

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

REGISTERS AND RECORDS



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brass frames containing cards having the names of the stallholders written thereon, should be fixed in the pews. The Trustees agreed that this also should be done.

Mr. Dibbs drew attention to the fact that the names of the present Churchwardens had not been written on the Notice Boards & that some inconvenience was occasioned by letters being misdirected in consequence.

It was resolved that the necessary alteration should be made.

The Trustees then proceeded to consider a proposal of the Vestry to fix an iron fence across the Churchyard, thus shutting off the portion used as a burial ground, so that the gates might remain unlocked during the night, & the path leading to Frogmoor be always open for traffic.

The Vicar reported that he had received letters expressing disapproval of the scheme from the following residents.

R. Parker - 61. Netherhall Gardens.
 E. J. Lamy - 39. Beluze Avenue.
 Miss Husband, 8. Cannon Place
 G. W. Potter - Gardner House.
 Mrs Martelli - 6. Prince Arthur Rd
 Sutton Sharpe, 42. Willow Road.
 J. C. Bell - 27. Hingdon Road.
 J. C. Erneston 16. Church Row.

Mrs & Mrs Jullyleave, 21. Church Row.
 Mrs Warren - 24 " "
 Miss Fipp 19 " "
 Mrs Newinson 4. Eldon Road
 H. Parker & others -

- also Letters in "Hampstead Express".

It was proposed by Mr. Pooley and seconded by Mr. Moore and

Resolved, that in the face of so much opposition on the part of the inhabitants, the Trustees do not see their way to accede to the request of the Vestry - and that a Letter to that effect be written by the Vicar and forwarded to the Vestry.

S. B. Burnaby. July 12/1897-

July 12th 1897

At a meeting held at the Vicarage this day - present, the vicar in the Chair, Messrs. Seret, Collins, Craigie, Davis, Glyn, Gilchrist, Kennedy, Pooley & Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

The Vouchers for payments made last quarter were examined, compared with the Cash book & passed.

The statement of salaries & bills for the quarter ending Midsummer 1897 was submitted to the Trustees - examined & passed - Cheques for the same were drawn & signed.

A letter was read from Mr. Lake expressing regret at being unable to attend & stating that, as requested by the Trustees at their last meeting, he had obtained tenders from Messrs. Hing, Shepherd & Hart for painting the Church doors & railings - that the work had been done by Mr. Hart, his estimate being the lowest.

Mr. Lake also explained that he and Mr. Dobbs had decided it was desirable that some of the iron hurdles in the old Church yard should be replaced.

Which had been done, some fresh hollies had likewise been

planted.

Messrs. Craigie and Pooley reported that the railing which enclosed the land in Ferris Court, belonging to the Trustees was in a very bad state of repair - that as Buildings were now being erected on the adjacent ground, it would be well for the Trustees to be in a position to prove their right to the land in question and to take any steps which might be deemed desirable for its protection. The question was also raised as to whether Mr. Forster who at present rents the strip of land, would be likely to purchase it.

Mr. Pooley suggested that the Vestry be approached on the subject - finally it was moved by Major Craigie & seconded by Mr. Pooley and Resolved that a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Craigie, Pooley and Lake, be appointed to enquire into the matter if necessary - and to report accordingly.

S. B. Burnaby
August 15, 1897

October 15th 1897

At a meeting held at the Vicarage this day - present - the Vicar in the Chair Messrs Acet, Collins, Davis, Slyn, Kennedy, Lake, Morrow, Pooley, Wilson & Wightman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed by the Chairman.

Vouchers for payments made last quarter were compared with the cash book & found correct.

A statement of the salaries bills for the quarter ending Michaelmas last, amounting to £79. 9. 4. was laid before the Trustees, passed & the necessary cheques drawn & signed.

The following Report was then read by the Vicar.

Hampstead Parish Church Trust

Report of the Committee appointed at a meeting held on the 12th July 1897 to consider & report as to the best course to be adopted with regard to the strip of land in Ferris Court.

Your Committee have carefully considered the matter & have also inspected the land & beg to report as follows:—

The strip in question originally formed part of a larger strip about 185 feet long by 12 feet broad and was bought in 1832 from a Mr. Povah. In 1886, the greater part, about

125 feet in length was sold to the Metropolitan Board of Works for £150, the remainder of the land is now let to Mr. Forster at a Rent of £3.

Your Committee think it would be desirable to sell the land, as if this is not done, some small outlay at any rate will have to be made for repainting and repairing the Iron fence & they suggest that it be offered to the owner of the building at the back, at such a price as the Trustees may consider should be asked for it.

Dated this 27th day of September 1897

P. C. Craigie

Wm. S. Lake

H. F. Pooley.

After considerable discussion as to the value of the land in question & the best course to be pursued by the Trustees, the following Resolution was moved by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Collins & carried unanimously—

That the sub-committee be thanked for their Report which the Trustees received & adopted — also that they be asked to ^{copy the report on to the vicar} kindly obtain a valuation of the land from Mr. Potter.

The Trustees considered that the land should in the first instance be offered to Mr. Forster who Mr. Lake thought would probably be

willing to purchase.

The Vicar stated that Christopher Sweeney who had been acting as Temporary Verger during the illness of Mr Frisby had given great satisfaction to Mr Lake himself - he appeared to be quite capable of performing the duties required of him & as Frisby would never be able to resume his work in the Church, the Vicar recommended that C. Sweeney be appointed as permanent Verger by the Trustees.

It was accordingly moved by Mr. Slyn. Seconded by Mr Collins & Resolved. That the temporary appointment of C. Sweeney as Verger be confirmed, & that he be appointed Verger.

The question then arose as to whether a Pension should be granted to Frisby, whose faithful services during a period of ten years were fully appreciated by the Trustees.

It was finally moved by Mr Lake & seconded by Mr Wilson & Resolved that Robert Frisby be paid his full salary for the quarter ending Michaelmas last & from that date receive a Pension of £20 a Year. Subject to the pleasure of the Trustees.

It was also moved by Mr Lake & seconded by Mr Slyn and Resolved that C. Sweeney be paid £4 - for the eight weeks during which he

had acted as temporary Verger. His appointment as permanent Verger to date from the 29th September at a salary of £50 per annum, subject to a month's notice on either side. The Clerk was instructed to furnish Sweeney with a copy of his duties as Verger.

The Vicar also informed the Trustees that at his suggestion, Mr Lake had communicated with Mr C. B. King respecting the lighting of the Parish Church, which had lately been very unsatisfactory - that Mr King had reported as follows: -

The connection between the Battery & Burners was very defective - the wires from Battery to the burners were placed along the gas supply pipes, that the present method of tying the wire to the gas pipes was extremely dangerous. The silk covering in many places had been gnawed away by mice - the wires ought to be enclosed in a wood casing.

The Vicar stated that he had requested Mr King to prepare an estimate, which had been done, & to which the Vicar thought very moderate the sum named for the proposed alterations being £
Mr Collins having suggested that a flow & return wire would

be more satisfactory than the present arrangement, he was asked by the Trustees to speak to Mr King on the subject & to accept on their behalf the Tender just read.

The Vicar mentioned that Mr King had expressed a desire to light the Parish Church by electricity at the cost of about £100-

The Trustees decided to defer the consideration of this question for the present.

W. D. Smith - Jan 8/97

January 8th 1898 - present, the Vicar in the Chair.
Messrs Acre, Collins, Gilchrist, Kennedy, Glyn, Lake & Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

Vouchers for payments made last quarter, were examined and found correct.

The statement of salaries and bills due the quarter ending Dec^r 31st 1897, amounting to £117-14-3 was submitted to the Trustees passed, and the cheques required for payment drawn and signed.

A letter from Mr Potter with reference to the strip of land in Perrins Court belonging to the Trustees, was read by the Vicar, also one from Mr Forster, in which he offered to purchase the land in question for £50-

After some discussion, it was moved by Mr Lake, seconded by Mr. Collins and carried - that Mr Forster's offer be accepted - the Trustees requesting Mr Lake kindly to see the matter carried through.

The Vicar informed the Trustees that the late Verger, Robert Frisby had been sent to the Infirmary by his friends, as they considered in his present state of health, he required more attention than he could receive at home - it was therefore decided by the Trustees that the Pension

granted at the last meeting - the first payment of which was now due - should be held back until Frisley's health improved sufficiently to allow him to return to his home.

The Vicar informed the Trustees that he had received a letter from Mr Herbert Parker stating that he had in hand, subscriptions amounting to £3-3-0 - towards the expence of planting hollis 12 in the Church Yard.

The Clerk was requested to write to Mr. Parker thanking him for the money which the Trustees would be glad to accept.

The subject of Mr. Hayman's arrears of pew rent, amounting to £45. was next considered - the Trustees decided that as the applications already made from time to time had had but little effect, more determined action must now be taken. It was therefore moved by Mr. Glyn, seconded by Mr Wilson and Resolved that Mr Lake be requested to write to Mr. Hayman to the effect that unless his arrears of pew rents be paid within one month - the Trustees would resume possession of the seats in question and the matter would be placed in the hands of the Trustees' solicitor.

The Trustees then proceeded to discuss the terms of Mr. Shepherd's contract

for clearing the Church gutters and a letter was read in which he explained that the sum of £4 paid annually by the Trustees did not include expences incurred for clearing away snow - Mr Acel offered to see Mr. Shepherd on the subject and it was finally agreed that he and Mr Lake should take the matter in hand with power to renew the Contract according to the present terms, if thought desirable.

Mr. Collins reported with regard to the sun burners that the extra wire considered necessary had been fixed by Mr King, but he expressed great dissatisfaction with the dilatory manner in which the work was being done. - much inconvenience had also been caused by the Batter, lent by Mr King being once or twice taken away unexpectedly, because required by him for use elsewhere.

A bill sent in by Mr King for the erection of scaffolding was ordered to be held over for the present, in consequence of the delay complained of.

Mr Lake observed that the Trustees were greatly indebted to Mr Collins for the trouble and interest he had so kindly taken in the matter - a remark which was cordially endorsed by all present.

M. J. M. J.
April 1st 1895

At a meeting held at the Vicarage this day
 April 16th 1898 - present, the Vicar in the Chair
 Mess^{rs} Acrel, Collins, Dobbs, Glyn, Lake,
 Mouro & Wilson.

The Vicar stated that he had received a
 letter from Mr. Kennedy regretting his
 inability to attend.

The minutes of the last meeting were
 read & signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Mouro reported that the legal business
 connected with the purchase by Mr.
 Gosler of the strip of land in Perrins Court
 belonging to the Trustees, had been carried
 through & the Conveyance referring to
 the same would now be submitted to
 the Trustees for execution.

The Vicar & Mess^{rs} Acrel, Collins, Lake &
 Wilson having signed the document -

It was moved by Mr. Lake seconded by
 Mr. Collins & Resolved - that the
 thanks of the Trustees be offered to
 Mr. Mouro for his great kindness
 in the matter.

Mr. Potters account £2.10.0 - Commission
 on sale of land in question was ordered
 to be paid.

Mr. Lake reported that Mr. Hayman
 had paid £30 of his arrears of pew rents.

Mr. Acrel informed the Trustees
 that he had seen Mr. Shepherd with
 reference to clearing the Church
 gutters etc. & had ascertained that
 the present Contract was similar to

the one made with Mr. Clowser who had
 previously attended the work, the Trustees
 decided that the Contract should be
 renewed on the same terms as
 before.

Mr. Collins stated that Mr. King complained
 of being unable to get the sun burners
 into working order owing to the Battery
 being defective, and suggested using
 an Accumulator - the cost of which
 would be £3.18.0.

Much dissatisfaction was expressed at
 the still unfinished state of the work.

Mr. Collins proposed that he and
 Mr. Lake should see Mr. King and
 represent to him that the work
 must be placed in other hands, unless
 completed by a stated time.

Mr. King had explained that great
 difficulty was caused by the fact
 that the sun burners, as at present
 constructed, could not be lowered
 when requiring readjustment -
 consequently, the workman employed
 on those occasions had to be raised
 a considerable height before he
 could accomplish his object.

Mr. Collins thought it might be
 possible to reverse the arrangement,
 he was therefore authorized by the
 Trustees to carry out his suggestion
 if found practicable.

The Vicar reported the death of

the late Verger, Robert Frisby, which had taken place since the last Meeting of the Trustees.

The Vouchers for payments made last quarter were examined, compared with the Cash book & found correct. The Cash statement for the quarter ending Lady Day last - amounting to £113-1-1 was read & Cheques for the various payments were drawn & signed.

The unusual increase in the Gas account for the past quarter was discussed - the Clerk was desired by the Vicar to write to the Gas Company requesting that the Meter might be tested - Cheque to be held back until this had been done.

A sum of 15/- charged by Mr. Rising for repairs to clergy vestry Clock was also ordered to remain unpaid ~~unpaid~~ until enquiry had been made as to the reason why an order from the Churchwarden had not been obtained.

Mr. Lake mentioned that great inconvenience was caused by want of water in the Additional Burial Ground, he suggested that a stand pipe be erected there at the expense of the Burial Ground Trustees, & undertook to write to the New River Company on the subject.

ABurnaby July 14/98

At a meeting held at the vicarage this day July 14th 1898 - present, the vicar in the chair - Messrs Acet, Collins, Davis, Kennedy, Lake & Rayalls.

The vicar stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Glyn expressing regret that he was unable to be present.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Collins informed the Trustees that Mr. Lake and himself had had an interview with Mr. King whose work in the Church was now completed. The sunburners appeared to be in a satisfactory condition - Mr. King agreed to be responsible for the setting right of any defect that might arise during the next twelve months. It was therefore moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Lake & Resolved that Mr. King's account be paid.

Mr. Collins also stated that he had carefully considered the question of altering the present arrangement for lowering the sunburners - but seeing that such alteration would be very expensive & at the present time was scarcely necessary, he suggested that it should be deferred for the present.

The Vouchers for payments made last quarter were examined, compared with the cash book and passed.

The cash statement for the quarter ending Midsummer last was then

considered, & cheques for the salaries and bills amounting to £115-10-6 were drawn and signed, leaving a balance in hand of £31-9-9.

The Trustees then proceeded to discuss a letter received from Mr. Robert Frisby asking that the amount of Pension which the Trustees might consider due to his late Father should be paid to him. The question arose as to whether money should be paid for the weeks during which Frisby was in the Infirmary - but in consideration of the fact that his removal there was absolutely necessary, and that the entire cost of his maintenance (15/9 weekly) was paid by his son - it was

Resolved

that the Pension be paid from the time it was granted viz. Michaelmas 1897 to the date of death February 20th 1898 & a cheque was drawn accordingly. The Chairman read a letter from the Organist asking that the principal Bass in the Choir might be paid. The Vicar explained that at the present time salaries were being paid to the Tenor, Alto, and Solo boy - the other boys being remunerated according to ability - he therefore strongly objected to more money being taken from the offertory for the purpose proposed by the Organist.

Mr. Lake suggested that as the Choir

was so much appreciated, the question of increased expenditure should be laid before the congregation, ultimately, it was decided by the Trustees that the matter should be deferred for the present.

W. Barnaby Secy 27. 1898

October

At a Meeting held at the Vicarage, this day 27th 1898 - present the Vicar in the chair - Messrs Collins, Gilchrist, Blynn, Lake and Wilson. The Vicar stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Kennedy who was unable to attend.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read & signed. The Vouchers for payments made last Quarter, were examined & found correct.

A statement of salaries & bills amounting to £74-18-1 for the Quarter ending Michaelmas last was submitted to the Trustees, passed, & cheques for the several items drawn & signed accordingly - leaving a balance in hand of £40-12-8.

The amount of pew rents due for the current half year was considered - Mr. Hayman was again found to be in arrears, his rent due for the half year ending Lady Day, 1898 - being still unpaid - The Clerk was requested to report on the subject at the next meeting of the Trustees.

W. Barnaby

Jan^y 21 1899