

First Parish Council Meeting - 7th April 1948

The first Parish Council meeting was held in The Old Day School and was attended by all newly elected councillors. A unanimous vote took place to elect Mr P J Godfrey (photo below with Evelyn Godfrey) as the Chairman for the coming year. Mr F J Searle was elected as Vice Chair for the year. It was also agreed to place an advert in The Hunts Post for a clerk with an annual salary of £10.

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At the first meeting of the Bluntham Parish Council held at the school, Bluntham on the 4th day of April 1948.

PRESENT. MR. COUNCILLOR. J. A. SEARLE, J.P.

PARISH COUNCILLORS: MR. S. BITTEN
MR. C. J. GODFREY
MR. P. J. GODFREY
MR. H. ROSE
MR. F. J. SEARLE
MR. S. J. SEARLE
MR. A. SMITH
MR. P. D. TEBBUTT
MR. W. T. TOPPER

with the blessing of Saint Ives, Rural District Council.

The presiding chairman Mr. Councillor Searle, as the chairman of the Parish Meeting for the election of Parish Councillors, was in the chair.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that Mr. P. J. Godfrey be elected chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. Godfrey completed his declaration of acceptance of office, thanked the members for his election, and then took the chair.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that Mr. F. J. Searle be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. Searle thanked the members for his appointment.

DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE The members present completed their declarations of acceptance of office as Parish Councillors.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK The Council considered the appointment of clerk, and after discussion it was RESOLVED that the appointment be advertised for one week in the Hunts Post and the clerk of the Saint Ives Rural District Council deal with this matter on behalf of the Council.

That applications be made in writing to the chairman to be received not later than the 22nd inst. and the chairman's decision be final.



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In regard to the salary to be offered for the appointment it was
RESOLVED that the appointment be at a salary at the rate of £10 per year.

DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETINGS. The Council considered arrangements for future meetings, and after discussion it was
RESOLVED that meetings be held on the first Monday of each month at 4.30 pm from April to October inclusive, and at 4 pm from November to March inclusive, and members be notified of meetings in writing by the clerk.

SCHOOL MANAGER. In accordance with the rules constituting the Parish, the Council considered the appointment of a manager to the Bluntingsham School, when it was
RESOLVED that the Vice-Chairman be nominated as School Manager for the coming year.

TREASURER. Consideration was given to the appointment of a Treasurer to the Council, and it was
RESOLVED that Roger Bond Limited of Saint Ives be appointed Treasurers of the Parish Council.

RECORDS OF FORMER PARISH COUNCIL. As the rules constituting the new Parish Councils provided for the records of the old Parish Council being "deposited in such custody as may be agreed by the Councils of the new Parishes" it was
RESOLVED that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be appointed to meet representatives of former Parish Councils for the handing over of the records of the former Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCIL ASSOCIATION. As the former Council was a member of the Parish Councils Association, it was
RESOLVED that the Council become members and suggest to the Association that the subscription of the old Council should apply to the new Councils to the date of renewal, and that the Council be represented by the Chairman and

The meetings were held on the first Monday of the month and continued to be held on this date until 2015 when I asked for the meeting to be moved to the first Wednesday of the month!

Tracey Davidson - January 2020

The minutes show regular items the parish council were interested in and took responsibility for. You will see in future minute references that these don't change and some are still discussed in meetings today.

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FOOD GIFTS. The Chairman submitted a letter from the Chairman of the Saint Ives Rural District Council in regard to the distribution of food gifts received from overseas, and after discussion, Mr. Batten, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tupper agreed to prepare lists of recipients and to distribute the gifts.

HIGHWAYS. Reference was made to the condition of the road at Mill Lot Drove, and the Chairman undertook to communicate with the County Council thereon.

Reference was made also to the condition of the garage pit, blue Rd, and it was
RESOLVED that this be referred to the Saint Ives Rural District Council for attention.

HOUSING ESTATES. Reference was made to the condition of trees overhanging the road and in front of the Prince of Wales Inn, and it was
RESOLVED that the attention of the Saint Ives Rural District Council be called thereto.

The foregoing minutes were submitted and approved at a meeting held on the 3rd day of May 1928.

TJ. Grafton
 Chairman