

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

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Scott, M. Gillies, T. J. Grylls, J. Hinkoff &
L. W. Drummond.

A correspondence was also read between the
Chairman and Mr. G. Bodley in which the latter
among other things requested to be allowed to
attend a meeting of the Trustees with the view of
personally criticising the design adopted.

The Chairman stated that he informed Mr.
Bodley in reply that it would be for the Trustees
to consider whether they would grant Mr. Bodley
the interview requested by him, but that it was
open to him to apply to the Trustees for such
an interview.

D. Rose having mentioned that Mr. Bodley
was then in attendance and desired to see the
Trustees

It was after consideration proposed by Mr. Hill
Seconded by Mr. Leach and
Resolved

That the Clerk do inform Mr. Bodley that
the Trustees would be happy to consider any
written communication from Mr. Bodley or any
other Parishioner but were not prepared to see
him personally.

The Clerk accordingly communicated the Resolution

to Mr. Bodley.

The Chairman reported that in accordance with
the Resolution passed at the last meeting the
Circulars and Lithographs had been sent to the
Parishioners but that there had been scarcely
any response.

After some discussion and careful consideration
It was proposed by D. Rose
Seconded by Mr. Hopkins and
Resolved

That a Collector or Collectors be employed to
solicit Subscriptions towards the work of the
Restoration of the Church from house to house.

It was also
Resolved

That the selection of the Collector or Collectors
be referred to a Committee consisting of the
Chairman Messrs. Leach, Hopkins, Rose and
Lane with a general power of Superintendance.
S. Howard R. Ruznaby

10th April 1876

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at the residence of Dr. Rose Roslyn Hill on Monday the Tenth day of April 1876 at eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

The Rev. F. B. Burnaby The Vicar of the Parish in the Church
 Alfred Bell Esquire
 Capt. Craigie
 F. G. G. Esquire
 Stanley Hopkins Esquire
 Ernest Lyke Esquire
 J. A. Lane Esquire
 R. W. Leach Esq.
 F. Cooper Rose
 Mr. F. Wilkaway
 E. Walker
 Ware

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

The Finance Committee reported that the balance in the hands of the Bankers was £119.4.5 and that the salaries and bills for the quarter ended the 25th March 1876 now due amounted together to £94.5.10 and that they recommended that cheques be drawn to that amount.

Resolved

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Mr. Bell stated in reply to Mr. Leach that tenders for rebuilding Mr. Talbot's Organ Case had been sent in and that it was expected the work would shortly be commenced.

The Clerk reported that the Committee formed at the last Meeting had selected Mr. Edwin Fletcher of Rose Lodge New End to collect subscriptions for the Restoration of the Church.

The question of the Restoration of the Church was again brought forward and discussed at great length.

Mr. Leach reported that Mr. Hopkins and he had had an interview with the Lord of the Manor (Sir John Mayson Wilson) with the view of ascertaining the sum which he would give towards the Restoration of the Church, but that he had informed them that he was not prepared to name any sum until he had an opportunity of consulting his son Mr. Spencer Wilson.

After various suggestions as to the course to be pursued, had been submitted to the Meeting it was

Resolved

That Mr. H. Wash of 41 Downshire Hill should be and he was thereby appointed to

collect subscriptions for the Restoration of the Church conjointly with Mr. & Fletcher. —

Resolved. It was also

That the Clerk do and he was thereby directed to instruct the Collectors to begin their Collection as soon as possible. —

It was arranged that at the end of a month another Meeting should be held to ascertain and consider the progress made by the Collectors with the view of taking such further immediate action thereon as might then be deemed advisable. —

L. B. Burnaby

12th May 1876.

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John Hamstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at the Residence of D. Cooper Rose No. 1276 Hill on Friday the Twelfth day of May 1876 at eight o'clock in the evening. —

Present

The Rev. L. B. Burnaby. — The Rector of the Parish in the Chair

Alfred Bell Esq^r
Ernest Lake Esq^r
Richard B. Leach Esq^r
W. H. Evans Esq^r
P. G. Craigie Esq^r
J. A. Lane Esq^r
D. H. Cooper Rose
J. P. Fletcher Esq^r
Mr. E. Walker
J. Ware. —

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman. —

Read a letter from Mr. Milton dated the 9th May stating his inability to attend the Meeting and enclosing Certificate from Mr. Lowe as to the erection of Mr. Ware's wall which was as follows: —

10 New End, 9th May 1876
Gentlemen, — I have to report that Mr.

W^o C^o Watts completed the rebuilding of the wall adjoining the Parish Church Yard on Monday the 8th May in accordance with the terms of the Specification & to my satisfaction.

I have to certify that in one month from the date of completion Mr Watts will be entitled to the payment of £67. 6. - as per enclosed Account.

I am Gentlemen, Yours obdtly

To
The Parish Church Trustees
Surveyor
Chas^r B^r Lowe

Resolved

That a Cheque for £67. 6. - be drawn in favor of Mr Watts in accordance with Mr Lowe's Certificate.

It was arranged that the Clerk should communicate with Mr Lowe with respect to the honorarium to which he was entitled for the time and attention he had given to the rebuilding of this wall.

The Chairman then read the following Report of the Committee appointed to select Collectors for obtaining funds in aid of the Restoration of the Church.

To
The Trustees of the Parish Church
of St. John Hampstead.
May 1876

In accordance with the Resolution of the Trustees passed at a Meeting held on the 2nd day of March 1876 your Committee appointed for the purpose of selecting Collectors for

soliciting Subscriptions towards the work of the Restoration of the Church beg to report that Mr Wash who was appointed a Collector at your last Meeting having declined to act a Meeting of your Committee was held on Thursday the 13th day of April last at the Vicarage Greenhill at which Mr Shockley was appointed by your Committee in place of Mr Wash.

(signed) Therrard B. Burnaby.

The Collectors Books were then examined by which it appeared that Mr Fletcher had or collected £5 and Mr Shockley £1. 6. -

Mr Fletcher was then requested to attend the Meeting when in answer to questions from the Trustees he reported that in the district he canvassed there prevailed great apathy on the subject of any Restoration of the Church as many of the Parishioners considered that no enlargement or other improvement was needed. He also reported that there was a strong expression of opinion against the plans proposed by the Trustees and that the only mode of Restoration which found any favor was the scheme by which the Church should be extended at the west end and the Altar placed at that end of the Church.

Mr Shockley the other Collector gave similar testimony.

It was Resolved

That each Collector should receive

Five guineas as remuneration for his time and trouble and the Clerk was directed to draw a cheque accordingly.—

After a very grave discussion as to the course to be pursued and after sundry schemes had been suggested, it was

Moved by Capt. Craigie
Seconded by Mr. Lane

That in view of the report of the Collectors it is not possible to carry out the proposed plans for the Restoration of the Church.

Mr. Lench proposed as an Amendment
Seconded by D. Rose

That the words "in their entirety from want of adequate funds" should be added to the motion.—

The Amendment was then put to the Meeting and lost.—

The original motion was put and carried.—

W. Burnaby

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into Execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at the Residence of D. Cooper-Rose Roslyn Hill on Monday the twenty ninth day of May 1876 at eight o'clock in the evening
Present

The Rev. Howard B. Burnaby
(The Vicar of the Parish in the Chair)

Alfred Bell Esq.
H. Cooper-Rose Esq. M.D.
Samuel A. Lane Esq.
Frederick Hill Esq.
Manley Hopkins Esq.
Patrick G. Craigie Esq.
E. Lake Esq.
R. W. Lench Esq.
T. D. Greenhow Esq.
J. J. Fletcher Esq.
Mr. H. Hilton
" J. G. Pearce
" D. Holloway
" Geo. Burch
" Cha. Walker
" J. Ware

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.—

29th May 1876

The Chairman announced that he had received a letter from the Lord of the Manor (Sir Spencer Wilson) in which he promised a Subscription of £500 towards the Restoration of the Church and declared his intention of giving more if necessary and circumstances permitted.

The following Motion of which notice had been given was then

Proposed by Mr Lane, and
Seconded by Mr Fletcher

That the Secretary be instructed to write very courteously to Mr Cockerell and express to him the regret of the Trustees that they are not able for want of funds to carry out the proposed Restoration of the Parish Church and to request him in the altered circumstances to superintend the necessary alterations and improvements in the warming ventilation and general interior arrangements.

Capt. Orange spoke in support of the Motion.

The following Amendment was then

Moved by Mr Bell and
Seconded by Mr Leach

That the Secretary be instructed to write very courteously to Mr Cockerell and express to him the regret of the Trustees that they are not able for want of funds to carry out the present plans for the Restoration of the Parish Church and to request him to

meet the Trustees at an early date to confer with them as to the best and most economical means of carrying into effect a modified scheme of improvement upon the basis of the following suggestions:-

1. To remove the Coffins under the floor of the Church, or concrete the vaults.
2. To provide an efficient system of warming ventilation and lighting.
3. To construct a Chancel at the West End - The floors to be raised (4 or 5 feet) above the nave floor and carried on piers thus leaving an open Crypt below, with sufficient headway.
4. To build Vestries.
5. To make a central entrance through the Tower, and two others on East sides of Transepts.
6. To repair or if necessary reconstruct Staircases to Galleries.
7. To set back the Gallery posts free of the main pillars and if necessary for more accommodation add a return Gallery across the East End.
8. To rebuild the Organ in the North Transept
9. To reset the nave and Aisles with open benches.
10. To provide a new Font, Lectern and proper Chancel fittings Choral Seats &c.

D. Poze Mr Hill Mr Hopkins Mr Preece Mr Walker and Mr Burnaby spoke in support of the Amendment.

The Amendment was then put to the Meeting when 14 Members voted in favor of it.

The Motion was then put when 3 Members voted in favor of it.

The Chairman accordingly declared the Amendment to be carried.

Mr. Lane then proposed as an Amendment

Seconded by Capt. Craigie

That it be referred to a Committee to see Mr. Cookerell and report to the Trustees on the nature and probable cost of the proposed alterations.

That the Instructions to the Committee be subject to the following Conditions:-

1. That any extension be at the West End.
2. That the East End be not interfered with.
3. That the Galleries be not interfered with except so far as the alterations at the West End require it.

After some slight discussion and explanation the Amendment was put to the Meeting but was lost by a very large majority.

The Chairman then put Mr. Bell's amendment to the Meeting as a Substantive Motion when the same was carried unanimously.

The Clerk was instructed to arrange for another Meeting at which Mr. Cookerell should attend and at once to send him a copy of the Resolution passed at the Meeting

with a view of giving him time to consider same before the next Meeting.

Howard B. Curran June 9.

9th June 1876.

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Ann Langbatsford with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at the Residence of Dr. Cooper-Rose Trollop Hill on Friday the ninth day of June 1876 at eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

The Rev. J. B. Barnaby
 He read of the parish in the Chair
 Manby Hopkemo Esq.
 Ernest Anker Esq.
 Samuel A. Lane Esq.
 Frederic Hill Esq.
 Richard G. Leach Esq.
 P. G. Craigie Esq.
 Alfred Bell Esq.
 Dr. Cooper-Rose Esq. in D.
 Mr. Henry Alton
 J. G. France
 J. Ware.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Cockerell attended the Meeting.

The Scheme for the Restoration of the Church proposed by the Trustees was then carefully considered with Mr. Cockerell when he advised

that the Scheme could be carried out and gave his opinion on various points of detail.

It was arranged that Mr. Cockerell should prepare a Report on the Scheme as soon as possible together with the requisite plans.

J. B. Barnaby

18th July 1876.

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitant of the Parish of St. Am. Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at the Residence of Dr. Cooper Rose Rodm Hill on Tuesday the 27th day of July 1876 at eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

The Rev. A. B. Barnard
 Minister of the parish in the Chair
 E. Egan Esq.
 E. Lake Esq.
 Dr. Cooper Rose Esq. Secy.
 C. L. Lane Esq.
 C. J. Fletcher Esq.
 W. H. Leach Esq.
 Mr. E. W. Walker
 D. Holloway
 Alfred B. Bell Esq.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and assented by the Chairman.

Mr. Cocherell thanked the Meeting.

The Finance Committee reported that the balance on the hands of the Bankers was £180.11.6 and that the salaries and bills for the quarter ended the 24th June amounted to £119.10.8 -

and that they had recommended that cheques be drawn to the amount of £119.10.8 -

Resolved

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Mr. Cocherell submitted his plans for the new Scheme for the Restoration of the Church and stated he had not drawn up a detailed report but that he estimated the cost of the proposed Restoration at £7000.

After some discussion

It was proposed by Mr. Lane

Seconded by Dr. Rose and

Resolved

That the plans submitted to the Trustees by Mr. Cocherell be approved and that he be requested to carry out the proposed Restoration according to such plans.

Mr. Cocherell was also directed at once to draw up a detailed Report of the Scheme and to prepare the necessary working drawings forthwith.

It was then

Resolved

That a Committee be formed to confer with the Architect and to carry out the works and that such Committee should consist of the following members The Vicar, Messrs. Bell - Milton Leach Stephens Rose and Lane.

It was also arranged that the necessary applications for the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese, of the Patron of the Living and of the Rectory to the plans and scheme for the Restoration of the Church should be made forthwith.

A. Burnaby

A Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Lambeth with improved accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at the residence of S. Cooper Rose, Ryalyn Hill on Monday the Ninth day of October 1876 at eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

The Rev. General Sumner, B. Burnaby

The Vicar of the Parish in the Chair

Richard Powell Esq. Secy.

Frazer & Hill Esq.

Patron George Esq.

W. Elward Esq.

J. J. Parson

A. Burnaby

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman then read Mr. Cocherell's Report on the Scheme for the Restoration of the Church which was as follows:—

July 18 - 1876.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions given to me at your last Meeting on the 9th ult. I have prepared a fresh plan for the enlargement of the Parish Church and the re-arrangement of the seating, galleries &c. The enlargement consists

in the addition of a Chancel and Sole Aisle and two Rectories at the West End, leaving the present body of the Church unaltered. The considerable fall of the ground at the West End together with a little elevation of the floor of the proposed Chancel affords means of forming an open Dript under the new portion and thus to avoid covering up the existing spaces, which will afford at the same time an simple communication between the North and South Sides of the Church.

The additional sittings thus obtained afford abundant space for the Choir and for auxiliary Sings; The passage of the Communion Rail is considerably increased and a free circulation is provided for an increased number of Communicants & the two Rectories provide separately for the Clergy and for the Choir.

The screen which must necessarily be removed to permit more of the new Aisles, a portion which conveniently commands the Choir and is above accession from the Vestry.

The alteration in the Gallery consists in throwing back the front so as to discharge the columns and gaining height as well as an appearance of lightness by reducing the present high and quite unnecessary thickness of the floor. A new Gallery at the East End complements for the removal of the Central portion of the present West Gallery. As the alterations in the portion of the Communion Table involves the burning down of the seats it is proposed to substitute rows of open sittings

of a suitable character for the present floor.

The Church with the proposed additions will contain 1412 Sittings including 114 Children in the East Gallery, a large addition to the present accommodation which besides is submitted upon altogether an adequate dimensions and includes a large number of unusual sittings in the Gallery & pews ways.

I estimate the Cost including lighting, warming and painting throughout at £7000.

I am Yours obediently

Edw. D. Cookwell.

The Trustee of the Parish Church of St. John, Hampstead

It was Resolved,

That the Report be adopted.

The Clerk reported that he had obtained the Consent of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Lord of the Manor, the Rector and the members of the Vestry of the Parish to the Scheme for the Restoration of the Church and that these were all the Consents which the Trustee by their Act were directed to obtain.

The Clerk also reported that he was in communication with the Registrar of the Diocese with the view of obtaining a Faculty from the Chancellor for carrying out the proposed Work of Restoration but that the existing Faculty must be revoked before any application was made for a new Faculty and that good cause must be shown for such revocation.

The question was then discussed as to whether Builders should be invited to tender for the work of the Restoration of the Church by advertisement or whether there should be a limited competition. It was arranged that the competition should be limited and it was suggested that amongst others the following Builders should be invited to tender viz. Messrs. Burdell, Stanger, Potter and King. With these suggestions the whole question of the Tenders was referred to the Committee appointed at the last meeting for carrying out the work of Restoration.

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting Francis letters had been sent to the Librarian to the former Library. Restoration grows them the reasons which had led the Director to give up that scheme and requesting ^{them} with the contents of the proposed scheme.

Letters were read from three of the subscribers withdrawing either in whole or in part their subscription they had promised to the last plan of Restoration and giving their reasons for each withdrawal.

The Finance Committee reported that the balance in the hands of the Bankers was £92.7.6 and that the Income and Bills for the Quarter ended the 27th Sept. amounted to £82.2.10 and that they recommended that Cheques be drawn to the amount of £105.2.10.

Resolved

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

The Chairman stated that F. W. W. W. who was employed on Sundays to keep order in the Churchyard was most remiss in his attention to his duties and that he seldom, if ever, attended on Sunday evening when he was most required and that he and the Churchwardens considered it would be best at once to dismiss him.

Resolved

That F. W. W. be paid his salary up to date and dismissed and the Clerk was directed to carry out this Resolution.

Thomas Burnaby.

10th Jan. 1877

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for improving the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by the direction of the Vestry and held at the Rectory The Green Hill Hampstead on Wednesday the Tenth day of January 1877 at Eight o'clock in the evening. -

Present

The Rev. Thomas Beaumont Burnaby
The Vicar of the Parish in the Chair. -
Edward Wake Esquire
Patrick George Orange Esquire
Henry Cooper - Dec. Esquire M.D.
Samuel Alfred Lane Esquire
Richard Howell Lench Esquire
W. Charles Walker
- Towne. -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman. -

The Chairman then read the Report of the Building Committee which was as follows: -

To the Trustees of the Parish Church of Saint John Hampstead. -

The Committee appointed by the Trustees at a Meeting held on the 18th day of July 1876 and consisting of the following Members viz

The Rev. Thomas B Burnaby and Messrs Lench Stephen Lane Rose Bell and Walton beg to Report that at a Meeting of the Committee held on the 27th October 1876 at which Mr Cocherell attended, it was Resolved in accordance with his advice that not more than six Builders should be invited to tender for the work of the Restoration of the Church and that the following Builders be invited to tender viz:

Messrs. Figgis & Hill	} of London. -
Hayward Bros	
W. J. Shaw - (late Jackson & Shaw)	
Mr. Clowson & Barford	} of Hampstead. -

It was arranged that the Builders should not be invited to tender till the Faculty for the Restoration of the Church had been obtained

Your Committee further beg to report that at a Meeting held on the 29th December last at which Mr. Cocherell and Mr. Shaw attended the Clerk reported that the Faculty for the Restoration of the Church had been obtained and a letter was read from Mr. Cocherell to the Clerk dated the 7th Nov. last in which he stated that Messrs. Figgis & Hill, Hayward Bros, Mr. Shaw & Mr. Barford accepted the competition for the work of Restoration but that Mr. Clowson declined and a further letter from Mr. Cocherell to the Clerk dated the 15th Dec. last was read in which he stated that Hayward Bros. were prevented by a sudden illness from tendering but that the tenders were as follows viz: -

Mr Burford . . . £952 -
 Mess Luggs & Fild . . . 4448 -
 Mr Shaw 6277 -

and that to the latter were to be added the estimate for lighting warming and painting the Church. -
 It was Resolved that Mr Shaw's estimate being the lowest should be accepted. - Your Committee further Report that the estimated cost of lighting the Church will be £340.15- and of warming it £218.10. - They have arranged to commence the work as soon as possible and in order to do this have authorized the Vicar to sign the specifications of the work on behalf of the Committee and have directed the Clerk to call in the Subscriptions. - Your Committee have resolved to retain the services of a Clerk of the works and have authorized the Architect to appoint a fit and proper person to fill the office. -

Dated the 30th December 1876. -

Therese B Burnaby. -

It was moved by Mr Lake
 seconded by Mr Walker and
 Resolved

That the Report of the Committee be received and adopted and that the Committee be requested to continue its labors. -

The Clerk reported that as directed at the last Meeting he had paid Mr Woods bank his wages and dismissed him. -

The Finance Committee reported that the

balance in the hands of the Bankers was £221.18.8 and that the salaries and Bills for the quarter - ended the 25th December amounted to £123.13.11 and that they had recommended that Cheques be drawn to the amount of £123.13.11. -

Resolved

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. -

The Clerk read a letter from Mr Cornick dated the 8th January in which he resigned his seat on the Board. -

The announcement was received by the Trustees with regret. -

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Shaw dated the 5th Jan^y in which he requested that his Organ pupil might be allowed to practice on the Organ during the day. -

After careful consideration, it was

Resolved

That Mr Shaw's request be granted subject to the following conditions: - (1) That his pupils should only practice in the day time and never make use of any artificial light while so doing (2) That the number of such pupils admitted into the Church at any one time for the purpose of practicing on the Organ should be strictly limited to two (3) That he must be responsible to the Trustees for any damage done to the Organ by his pupils. -

The Clerk was directed to write Mr Shaw

in a letter in accordance with this Resolution and to inform him that the permission to his pupils to practise on the Organ must be subject to such arrangements as the Trustees may find it necessary to make in carrying out the Restoration of the Church.

M. Burnaby

A Meeting of the Trustees for - carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by the direction of the Minister and held at the Vicarage Trognal Hampstead on Tuesday the 17th day of April 1877 at eight o'clock in the evening.

17th April 1877

Present -

The Rev. Howard Beaumont Burnaby
The Vicar of the Parish in the Chair.
Herbert Norman Evans Esq.
Manley Gophams Esq.
Ernest Lake Esq.
Richard Howell Leach Esq.
- W. Thomas Clowze
- Daniel Holloway

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk reported the amount of the Subscriptions already paid towards the fund for the Restoration of the Church.

A letter dated the 19th January last from the Organist was read in which he stated he should always consider himself bound to abide by the resolutions imposed by the Trustees on the use of the Organ by his pupils.

It was arranged that at the next Meeting Mr Cooknell should be requested to attend, when he should be consulted as to the removal of the Organ when the work of Restoration should - under such removal necessary -

It was proposed by Mr Oliver
Seconded by Mr. Culter and
Resolved

That Mr Longmeads services as Gardener be retained till the 25th March 1878 -

It was also arranged that the further consideration of the question should be postponed till the beginning of the following year -

M. Cursey

At a Meeting of the Trustees for - carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Vestry and held at the Vicarage Trognal Hampstead on Tuesday the third day of July 1877 at eight o'clock in the evening -

Present

The Rev. Howard B Burnaby - The Vicar of the Parish in the Chair -

Alfred Bell Esq.
Mr Thomas Clowes } Churchwardens
Edward Gotes Esq.
Monk Hopkins Esq.
Richard Horrell Lush Esq.
& Lake Esq.
Mr Henry Culter
J. G. Garce
J. Ware

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman -

The Finance Committee reported that the balance in the hands of the Bankers was £207.12.3 and that the Salaries and Bills for the quarter ended the 24th June amounted to £103.19.6 and that they recommended that cheques be drawn to the amount of £103.19.6

Resolved

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted -

3rd July 1877

A Cheque for £10.10.- was drawn and handed to the Clerk in consideration of extra services performed by him.-

The following letter from Mr. Coakell was read.-
18 Manchester Square -
June 5th 1877.

Dear Sir,

As you are now about to consider the question of raising the money necessary for the work at Clampted Church I think it opportune to send you for submission to the Committee the claim which I have on account of the rejected design, upon which subject a Resolution was passed at the time that the instructions for the design now being carried out were given.

The work connected with the rejected design extended over some 3 years and consisted of (1) the competition Drawings (2) a considerable correspondence and three Reports with Estimates (3) Careful measurements & enquiries about the Graves (4) various attendances upon the Trustees & (5) a set of working Drawings. - All this represents a very considerable outlay in Office assistance without counting my own costs. - I wish however to avoid taxing the limited funds of the Committee unduly by making the usual claim & therefore, in brief & proposed which I trust will meet the Committee's views namely that £150 should be paid to me in satisfaction of all claims in

respect of the rejected design. - I could scarcely under the circumstances send a detailed account of this claim & I hope that the Committee will dispense with one. -

I am - Yours faithfully,
Fred^d Coakell -

F. J. Knowles.

It was moved by Mr. Gotta
Seconded by Mr. Pease and
Resolved

That the proposal contained in Mr. Coakell's letter be accepted and that he be paid the sum of £150.-

The Chairman then read the following Report by Mr. Coakell:-

18 Manchester Square -
July 3rd 1877 -

Gentlemen, I have to report that the works of addition to the parish Church are now progressing satisfactorily. -

Until very lately considerable delay had occurred owing to the difficulty of obtaining bricks, but as this will not occur again I anticipate that the Building will be covered in by the end of the month. -

With regard to future operations I have arranged with Mr. Shaw subject to the approval of the Trustees that he should begin on Monday 13th inst. to remove the Galleries of a portion of the Vesting namely - that in the Transept and the first bay of the nave adjoining the transept that on the 26th he should erect a

Screen which shall shut off the transept and western bay of the nave (together with the new chancel) from the rest of the Church. The removal of the Galleries will be carried on in such a manner that the Sunday Services will not be interfered with.

After the Auction of the Church the Eastern portion will remain undisturbed and available for services at all times until Oct 27th when the Western portion being completed will be opened for service and the Eastern portion will be put in hand. The whole will be completed as provided in the Contract on Dec 31st. There will be some slight disturbance of the Eastern part between Aug 13th & Sept 1st occasioned by the relaying of the hot water pipes but this will interfere very little with the use of the Church.

It will also be necessary to remove the columns now forming the decoration of the East End in about 6 weeks, the work being decently covered up.

One of the matters requiring the earliest attention of the Trustees is the removal of the Organ, without which of course the removal of the Galleries is impossible.

The above Scheme is submitted in the hope that it may obviate the necessity of transferring the service of the Church to another place.

I am Gentlemen, Yours obediently
The Trustees of St. John's Church
Fredk P. Cookerell.

St. John's Church Hampstead.

A discussion then arose as to the best mode of dealing with the nuisance caused by the Vault under the Church and the Clerk was directed to communicate to Mr. Cookerell the views of the Trustees and to request him to report on the whole subject.

The Clergy then read some correspondence between Mr. Bell and the Organist on the question of the removal and repair of the Organ. It was moved by Mr. Hopkin's seconded by Mr. Bell and Resolved

That Mr. Wallis be employed to take down the Organ repair it and replace it and that he be requested to advise on the repairs which in his opinion should be carried out and to give an estimate of the cost of the work and state within what time it would be done.

The Clerk was directed to put Mr. Cookerell in communication with Mr. Wallis.

J. B. Curran

20th July 1877

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the -
 Incumbents of the Parish of Saint John
 Hampstead with increased accommodation
 for attending Divine Service caused by
 direction of the Amster and held at the
 residence of Mrs. Hampstead on Friday
 the 20th day of July 1877 at eight
 o'clock in the evening -

Present -

The Reverend Messrs. Bramwell Burnaby
 The Vicar of the Parish in the Chair -

Wm. Bell Esq. Laurence -

Alfred Egerton Esq.

Frederic E. Hill Esq.

T. D. Lane Esq.

R. C. Louch Esq.

Edmond Egerton Esq.

Mr. Cookerell also attended the Meeting -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
 signed by the Chairman -

Mr. Willis attended the Meeting and explained
 the plans as to the position the Organ should occupy
 and other details and stated he could not submit
 the Report which he had been directed to give in
 accordance with the Resolution passed at the last
 Meeting as he had taken down the Organ -

After consulting with Mr. Cookerell it was
 arranged that the Contractor should not commence
 his work on the Galleries till the 30th inst and
 that on the same day Mr. Willis should take

down the Organ - Mr. Willis undertook to send
 in his Report within a few days after he had
 taken down the Organ -

Mr. Cookerell read the following Report:-

St. John's Church Hampstead
 July 20 - 1877

Gentlemen, - In accordance with your instructions
 I have endeavoured to ascertain the state of the
 Vaulted with a view to remedying the alleged
 mischief arising from them - The information
 which I have been able to gather is very -
 incomplete -

At the West End under the modern transept
 are a number of small compartments, one or two
 of which have been opened and are found to
 contain two or three Coffins each - They appear
 to be well braced and in my opinion no mischief
 is likely to arise from them - There are also
 two larger Vaults adjoining the West End of
 the original structure and on the Northern side
 these contain a considerable number of Coffins -
 The remainder of the space under the transept
 (about half the area) consists of open passages -
 Investigation of the Vaults under the body of
 the Church could be carried no further than
 the first compartment at the West End which
 is completely full up to the Crown of the Vault -
 There appears to be but one entrance at this end,
 and the approach (if any) to the other Vaults
 must be through the first compartment - Two
 Vaults have however been opened from above

in the open space at the East End in front of the Communion Table. - These are completely full as we see three Panes in the Sideload opposite which I have obtained information from the Clerk. - I could obtain no further information as to the extent or situation of these Panes without taking in the floor of the nave which I intended to do. - But it appears clearly that the whole nave of the Church is occupied by Panes. - I was unable to procure any such in the Panes through which there was a single draught supplied no doubt by the openings which occur at intervals during the outer walls of the Church. - The Panes which were opened from above have large openings in the Crown which are not covered by glass which being imperfectly sealed would no doubt allow of the escape of some gases which might be generated into the Church. - It is likely that there may be several other such openings. -

Judging from the number of Scaffolds on these Panes which I visited and from their decayed condition I am of opinion that it is most unwise to attempt their removal. -

To fill up the Panes with earth or otherwise would involve the more or less complete removal of the Crown while the gradual collapse of the Scaffolds would soon render such filling in comparatively ineffectual. - I am of opinion that the most effectual as well as probably the cheapest plan would be to take up the floor throughout to make good the Crown

of the Panes where openings occur and to lay a bed of concrete over the whole. - In the absence of any knowledge of the extent of the openings to be made good it is impossible to form any reliable opinion as to the cost of the work but I think that it would not exceed £250. -

I am yours faithfully
 Fred P. Corbrell
 The Trustee of St. Johns Church. -

It was Resolved

That the course proposed to be adopted by Mr. Corbrell in his Report be carried into effect by him. - A Motion for £150 was drawn in favor of Mr. Corbrell in accordance with the Resolution passed at the last meeting. -

It was arranged that the Building Committee should meet at stated times during the progress of the Restoration of the Church in order to facilitate the work. -

1873

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John's Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Vestry and held at the Vicarage House, Hampstead on Wednesday the 18th day of November 1877 at eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

The Rev. J. B. Burrows, Vicar.

The Vicar of the Parish in the Chair

Henry Stephens Esq^r

Frederick Hill Esq^r

P. G. George Esq^r

Ernest Lake Esq^r

W. J. Thomas Esq^r

J. G. Pearce

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

The Finance Committee reported that the balance in the hands of the Bankers was £109.15.7 and that the salaries and bills for the quarter ended the 29th September last amounted to £58.6.9 and that they recommended that Cheques be drawn to the amount of £50.4.9.

Resolved

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

The Chairman reported that the Building Committee had received a Report from W. Willis the Organ Builder in which he estimated that if very substantial repairs and additions were made to the Organ the cost would be about £500 but that if repairs of a much more moderate character were carried out they would not involve the taking down of the Organ, carriage to and from the Church, bracing and putting up again about £100 and that the Committee recommended that only the repairs estimated at £100 should be executed.

Resolved

That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

The Chairman reported that the Building Committee had been considering the best means of raising the further sum of £2000 required to carry out the plans for the Restoration of the Church and that they recommended that a letter be written by the Clerk on behalf of the Trustees to each of the Incumbents throughout the Parish requesting him to have a special Sunday Offering in aid of the funds for the Restoration of the Church and that a copy of the Resolution of the Trustees directing such a letter to be written should be enclosed.

Resolved

That the Clerk do write on behalf of the Trustees to each of the Incumbents of the District Churches throughout the Parish requesting him if he sees fit, to have a special Sunday Offering in aid of the funds for the Restoration of the Mother Church and explaining to him the need of funds to complete the work of restoration.

It was also arranged that in accordance with the recommendation of the Building Committee a Circular letter, asking for subscriptions to the Restoration Fund should be sent by the Clerk - to three of the Trustees and some of the more prominent Parishioners who had not yet subscribed.

B. Burnaby

11th Jan 1878

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at the Vicarage, Finsbury Circus on Friday the 11th day of January 1878 at eight o'clock in the evening -

Present

The Rev. Thomas B. Burnaby
The Vicar of the Parish in the Chair -
E. G. G. Esq.
M. G. G. Esq.
J. R. Lang Esq.
Ernest Lake Esq.
Frederick Hill Esq.
W. D. Holloway
J. G. Pearce

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman -

The Finance Committee reported that the balance in the hands of the Bankers was £239. 7. 2 and that the Salaries and bills for the quarter ended the 25th December amounted to £100. - 5 and that they recommended that Cheques be drawn to the amount of £100. - 5.

Resolved

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted -