

The Clerk was instructed to write to the two above named and ask for an explanation of their conduct. It was also reported that dogs were continually being taken to the allotments despite the rules prohibiting them. The Clerk was instructed to place another notice calling attention to the regulations. The Clerk was directed to write to the District Council asking them to put a footpath and styles on The Square footpath in good useable repair. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the Hon. Sec. of the Leicestershire Footpath Association (Mr. Jimson) for the trouble he had taken with respect to the footpath leading across Mr. Burrowes fields to Zouch Mills and which on Saturday last was declared by court of law to be a legal footpath and the Clerk was instructed to forward such vote of thanks.

7th. October 1898. Mr. Fuller reported that he had obtained an estimate of the cost of a brick building for the cemetery 8' square from Mr. G. Bramley. The amount being 15 guineas. It was resolved that the estimate be accepted. It was resolved that the building be ordered to be erected at the north west corner.

5th. December, 1898. It was reported that the gardens on the allotments of Thomas Lester and Henry Hunt jnr. were in an unsatisfactory state and the Clerk was directed to give them three months notice to quit the tenancy to expire on 25th. March next.

The Rev. J.G. Lawrence wrote complaining of the dirty state of the cemetery road at the time of a funeral and the Clerk was ordered to give the Sexton written orders to scrape up and clean the road immediately prior to each funeral and the Sexton to charge for same on his time sheet. It was decided that the District ~~Councillir~~ Councillir (Mr. Harriman) be invited to go along with Mr. Chadburn and ask Mr. Wakefield to cut and trim out his hedge on The Leas footpath.

19th. December 1898. The Clerk reported that the Town Clerk of Leicester had applied on behalf of the Leicester Corporation for the assent of the Council to the use of the village green (Round Bank) for the purpose of the proposed Leicester Waterworks scheme. The Corporation wishing to lay the pipes under ground and not requiring the services ~~of the Corporation~~ It was resolved that the Council assent to this request.

The Clerk to write to Mr. Johnson-Ferguson, M.P. asking him to be good enough to continue his efforts with Charity Commissioners to induce them to set apart a sum out of the funds of the Hathern Charity Estate to assist in lighting up the parish.

2nd. January 1899. The position of the milestone on the Belton Road was considered and the Clerk was instructed to point out the danger to the public to the County Council with a view to its position being altered.

It was decided to purchase the oil tank belonging to the Co-operative Society to be used for a cistern to catch water from the new cemetery building as such water could be used for watering trees and plants in the summertime at the cemetery.

As a funeral had taken place at the cemetery PTD

on Sunday 1st. January, 1899. The Clerk asked for instructions as to future requests for interments on Sundays and it was resolved that during the term of office of the present Council, interments should be allowed on Sunday.

24th. January, 1899. Resolved that the Clerk write to the Charity Commissioners with reference to the Eastern Charity Estate and apply to them to provide in the proposed new scheme and the sum of £30.00. per annum be set apart to aid in lighting up the Parish.

21st.-February 1899. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Johnson-Ferguson M.P. on the question of the Charity Scheme and the Clerk also reported that a draft scheme had been sent down by the Charity Commissioners. This scheme was considered and as there was some doubt as to how much could be expended in aid of lighting the parish. The clerk was instructed to ask the commissioners for further information and consideration of the scheme was adjourned.

27th. February 1899. Letter was read from Mr. J. Exon complaining of the bad state of the Round Bank Road and it was decided to repair it. The Clerk to ascertain if there was any suitable stone in the quarry.

The following were recommended to be placed on the Constables' list - Messrs. Jabez Ratcliffe, John Bramley, William Monk and William Pollard. The Clerk was directed to write to Deputy G.C. Smith and ask him to recommend the magistrates to appoint Mr. J. Ratcliffe who occupies a position of Cemetery Keeper and so in the opinion of the Council will be a very suitable person for Constable.

The Clerk was directed to advertise the quarry land to let by placing notices in the Railway Hotel and the Jolly Farmers Inn, Shepshed. The minimum rent to be not less than £1.0s.0d. per annum.

March 2nd. 1899. The Clerk read the draft scheme from the Commissioners and the following resolutions and suggestions were made. That it be a condition of paying the £20.0s.0d. annually to the school. That the Trustees have the right of electing two of their body to sit on the Board of School Managers, as representatives of the Trustees. That £5.0s.0d. be expended in useful presents to such children as merited it by the examination for the same.

6th. March, 1899. The following seven Councillors were elected - George Brown, Framework Knitter, Harry Chadburn, Gove Hand, William Fuller, Glove Hand, Silas Groves, Farmer, Fred Monk, Framework Knitter, William Sibson, Framework Knitter, Joseph Exon-Pollington, Framework Knitter.

The meeting then became the Annual Assembly of the Parish. Mr. Mitchell having introduced the question of the bad state of the footpaths it was moved by Mr. Alcock, seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously, and this meeting urged the Parish Council to take what steps they deemed most advisable by communication with the District Councillor and District Council to get the footpaths and cuaseways of the Parish improved.

Mr. A. Haig raised the question as to the dis-use of the footpath commencing on the Derby Road near the Clerks House and leading on to the Garendon Drive and on his motion seconded by Mr. J. Monk, it was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council be requested to take the necessary steps to re-open the footpath to the public as it is marked on the ward as a public foot road.

The need for increased postal facilities was brought up, especially the want of an outgoing post in the morning and it was resolved that the Parish Council use their best endeavours to obtain increased postal facilities.

21st. March 1899. A letter was read from Mrs. Ward, The Square, Hathern asking the Council's aid in finding her husband who was last seen on March 2nd. The Clerk was directed to write expressing the sympathy of the Council but regretting that they were unable to render any financial aid, but any other help they would be glad to give her.

The Council ordered the following names to be placed on the list for Assessors of Taxes - Messrs. Joseph Bowley, Frederick Roper, James Rossell, William Pollard, Arthur Haig and Samuel Hunt.

Consideration of the salary to be paid to Mr. Henry Simpkin, Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council now came before the Council and it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Tollington that Mr. Henry Simpkin be and is duly appointed Assistant Overseer of the Parish of Hathern and that his duties to be to act as Assistant to the Overseers and to be Clerk to the Parish Council and that the sum of £12.0s.0d. per annum be paid to the said Henry Simpkin for such duties.

28th. March 1899. Bill from Mr. Burrowes for stakes for allotments was submitted but as they were described as oak and it was alleged that they were elm, the Clerk was directed to see Mr. Burrowes and report at the next meetin g.

The Clerk reported seeing Messrs. Hunt and Lester about their gardens in the allotments and that they have both promised to keep their gardens in a satisfactory manner this season.

10th. April 1899. Following a Council order to be paid, Mr. H.G. Burrowes for Oak stakes 15/9d. Mr. Wills' bill for stationery 4/11d. Various matters in connection with the Cemetery were dealt with and it was resolved that the ash tree which was too near the railings be taken up and sold for 2/6d. It was resolved that the footpath in the Cemetery be asphalted and the work be done by Messrs. Mackley and Ratcliffe and that the gas tar be obtained from Loughborough gas works and Isaac Bowler be asked to draw the screening etc.

Statutory Meeting of the New Council 18th. April 1899. Mr. Sibson elected Chairman.

It was resolved that the following be elected Overseers of the poor - Messrs. Samuel Hunt, John Burrowes, John Bramley and George Randon (Hosiery Manufacturer, The Cross). A letter was read from Mr. T. Miller respecting the arrangement of the band concerts and the Round Bank and it was decided that Millers Bank should have the bank on Whitsunday Evening and the Old Band have the choice of Wake Sunday.

A letter was read from Mr. Fred. Fuller which contained two suggestions to the Council (1) The need of a notice board to warn cyclists and others of the great danger of caution in coming down Shepshed Hill, which had been the scene of many accidents.(2) The issue of Sunday papers by the two London dailies and the necessity of protesting against it.

It was resolved that there was a real danger to cyclists and others as regard Shepshed Hill, and the Clerk write to the Secretary of the Cyclists Union respecting a board being placed up.

It was resolved to condemn the issue of Sunday editions by the proprietors of the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail and that this Council ask Mr. Johnson-Ferguson, M.P. to take what steps he can in Parliament to prohibit the issue of Sunday papers.

24th. April 1899. The conditions of letting the Town Close were that it be let for two years to be mowed one year and grazed the other and that the Council place the gates and fences in proper order and that the tenants sign an agreement to leave the gate and fences in good order at the termination of two years tenancy. Also that the Council provide the tenant with four bags of soot to be placed on the land at such time as the tenant thinks most suitable and the following offers were accepted - Shepshed and Whatton roads, 14/-d. Mr. F. Rossell. Pasture Lane roads - 1 guinea. Mr. J. Gamble. Town Close ( per annum) £5.16s.0d. Mr. W. Fuller.

26th. April 1899. The Clerk read a letter from the Shepshed Gas Company in which they offered to supply gas tar at 3/-d. per gallon and lend the tar cart. It was resolved to employ Mr. I. Bowler to fetch the cart and gas tar and also draw the stone required from the Charnwood Granite Company. It was also resolved to order 3 or 4 loads of stone from Charnwood to be drawn by Mr. W. Pollard for the purpose of repairing the Round Bank.

8th. May 1899. The Clerk stated that the National Cyclists Union had taken steps to erect a danger board on the Shepshed Hill leading into Hathern.

27th. October 1899. To consider the advisability of adopting the Lighting and Watching Act 1833. There being about 25 electors present the motion was carried by 2/3rds. majority and as no Parish poll was demanded, the Chairman declared that the Lighting and Watching Act 1833 be duly adopted.

3rd. November, 1899. To consider the best means to raise funds providing the necessary plant to light up the Parish and it was decided to raise as much as possible by voluntary means and the Clerk was directed to write to the district Auditor asking him to allow £30.0s.0d. to be taken from the general account to be placed in the Lighting account and to the Town Clerk of Loughborough asking for full information of what powers the Corporation had under their Gas Act to bring gas to light up the streets for private premises in Hathern and to write to the Directors of the Liberal Club for a grant and to write to the Committee of the Co-operative Society for a grant.

December 11th. 1899. Letters re. lighting the village were read from the Deputy Town Clerk of Loughborough, Trustees of the Hathern Charity Estate suggesting gas rather than oil be favourable to the application.

The light railway scheme was considered and it was resolved to ascent to the proposals in the scheme. The Clerk was further instructed to express to the promoters of the railway the co-operation of the Council in the carrying out of the scheme in the hope that the light railway to Loughborough would become a fact.

8th. January 1900. Letter was read from the local Government Board advising that from April 15th. 1901 the elections would be triennial instead of annual.

A letter was read from the promoters of the Loughborough and District Light Railway with reference to the position of the Council and its rights. It was resolved to ask for a substantial sum for the piece of ground the Company require for a terminus at Hathern (the piece being where the Jubilee Tree is planted) and at the same time the Council desire to do all they can to assist the company to bring the matter to a successful issue.

The recommendations of the meeting of the tenants of the allotments was considered and it was resolved that the Council take the steps to let the game on the allotments because under the present system a large amount of trespassing and damage was done and the alotees desired that the game be let so that they could as a body reap the advantage of having their rents reduced by the amount received for the game. It was resolved that the Clerk write to Mr. Everett De Lisle to see if he would make an offer for the right of game.

5th. February 1900. Letter was read from Mr. German agent to Mr. Everett De Lisle offering £3.0s.od. for the sporting rights on the allotment land. This offer was not accepted and the clerk was instructed to write to Mr. German and state the amount offered was insufficient and the conditions too stringent for the amount offered.

Annual Parish Meeting Held 31st. March 1900. The following resolutions were passed (1) That the Parish Council be requested to take the necessary steps to re-open the footpath to Garendon. (2) That pending the making of the light railway, as per proposed scheme, the Parish Council be asked to call a public meeting to form a Parochial Committee to introduce new industries into the Parish. (3) That at the next Parish meeting the question of providing a recreation ground for the children be considered.

19th. April 1900. The Clerk was instructed to purchase a safe from Messrs. Morgan and Green of Loughborough measuring 30"x21"x20" for £4.11s.0d.

The Clerk was directed to inform the District Council that Mr. F.D. Burrowes had encroached upon the footpath with his fence placed around his property; situate ~~xxx~~ on The Green.

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14th. May 1900. It was reported that Mr. Bowley, Farmer of Hathern Hill was grazing the Shepshed Lanes, although the said lane was let for grazing to Mr. F. Russell. The Clerk was thereupon instructed to write to Mr. Bowley informing him of the fact that the lanes were let and requesting him to desist from grazing or in default legal proceedings would be instituted.

The lighting up of the Parish was again considered. The Clerk was instructed to obtain all possible information from the Loughborough Town Council with reference to the bringing of gas to Hathern.

12th. November 1900. The Clerk reported that as directed he had written to Mr. Nockold of Christ College, Cambridge, Mr. German (De Lisle Estate) and Mr. Manning (Mannings Executors) with reference to the closed footpath to Garendon and all the gentlemen named had been over and he understood that concerted action would be taken to prevent the path being re-opened. Mr. Manning had stated that he should submit the case to Counsel and will give the Council of that opinion. It was resolved to wait a reasonable time for the opinion of Counsel as promised by Mr. Manning.

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It was resolved that snowdrops and crocuses be purchased to embellish the cemetery and that Mr. Chadburn was empowered to purchase £1.0s.0d. worth of bulbs for planting at the cemetery.

18th. December 1900. The Clerk reported that the County Council had written to the Post Office authorities with reference to the dangerous position of telegraph poles on the Derby Road.

A letter was read from the Acetylene Gas Company asking to supply plant etc. for lighting of the parish.

It was resolved Messrs. Sibson and Chadburn meet Mr. Church - District Surveyor and point out to him the roads and causeways in the parish needing attention. The state of the parish pound was mentioned, the walls and door being badly in need of repair but it was stated that the matter of such repairs was for the Lord of the Manor.

21st. January 1901. A letter was read from the County Council enclosing a letter from the Post Office authorities with regard to the three telegraph poles on the Derby Road. The postal authorities saying that the position of the poles was not dangerous but was suitable. It was resolved that the Clerk write to the County Council thanking them for their courtesy and informing them that the Parish Council still adhered to their opinion that the position of the poles was a source of public danger and asking the County Council to still take further steps if it lay in their power.

4th. March 1901. To elect 7 Parish Councillors. The following were elected - Wm. Aldridge, Framework Knitter, Wm. Fuller, Grazier, Silas Groves, Farmer, Harry Marson, Car Builder, Frederick Monk, Framework Knitter, Frederick Roper, Framework Knitter, Wm. Sibson, Framework Knitter. The following resolutions were passed - (1) That the Parish Council be requested to place no restrictions on interments in the cemetery on Sundays (2) That the Parish Council be requested to take steps to carry out the resolution to light up the Parish. (3) That the Parish Council be requested to take the necessary steps to obtain a better road to the cemetery. (4) That the Parish Council be requested to preserve the old Parish Cross from damage. (5) That the Parish Council take steps to open all lawful footpaths.

4th. March 1901. It was resolved to let land and shed at the quarry for an annual rental of £1.5s.0d.

13th. May 1901. Letter was read from the Town Clerk of Loughborough re. lighting up Hathern with gas. The cost and mains being estimated at £2,000. It was resolved to call a Parish Meeting and submit to the Parish particulars of the cost of the lighting the Parish up by gas, oil and any other means and obtain the opinion of the Parish on the subject.

21st. May, 1901. For the purpose of considering the estimates of lighting up the Parish by gas, oil or any other means. The communications from the Town Clerk of Loughborough re. supply of gas to Hathern were read and it was resolved not to entertain the question of lighting up the parish by gas. The <sup>Clerk</sup> had submitted an estimate of the cost of lighting up the parish with oil, showing that the cost of pillars, cradles and lamps would be about £80.0s.0d. and that it would take about £40.0s.0d. per annum to meet the expenses of lighting up. It was decided not to entertain the question of lighting with oil. It was resolved that the Parish Council be requested to watch over the question of lighting with

electricity and report same to a future meeting when the matter appeared practicable. On a motion of J.A. Swift, seconded by Mr. H. Mitchell, it was further resolved that the Parish Council urge the promoters of the light railway to Hathern to persevere in their efforts and to assure them of the sympathy and support of the parish.

10th. June 1901. The clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr. Manning about the promise made to him to supply the Council with a legal opinion as to the foot road to Garendon but Mr. Manning said that the owners had done nothing and it was, therefore, moved that the District Council be appealed to again to take steps to re-open the foot road.

A letter from the Manchester Acetylene Gas Company was read and subsequently Mr. Mc.Nabb, representative met the Council on the Round Bank and gave a practical demonstration.

8th. July, 1901. Estimate from the Acetylene Gas Company and another estimate for excavating etc. for lighting up the Parish was submitted. ~~AND~~ A total amount being about £500.0s.0d. It was resolved to consider the question at a future meeting.

A letter from the District Council was read declining to take any steps to re-open the foot road to Garendon. It was resolved to communicate with the Leicestershire Footpath Association.

19th. August 1901. The estimate of lighting up the parish by Acetylene Gas was again considered and it was unanimously resolved that the matter could not be entertained as the expense was far too large.

11th. November 1901. A letter was read from the Leicestershire Footpath Association with reference to the Garendon Footpath question which indicated grave difficulties in the way of re-opening the path and no further action was taken.

24th. February 1902. It was reported that a Yew tree had been stolen from the cemetery. The Council expressed their indignation at such an act. Directed the Clerk to communicate with Police Constable E. Smith and to advertise £1.0s.0d. reward for the conviction of the offender in 'The Monitor' and 'Herald'.

The matter of the grazing of the Whatton Lane was mentioned and it was decided that the Long Whatton Parish Council be offered the grazing of the Whatton Lane.

October 30th. 1902. A letter was read from the Rev. J.G. Lawrence asking the Council to further consider the provision of a wheeled bier at interments at the cemetery. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the heavy calls about to be made upon the ratepayers made the time inopportune for the expense of a bier to be incurred.

The action of the Cemetery Committee in ordering plants etc. for the cemetery was approved and it was resolved that Mr. F. Roper purchase some more bulbs etc.

27th. November, 1902. The Clerk reported that Thos. Rossell had apologised for using improper language when spoken to by Mr. Monk.

The Clerk reported that the Court had accepted the nomination of the

Council and had appointed Mr. W. Moody as Town Cryer.

6th. January, 1903. Letters from the Local Government Board and District Council re. accumulated funds in hand were read. The letter from the District Council stating that if Council paid any sum to any other person other than the Treasurer of the District Council they should apply to the Auditor to surcharge the Parish Councillors signing the cheque for same. It was unanimously resolved that the District Council be asked to receive a deputation from the Parish Council to discuss the question and that Messrs. Sibson and Groves and the Clerk form a deputation. The Clerk was also directed to ascertain from parishes in the area of the District Council if they ever paid over money in hand to the District Council and other information likely to help the Parish Council in their resistance to pay the money over to the District Council.

20th. March 1903. Particulars of the interview with the District Council re. funds in hand and it was unanimously resolved that the funds be retained in hand until it was seen whether other parishes were directed to pay the money into the District Council the same as Hathern had been asked to do.

It was resolved that the sum of £6.0s.0d. be paid to Mr. E. Simpkin Rate Collector, for making out and collecting the Sanitary Rate made on 7th. November 1902.

Special Meeting of the council at the Cemetery 17th. April 1903. Resolved 'That in order to economise the grave spaces, in future children shall be interred in a line as began, one grave to follow the other, but in the event of the parent or guardian of the deceased child desiring the child to be buried in an adult space, then the fee to be paid shall be seven shillings, the same fee as for the grave space of an adult.' The Clerk was directed to place a notice to the above effect on the Cemetery Notice Board.

Council Meeting 23rd. June 1903. Resolved that the Adult School Choir be granted the use of the round bank for Sunday Evening June 28th. It was resolved that Mr. Bishop have the round bank on the usual terms the wake week, on the understanding that he use all possible means to comply with the desire of the Sanitary Authority and avoid giving cause for complaints. The order from the County Education Authority directing the council to appoint a manager of the Hathern School in the first week of July was read and considered. It was unanimously resolved to recommend to the County Education Committee, Mr. Fred Fuller for appointment by them.

Council Meeting July 1st. 1903. The order of the County Education Authority with reference to the appointment by the Parish Council of a manager of the Day Schools was submitted by the Clerk and it was resolved that Mr. Fred Fuller, Derby Road, Hosiery Manufacturer be the manager for the year ending June 30th. 1904. It was further resolved that the County Education Authority be asked to appoint Mr. Thomas Allcock, The Elms, Hathern as a manager of the Hathern Schools. It was reported that a lock and chain had been stolen from the allotment gate and the clerk was directed to offer by the Village Crier £1. reward for the discovery of the offender.



Council Meeting October 6th. 1903. It was resolved to thank Mr. Morgan Surveyor for the asphaltting the District Council had done and ask him to do more also draw his attention to a drain on the public causeway on the Green near the newly erected houses.

Council Meeting February 11th. 1904. The list of recipients of small charities as furnished by the Rev. J.G. Lawrence was laid before the council.

It was resolved to purchase an iron roller R1 20x20 from Messrs. Morgan & Green, Loughborough, price £3.12s.0d. with 20% off, the roller to be delivered to the Cemetery.

The Chairman reported that the tenant of the Stints Farm had placed a stile which was inconvenient on the Stints footpath and as a matter of urgency, he had directed the Clerk to acquaint the Surveyor and the latter was attending to the matter, with a view to the original Slip Way being restored.

The Councils attention was drawn to the serious loss and inconvenience caused to workmen and travellers by the footpath and planks on the Zouch Mills road being frequently flooded. It was resolved that the Clerk write to the Sutton Bonnington Parish Council with a view to their communicating with the Notts. Council for them to raise the footpath.

Council Meeting March 28th. 1904. The council received Messrs. S. Fuller and S. Hunt as a deputation respecting the trade of the village. The gentlemen having spoke of the need of a new industry for men. The council agreed with them and consented to call a public meeting at an early date with a view to take steps to form a committee to deal with the matter. It was reported that the obstruction caused by a stile on the Stints footpath had ceased, the stile being removed.

Parish Meeting April 18th. 1904. It was resolved that the Parish Council obtain estimates of purchasing the old cottage on the Green Hill, widening the Stints footpath and fencing, so as to make/better road~~s~~ to the cemetery.

Parish Meeting April 19th. 1904. It was resolved that Messrs. Richard Price, Joseph Exon-Tollington, John Mitchell and William Randon be appointed Overseers of the poor.

It was also resolved that the Council expressed to Mr. H. Harriman their gratification at his appointment as Vice-Chairman of the Loughborough Rural District Council.

Council Meeting May 31st. 1904. The Council considered the resolution passed at the Parish Meeting with reference to lighting, recreation and the making of a better road to the cemetery with regard~~s~~ to the lighting. Mr. Monk detailed the results of an interview with Alderman Bumpass and the council agreed that the expenditure to bring gas from Loughborough would be too heavy.

The Recreation Ground question was postponed until the next meeting of the council.

Respecting the providing of a better road to the cemetery the Clerk reported that he had seen Miss Roper who owned the cottage that would be required to/purchased for the improvement and Miss Roper declined to sell. The matter consequently could not be further proceeded with.

Council Meeting July 7th. 1904. The Clerk reported interviews with Miss Roper owner of the cottage near The Stints and Mr. Nockold agent for Christ College with regard to details of providing a new road to the cemetery. Miss Roper was willing to negotiate for the cottage and Mr. Nockold had promised to lay the question of the College giving a strip of land in a favourable light before the college authorities and he would report their decision in due course.

It was unanimously resolved that the council urged the suitability of Mr. Alcock to be re-appointed as the Representative Manager of the Hathern National Schools.

Council Meeting 22nd. August 1904. Mr. Harriman (District Councillor) attended to confer with the Council as regards the proposed new road to the cemetery and as regards the purchase of the cottage owned by Miss Roper at the entrance to the proposed new road. A letter was read from Mr. Nockold's Solicitor, agent to Christ College Cambridge, with reference to the widening of the road and offering 2 yards subject to an iron fence being erected etc.

Mr. Harriman stated that Miss Roper not fixed a sum for the cottage and it was resolved to ask Mr. Bramley, builder, Kegworth, to give the council an estimate of its value and the Clerk was directed to obtain an idea of the cost of iron fencing, iron gates and all expenses attendant on the widening of the road and submit the same to a future meeting of the Council.

It was resolved on a motion of Mr. Aldridge to recommend the Royal Humane Society to recognise the bravery of Ernest Barker, who on 30th. July last saved from drowning a boy named Percy Spencer.

Council Meeting 3rd. October, 1904. The Council considered the estimates of the cost of the improvement of the road to the cemetery and it appeared from the calculation of the Clerk the cost would be about £120.0s.0d. and this did not include the iron fencing on the West side of The Stints path which would be a further cost of about £15.0s.0d. It was resolved to lay the estimates before a parish meeting to be held on Monday October 17th.

Parish Meeting October 17th. 1904. To take into consideration the estimates of the cost of improving the road to the cemetery and to pass a resolution thereon. The Clerk submitted the estimates as presented to the Parish Council. Mr. W. Tollington moved and Mr. D. Thompson seconded that the question of making an improved road be not entertained. Mr. S. Hunt moved an amendment that the Parish Council proceed with the making of an improved road but there was no seconder to the amendment. The voting resulted in favour of the motion there being only one against the motion. The question of lighting up the parish was informally discussed but no resolution was made. About 40 electors were present at the meeting.

Council Meeting 17th. November, 1904. The Clerk reported that the Royal Humane Society had decided to grant a certificate to Ernest Barker for saving ~~the~~ life on the 30th. July last and it was decided to present the certificate at the next meeting of the Council.

Council Meeting 12th. December, 1904. The Chairman publically presented the certificate of the Royal Humane Society to Ernest Barker aged 16 of the Round Bank, Hathern, for saving the life of Percy Spencer of Hathern, aged 10 from drowning in the river Soar on July 30th. last

and after suitably commenting on the bravery of the recipient a vote of thanks was accorded to the Clerk for his trouble in corresponding for the certificate.

Council Meeting 23rd. January, 1905. The Cemetery Keeper (Mr. Ratcliffe) attended and reported that children were continually in the cemetery and that they did serious damage. It was, therefore, resolved that the clerk send the Cryer round stating that children would not be allowed in the cemetery unless their parents had charge of them and also that anyone found doing damage would be prosecuted.

The state of the foot road leading from the County Bridge to the Boat Meadow was discussed and it was left for a future meeting to decide what should be done.

Council Meeting 14th. February 1905. The following were placed on the Constables' list - Jabez Ratcliffe, Cemetery Keeper - Josiah Burrowes, Timber Merchant - Thomas Gamble, Framework Knitter - Benjamin A. Woodcock, Beer Agent.

The clerk submitted the particulars of the proposed new county rate assessment for the parish, which showed that the amount was ~~£~~ £4,078. 0s.0d. The present assessment being £3,958. 0s.0d. As the amount appeared excessive it was resolved the Overseers be asked to go into the matter and make an appeal if they thought it desirable.

Council Meeting 13th. March, 1905. A letter was read from Mr. J.W. German, Agent at Boyers Trustees, stating that the cemetery road was good enough for farm use and that they could not assist in the repair.

The clerk reported that the Assistant Overseers had appealed at Leicester against a new County Rate Assessment for the Parish and although the appeal was disallowed, yet if during the next 2 months it should be shown that the income tax returns were incorrect, the committee would again revise the figures.

Council Meeting 27th. March, 1905. It was decided that the cemetery garden seats be painted green and that Oxide of red paint be purchased from Mr. Val Palmer, also all requisites and that the palisades etc. be scraped and then painted with two coats and that Mr. Ratcliffe be asked to undertake the work.

The cemetery palisades had been damaged by a horse belonging to the tenant of the adjoining land and the clerk having advised that in his opinion the owners of the horse were liable. It was resolved to pay the bill for repairs this time, but the clerk to give notice that in future the Council would expect the owners of animals damaging the fence to pay the expenses incurred in repairs.

Council Meeting May 11th. 1905. A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Loughborough re. services of the Fire Brigade outside the borough and the Clerk was directed to make enquiries and report.

With reference to the fact that Mr. H. Harriman had been elected Chairman of the Rural District Council and was thus an ex officio J.P. it was resolved that the Council invite the Overseers and Charity Trustees to meet in the Charity Room on Monday 15th. at 7 o'clock to discuss the best way of recognising the long and valued service of Mr. Harriman.

Council Meeting June 8th. 1905. With respect to the use of the Round Bank for Sunday concerts it appeared as only Millers Band had asked for August Bank Holiday Sunday they could have it for a concert on the evening of that day.

It was resolved that the Clerk represent the Parish Council at the meeting to be shortly held at Loughborough convened by the Town Clerk of Loughborough with a view to make arrangements for the services of the Fire Brigade if required outside the borough of Loughborough.

It was resolved that the Clerk order three iron hand gates from Mr. Palmer at the price quoted and that steps be taken to get the 'road man', Mr. E. Bramley to assist in putting them up on The Stints footpath in lieu of the present wooden gates. The Clerk further reported that Mr. J.W. German, Agent to the owners offered no objection but considered that an improvement would be affected. A letter was read from the Rural District Council stating that they could not help in the payment of erecting iron hand gates.

Council Meeting 24th. July, 1905. It was resolved that the Clerk attend the adjourned meeting to be arranged for Loughborough Fire Brigade to attend district fires. The council being willing to assent to a proposal to pay a retaining fee for the Brigade to attend a fire in the parish but not pay the expenses of the Brigade attendant on the fires. These expenses to be met by the parties upon whose ~~fix~~ property the fire occurred.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Pebardy who with 8 others has been fined for trespassing in order to bathe. The writer suggesting that the Council find a suitable bathing place. The council did not see their way to incur any expense in the matter.

It was reported that the glass covering of an artificial wreath in the cemetery had been broken and the clerk was directed to communicate with the police with a view to the offenders being punished. The clerk reported that the District Surveyor had the matter ~~xxx~~ of the unsafe condition of a house near The Cross in hand.

Parish Meeting 24th. August, 1905. To consider the proposals of the Corporation of Loughborough with regard to the attendance of their Fire Brigade at fires outside the borough. There were about twenty electors present and after discussion it was unanimously resolved and the motion of Mr. W. Tollington seconded by Mr. Ambrose Fisher that the Borough Council be recommended to pay their quote of £30.0s.0d. asked for the proposal but not to assent to pay the expenses attendant on a fire when it occurs as the meeting thinks that the expenses should be borne by the parties on whose premises the fire takes place.

Council Meeting 27th. February 1906. The Council resolved that with regard to the interment of former parishoners the following regulations should take effect. 'That parishoners who have left the parish for a period not exceeding 12 months shall be interred at parishoners fees but if a former parishoner left the parish and went direct to the Union Workhouse or the Lunatic Assylum shall be interred at parishoners fees notwithstanding the length of time they may have been in the said institutions.

All other persons, except above, to be charged double fees.

Letter was read from the Solicitors of Wyggeston Hospitals re. strips of land on the Shepshed Road adjoining the hospital property. After

consideration it was resolved that the Clerk acknowledge the letter but that the Council take no action in the matter.

Annual Meeting of the Council held 19th. April 1906. The question of the funds of the Hathern Charity Estate being devoted to educational purposes instead of for its original intent were discussed and it was resolved that the Clerk write to the Minister of Education and to Mr. Levy M.P. asking them to use their best endeavours to get all charities including Hathern Charity returned to their original intent, viz. the help of the poor.

A meeting of the Council 17th. May 1906. A further letter was read from the Solicitors of Wyggeston Hospital in which they desired the Council to acknowledge that the strips of land on the side of the Shepshed Road adjoining property owned by Wyggeston Hospital were encroachments on the highway and unless this acknowledgement was made they would be compelled to remove the fences. The clerk reported that he had an interview with Mr. A.W. Jarrett, Clerk to the ~~Rural~~ Rural District Council, and also he had looked up documentary evidence with respect to the Parish Rights and also had testimony of the older inhabitants and the result was that it appeared that the parish had a good title to the ownership of the strips of land in question. After discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the Clerk write to Messrs. Bennett and Ironside, Solicitors to the Wyggeston Hospital stating that since the memory of man, the parish had received the rents of the said strips and that the receipts of the said land had also been devoted to parish ~~purposes~~ purposes and, therefore, the Parish Council, claimed the ownership of the land and declined to acknowledge that the strip of land were part of the highway.

Council Meeting September 4th. 1906. A letter was read from the Solicitors of Wyggeston Hospital re. the strips of land on the side of the Shepshed Road and it was resolved that the Council adhere to their former decision and it was also resolved that a parish meeting be called for Monday 17th. September next to enable the parishoners to express their opinion on the matter.

The Wallasey Burial-Authority wrote and enclosed a report of a case decided by the Court of Appeal whereby the rights of Burial Authorities were seriously interfered with, as it appears that owners of houses adjacent to cemeteries could object to burials. It was resolved to support the action of the Wallasy Authority to endeavour to amend the law.

A complaint was made that horses belonging to Mr. Albert Bowley had been on the allotments and done some damage to ~~produce~~ <sup>legal</sup> ~~proceedings~~ produce. The Clerk was directed to write and inform him that if repeated/proceedings would be taken for the damage done.

Parish Meeting September 17th. 1906. For the purpose of considering the ~~proposed action~~ ~~of the Governors of Wyggeston Hospital~~ the proposed action of the Governors of Wyggeston Hospital to remove the fences on the side of the Shepshed Road gardens.

The correspondence between the Solicitors of the hospital and the Parish Council~~s~~ was submitted and the action of the council in maintaining the ownership of the gardens was approved.

It was resolved that the Clerk as early as possible lay all the facts before Mr. Wilfred Moss, Solicitor to the Council and obtain his written opinion. There was a good attendance of parochial electors.

Parish Meeting 1st. October, 1906. Being the one adjourned from September 17th. Mr. W. Sibson again presided over a fair attendance of parochial electors.

The Clerk submitted the written opinion of Messrs. Moss and Taylor on the Shepshed Road garden question, as it appeared that the said road was awarded by the Enclosure Commission in 1778 and set out by them at a width of 60ft. The opinion of the Solicitors was adverse to the Councils claim of ownership of the strips of land. Under these circumstances, it was unanimously resolved that the parish acknowledge to the Governors of Wyggeston Hospital that the said strips form part of the highway.

Council Meeting 6th. November, 1906. The Clerk submitted a letter from the Clerk to the Wyggeston Hospital re. strips of land in which the hospital were quite willing for the Council to receive therents of the gardens as hitherto.

The question of the fees paid at interments of children was considered as the auditor did not like the system of charging fees less than the actual cost of interments ~~and~~ An interment cost ing 4/-d. whilst the fee received was 3/6d. It was resolved that the Clerk apply to the proper authorities for sanction to increase the fees for childrens interments fo 4/-d.

The Clerk was instructed to have <sup>an</sup> interview with Mr. Manning owner of the allotment land and ask him to provide a new gate and post on the Derby Road leading to the allotments.

17th. January 1907. A letter was read asking for a causeway and kerbs

to be repaired near Mr. Vickers' house in Wide Street. The Clerk was directed to lay the application before the R.D.C.

Meeting February 18th. 1907. The draft scheme by the board of Education relating to this £35. Educational Foundation of the Hathern Charity Estate was considered and it was unanimously resolved that the Council instruct the Clerk to write to the Board of Education, urging them to reduce the Educational Foundation to £25. so as to leave funds to help the poor. The following were nominated as Parish Constables Jabez Ratcliffe, Cemetery Keeper, William Dutton, ~~Butcher~~, Thomas Harris Jnr., Farmer, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Arthur Roland Steadman, Brick Maker. The Clerk reported that the RDC declined to attend to the kerbs in Gladstone Street and the gateway near Mr. Vickers as they said it was a matter for the owners.

Parish Meeting held March 4th. 1907. Thomas Allcock, elected Chairman ~~and~~ and the following Councillors were elected to serve a terms of 3 years. - William Aldridge, Framework Knitter, Ezra Draper, Baker, John Henry Matlock, Blacksmith, Frederick Monk, Framework Knitter, Frederick Roper, Framework Knitter, William Sibson, Framework Knitter, William Tollington, Framework Knitter.

Council Meeting April 10th. 1907. The clerk was directed to ascertain particulars of the insurance against accident to the Cemetery Keeper in view of the new Compensation Act to Workmen. Messrs. Sibson, Draper and Matlock were deputed to visit the SquareFootpath and be empowered to expend the necessary funds to repair the bad road near the style between Harris and Adams land. It was resolved to insure J. Ratcliffe in the Co-operative Insurance Co. against accident, the fee being 5/-d.

Council Meeting June 17th. 1907. Resolved that the Clerk inform the County Council that at present there were about 33 acres of Small Holdings and allotments in the Parish and that there existed a demand for small holdings, especially grassland but there was no such land available.

Council Meeting 5th. December, 1907. The Clerk reported that he had interviewed the head Postmaster at Loughborough with a view to obtaining increased Postal Facilities and it was probabl e that an outward Post in the morning and a delivery of letters in the afternoon would be granted.

The Clerk was directed to write to the Surveyor asking him to give orders for the overhanging branches of a tree near the Cross (Rev. J.G. Lawrence) and a tree near the Stonehouse (Adams) and for a hedge on the Shepshed Rd. (Adams) to be cut.

Parish Meeting April 2nd. 1908. The Chairman reported meeting a deputation of the District Council, on the Shepshed Road Building Estate relative to the sewerage, and as there was a difficulty about the expenses of same, it was decided to ask the allottees of the Estate and Mr. F.H. Brunton, the Vendor, to meet the Council to discuss the matter of the Sewerage.

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Council Meeting 9th. April, 1908. Nearly all the purchasers of the building sites on the Shepherds Road Estate and Mr. F.H. Brunton were present to make representation to the Council respecting the layering of the Drain or Sewer and pointed out the future increase in the rateable value to the Parish.

The Council unanimously resolved to ask the R.D.C. to put down the Sewer at the expense of the Parish and to point out that a firm of Contractors would be pleased to do the work for £45.

Annual Council Meeting, 16th. April 1908. Resolved that the Parish Council condemns the action of the Trustees of the Charity Estate in proposing to exchange their Cliff Land, for land in Pasture Lane with Lord Crawshaw, in opposition to the wishes of the Parish, as the Parish Council consider it a bad investment for the Parish and that the Charity Commissioners be asked to hold a public enquiry into the matter.

Parish Meeting August 10th. 1908. There being a very large attendance to consider the proposed exchange of Charity Land for Land in Pasture Lane. The Charity Commissioners having given 21 days notice that they propose to sanction the transfer, and any higher offer, objection or suggestion to be made before the expiry of 21 days. The following resolution was passed:- 'That the Parish Meeting decline to assent to the Cliff land being parted with but desire to retain ~~it~~ it and that Sir Maurice Levy, M.P. be asked to use his influence for the land to be retained.'

Parish Meeting November 9th. 1908. Resolved that the meeting asks the trustees to ascertain from Lord Crawshaw whether he is willing to make a cash offer for the land and also to ascertain whether the Charity Commissioners will sanction it.

Adjourned Parish Meeting 23rd. November, 1908. The clerk read a letter from the C.C. with reference to exchange of the Charity Land and appeared averse to the Cliff Lane being sold for cash. A considerable amount of discussion took place and eventually it was moved that 'We expect the present offer of 24A - 1R - 18P of land situate in Pasture Lane and £100 in cash in exchange ~~of~~ for 16A - 2R - 32P of the Cliff Land.' On a vote the motion was defeated by 88 votes to 22 and it was decided to hold a Parish Poll on December 5th. 1908 at Hathern C of E School.