



## **Pewsey Rural Council**

### **Air Raid Distress Fund**

There was not a large attendance at the monthly meeting of the Pewsey Rural District Council on Monday. The Chairman (Mr. A. Guy Stratton) presided and other members present included Mr. A. J. Phillips (vice-chairman), Sir Geoffrey Fry, Capt. G. E. S. Montagu, Capt. A. C. Draper, Messrs. H. D. Cole, A. May, A. J. Bridgman, J. K. Bridgman, S. Nutley, D. G. M. Blanchard, F. Carter, J. Stanley Haines, with the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. A. H. Wilson), the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. L. J. Timothy), the Building Surveyor (Mr. W. P. Carpenter) and the Clerk (Mr. W. Slater).

The chairman spoke of the National Air Raid Distress Fund which it had been decided should be launched all over the country, and said that he had been approached with the idea of starting a local subscription list. There had, he said, been many calls during the past twelve months, for the Red Cross and Spitfires, for instance, but he really did think that this was another fund which deserved their fullest and most generous support.

It was agreed that the Council should back the chairman's appeal and it was decided that it should be made known through the Press and by a personal letter. It was also agreed to communicate with the Parish Councils in the hope that it might be possible to secure a useful donation from each village.

### **Enford Member Resigns**

The Clerk read a letter from Squadron Leader Meredith, the member for Enford, resigning his seat on the Council. It was decided to communicate with the Enford Parish Council, inviting them to submit the name of a new member for co-option.

### **Immunisation**

The Medical Officer of Health asked the Council to give him authority to supply, free of cost, immunising material to medical practitioners on condition that they would immunise anyone in the district at a cost of not more than 5s. per person. In the case of children he was going to ask that he should be allowed to pay the practitioner 5s. for each immunisation that they did. The doctor said that immunisation was especially essential in war-time. To this the Council agreed.

### **Fire Brigade Matters**

The Council gave consideration to the question of what further uniform should be provided for the members of the Auxiliary Fire Brigade at Pewsey, and it was decided that the Clerk should obtain tenders for coats with a detachable warm lining and also for a uniform similar to that used by the regular brigade. It was stated that only a part of the cost would fall on the district.

A suggestion was also made that the larger fire parties at Tidworth, Burbage and Netheravon should have dungaree train-overalls.

## **Rats at the Refuse Dump**

The Sanitary Inspector reported that his attention had been called to the question of the number of rats at the dump. Everything possible was being done to destroy as many as possible and about 50 a week were caught in traps. Gassing, poisoning, and trapping was regularly done.

Mr. Timothy said that it was a difficult matter now that they could not have any burning at the dump, but he did think that the number was being checked.

The following tenders were received for external painting and internal decorations at the Council Offices: C. Goodman, Pewsey, £48 7s. 6d.; P.C. King £58; W. J New, Collingbourne, £45 7s. 9d.; and W. White, Pewsey, £39 17s. 6d. The latter tender was accepted.

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