

Potterne

Potterne Parish Council Burial Ground – Water Supply Allotment Land

There are at least three matters of importance to the internal life of Potterne before the Parish Council, but absolute finality has not been reached in either.

The members present at the meeting were: Mr. H.E. Medicott, Mr. N. Hix, Mr. R. Pottow, Mr. W.J. Pullin, Mr. W. Pearce, Mr. G.W. Watts, Mr. Walter Miller, Mr. F. Underwood, and the Clerk (Mr. John Evers).

It being the annual meeting, the Council first proceeded to the election of a chairman, and, as might be expected, Mr. H.E. Medicott was promptly restored to that position – on the motion of Mr. Pullin, seconded by Mr. Underwood. Again taking the official chair, Mr. Medicott thanked the Council for a renewal of their confidence, and passed on to move the re-election of Mr. Hix as vice-chairman. He warmly acknowledged the able assistance Mr. Hix rendered during the protracted period he (Mr. Medicott) was laid aside through illness – Mr. Pullin seconded the motion which was endorsed by the members. – Mr. Hix, acknowledging his re-election, referred to the valuable services rendered to the Council by Mr. Medicott and voiced the generally felt satisfaction of the Council at his restoration to health. The vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Mr. H. Giles, was filled by the unanimous election of Mr. E.V. Barwood.

The Chairman re-called the question of the suggested water supply to the village from Sugar Well, and put it to the members whether in consequence of the general disposition throughout the county to defer schemes involving new sources of expenditure, it would not be well to postpone the further consideration of the project until after the war. He personally recommended that course, and the Council unanimously assented.

The provision of a new burial ground for the parish was again before the meeting, but no definite result was achieved. The Council got so far as considering a site, but it was generally felt that the members would like to inspect it before committing themselves to its purchase. It was accordingly decided to allow the matter to remain there until the next meeting to afford an opportunity for the inspection.

The Council also considered the leasing of land for the convenience of cottage tenants at the Butts, several acres in extent, also intended to supply the wants of men in the village who have no allotments at present. The meeting had before it an offer of land from Mr. Stancomb, through his agents, Messrs. Jackson and Jackson, of Devizes, and subject to an agreement on certain conditions, it was agreed to take the land on lease.

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