

Minutes of the First Parish Meeting for  
Election of Parish Councillors for the Parish  
of Copdock.

At a Meeting held in the School Room of the  
United District of Copdock and Washbrook  
at 7 o'clock in the evening, pursuant to  
notice duly and legally given by the Overseers  
of the Parish of Copdock, on the appointed  
day, December 4<sup>th</sup> 1894.

1. It was proposed by Mr J. C. Robinson and  
seconded by Mr A. Pearsons that Mr A. M. Bernard  
be elected Chairman, *carried*.
2. The precise time at which Mr Bernard took  
the Chair was 7.10.
3. On the Chairman taking the Chair, the  
Overseers handed to him in compliance  
with the orders of the Local Government  
Board:-
  - (a) Circular to Chairman of First Parish  
meeting in Rural Parishes with 300 population.
  - (b) Copy of the Register & Parochial Electors.
  - (c) Copy of Parish Councillors Election Orders  
of Local Government Board.
  - (d) Copy of extracts from these orders for

the guidance of Chairman.

The Overseers also reported that they were provided with a supply of Nomination Papers in case they were required.

4. A Minute book was handed to the Chairman for the use of the Parish Meeting.

5. The Chairman reminded the Meeting that the business for which it is assembled is the election of Parish Councillors; and asked that Nomination Papers to be handed to him.

6. Certain Nomination Papers were handed in and numbered by the Chairman from 1 to 8.

7. The Chairman dealt with the Nomination Papers as set forth in Rule 7 of the Orders of the Local Government Board, and decided that there were 8 valid nomination Papers.

8. At 7.25 o'clock the Chairman stated the names of the Candidates in Alphabetical order of their surnames and also their place of abode, and descriptions, and

names and places of abode of their  
proposers and seconders:

as 8 valid Nomination Papers were received  
the Chairman asked if anyone wished  
to withdraw, Mr Robert Gage intimated  
he wished to do so and withdrew accordingly.

9. The Chairman then invited Parochial  
Electors to question the candidates if they  
wished to do so.

10. The number of persons nominated being 7.  
the Chairman declared the 7 to be duly  
elected and the Meeting was closed.

The following were the Councillors elected

Barker William - Labourer  
Blake Oliver - Blacksmith  
Garrod James - Farmer  
Hocking John, Hocking, Clerk in Holy Orders  
Parker George - Labourer  
Pearson Arthur Isaac, Harness Maker  
Robinson Samuel (at present),

S. C. Robinson  
Vice Chairman

WASHBROOK PARISH COUNCIL - FIRST MINUTES

13<sup>th</sup> December 1894.

At the first Meeting of the Washbrook Parish Council held in the Board School Room on Dec<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1894.

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Adams, Henry Cookson, George Edwards, Benjamin Forth, Robert William Grimwood, George Tomlin Harrison, Henry Parker, in pursuance of the following Notice.

Parish Council of Washbrook.  
You are hereby summoned to attend the first meeting of this Council to be held at The Copdock & Washbrook Board School at 7.30 o'clock on Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> when the following business will be transacted:-

1. To take declarations of acceptance of office.
2. To elect a Chairman.
3. To elect a Vice Chairman, if desired.
4. To appoint a Clerk and assign his salary, if any.
5. To receive the accounts of the expended of the first Parish Meeting, and to order the same to be paid.
6. To make the contribution order for the year 1894.

Overseers sufficient to meet his and other immediate expenses.

7. To transact necessary and immediate business in connection with the transfer of powers from the Overseers, Mr. Edward Pitt Vestry or any other authority, and so far as possible provide for the custody of all Parish Books and Documents, the custody of which is by the Local Government Act transferred to the Parish Council.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1874.

Signed John H. Hooking

Chairman of Parish Meeting.

1. The Councillors each signed the declaration of acceptance of Office, in the prescribed form.
2. Mr. Edwards proposed and Mr. J. Andrews seconded that Mr. G. T. Harrison be elected Chairman of the Council, carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Edwards proposed and Mr. Copen seconded that Mr. Andrews be elected Vice Chairman, carried unanimously.
4. No member of the Council having voted.

to act as Clerk without remuneration  
Mr Farthing proposed and Mr Parker  
seconded that the Assistant Overseer  
Mr Peter Thumbe be appointed Clerk  
to the Council and that in consideration  
of his new duties as such his pay as Assistant  
Overseer be raised from the present  
salary of £8 and allowance for journeys  
£12 a year inclusive of such allowances  
on the understanding that he make all  
necessary arrangements for fire, lighting  
for the meetings of the Council: such  
appointment to date from the appointed day  
that is to say from December 1924.

5 The accounts of the Parish Meeting of Dec 14<sup>th</sup>  
were received, amounting in all to £1.0.6 1/2  
plus rent which was deferred.

6 The precept forms not yet been issued by  
the Local Government Board the Council  
were unable to call upon the Overseers  
for a contribution.

7 After the meeting received the old Parish Minute  
book from the Overseers such book being  
the only Parish book to be handed over

To the Council under the act of 1874. where  
the Chairman was requested to take into  
his custody.

2  
Treasurer Herbert Lewis White Esq. was  
appointed Treasurer to the Council subject  
to his consenting to act, carried unanimously.

3  
It was decided to offer the School Board  
the sum of 7/- per night for the expenses  
of fire & lighting the room for the Parish  
Council meetings.

4  
A Circular as to Grouping of Parishes was  
read and ordered to be laid upon the table.

5  
Resolved that no appointment of Overseers  
be made to take the places of the Churchwardens  
who under the Act, are no longer Overseers  
of the Parish.

6  
The Clerk was authorized to procure suitable  
printed forms for calling meetings.

7  
S. D. [Signature]