



# *Parish News*

## *Hankerton*

### **Reports on Hankerton Parish Council Meetings**

#### **Hankerton's Need of New Houses**

At their monthly meeting Hankerton Parish Council agreed to urge Malmesbury Rural District Council to press forward the building of the new houses in the village, for which, it is understood, a site has been selected.

An offer from Captain Craven for the use of his garage as a dressing station in the event of air raids was accepted.

Mr G H Carter, who presided, and Mr Joseph Chivers were elected to represent the village on the Rating and Valuation Committee.

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Mr G H Carter presided at the annual meeting of Hankerton Parish Council. The clerk reported a small balance after paying all accounts. Mr Chamberlain complained of the nuisance caused by empty tins and bottles strewn about the village and proposed that the Malmesbury Rural Council should be asked to arrange for a collection of refuse in the parish every six months. Mr Blizzard seconded, and the motion was carried.

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#### **Urgent Need of More Houses Stressed**

At the annual meeting of Hankerton Parish Council Mr G H Carter was re-elected chairman, and Mr J Chivers vice-chairman.

The chairman referred to the alleged neglect of the Rural Council of Malmesbury in providing houses for the working classes in the village despite the repeated requests of the Parish Council and the district authority's promise to do so. Hankerton, he said, had to pay for the social improvements of other parishes in addition to houses. That was not fair. The members agreed.

Mr J Chivers referred to the visit of a deputation from the Rural Council to view a site on which to erect houses in the village, and said that they promised a definite reply on the morrow but that "morrow" had not arrived.

It was resolved to request the councillor for the parish to press on the rural authority the urgent necessity of erecting more houses forthwith.

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### **Annual Parish Meeting Not Held**

There were no members of the public present for the annual parish meeting held at Hankerton, near Malmesbury, and as a result, the meeting was not held.

A meeting of the parish council was presided over by Mr F M Chamberlain, in the absence of the chairman, Mr G H Carter.

The accounts were passed and a discussion took place on the alleged neglect of the Malmesbury District Council in having failed to carry out its promises to build houses in the village. It was emphasised that the whole of the parishioners were forced to pay their share of the district rates for the improvement of social services, but there were no advantages given to Hankerton.

The Rev Edgar Packer said that action must be revived.

It was decided to leave the matter to the annual meeting of the parish council.

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### **Hankerton Criticises Rural Council**

At the annual meeting of the Hankerton Parish Council a long discussion took place upon the alleged neglect of the Malmesbury Rural Council to provide houses in the village. It was pointed out that Hankerton had to help with the provision of social service for other parishes although they themselves appeared to be forgotten.

It was resolved that the Rural Council should be requested to provide accommodation for the occupants of the 11 houses which had been condemned.

Mr G H Carter was re-elected chairman and Mr J Chivers vice-chairman of the Council.

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