

# Newly formed Bluntisham Parish Council

27 January 2020

Following the split of parishes Bluntisham and Earith in 1947 by the Ministry of Health an election took place on Monday 15th March 1948 to elect a new parish council for Bluntisham. Below is the record of that election.

At the Parish meeting for the election of Parish councillors for the newly constituted Parish of Bluntisham in pursuance of the County of Huntingdon (Bluntisham and Earith Parishes) Confirmation Order 1947, made by the Minister of Health on the 24th December 1947, held at the school, Bluntisham on Monday, 15th March, 1948 at 4.30 p.m. attended by 10 local government electors, with Mr. Councillor J.A. Seale, J.P. the representative on St Ives Rural District Council, and the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

In accordance with the terms of the Order, Mr. Councillor Seale was Chairman of the meeting.

The Chairman explained the terms of the Order in relation to the election of a new Parish Council of nine members to come into operation at the date of operation of the Order on the 1st April, 1948, and to retire on the 15th April, 1949.

Nominations were invited and were handed to the Chairman, who decided each was valid.

The statutory requirements of the Parish Councils Election Rules 1936 having been complied with and there being no with-drawals, the Chairman took a vote by show of hands with the following results, viz:

GITTEN, STANLEY	34
GODFREY, CYRIL JAMES	24
GODFREY, ALFRED JAMES	32
LAUD, FRANCIS	12
LAUD, THOMAS	1
ROSE, HARRY	23
SEALE, FREDERICK JAMES	33
SEALE, STANLEY JOSEPH	33
SMITH, ALFRED	33
TEBBUTT, ALFRED DANIS	32
TOPPER, WILLIAM THOMAS	35

The Chairman explained the position in regard to the demand for a Poll, but as no such demand was made, the Chairman declared the following candidates to be elected as Parish councillors to a period of one year, viz:

The election took place in The Old Day School and we can only presume was attended by a minimum of 37 people. 11 members of the public put themselves forward for election and 9 were elected by a show of hands. Some of the names elected were parish councillors for a number of years and there are still family members in the village now.

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Stanley GITTEN  
Cyril James GODFREY  
Alfred James GODFREY  
Harry ROSE  
Frederick James SEALE  
Stanley Joseph SEALE  
Alfred SMITH  
Alfred Danis TEBBUTT  
William Thomas TOPPER

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The foregoing minutes were submitted to and confirmed at a Parish meeting held on the 2nd day of March 1949.

PJ Godfrey Chairman

Now we have 11 councillors and elections are no longer a public show of hands but controlled by the Electoral Commissioner just like parliamentary elections.

Tracey Davidson (Clerk) - January 2020