks, and with that money they purchased certain of the lands that formerly belonged to Henry Courtenay. That was the foundation of the Colyton Charity. Twelve trustees were elected "to see that nobody ran away with the land," and also twenty good men and true of Colyton were elected to administer the Charity. The principal rule laid down was to the effect that the income from this land was to be spent "on good godly and commendable purposes, for the benefit of the town of Colyton and in deeds of charity." Some people in Colyton had the idea that the whole of the income of the Hoopes must be spent in charity. Mr. Cuming said the rule he had quoted showed that impression to be wrong. Mr. Cuming went on to say that the Hoopes, by foresight, during the war took advantage of the increase in the value of land, sold the whole of their landed property at a very good price, investing the money in gilt-edged securities. After ensuring that the income of the Charity would be equal to, if not better than it was before, there was a profit of something like £2,000. The Hoopes asked the Charity Commissioners to allow them to spend this money in some way or other to improve the town of Colyton.



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That request was made in 1917, since when the money had been earning interest. After a considerable amount of persuasion, the Charity Commissioners allowed them to build the new Town Hall, which they were doing without interfering with the income of the Feoffees in any way. (Applause).

Mr. Cuming expressed the hope that the new building would be formally opened in the summer.

Prayer was offered by the Vicar (Rev. H.S. Wyatt)

Mr. J. A. Lucas then presented Mr. Cuming with a silver trowel inscribed as follows: - Presented to E. W. Cuming Esq. J.P. on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Feoffee Town Hall, Colyton, on the fifth day of January 1927 by the Architect, J. Archibald Lucas F.S.I. F.R.I.B.A. Chartered Architect and Chartered Surveyor, Guildhall Chambers, High St Exeter.

Mr. Cuming was also presented with a mallet inscribed as follows: - Presented to E. W. Cuming Esq. J.P. on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of the Feoffee Town Hall, Colyton, on the fifth day of January 1927, by the builder - Sydney J. Richards, of North St Colyton. Devon.

Having accepted the gifts Mr. Cuming laid the foundation stone, amid cheers.

On the proposition of Mr. J. A. Lucas, seconded by Mr. S. J. Richards, Mr. Cuming was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Mr. Tollett was similarly thanked on the motion of Mr. H. B. Strawbridge, seconded by Mr. G. Sprague.

The singing of the National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

February 8<sup>th</sup> 1927.

Monthly Meeting.

Present Mr E. H. Cuming (Chairman)  
Messrs Sprague, Board, Bastable, Lovridge, Wood,  
Lealley, Smetland and Smith.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Mr Bastable, seconded by Mr Sprague, a cheque for £500 was drawn on behalf of Mr S. Richards for Town Hall etc

Mr Cuming reported that, Mr Silley having replied that the cost of securing additional water in the allotment field and piping to Reservoir would be approximately about £100, but recommended that a trial boring be made first, to make sure that water could be procured, at a cost of about £25. The Water Committee had therefore given Mr Silley instructions to carry out the trial boring as soon as possible.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Board, seconded by Mr Lealley.

Letters respecting the Hall heating apparatus was referred to the Estates Committee.

The Bailiff was asked to get a choked drain in the Vineyard repaired.

Mr Bastable proposed, and Mr Smith seconded, that all water rate defaulters be given 7 days notice for settlement.

E. H. Cuming  
Chairman.