

## Parísh Councíl Meetíng Bíshopstone 1897

The meeting for the purpose of nominating Parish Councillors for the ensuing year was held on Thursday in last week, in the schoolroom. Mr. Thomas Bryant was appointed chairman. Nine members are required and there were only six nominations, viz., the Rev. H. Ault, and Messrs. John Chivers, Joseph Stratford, Charles Hunt, Thomas Chivers, and James Thorn. After considerable delay, Messrs. David Tichener, Robert Richens and Thomas Holliday were nominated., but the latter declined the office. The others were declared duly elected.

The Parish Meeting took place on Monday evening. The Rev. H. Ault presided, and there were only five parishioners in attendance. The hon. Clerk, Mr. John Chivers presented the balance sheets of the Parish Council and Bourton Quarries, as follows:-

Parish Council – Receipts – cash in hand £1 6s., Income ? rate at 1d. In the £9 12s., total £10 18s. 10d.; Payment £4 14s. 1d.; balance in hand £6 4s. 9d.

*Bourton* Quarries – Receipts £23 7s. 5d.; payments £19 18s. 10d.; balance in hand £3 8s. 7d., 22 tons 6 cwt of coal of the value of £19 7s. were distributed among the parishioners.

The Rev. H. Ault presented the accounts of three charities viz.,

Willoughby Charity, £64 2s. 10d. Keats Charity, £16. Goddard Charity, £4 19s.

The whole of these amounts were paid away during the year. There is a vacancy under the Willoughby Charity to be filled by the Parish Council.

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