

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

## REGISTERS AND RECORDS

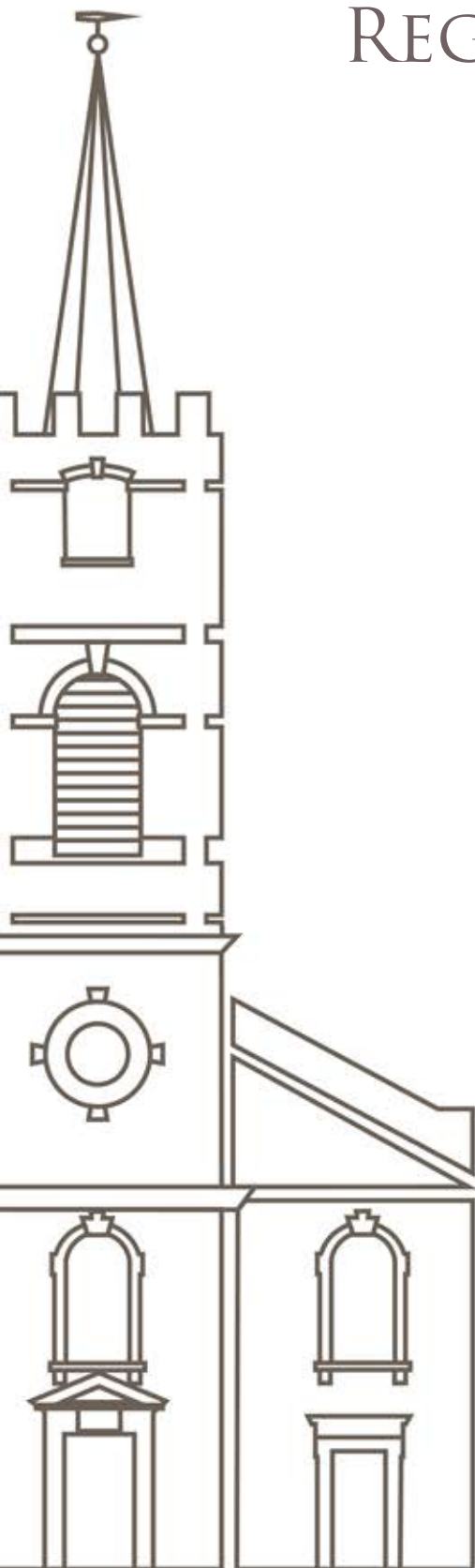
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last and left the Organ in the hands of a Deputy without previously obtaining the sanction of the Incumbent and that the Organist be desired to inform the Clerk of the grounds for the proceedings referred to in order that they may be laid before the Trustees at their next Meeting: That it be further intimated to the Organist that the Trustees do not consider the School-Master of the National School to be in any case a proper Deputy.

That it be further intimated to the Organist that the Trustees are of Opinion that sufficient care is not bestowed by him upon the instruction of the Members of the Church Choir and that unless some improvement takes place in this very important part of the Organist's duties the Trustees will deem it a duty which they owe to the Parish to consider the propriety of appointing another Organist.

Resolved

That it be required to the Churchwardens to procure an Iron Safe for the custody of books at the church also to cause wire doors to be affixed at the East and West ends of the Church, and traps rods and curtains to the Seat in the Gallery appropriated to the School-Master and Schoolmistress of the National School.

Resolved

That a Letter be addressed to the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police requesting that permission be given to the Inspector or Sergeant of Police stationed at St. Sampson's to take charge of the Parish Fire Engine and to the Police Constables occasionally to exercise the Engine, and that it be represented to the Commissioners that the Engine House is close to the Station and that the Engine is kept in good working order by the Beadle, and that no fire brigade has been formed

or is likely to be formed in this Parish

Resolved

That the Clerk be instructed to refer to the Vestry Minutes or other Parish books in order to ascertain by whom the Sexton or grave Digger of this Parish has from time to time been appointed and when and by whom the present Sexton was appointed.

W. J. Arnold  
Thomas Anger Chairman

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the bye mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John Hampton in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service holden at the Workhouse on Tuesday the thirtieth day of July 1852 at eight o'clock in the Evening

Present

The Rev. Thomas Singer M. A.  
in the Chair  
Henry D. Southfield Esq.  
Mr. Richard Gamble } Churchwardens  
Arthur Lowndes Esq.  
Edward Page Flower Esq.  
Mr. Alexander Hamilton  
Mr. James Penton

The Reverend Thomas Singer having taken the Chair  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman

A Letter from Mr. H. A. South against dated 12 July instant in answer to a Letter addressed to him pursuant to the Resolution passed at the last Meeting was read

A Letter from the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police dated 16 April 1852 acknowledging the receipt of the Clerk's Letter of the 15 of April and stating in reply that he was unable to comply with the request of the Trustees as the immediate duties of the Police at Paris were such that it had been found necessary to decline allowing them to undertake the responsibility of managing the fire engine, was read

Resolved

That a Letter be addressed to the Surveyor of the Highways requesting him to take charge of the Parish fire engine and to cause it to be worked at stated periods by the Men in his employ the Trustees being willing to make such reasonable compensation to the Men so employed as the Surveyor may recommend.

The Bills presented at this Meeting for Salaries to Officers and Tradesmen's Accounts amounting together to 146. 1. 0 were examined and ordered to be paid

The interest and preparation of principal monies due to Mr. Winfield and Mr. Ford on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June last were ordered to be paid

Resolved

That £90. be paid to Mr. J. H. Flower in discharge of the balance of his account for painting and colouring the interior of the Church in 1850

Adjourned

Thomas Singer Chairman

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees  
for carrying into execution the before mentioned  
Act for providing the Inhabitants of the  
Parish of Saint John Hampstead in the  
County of Middlesex with increased  
accommodation for attending Divine  
Service holden at the Workhouse on  
Tuesday the twelfth day of October 1852  
at eight o'clock in the Evening

Present  
The Reverend Thomas Clinger M.A.  
Minister in the Chair  
Henry R. Freshfield Esq.  
Mr Richard Gamble } Churchwardens  
Thomas Turner Esquire  
Edward M. Brownell Esq.  
David Purcell Esq.  
Mr John Smith  
Mr William Southey

The Reverend Thomas Clinger having taken the Chair  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and  
signed by the Chairman

Adjourned  
H. R. Freshfield Chairman

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees  
for carrying into execution the before mentioned  
Act for providing the Inhabitants of the  
Parish of Saint John Hampstead in the  
County of Middlesex with increased  
accommodation for attending Divine Service  
holden at the Hampstead Workhouse on  
Tuesday the Eleventh day of January 1853 at  
eight o'clock in the Evening

Present  
Henry Day Freshfield Esq. Churchwarden  
The Rev. Frederic Lipscomb Assistant Curate  
Edward M. Brownell Esq.  
Mr Alexander Hamilton  
Mr William Southey  
Mr Richard Gamble Churchwarden

Henry Day Freshfield Esq. Churchwarden was elected  
Chairman

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed  
The Bills for Works done and Articles supplied for the  
Church and the Salaries to Officers submitted at this  
Meeting amounting in the whole to £215. 18. 3. were  
examined and ordered for payment and Cheques for  
the amount were signed by the Chairman

A cheque for the interest and instalment of Principal  
monies due to Mrs Ann Winfield on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February last  
amounting altogether to £72. - was signed by the Chairman  
Resolved

That Elizabeth Bingham of this Parish Widow be and she is  
hereby appointed (upon the recommendation of the Reverend  
Thomas Clinger) New Officer with a Salary of Six Guineas

per annum in the place of Amelia Sandwick who has resigned the office in consequence of her bodily infirmities

Resolved

That George Charles now acting as Sexton in the place of Frederic Hunt deceased be continued for the present in his office of Bell Ringer and Beadle

Resolved

That the Reverend Thomas Ainger be requested to cause a Meeting of the Trustees to be convened in the month of February next for the purpose of considering the question of the Organ and Church Music

Adjourned

Thomas Ainger Chairman

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At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at Hampstead Workhouse on Thursday the tenth day of February 1853 at eight o'clock in the Evening

Present

The Reverend Thomas Ainger M. A.

In the Chair

The Reverend Frederic Lipscomb M. A.

Assistant Licentiate Curate

Henry Roy Freshfield Esq.

Mr Richard Gaubli & Churchwardens

Thomas Turner Esq.

Edward M. Brown Esq.

David Powell Esq.

Arthur Lovelock Esq.

Edward Page Curate Esq.

Mr James Poulter

The Reverend Thomas Ainger having taken the Chair the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

Resolved

That the present Organ in the Parish Church being very defective and unworthy of repair it is expedient to substitute a new Organ

Resolved

That improvements being essential in the Church Music new arrangements are necessary in the department of Organist that the present Engagement of Mr Richard

1853

Resolved  
That Anson Firth as Organist of the Parish Church be determined on the 29 day of September next and that notice thereon be given forthwith to Mr. Firth

Resolved

That in acknowledgement of the long period during which Mr. Firth has fulfilled the duties of Organist at the Parish Church a sum of One Hundred Pounds be allowed to him as a gratuity for past services to the Trust to be paid by five annual instalments of twenty pounds each and the first instalment to be paid at the expiration of twelve months after the determination of Mr. Firth's present engagement.

Resolved

That Mr. Henry Willis of No. 10 Manchester Street Argyll Square New Road be employed to build an Organ for the Parish Church and that it be referred to a Committee to make arrangements with Mr. Willis for the erection of a suitable instrument at a cost not exceeding Four Hundred and fifty pounds including the value of the present Organ - That such Committee do consist of the following Trustees Viz: The Reverend Thomas Ainger the Reverend Frederic Lipscomb and the present Churchwardens and that the Committee be requested to select an Organist for the approval of the Trustees

Attest

Thomas Ainger (Chairman)

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the bye mentioned Act for providing the inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and holden at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the twelfth day of April 1853 at eight o'clock in the evening

Present

The Reverend Thomas Ainger M.A.

The Minister in the Chair

Mr Richard Gamble Churchwarden

Edward Nash Esq.

Edward Watson Esq.

Mr Alexander Hamilton

Mr Thomas Buckland

The Reverend Thomas Ainger having taken the Chair the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

The Committee appointed at the last Meeting reported that an arrangement had been entered into with Mr. Henry Willis of No. 10 Manchester Street Gray's Inn Road for the erection of a suitable Organ for the Parish Church at the cost of Four Hundred and fifty pounds including the value of the present Organ, estimated at fifty pounds, the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid on the completion of the instrument at Michaelmas next and the balance to be paid by instalments at the convenience of the Trust with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent. the cost of the new Organ not to include the expense of the necessary alteration of the West Gallery for the reception of the instrument

Resolved

That the arrangements made by the Committee with Mr. Henry Willis for the erection of a new Organ be and the same

was newly approved of by the Trustees

Resolved

That the Churchwardens be and they are hereby authorized to lay down fresh gravel on the paths of the Church yard at a cost not exceeding Six pounds

Mr Hamilton gave Notice of his intention at the next Meeting to move that the Resolution passed at the last Meeting for payment of a fixed Gratitude to Mr. Park on his ceasing to hold his present Office of Organist be amended

Adjourned to Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July next to meet at the same place at 8 o'clock in the Evening

Thomas Aringer

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the above mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending divine Service is taken by adjournment at St. John's Church Warehouse on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1853 at Eight o'clock in the Evening

Present

The Reverend Thomas Aringer, M.A.  
Mr. Minister in the Chair  
Mr. David Frederick Lipscomb, M.A.  
Hospital Assistant present  
Arthur Lovelock Esq  
David Powell Esq  
Mr Alexander Hamilton  
Mr Richard Gamble Churchwarden

The Reverend Thomas Aringer having taken the Chair the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed Mr Hamilton withdrew his notice of Motion entered on the Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved

That Mrs Elizabeth Barber and Mrs Sarah Hunt Past Officers be approved of the desire of the Trustees that the Duties of Past Officers shall be performed in person and that if prevented by illness or other cause from personally attending the Church during Divine Service the Past Officers be required to obtain the sanction of the Churchwardens to the Office being executed by a deputy

Resolved

That it be referred to the Ministers and Churchwardens to provide a portable Water Closet for the Church at a cost not exceeding Ten Guineas.

Bills for work done and materials supplied for the church  
and salaries to officers amounting in the whole to the sum of  
£100 were examined and ordered to be paid and a cheque for the  
amount was signed by the chairman.

The interest and forfeiture of Endowment & also due to  
Mr. S. Wright and also due to the S. of June last amounting  
to the sum of £100.0.0 was ordered to be paid and  
cheques for the amount were signed by the chairman.

Adjourned to Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> day  
of October next to meet at the same  
place at eight o'clock in the evening.

Thomas Singer

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying  
into execution the bye mentioned Act for  
providing the incumbent of the Parish of Saint  
John, Hampstead in the County of Middlesex with  
increased accommodation for attending divine  
services held by adjournment at Hampstead  
Parish on Tuesday the nineteenth day of  
October 1883 at eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

The Reverend Thomas Singer, M.A.  
The Minister in the Chair  
Henry Day, Freehold Esq.  
St. Leonard Gamble Churchwardens  
David Powell Esq.  
Mr. Alexander Hamilton

The Reverend Thomas Singer having taken  
the Chair

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
and signed.

Resolved

That notice be given to Mr. Firth who by arrangement  
made with him by the Churchwardens still continues  
to officiate as Organist at the Church that his  
services will not be required after Sunday next the  
23<sup>rd</sup> instant the present Organ being about to be  
removed.

That the sum of Twenty one Pounds be paid  
to Mr. Firth in discharge of his salary as Organist  
from the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June last to the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
October instant when his duties will cease.

Resolved

That upon the recommendation of the Churchwardens  
Mr. Henry Willis of Manchester Street, Regent Square  
New Road be engaged as Organist at the Church.



for one year with a Salary of Fifty Guineas he  
undertaking to perform at the Friday Evening Service and to  
secure all the duties of the present Organist

Resolved

That it be referred to the Churchwarden to consider  
the expediency of letting some of the vacant Seats in Church  
to be let.

Resolved

That upon the recommendation of the Surveyor of the  
Highways Mr Richard Hazard be employed to take charge  
of the Parish Fire Engine with a Salary of Ten pounds a year  
and that one year Salary with the cost incurred in making  
and painting a new fire ladder be paid at Christmas next  
out of the fund raised for defraying the expenses of and incidental  
to the Fire Engine.

Witnessed  
Thomas Singer (Chairman)

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Jan

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying  
into execution the bye mentioned Act for providing  
the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John  
Baptist in the County of Middlesex with  
improved accommodation for attending Divine  
Service convened by direction of the Minister and  
Rector at Sampson Hall on Tuesday the  
eighteenth day of January 1854 at eight o'clock  
in the evening

Present

Mr Richard Thomas Singer, M.A.

The Minister in the Chair

Very Rev. Frederick Egge

Mr Richard Gamble (Churchwarden)

Dr West, Doctor in Divinity, M.A. Assistant Rector

David Powell Esq

Arthur Lowndes Esq

Mr Alexander Hamilton

Mr John Smith

Mr William Cutting

Dr Richard Thomas Singer having taken the Chair  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed  
Bills for work done and for articles supplied at the Church  
and Salary to Officers amounting in the whole to £17.2.9  
were examined and ordered to be paid and a Cheque  
was drawn for the amount and signed by the Chairman

The interest and instalment of Principal money due to  
Mrs Anne Weirfield on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February next amounting  
altogether to £10.0.0 were ordered to be paid and a  
Cheque was drawn for the amount and signed by the  
Chairman

The Trustees having determined that £150.0.0 should  
be paid to Mr Henry Willis in part discharge of his  
account for erecting the new Organ at the Church Cheques

Organ

Warden

are drawn in her name of £100. 0 0 and £50 and signed by the Chairman

The Clerk was instructed to communicate to Mr. Thomas Judge the desire of the Trustees that no repairs be done to the Church Clock without the previous order of the Churchwardens to whom a Statement of the work required to be executed and an estimate of the cost must be submitted

Resolved

That the whole or a competent part of the £100. 0 0 per annum salary heretofore standing in the joint names of the Reverend Thomas Singer and Thomas Toller be settled out and the proceeds be applied in discharging the salary due to Mr. Hazard for being Organist of the Free Organ the allowance paid yearly to Mr. Longworth for keeping the Organ in good working order the same due for the Organ House and other incidental Expenses.

Adjourned

Thomas Singer  
Chairman

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1854

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending divine Service convened by the Ministers and directed and holden at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the Seventh day of April 1854 at eight o'clock in the Evening

Present

The Reverend Thomas Singer M.A.

Minister in the Chair

The Rev. Edwin Lytton M.A. Organist

Henry S. Freshfield Esq.

Mr Richard Gamble Churchwardens

Edward M. Brunell Esq.

William Livingston Esq.

Arthur Lovelock Esq.

Mr. James Poulter

The Reverend Thomas Singer having taken the Chair  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed  
Resolved

That a Letter be written to Mr. Willis stating that the Trustees were disappointed with the Organist's performance on Sunday last and requesting that some other arrangement may be made by Mr. Willis for the performance of the duties of Organist on future Sundays during his absence

Adjourned

Thomas Singer

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and Rector at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the Eleventh day of July 1854 at eight o'clock in the Evening

Present

The Reverend Thomas Singer M.A.

The Minister in the Chair

The Revd Frederic Lipscomb M.A.

Assistant Vicar

Henry A. Freshfield Esq.

Mr Richard Gamble Churchwarden

David Powell Esq

Edward Walton Esq

The Reverend Thomas Singer having taken the Chair

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved. Mr Churchwarden Freshfield reported that Mr Willis had resigned the Office of Organist at Hampstead Church in consequence of his time being fully occupied by his engagements as an Organ Builder.

The Trustees determined to proceed to the election of an Organist in the place of Mr Willis at the next Meeting. Bills for work done and articles for the supplied for the Church Salaries to Officers and disbursements of the Churchwardens amounting in the whole to £142.9.6 were examined and ordered to be paid and cheques for the amount were signed by the Chairman.

The account of Mr G. H. Clarke for Bricklayers Carpenters and Plumber Works executed at the Church

during the past year amounting to £103.6.0 was referred to Mr Basketh for examination and the sum of £50 was ordered to be paid to Mr Cross on account and a cheque for the amount was signed by the Chairman.

The sum of £50 was ordered to be paid to Mr Willis on further account for the New Organ and a cheque for the amount was signed by the Chairman.

The Interest and Instalments due to Mr Winfield and Mr Ford on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June last amounting together to £143.15.0 were ordered to be paid and a cheque for the amount was signed by the Chairman.

Adjourned to Tuesday next the 18<sup>th</sup> Instant to meet at the same place at eight o'clock in the Evening.

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service holden by adjournment at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the eighteenth day of July 1854 at eight o'clock in the Evening

Present

The Reverend Thomas Feingers M.A.

The Minister in the Chair

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Frederic Lipscomb M.A.

Assistant Licensed Clerk

Henry R. Freshfield Esquire

Mr. Richard Gamble } Churchwardens

David Powell Esquire

The Reverend Thomas Feingers having taken the floor the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

The Chairman reported that out of a large number of candidates for the vacant office of Organist Six had been selected as the best qualified for the office that the Parties so selected had performed on the Organ this Morning in the presence of Mr. Edwin Welling Organist and Choir Master of the Foundling Hospital who had reported as follows

"To the Trustees of Hampstead Church  
Having given my best attention to the performances of Six candidates competing for the appointment of Organist of the Parish Church I beg to state my opinion that Mr. S. S. is the best qualified to discharge with efficiency the duties of the said appointment Dated this 18 day of July 1854 (Edwin Welling Organist and Choir Master of the Foundling Hospital)"

New Organist

Resolved

Reay

appointed

Organ

blower

Duties

of

Organist

That Mr. James Reay of Lancaster referred to in Mr. Welling's Report as S. S. be and he is hereby appointed Organist of the Parish Church with a Salary of Fifty five Guineas per Annum payable half yearly the first payment to be made at the end of Six Calendar Months after his entering upon the duties of his said office with liberty also for the Trustees or the said James Reay to determine and rescind the appointment at any time after three Calendar Months notice - that the said James Reay be required to provide at his own expense a competent person or persons to be approved of by the Incumbent to blow the bellows of the Organ and that the duties of the Organist be as follow

To play on the Organ on each of the three Services on Sundays also on the Friday Evening's Weekly Service also on Ascension Day Christmas Day Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and on all other Days specially appointed for Fast and Thanksgivings - also to instruct the chorists in Singing and Chanting on every Friday before or immediately after Divine Service and in addition to do on one day in every week except during the Midwinter and Christmas Holy days and Holy days not to exceed Six weeks in each year.

Adjourned

Thomas Feingers Chairman

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and Rector at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the Tenth day of October 1854 at Eight o'clock in the Evening

Present

- The Rev. Thomas Ginger M.A.
- The Minister in the Chair
- The Rev. Frederic Lippincott M.A.
- (Absent, Licensed Clergy)
- Henry R. Freshfield Esq. } Churchwardens
- Mr Richard Gamble }
- Edward M. Bennett Esq.
- David Sewell Esq.

The Reverend Thomas Ginger having taken the Chair

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed. Resolved that Mr May the Organist be and he is hereby authorized to obtain the License of a Church at a cost of not exceeding £25 for one calendar month.

Resolved That it be referred to the Churchwardens to provide a new Sudder and if required a new Wheelbarrow and also 10 Tons of Coal and to cause the Stone Pavements over the Vault at the back of the Church to be repaired.

Resolved That Orders be and they were accordingly drawn on the Bankers for payment of the following sums, vizt, - Mr Henry Willis Senr for payments to Messrs Laker Walker & Wilson for Organists pro tem. and Correspondence with Candidates for the Office to Sept: 1854 } 12. 8. -

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Mr Henry Willis on further Account of | } 50. 0. 0 |
| New Organ                             |            |
| Mr Henry Quarters Salary as Organist  | } 12. 8. 9 |
| due December 1854                     |            |

Adjourned

Thomas Ginger Chairman

135  
Jan

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the Ninth day of January 1855 at eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

- The Reverend Thomas Ainger M.A.  
Minister in the Chair
- The Reverend G. Sycroft M.A.  
Assistant Minister
- Henry R. Frostfield Esq } Churchwardens
- Mr Richard Gamble }
- David Powell Esq
- George Baker Esq
- Mr James Fowler

The Reverend Thomas Ainger having taken the Chair,  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and agreed.  
The Churchwardens reported that at a Vestry held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November last Messrs William Wainwright and George Baker had been elected Trustees for carrying into execution the above mentioned Act in the rooms of Messrs Southwood Paper and Thomas Herring who had become disqualified and that at the same Vestry Messrs Bartholomew Gwynne Arthur Lowrey Edward Nash Tomwell James Fowler and Alexander Hamilton who had retired in rotation under the Provisions of the Act were re-elected Trustees.

Resolved

That the new organ in the Church be insured from fire at the Imperial Insurance Office in the sum of Three

now  
£6300

Hundred Pounds and that if necessary the existing Policy at the same Office for Insuring from fire or damage by fire the Church, bells, pulpit, desks, pews, fittings and all furniture and fittings therein excepting the Organ in the sum of £6000 be renewed and that in such case a new Policy be effected to the amount of £6300 including the Organ with the understanding that such Policy shall include all loss or damage as well by lightning as by fire.

Resolved

That the Application made at this Meeting by Mr Gray the Organist for a key of the Church for his own private use be declined but that access to the Church for the purposes of practice and instruction be given to Mr Gray at all reasonable times on his application to Mr Baker the Pastor with the understanding that the Church be not continued open later than Nine o'clock in the evening on any day except Sunday and that on that day the Church be closed not later than half past Nine o'clock in the evening and that this Resolution be communicated by the Clerks to Mr Gray.

Bills for Work done and Articles supplied at the Church and for Salaries to Officers and disbursements of Churchwardens including the first years Instalment of the Gravelly voted to Mr Smith the late Organist amounting in the whole to £163. 12. 2 were examined and ordered to be paid and a Cheque on the Bankers for the amount was drawn and signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerks.

A further payment of £50 to Mr G. H. Bousier on account of his Bill for Bricklayers Carpenters and Plumbers Work referred to Mr Kebleth for examination was ordered and a Cheque on the Bankers for the amount was drawn and signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerks.

The Interest and Instalment of Principal due to

Mr Winfield on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February next amounting together to £18. 10. 0 was ordered to be paid when due and a Cheque on the Bankers for the amount was signed by the Chairman.

Adjourned

Thomas Singer Chairman

155

April

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John, Hampstead in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and holden at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the Twenty fourth day of April 1855 at Eight o'clock in the Evening

Present

The Reverend Thomas Singer M.A.

The Minister, In the Chair

Henry Kay Frostifield Esq }  
Mr Richard Gamble } Churchwardens  
Thomas Turner Esq }  
Mr Alexander Hamelton }  
Mr James Butler }

The Reverend Thomas Singer having taken the Chair

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

Resolved

Reay That the Trustees are not satisfied with Mr Samuel Reay's <sup>organ</sup> Musical performance on the Organ and consider that the style <sup>is</sup> especially as regards the Voluntaries is deficient in solemnity <sup>and</sup> and religious feeling and that Mr Reay be requested to alter <sup>his</sup> his style so as to avoid the defects above referred to.

Resolved

That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to Mr Samuel Reay and that at the same time Mr Reay's attention be called to the Resolution of the Trustees passed at the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October last authorizing him to obtain the services of a Choir at a cost not exceeding the rate of £25 for 6 Calendar months and that it be stated to Mr Reay that it was the desire of the Trustees that the cost and expenses of the Church Choir should not

exceed Fifty Pounds a year being the utmost amount authorized to be incurred by Mr. May pursuant to such last mentioned Resolutions.

Resolved

That Mr. Willis be requested to communicate with Mr. Heston on the propriety of purchasing the Ornamental piano work in the ceiling of the Church immediately above the Organ with a view to improve the sound of the Instrument - and that the result of such Communication be made known to the Churchwardens who are hereby empowered at their discretion to cause the execution of any works recommended by Mr. Willis and Mr. Heston for effecting the proposed object.

Resolved

That the Salary of Mr. May the Organist be paid to him Quarterly instead of every half year.

Resolved

That Orders on Messrs Barnett & Co. the Bankers of the Trust be and the same are accordingly drawn by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk for the following sums; -

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|--|----------|
| Mr. Henry Willis in discharge of his Salary as Organist and for tuning the Organ                   | } 25 - - |
| Mr. Samuel May for the cost and expences of the Church Choir to the 25 <sup>th</sup> of March 1855 | } 11 8 1 |

Adjourned

Thomas Singer Chairman

Journal of the Organ

1855  
July

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex with increased accommodations for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and holders at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the Tenth day of July 1855 at Eight o'clock in the Evening.

Present

The Reverend Thomas Singer M.A.  
The Minister in the Chair  
Henry Kay Freshfield Esq } Churchwardens  
Mr. Richard Gamble }  
Thomas Taverner Esq  
Arthur Lounday Esq

The Reverend Thomas Singer having taken the Chair the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

Resolved

Charles (already Sixteen be also Bell. Singer & at 34<sup>th</sup>)  
That the Office of Bell Ringer and Beadle now held by Mr. George Charles be consolidated and that instead of the clothes hitherto provided for the Beadle Mr. Charles be supplied with a Black Gown suitable for the Office of Beadle - that he be required to execute all the duties which he has hitherto performed as an Officer of this Trust and that he be paid for the performance of such duties (the Office of Sexton also held by Mr. Charles not being included in this Resolution) a Salary of Thirty four Pounds per annum.

The Bills presented at this Meeting for Salaries to Officers, for Work done, and for Articles supplied for the Church - and for sums disbursed by the Churchwardens amounting in the whole to £101. 13. 3 were examined and ordered to be paid and a Cheque on the Bankers for



This amount was drawn and signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk. A further payment of £50 to Mr. Henry Mills on account of the balance due to him for the Church Organ was ordered and a Cheque on the Bankers for the amount was drawn and signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk. The Interest and Instalment of Principal due to Mr. Knappold on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June last amounting together to £12 were ordered to be paid and a Cheque on the Bankers for the amount was signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk.

Adjourned  
Thomas Anger Chairman

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Oct

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of this Parish with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of His Majesty and holden at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the Ninth day of October 1855 at Eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

The Reverend Thomas Anger M.A.  
Minister, In the Chair  
The Reverend Frederic Lysons M.A.  
Apudant Leonard Gunk  
Henry King Westfield Esq } Churchwardens  
Mr. Richard Gamble }  
Edward M. Brownell Esq.  
David Sewell Esq.

The Reverend Thomas Anger having taken the Chair  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed  
The Report of Mr. Robert Estlin of 75 Hampole Street dated 21 August 1855 on the Account of Mr. G. H. Coluser for Worklayers Carpenters and Plumbers Work executed at the Church in 1853 and 1854 amounting in the whole to £109. 6. 3 in respect of which £90 had been paid on account was read and the following is a copy thereof.

"In accordance with your instructions I have examined the Account of Mr. Coluser, (herewith returned) and allowing a profit of 20 per cent, which I consider fair with respect to the instalments which have been paid to him, amounting to Ninety Pounds (£90) I value the works done at One hundred and two Pounds 3s 9d (£102. 3. 9)."

Ordered

That a Copy of Mr. Estlin's Report be sent to Mr. G. H. Coluser.

Resolved

That Mr William Langmaid the Parish Clerk be and he is hereby appointed Collector in the place of Mr James Newson deceased of the Rents now due and hereafter to accrue due for the use and occupation of the several Jews and Seals in the Jewish Church vested in or let by the Trustees for the execution of the above mentioned Act and that Mr Langmaid be allowed a Commission of Two Pounds and ten shillings per Cent on all Rents collected and received and accounted for by him as such Collector

Resolved

That Mrs Ann Millington Wife of George Millington of Dorset Street Dealer in Toys &c and she is hereby appointed on the ~~Recommendation~~ <sup>Recommendation</sup> of the Reverend Thomas Lingard a Jew Opener at the Church in the place of Mrs Sarah Hunt who has retired on account of ill health and that Mrs Millington be allowed and paid a Salary of Six Guineas per annum for her services as a Jew Opener.

Resolved

That application be made by the Clerk for the immediate payment of the several Rents now due to the Trustees for arrears of New Rents and that in default of payment legal proceedings be taken to recover such arrears.

Resolved

That an Order be and the same is now avertingly drawn on the Bankers for payment to Mr Samuel Bay of Twelve Pounds and six shillings and sixpence due for the Expenses of the Church Choir for the Quarter ended 29<sup>th</sup> of September last

Adjourned to Tuesday the Twenty third day of October instant to meet at the same place at Eight o'clock in the Evening.

Samuel R. Redfield  
Chairman

At an adjourned Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of this Parish with increased accommodations for attending Divine Service holders at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the Twenty third day of October 1855 at Eight o'clock in the Evening

Present

- Henry Bay Freshfield Esq Churchwarden In the Chair
- Thomas Turner Esq
- Edward M. Brewell Esq
- George Chalk Esq
- David Towell Esq
- Mr Richard Gamble Churchwarden
- Mr Alexander Hamilton
- Mr James Peulker

Henry Bay Freshfield Esq was elected Chairman  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Read a Letter from Mr Samuel Bay dated 29<sup>th</sup> Instant tendering his resignation of the Office of Organist and requesting that the Notice might expire in six months from the present time instead of three months being the period fixed by the terms of his appointment

Resolved

That Mr Samuel Bays Tender of resignation of the Office of Organist of the Jewish Church be and the same is hereby accepted and that Mr Bays request to retain the Office for six Calendar months from the present time be acceded to with the understanding that the Trustees may at any earlier time appoint any other person to discharge the duties of Organist Mr Bay being paid nevertheless the same

amount of salary as he would be entitled to if his services were continued for the whole of the six months and with the further understanding that the Trustees are to be entitled to the services of Mr. Gray for the whole six months if required.

Read a Letter from Mr. George H. Clowser dated 22<sup>nd</sup> of October instant acknowledging the receipt of a copy of Mr. Westcott's Report on Mr. Clowser's Accounts for Works executed at the Church in 1853 and 1854, stating that the Accounts rendered were fair and reasonable having reference to the loss of time occasioned by the performance of the Church services and to other facts necessarily unknown to Mr. Westcott.

**Resolved**

That under the circumstances of the case the Trustees do not consider it expedient to make any deduction from the Accounts rendered by Mr. G. H. Clowser for Works executed by him at the Church in the years 1853 and 1854.

**Adjourned**

Thomas Singer  
Chairman

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Jan

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of this Parish with increased accommodations for attending Divine Services convened by direction of the Minister and held at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the eighth day of January 1856 at eight o'clock in the evening

Present

The Reverend Thomas Singer M. A.  
The Minister In the Chair  
Henry R. Frostfield Esq } Churchwardens  
Mr. Richard Gamble }  
Thomas Turner Esq }  
George Chuter Esq }  
Mr. John Smith }  
Mr. James Butler }  
Mr. Alexander Hamilton }  
Mr. William Southey }

The Reverend Thomas Singer having taken the Chair, The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed. The Bills presented at this Meeting for salaries to Officers and for gratuity to the late Organist and for work done and for Articles supplied for the Church and for the expenses of the Choir and for sums disbursed by the Churchwardens amounting in the whole to £165.1.7 were examined and ordered to be paid and a Cheque on the Bankers for the amount was drawn and signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk.

A further payment of Seventy five Pounds to Mr. Henry Willis on account of the balance due to him for the Church Organ was ordered to be made and a Cheque on the Bankers for the amount was drawn and signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk.

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The Interest and Instalment of Principal due to the Representatives of Mrs Ann Wingfield deceased on the 2nd day of February next amounting together to £18.10 were ordered to be paid and a Cheque on the Bankers for the amount was signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk.

Resolved

That the completion of the Case for the new Organ be referred to the Reverend Thomas Cinger and Thomas Turner and Henry W. Frostfield Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Adjourned

Thomas Cinger  
Chairman

156  
Apr

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the inhabitants of this Parish with increased accommodations for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and holden at Hampstead Workhouse on Sunday the eighth day of April 1856 at eight o'clock in the Evening.

Present

The Reverend Thomas Cinger M. A.  
The Minister in the Chair  
Henry W. Frostfield Esq<sup>r</sup> Churchwarden  
Thomas Turner Esq<sup>r</sup>  
William Kington Esq<sup>r</sup>  
George Chaker Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Mr James Pealter

The Reverend Thomas Cinger having taken the Chair  
The minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

Ordered

That application be made to Mr Key the Organist for particulars of the Account of £4.15- - debited at this Meeting for the Quarters Expenses of the Choir to Lady Day last in order that the sums due to the Choristers may be discharged by the Trust

Ordered

That a Letter be sent to Mr Key stating in reply to his written application made at this Meeting that the Trustees are not empowered by the Act to comply with his request for an advance of money by way of Loan

Resolved

That at the next Meeting the Trustees do proceed to elect an Organist in the place of Mr Key whose appointment will terminate on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Instant.

Adjourned to Tuesday next the Eighteenth Instant to meet at the same place at eight o'clock in the Evening.

Chairman

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1856

At an adjourned Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of this Parish with increased accommodations for attending Divine Service holden at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the Fifteenth day of April 1856 at Eight o'clock in the Evening

Present

The Reverend Thomas Ainger M.A.

The Minister in the Chair

Henry R. Westfield Esq } Churchwardens  
Mr Richard Gamble }  
David Powell Esq  
William Kington Esq  
Edward M. Brown Esq  
George Chater Esq  
Thomas Husland Esq  
Mr Alexander Hamichor  
Mr Thomas Buckland

The Reverend Thomas Ainger having taken the Chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were read

Three candidates selected as qualified for the Office of Organist having been severally proposed and a show of hands having been put for each Candidate

It was moved and seconded and

Resolved

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That Mr Charles Edward Stephens of 2 Rowley Place Madia Hill West (the Candidate having the largest number of votes) be and he is hereby appointed Organist of the Parish Church with a Salary of Fifty five Guineas per annum payable half yearly at Midsummer and Christmas with liberty ather for the Trustees or Mr Stephens to determine and rescind this Appointment at any time after three

Calendar months Notice in writing shall have been given of such their or his determination - Mr Stephens to provide at his own expence an Organ Blower to be approved of by the Incumbent and to execute the undementioned Duties, vizt, to play on the Organ at each of the three Services on Sunday also at the Friday Evening's Weekly Service and at each of the Services on Christmas Day Good Friday and Wednesday Ascension Day and on each other days as shall be especially appointed for Fasts or Thanksgivings Also to instruct the Adults and Children forming the Church Choir in Singing and chanting. powers being hereby given to Mr Stephens to perform by an efficient Deputy at the Friday Evening's Service until the further Order of the Trust

Resolved

That it be referred to the Churchwardens to cause outside Venetian Blinds to be affixed to the Windows on the South side of the Church and that it be recommended to them to cause one blind only to be affixed at first in order to see the effect

Adjourned

July 8. 1856 Confirmed Tho Ainger

156  
July

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish with increased accommodations for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and Rector at Hempstead Workhouse on Tuesday the eighth day of July 1856 at eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

- The Reverend Thomas Anger M.A.
- The Minister in the Chair
- Robert Pryor Esq
- Mr Richard Gambold
- Thomas Turner Esq
- David Powell Esq
- George Chaker Esq
- Mr James Soutter
- Mr William Soutling

Churchwardens

The Reverend Thomas Anger having taken the Chair

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

The Churchwardens reported that since the last Meeting they had caused Brown Holland Blinds to be affixed inside the windows on the South side of the Church instead of outside Window Blinds as suggested at the last Meeting

Read a Letter from Mr Stephens the Organist calling the attention of the Trustees to the inattention and irregularity of attendance on the evenings set apart for practice and at the Church Service of several of the Boys engaged as Choristers

Resolved

That the Organist be empowered to divide the sum allowed to the Boys engaged as Choristers in such proportions as he may think just having regard to the regularity of the attendance and to the aptitude of each Boy. and that the Organist be requested to submit

a Quarterly Statement of the payments made by him pursuant to this Resolution

The Bills for Salaries to officers and Articles supplied and work done for the Trust amounting in the whole to £205.15.10 were examined and allowed and a Cheque for the amount was signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk. A Cheque for £11.10.0 for interest and instalment of Principal due 5 June 1856 on the Loan for £200 borrowed 5 June 1838 of the late Mrs Ann Winfield was signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk

Read an Account submitted by Mr Henry Willis of the balance due to him for the new Organ with Interest calculated up to 30 June 1856 such balance amounting to £43.16.11

Resolved

That £35 be paid to Mr Henry Willis in part discharge of the balance due to him the rest of the balance to be paid on the completion of the Organ Case

Resolved

That it be referred to the Churchwardens to consider and suggest for the consideration of the Trustees a suitable permanent Case for the new Organ

Adjourned

Confirmed Oct-14-1856

Thomas Anger

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of this Parish with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and Rectors at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the Twentieth day of October 1856 at eight o'clock in the Evening

Present

The Reverend Thomas Anger M.A.  
The Minister in the Chair  
Thomas Turner Esq  
Henry R. Freshfield Esq  
Edward Sage Brewer Esq  
Mr William Gundry  
Mr Richard Gamble Churchwarden

The Reverend Thomas Anger having taken the Chair  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed

Resolved

That the immediate attention of the Vestry be called to the Footway in front of Mr Curwen Smiths House leading from Fogons to the West Entrance of the Church. The paving being defective and the path too narrow to admit of two persons walking abreast, and that it be suggested to the Vestry that a new and wider Footway be laid down and which can be done without injury to the Carriage way

Resolved

That a communication be made to the Vestry intimating the willingness of the Trustees to allow the free use of the enclosed ground in Ferrins Court as a public thoroughfare the Trustees reserving to themselves a narrow Footway along the South side of the enclosure of sufficient width to enclose the present Trees the Vestry to be at the expense of enclosing the reserved footway

either by the removal of the existing fence or the erection of a new one -

Resolved

That the Vestry be requested to elect two new Trustees for the execution of the Act for providing the Inhabitants of this Parish with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service in the place of Messrs Edward Mash Barnwell and Thomas Blackland who have become disqualified to act as Trustees by their removal from Hampstead and that Messrs Francis Lowe and Richard Sewell Esq be recommended as fit and qualified persons to be elected Trustees

Resolved

That it be referred to a Committee to consider and Report on the Salaries of the Officers of this Trust and that such Committee consist of the following Trustees, vizt, Mr Freshfield Mr Turner Mr Edward Sage Brewer and the two Churchwardens

Resolved

That it be referred to the Churchwardens to consider an suggestion made at this collection of the expediency of providing or erecting a Water-cistern at the Church and that the Churchwardens be requested to report thereon and on the site best adapted for the erection of a Cistern -

That the Churchwardens be also requested to cause cloth curtains to be affixed inside the Inner doors of the West end of the Church.

Resolved

That Mr Willis be included to get the Organ Case painted.

Resolved

That the Salary due to Mr Stephens as Organist from the 15<sup>th</sup> of April last (the day of his Appointment) to the 29<sup>th</sup> of September last amounting to £25.10.10 be paid to him

Also that £10.4.10 be paid to Mr Stephens in or towards the expenses of the Church Choir for the Quarter

ending 29 September last and that such expenses be paid Quarterly

Resolved

paid  
Choir  
costs

That pursuant to the recommendation of the Organist the services of the paid Choirists at the Church be dispensed with from and after Christmas next and that Mr. Stephens be requested to communicate this Resolution to the members of the paid Choir.

Adjourned

Jan 20. 1857

Thomas Anger

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20 Jan

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act for providing the Inhabitants of this Parish with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and Rector at Hampstead Workhouse on Tuesday the Twentieth day of January 1857 at Eight o'clock in the evening

Present

The Reverend Thomas Anger M.A.  
The Minister in the Chair  
The Reverend William Foster Chappell M.A.  
Assistant Rector Curate  
Robert Payer Esq } Churchwardens  
Mr Richard Gamble }  
Henry Kay Eastfield Esq  
Edward Isaac Grosvenor Esq  
Richard Russell Leach Esq  
Francis Lowe Esq  
Mr Alexander Hamilton  
Mr William Southey

The Reverend Thomas Anger having taken the Chair  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed  
The Chairman reported that at a Vestry held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October last Messrs Richard Russell Leach and Francis Lowe were elected Trustees of the Act 7 and 8 Geo 4 cap 91 for providing the Inhabitants of this Parish with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service in the place of Messrs Edward Mack Forewell and Thomas Buckland who had become disqualified to act as Trustees by their removal from Hampstead

Also that the Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Trustees directing that a communication should be