The minute book of the Parish Council of the parish of Blackawton

From: **9th February 1966**
To: **14th November 1977**

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 9th February 1966 at 7:30pm. Except Cllr. Penn, from whom apologies were received, all councillors and Mrs Cole were present.

Matters Arising

An estimate from Mr Hingley of Kingsbridge was put before the meeting in respect of reclamation work at the cemetery. The estimate for the main reclamation work was in the sum of £26.7.6d and for nine monthly visits for maintenance at £5 per visit (£45). After consideration it was proposed by Cllr Toms seconded by Cllr Lunnon and carried unanimously, that Mr Hingley be asked to proceed as soon as possible.

Damaged Church wall and Steps

The Clerk was asked to write to the Parochial Church Council regarding the public danger arising from the stones and rubble which are still on the highway at the end of School Lane as a result of an accident at this place some considerable time ago.

Public Liability Insurance

The Clerk was asked to ascertain what Insurance was necessary to cover the Parish Council in case of an accident involving Public Liability and to report at the next meeting.

Change of Affiliation

The Clerk was instructed to inquire from D.A.P.C. regarding the procedure necessary to change affiliation from one Rural District to another.

Accounts

The following account was presented and passed for payment:- Mr H Krushaar[?] £2.5-0.

This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms
Chairman 9.3.1966

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Weds. 9th March 66 at 7:30pm., those present being Cllrs Toms, (Chairman) Penn, Williams, Lunnon & Mrs. Edwards, and the Clerk Mrs. Cole. Apologies were received from Cllr Coe.

Matters arising

No reply has been received regarding the damaged Church wall.

Insurance

After due consideration of the Proposal Form it was decided that Insurance Cover should be arranged in respect of public liability for the sum of £1- and the Clerk was instructed to complete the Proposal Form accordingly.

Accounts

There was considerable discussion concerning the current Rate for the Parish and it was decided that great care must be exercised when estimating any requirements for 1967/8. There is, in fact, a large credit balance in the Bank owing to the fact that the money reserved for Burial Ground improvements is still unspent because the work has not yet been done.

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment:-

S.W.E.B. Dec. £7-9-3.

Dartmouth Chronicle £2.18-9
Mrs. Cole £10.7.0

It was suggested that Strete Parish Council be asked to contribute towards the rental of the Clerk's telephone and Insurance Stamps.

Treasurer's Bond

The Clerk reported a request from Mr. Leatt, Manager of Nat: Prov: Bank for the cancellation of the Treasurer's Bond which, due to some misunderstanding has never been transferred from his predecessor – Mr. Thompson – , because this is an obsolete practice and therefore not worth while renewing in an up-to-date Treasurer's name.

It was decided, however, that further information concerning this business and action be deferred meanwhile.

This concluded the business and the Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms
Chairman 13.4.1966

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Weds. 13th April 1966 at 7:30pm. All members of the Council were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Insurance The Clerk reported a Clause in the Policy which states that the Premium Renewal date is "FIRST of JUNE in EVERY YEAR" and not the anniversary of the date when cover is first effected, and in view of this it was agreed that this item be held over until that date.

Refuse Collection

Cllr Tope asked if the Council would request the K.R.D.C. to instruct their staff to collect the dustbin at the house and not the gate, at the Bungalow occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Rowden as these old folks are both over 80 years of age and thus qualify as a case of special hardship.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: -

Mr. Hingley. Burial Ground £22.18.6
S.W.E.B. March a/c £7.9.3
Dartmouth Chronicle £2.12.6

Burial Ground

Mr. Hingley had raised the matter of the absence of a water supply at the Cemetery and pointed out the difficulty this caused in connection with spraying for weed killing, and after some discussion it was agreed that Mr. Waycott should be asked if he could help in this matter, perhaps by allowing for a suitable hose to be attached to his supply at the Bungalow.

Cllr Williams offered to supply a tank for rain water storage.

Another matter raised by Mr. Hingley was the stones left on the path after a grave had been dug, causing possible damage to mowers, and Cllr Toms undertook to provide a suitable hessian sheet for use on these occasions.

Roads

It was reported that bad pot-holes were to be found on the hill and in front of the Normandy Arms and in connection with man-hole covers close to where

telephone engineers are working and the Clerk was asked to have this dealt with by the appropriate authority.

There was a complaint also concerning the state of the foot-path near the Telephone Kiosk, and it was agreed that this also should be further looked into.

It was decided that the Annual Parish Council Meeting be convened for Weds. May 25th.

This ended the business and the Meeting ended at 8.30pm., to be followed immediately by the Annual Parish Meeting.

[signed] Michael R Toms
Chairman 25.5.66

The Annual Parish Meeting followed immediately after the Council Meeting, the only members of the General Public present being the vicar, Rev. A. D. Teage, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Sage.

Sparke's Charity

The Meeting was reminded that no-one had been elected to replace those representatives who had resigned, and it was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllrs Toms (Chairman) and Coe (Vice-Chairman) be elected.

Exeter Cathedral Fund

The Chairman read a letter he had received from Kingsbridge R.D.C. in connection with the campaign, in which it was stated that Blackawton's share of the target is £61. and after some discussion of various ideas it was agreed that an Autumn Barbecue was the most promising item and arrangements would be made to co-operate with the Vicar to organise this event. It was also decided that posters and collector's box labels would help and a supply be requisitioned.

Damaged Church wall

The Vicar advised the Meeting that repairs to the wall were in hand and no doubt the whole matter would soon be completed.

This concluded the business and the Meeting closed at 9pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms 8/3/67
CHAIRMAN

The Annual Parish Council Meeting of Blackawton was held in the School on Wed. 25th May 1966 at 7.30pm.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Penn and Williams the only other absentee being Cllr Tope.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

The present Chairman and Vice Chairman were re-elected.

Refuse Collection

The Public Health Dept. at Kingsbridge was advised of the request regarding the refuse at Mr. Rowden's home and they readily agreed to instruct their staff to comply with this request.

Burial Ground

Mr. Waycott having indicated his co-operation regarding a water supply for Mr. Hingley's use, the Clerk was instructed to thank Mr Waycott and to arrange for Mr Hingley to contact him direct.

Roads

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Gay concerning the grass on the footpath outside the war memorial and the Council Houses in Main Street.

Affiliation

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the application dated 2/4/66 sent to D.C.C. regarding Affiliation to TOTNES R.D.C. be approved.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: -

D.A.P.C. – Subs.		£2.3.3
Commercial Union Ass.		1-0-0
Mrs. Cole	salary	£3
	Phone	2.5.0
	P/Cash	1.2.3
		6.7.3
P.M.G. Audit Stamp		3.0.0

It was decided that the next Meeting be held on 13th July.

This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
13.7.66

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Weds 13th July 1966 at 7.30pm; those present being: Cllrs Toms, (Chair) Lunnon, Williams, Edwards and apologies from Cllr Penn.

Matters Arising

Roads Satisfaction was expressed at Mr. Gay's reply to our request concerning grass around the area of the War Memorial. In connection with road works it was requested that the hedges be cut back at several places in the Parish where accidents have consistently occurred, thus contributing in some degree to greater safety on the roads.

Affiliation

Cllr Williams said he had spoken to several Parishioners and all had been in favour of Affiliation with Totnes. Coverage of the matter given in the Press was regarded as satisfactory but the Council considered the letter from the Royal Commission on Local Governm't was rather irrelevent *[sic]* to the matter of Affiliation.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: --

Mr. Hingley	£15
Mrs. Cole	£1-10-0.

Treasurer's Bond (NatProvBank)

The Auditor (Mr. Pole) at the time of his visit & inspection of our Books, agreed with the Bank, that the Treasurer's Bond is an out-of-date practice and requested that instead of a Bond, the Clerk should be insured under the Fidelity Guarantee, and with this in mind Mr. Pole had a telephone conversation with Cllr Toms.

Cllr Lunnon suggested the Council should obtain confirmation in writing from Mr. Pole, that the Bond is not necessary.

The Clerk was requested to thank Mr. Leatt for his letter and to explain the situation to him.

New Postal Collection Times

The Clerk was asked to write to the Head Postmaster objecting to the new collection times and to enquire the time for the box at Sportsman's Arms.

This ended the business and the meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Vice Chairman
[signed] R Coe 14.9.66

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Weds, 14th September 1966 at 7.30pm, those present being: Cllrs R. Coe, Chairman, Lunnon, Williams, Penn and the Clerk Mrs. Cole. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Toms.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Enquiries were made concerning the new postal collection times including the Sportsman's Arms box and the Postmaster advised that ALL collection points must expect clearance at any time after 4.45pm thus allowing the collecting van to reach the village Post Office by 5pm.

Damaged Church wall

The Clerk was asked to write again concerning this matter and to press for repairs to be carried out urgently.

Exeter Cathedral Fund

It was decided that the Vicar be notified that the Parish Council will not be holding a Barbecue and therefore suggestions are invited as to any way in which help would be useful in the raising of funds for this Cause.

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Gay concerning Pre-direction posts at Sportsmans corner to indicate the coastal road, also some means of indication at the top road out of Dartmouth.

Burial Ground

Complaints were received from Mr. Hingley regarding the stones &c left on the paths and the subsequent damage to his equipment, after a recent funeral and after some discussion on this it was decided that the Undertaker should be notified and that the matter should be deferred till the next Meeting.

Street Lighting

It was reported that several complaints had been notified to SWEB concerning the irregularities of the time-switch and that promises of a thorough check had been received

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: --

S.W.E.B	June Qtr		£7.9.3
Mrs. Cole	Salary	£3	
	Phone	2.5.0	
	P/Cash	2.16.2	
	Hire of Room	18/-	

8.19.2

Mr. Hingley 13.19.0

P.W.L.B. a/c having gone astray it has been necessary to sign a cheque out of Council for this time and this was duly confirmed.

Precept

Precept in the sum of one hundred Pounds was also signed.

Burial Ground

The following funerals having taken place the necessary "Grant of Rights" were duly assigned: --

J.L. FRANCIS

W.M. BEER.

This concluded the business and the meeting ended at 9.30pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman

12.10.66

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in School on Weds. 12th Oct. 1966 at 7.30pm. All Councillors and Mrs. Cole were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a correct record.

Corres.

Notification that Mr. R.E. Andrews had been refused permission to develop a Camping site but that an appeal is to be held in Kingsbridge on Feb. 14th next was received from K.R.D.C.

Roads.

The Assistant County Surveyor, (Mr. Chaffe) acknowledging our request addressed to Mr. Gay, stated that funds are not available for this work but asked that if owners of the land concerned are willing to dedicate land free of charge, would they make an offer in writing to Mr. Chaffe.

Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements)

Preliminary Notice of Control was read and discussed – the control is effective from 1st April 1966.

Playing Field

Mr. Gardner advised that the Dept. of Education and Science had approved the draft Conveyance but as it was not understood why this approval was required the Clerk was asked to find out more about it.

Proposed Affiliation with Totnes

Cllr Penn proposed and Cllr Coe seconded that enquiry be made concerning Devon C.C's contact with Mr. Savidge regarding our request for transfer to TOTNES R.D.C.

Burial Ground

Further to Mr. Hingley's complaint about the stones &c left on the paths it was decided that Byelaws be drawn up and details of same be handed to any Undertaker with interments in our Cemetery.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: --

Mr. Hingley £5.0.0

S.W.E.B £7.9.3

This ended the business and the Meeting ended at 9.15pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
9.11.66

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Weds. 9th Nov. 1966 at 7.30pm.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Penn, all others and Mrs. Cole were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

A reply from D.C.C. regarding contact with Mr. Savidge concerning our request for transfer to TOTNES R.D.C. was read.

Treasurer's Bond

Cllr Toms proposed and Cllr Lunnon seconded that a Fidelity Guarantee Insurance policy in the sum of £100 be arranged and the Clerk was instructed to contact the Commercial Union Assurance Co., in order to have this item added to our Insurance cover.

Roads.

It was reported that a Telephone workshop lorry had fallen into the dyke in Forder road, due apparently to the collapse of the road surface, and this reminded the Meeting of Mr. Gay's promise, dated 19th March 1963, to "fill-in" this dyke, and the Clerk was instructed to enquire of Kingsbridge how much of this work has been completed.

The Clerk was also asked to contact Halwell Parish Council Chairman, to request him to bring pressure to bear on the TOTNES R.D.C., regarding the dangerous corner at Moreleigh Cross.

It was also reported that some bad pot-holes have occurred on the Washwalk to Hutcherleigh road and this also to be passed to Kingsbridge for attention.

Burial Ground

Cllr Toms reports that he had trimmed the road hedges but that Mr. Hingley's attention be drawn to the gaps now appearing in the Millcombe road hedge of the Cemetery.

Draft Bye-laws were drawn-up and these will be discussed again at the next meeting.

This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in School on Weds. 14th December '66 at 7.30pm. Those present were Cllrs Toms (Chmn) Lunnon, Mrs. Edwards and the Clerk Mrs. Cole. Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs Penn and Coe.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ansell who was present on one of his periodic visits.

Matters Arising

Treasurer's Bond

The Proposal Form was discussed and as the minimum Premium for Fidelity Guarantee, is 10/- it was decided that the Clerk should complete the Form in the sum of £200 to meet this requirement.

Roads.

Mr. Scott's reply to our request that Moreleigh Cross be considered as dangerous and "improved" accordingly, was read and a reply was drafted, which stated that hedge removal & wire fencing would satisfy our requirements provided such work would ensure a clear view of on-coming "low" traffic from Totnes.

Exeter Cathedral Fund

The letter which had been left over from the November Meeting, was again discussed but in view of the small attendance it was decided to leave this for the January Meeting.

Burial Gnd

The draft Byelaws were considered and approved and it was decided that further items would be added if and when necessary. Mr. Hingley asked about planting trees in the Cemetery and Cllr Toms to discuss with Cllr Penn.

Accounts

K.R.D.C enquired about out Estimated requirement for 1967/8 and it was Resolved that we estimate our need would be for £100.

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: --

P.W.L.B. £11-12-7
Mrs. Cole £7.0.8

The next Meeting to be held on January 11th

This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
11.1.1967

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Weds. 11th January '67 at 7.30pm. Those present were all Members of Council except Cllr Tope from whom apologies were received.

The Chairman, Cllr Toms, commented on the amount of time wasted at Meetings due to the non-arrival of Members and made it a point of order that any Member unable to be present must submit Apologies prior to the Meeting and he requested that this be recorded in the Minutes.

Treasurer's Bond

A cheque was presented and signed for 10/- to cover the cost of this Insurance.

Exeter Cathedral Fund

After further discussion it was decided that a Dutch Auction would be held in early April and that details should be finalised at the next Meeting.

Burial Ground

Mr. Hingley having suggested certain suitable trees and bushes it was agreed out of Council between Cllrs Toms and Penn that the suggestions be accepted and Mr. Hingley was advised accordingly.

This action was confirmed. Cllr Penn suggested that we should also approach "Men of the Trees" for any advice or assistance under the Britain in Bloom scheme.

S.W.E.B. Maintenance Agreement

It was RESOLVED that we accept the terms suggested in the Board's letter of 30th Dec. 1966, i.e. acceptance of the termination of this Agreement as at 31th Mar. '67 but maintenance to continue on a monthly basis until new Contract is prepared and signed.

The next Meeting to be 8th Feby 1967

This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 9pm.

Vice Chairman
[signed] R. Coe 8/2/67

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Weds. 8th Feby 1967 at 7.30pm. all members were present except Cllr Toms from whom apologies were received. The Vice Chairman, Cllr Coe was in the Chair.

Matters Arising

Men o'Trees

An offer of various trees for both the Cemetery and the Playing Field was received from the Chairman of the Devon Branch and after some discussion it was decided that further enquiries be made concerning the size of the trees and how many are on offer.

Accounts

The Dec Qtr a/c from S.W.E.B was presented and passed for payment in the sum of £7.9.3.

As the Commercial Union Assurance Premiums are all renewable as at 1st June and the cheque signed at the last Meeting in the sum of 10/- for Fidelity Guarantee represented premium for twelve months, it was requested that only 5/ = be paid to keep this business in line with other premiums i.e Dec-June and alterations were made to the cheque accordingly.

Playing Field

The Conveyance for these fields having been received it was established that the Parish Council is the responsible party in this business – and it was proposed by Cllr Lunnon & seconded by Cllr Penn and carried unanimously that the Parish Council proceed with the purchase of the property known as Seelocks for the sum of £500 as per the terms of the Contract and the Council authorises the Chairman and the Clerk to sign the Conveyance on its behalf.

It was proposed by Cllr Lunnon and seconded by Cllr Tope, that Cllr Toms be asked to enquire from the Solicitors as to the exact position regarding the Tenancy

Coronation Seat

It was reported that the seat required some slight repair and Cllr Lunnon was asked to enquire of Mr. Colwill concerning the ownership and to report at the next Meeting.

Exeter Cathedral Fund

Considerable discussion took place regarding this project and it was reported that Mr. Scorer had kindly consented to conduct an Auction.

The date was fixed as 1st April to commence at 2.15pm. Advertising posters were agreed upon and all details to be finalised at the next Meeting.
This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. 8/3/67
Chairman

The Annual Parish Meeting was convened for 7.30 but as no member of the Public arrived no business arose and the Meeting was therefore closed.

[signed] Michael R Toms. 13/3/68

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Weds. 8th March 1967 at 8.00pm.
This meeting was to have followed the Annual Parish Meeting but only Mrs. Williams was present to represent the Public and it was therefore decided to go straight on with the usual monthly Council Meeting. Those present being all Councillors and the Clerk Mrs. Cole.

Damaged Church Wall

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Vicar asking when this work would be completed and suggesting enlisting help from the County Highways Dept.

Coronation Seat

The Clerk was instructed to write asking Mr. Colwill for a quotation for repairs to the Seat and for an approx. completion date.

Burial Ground

Mr. Hingley having indicated his willingness to renew the Contract for maintenance of the grounds of the Cemetery, at the same price as last year, the Clerk was asked to confirm this and to thank Mr. Hingley for the improvement his [sic] has brought about and for all his help and advice.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: --

Rev. R.T. Bowles	£1-10-0.
Mr. Hingley	£21-14-6
Mrs. Cole	£11.19.2

Exeter Cathedral Fund

The final arrangements for the Auction to be held on April 1st were discussed at great length and the various officers appointed. It was RESOLVED that half the residual income be divided between Exeter and Blackawton.
This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
12/4/67

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Weds. 12th April 1967 at 7.30pm. All Members were present except Cllr Toms from whom apologies were received.
After the addition of a remark concerning the Annual Parish Meeting, the Minutes of the last Meeting were signed as a correct record.

Coronation Seat Repairs

Mr. Colwill's Estimate in the sum of £8 was accepted and it was stipulated that the work be completed by the end of May.

Street Lighting

A letter from D.C.C. was read in which the Parish Council were invited to act temporarily as Agents for the County Council in connection with the local lighting system, for one year, from 1st April 1967. This the Council agreed to and further details and instructions are awaited.

Devon Sports Council

In connection with the County Recreation Survey, the Clerk was instructed to say the Questionnaire cannot be completed as our Playing Field is in course [sic] of being purchased.

Britain in Bloom

Cllr Penn agreed to raise this matter again.

Exeter Cathedral Fund

This matter not being quite completed it was decided that it be held over until the May Meeting. The Clerk was instructed to write thanking Mr. Scorer for his help.

Burial Ground

It was RESOLVED that Mr. Airzee be asked to quote for dealing in a suitable manner, – colour to be decided later – with the paintwork on the gates at the Cemetery, and also repairs to the window and lock of the tool house. Cllr Coe to make a larger more suitable Notice Board.

Roads

The Clerk was instructed to ask the Highways Dept. to look into the matter of the "slips" on Quarry head Rd, as it could become a Public danger.

Playing field

Mr. Gardner's account was presented but as this was not understood, it was decided to ask for a detailed explanation.

This concluded the business and the Meeting ended at 9.30pm.

The next Meeting to be held on Weds. 24th May.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
24.5.67

Acceptance of Office as Councillors for the Parish of Blackawton 1967-1970

We the undersigned, having been duly elected Councillors, do hereby declare that we take the said Office upon ourselves and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of our ability and judgement

	SIGNATURE	WITNESS
[signed]	Michael R Toms.	Vera M Edwards.
	Vera M Edwards.	R Coe
	[??] Penn.	R Coe
	[??] Williams	[??] Penn
	[??] Bailey	[??] Williams
	[??] Lunnon	[??] Williams

SIGNED O.W. Cole. Clerk
24th May 1967

I Michael R Toms having been duly elected to the Office of Chairman of Blackawton Parish Council, hereby declare that I take the said Office upon myself and will faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of my ability and judgement

SIGNED Michael R Toms

This declaration was made and subscribed before me a member of the Parish Council

SIGNED O.W. Cole. Clerk
24.5.67

The first Meeting of the newly elected Council was held in the School on Weds. 24th May 1967 at 7.30pm.

All Members were present and with the exception of Mr. Coe all signed the Acceptance of Office and proceeded to elect a Chairman & Vice-Chairman. Mr. Toms was unanimously elected Chairman & Mr. Williams as Vice-Chairman.

Audit

The Clerk reported that the date for this year's Audit is June 12th and that the Stamp Duty for this year's accounts will be £5.

Precept

It was reported that of the £144-9-9 Bank Balance, £106.18.0 is in the Burial a/c, £22-11-0 General a/c and £15.0.9 Public Lighting and it was therefore suggested by the Treasurer that Precept in £50 (£25 each General a/c & Lighting) be applied for. This was approved by the Council.

Exeter Cathedral Fund

A fee of 30/- was requested by the Education Authorities in respect of use of School for the Auction and it was decided that a cheque be drawn for £25 to be paid direct to the Treasurer for this Fund in the Kingsbridge area, and the balance to be sent to Rev. Teage for him to adjust the difference between Blackawton Church Fund and the Cathedral Fund. The School Fee to be included in the payment for hire of school for Meetings which will be made in September.

Burial Ground

Mr. Airzee having supplied an estimate of £15-15-0 for painting the Gates & £11/- [?] for repairs to the tool shed, it was considered rather on the high side and the Clerk was instructed to send the same inquiry to Mr. R. Edmunds[sic] for consideration at the next Meeting.

Playing Field

The misunderstanding concerning Mr. Gardner's account was satisfactorily explained and the Clerk was instructed to send a cheque with instructions to give the Tenant notice to Quit as at March 1968., and to enquire if Mrs. Foale would agree to quit at Sept 1967 as the ground is required for use of Blackawton children.

Operation Starvation India

The Clerk was instructed to contact Rev. Teage on this matter and to ask his views on what we could arrange.

School Managers

D.C. Education Committee enquire for nominations for the new triennial period to 1970. Mrs. Edwards is prepared to stand again and the Clerk was instructed to ask Mrs. Airzee to do the same.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: –

Postmaster General Audit stamp	£5.0.0.
S.W.E.B.	7.9.3.
Hingley	5.0.0

The next Meeting to be called for 1st July.

This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
12/7/67

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held at the School on Weds. 12th July 1967 at 7.30pm; those present being Cllrs Toms (Chairman) Bailey, Edwards, and Penn, and the Clerk Mrs. Cole. Apologies for absence were made by Cllrs Lunnon & Williams.

Matters Arising

When asked to stand again for the School managers, Mrs. Airzee asked to be excused further service and the Clerk was therefore instructed to ask Mrs. Wiggett of High [??]Barbary to fill the vacancy.

Playing Field

There was some discussion regarding the necessity for a Public Meeting in connection with the forming of a Committee to organise and control this project, and the Clerk was instructed to enquire of Mr. Gardner in this matter and to proceed with any necessary application

Burial Ground

Mr. Airzee having submitted an estimate for repairs to the tool-shed and the painting of the gates &c. in the sum of £29-15-0 the matter was discussed and it was RESOLVED that Mr. R. Edmonds be asked to quote and the Chairman was authorised to decide which estimate be accepted, and to have the work put in hand.

Accounts

The Clerk explained difficulties she had met, in connection with the visit of the Auditors regarding the Conveyance of the Playing Fields & the necessity for extra travel between Mr. Gardner's Office and Kingsbridge and asked for an Extra £1. expenses on this account: this was agreed to and the sum was added to the normal expenses.

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: –

Bank of England P.WL.B.	£11-2-7
Hingley May & June a/cs	10.0.0
D.A.P.C Subs & Stationery	2.7.3
SWEB June a/c	7.9.3
Exeter Cath. Fund	27.19.3
Mrs Cole. Salary £3. 'Phone £2.5.0. Petty Cash £2.0.2. Audit Exs 50/-	9.15.2

Co-option to Parish Council

Cllr Toms proposed Mr. Frank Mitchell be invited and this was seconded by Cllr Penn; Cllr Toms to see Mr. Mitchell.

The next Meeting to be called in September.
This concluded the Business and the Meeting ended at 9.10pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
6/9/67

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Weds. 6th Sept. 1967 at 7.30p.m., those present being Cllrs Toms (Chmn) Williams, Lunnon, Penn & Bailey and the Clerk Mrs. Cole.

Matters Arising

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and duly signed as correct.

Playing Field

Mr. Gardner's reply to our enquiry regarding a Public Meeting, about this project, was considered and the Clerk was instructed to include this in the Agenda for the January 1968 Meeting.

Burial Ground

Mr. Edmonds' estimate for painting and repairs was almost the same as that from Mr. Airzee and as authorised at the previous Meeting, the Chairman decided to pass the order to Mr. Airzee on this occasion and instructions were duly given.

Co-option to Parish Council

Cllr Toms reported that Mr. Mitchell had declined the invitation due to pressure of personal business and it was therefore RESOLVED that Cllr Toms invite the Vicar, the Rev. A.Teage to fill the vacancy.

Footpaths

A letter from Harold Michelmore & Co., acting on behalf of Mr. P. Soper of Washwalk Farm, was read & considered by the Council and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed that this Council feels unable to make any alteration to the decision & recommendation made by the previous Council nearly three years ago.

Magistrates Courts

A letter from the Town Clerk at Dartmouth concerning re-organisation of Petty Sessional Divisions, was considered and it was RESOLVED that a reply be sent stating that this Parish will be happy to remain with Dartmouth and a Council representative will attend the Meeting in the Guildhall if the date is advised.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: –

Mrs. Colwill		£8.0.0
Mr. Hingley	July a/c.	£5.0.0
Mrs. Cole	Salary &c.	£6.9.10
Dartmouth Chronicle Group		£2.13.3
Commercial Union Assur.		£1.10.0

The next Meeting to be called for October 11th.
The[sic] concluded the business and the meeting ended at 9.15pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
11/10/67

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Weds. 11th Oct. 1967 at 7.30pm, those present were Cllrs Toms (Chairman) Bailey, Lunnon, Williams and the Clerk Mrs. Cole. Apologies were received from Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Penn.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and duly signed as correct.

Co-option

Cllr Toms reported having invited Rev. Teage to join the Council. The Vicar has promised to give the matter serious consideration and will reply in due course.

Footpaths

An acknowledgement of our reply to Messrs. H. Michelmore was read and considered and it was RESOLVED that this be allowed to remain "on the table" for the present.

Dartmouth Magistrates Courts

A copy of the letter which Dartmouth Borough Council sent to the Home Office concerning the reorganisation, was read & considered and further information is awaited.

Paignton to Kingswear Train Service

The Town Clerk of Dartmouth sent a copy of the proposed new timetable for consideration and also an invitation to attend a Meeting with various interested parties. Cllr Williams attended the Meeting but unfortunately he was unable to report on the procedings[sic] due to instructions from Dartmouth because it was a private meeting convened by them. Cllr Williams asked, however, if a letter could be sent to Dartmouth in support of their case, regarding the absence of Sunday buses from Blackawton to Dartmouth and the difficulty of anyone wishing to visit Torbay Hospital.

Sir Francis Chichester Appeal

The R.D.C. at Kingsbridge wrote on Sept 29th suggesting a house-to-house collection in connection with this appeal and asking this Parish to help.

After consultation with the Chairman – the K.R.D.C. requested a reply within three days – the Clerk replied that this Council is unable to assist in a house to house collection, particularly in view of the scattered nature of the area and the fact that the Banks are prepared to handle any donations.

Playing Field

Mr. Gardner wrote enclosing a copy of the Notice to Quit (as at 29th Sept 1968) served on Mrs. Foale. When reporting this the Clerk advised the Council that a letter to Mr. Gardner under date 2nd June 1967 had not been acknowledged neither had the instructions contained therein been obeyed. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the reason for this and to report at the next meeting

Men of the Trees

A further letter from Mr. Bowden was read and it was RESOLVED that it be confirmed that we still wish to have the Blenheim Oak for the Cemetery, and that enquiries be made regarding a consultation on the spot to discuss any requirements for the Playing Field and anything further for the Cemetery. It was suggested that Mr. Hingley be invited to any meeting so arranged.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: –

Mr. Hingley £5.

Mr. Airzee £29-15-0.

The next Meeting to be called for 8th Nov.

This ended the business and the Meeting ended 9.30pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
8/11/67

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Weds. 8th November '67 at 7.30pm. those present were Cllrs Toms (Chn) Penn, Lunnon and the Clerk Mrs. Cole.

Apologies were received from Cllr Williams.

Minutes

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

The Rev. A. Teage having agreed to Co-option for the remainder of this Session he was unanimously voted in and the Clerk was instructed to send an Agenda for the December meeting.

Burial Ground

The Chairman reported details of the Tree Planting Ceremony due to take place 9th Nov.

The Clerk reported a funeral – that of Mr. S. Buckpitt.

Accounts

The following account was presented and passed for payment: – SWEB £7.9.3.

This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
14.12.67

Acceptance of Office as Councillor for Parish of Blackawton. 1967-70.

I Alan Dixon Teage having been duly co-opted do hereby declare that I take the said Office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of my ability and judgement.

[signed] Alan D Teage SIGNATURE Michael R Toms WITNESS 14th Dec. 1967.

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Thursday 14th December 1967 at 7.30pm, those present were Cllrs Toms (Chrmn) Willliams, Lunnon, Bailey, Teage and the Clerk Mrs. Cole. Apologies were received from Cllr Penn.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and duly signed as correct.

The Rev. A.D. Teage having been co-opted to the Council and having signed the Acceptance of Office, was welcomed by the Chairman.

Local Planning

The Chairman was authorised to sign a letter to the Authority, in connection with Mrs. Cole's Appeal concerning Planning Permission at Kent., to the effect that the Parish Council have no objection to Permission being granted.

Roads

During the recent bad weather when the village was "cut-off" by snow fall the question was raised, once again, concerning who and where to contact for the

local road men to be instructed to keep open at least one road into the village. On this particular occasion the local road men were unable to leave the village and the Clerk was instructed to make enquiries regarding the Council having authority to instruct them in a like emergency.

The Clerk was also instructed to write to Mr. Savidge, with a copy to Exeter "for information" advising him of the fact that on various occasions we have asked the D.C.C. Highways Dept to carry out certain improvements to our roads and requesting him to use any influence he may have to support us in our requests.

Precept Estimates 1968/9

After some discussion Cllr Willams proposed, seconded by Cllr Lunnon, that we estimate our requirements to be equal to a penny rate; this was carried unanimously.

Accounts

The Clerk reported the "collapse" of her typewriter making it necessary for her to spend £37. for a new one and she asked if the Council would subscribe to this expense. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that a contribution of £8., be made on the understanding that Strete Parish Council should be asked to also contribute.

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: –

Bank of England P.W.L.B.	£11-12.7
Mr. Penn – Peat for tree planting	16-6
Dartington Sawmills – stakes	£1.2.6
Mrs. Cole - Salary £3, Phone 2.5.0	
P/Cash £2.5.6. Typewriter £8	£15-10-6

This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
13/3/68

The Annual Parish Meeting was convened for Weds 13th March 1968 at 7.30pm but as no member of the Public arrived by 8pm the Council proceeded with its normal business and the Parish Meeting closed.

Date. 26/3/69. [signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman

The Parish Council Meeting was opened at 8p.m., those present being Cllrs Toms (Chmn) Penn, Bailey, Teage & the Clerk Mrs. Cole. Apologies were received from Cllr Williams.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Playing Field

This business was again discussed and it was decided that a Public Meeting should be called for the formation of a Committee; the Meeting to be held on Thursday the 25th April at 7.30pm and it was further decided to request the Headmaster of Blackawton School for assistance in the preparation of suitable Notices by the local school children.

Electricity

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from S.W.E.B., under date 11th January, in which it was stated that one of the Lighting Units in the Grove was "in a bad

condition & in the interest of Public Safety should be renewed" for the cost of £31-10.0.

Being unable to deal with this because of illness, Mrs. Cole passed the matter to the Chairman, who after further discussion with S.W.E.B. and consultation with other Councillors authorised the work to be put in hand. The business was discussed at some length and finally it was agreed that Mr. Stocking of S.W.E.B. be invited to the April Meeting of the Council to thrash out this whole matter. It was further decided to seek the advice of Consultative Council as to whether or not this is an item which should properly [be] covered by the Maintenance charge which is paid to S.W.E.B. each Quarter.

Accounts

The following account was presented and passed for payment: –

Dartington Sawmills 10-6
R. Coe £11-6-0
S.W.E.B. £7.9.3
Mrs. Cole - Salary £3 Petty Cash 19/7 'Phone 2.5.0
£6.4.7

This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

22/5/68 (signed]Michael R Toms. Chairman

A Parish Council Meeting was convened for 7.30pm. on the 10th April 1968 but as Cllr Toms and the Clerk Mrs. Cole, were the only members to attend – apologies for all five remaining members were received and it was therefore impossible to hold this Meeting and the business was postponed for consideration at the May Meeting.

Unfortunately in accordance with instructions received at the last Meeting (13th Mar) the Clerk had arranged a visit from an official of S.W.E.B. and also two members of Strete Parish Council, to discuss the whole business of Electricity supplies and costs in connection with Street Lighting and maintenance Agreements and Cllrs Mrs. L. Foale and R. Day of Strete and Mr. Ashworth of S.W.E.B. had a useful discussion details of which will be reported at the May Meeting.

[Typed insert]

A Parish Meeting was held in the School on Thursday 25th April 1968, at 7.30pm. Those members of the Council present were Councillors Toms (Chairman), Penn, Mrs Edwards, Bailey, & Rev Teage, there were also seven Parishoners[sic] present.

PLAYING FIELD.

After reviewing the circumstances by which the Council had purchased the land adjacent to the village for use as a playing field, the Chairman welcomed any suggestions as to the lay-out and equipment needed.

After discussion it was decided to approach the National Playing Fields Association, the Devon County and the Devon Education Committee, with a view to gaining assistance in planning and finanace[sic]. It was also suggested that

not all the land was required for the playing field and that part should be let to help pay for the upkeep.

The Playing Field Committee comprising of six Councillors and five Parishoners[sic] were then elected as follows: –

Councillors M.R. Toms.
P. Williams.
Penn.
Mrs V. Edwards
J. Bailey
Rev A. Teage.

Parishoners[sic] Mr. A. Waycott
Mr. T. Gerry
Mrs A. Wiggett.
Mrs D. Pengelly.
Mr. A. Sroka.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held in the School on Weds. 22nd May 1968 at 7.30pm. Apologies were received from Cllr Williams, those present being Cllrs Toms (Chn) Bailey Penn and Teage and Mrs. Cole.

Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

Cllr Toms was unanimously re-appointed Chairman and Cllr Bailey was appointed Vice-Chairman.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed as a correct record.

Cemetery

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Hingley for confirmation that he was prepared to renew his contract for the maintenance of the Burial Ground and to request that he deals promptly with the grass cutting as same is now overdue.

Accounts

It was unanimously approved that Precept be requested in the sum of £80.

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment: –

D.C.C.	£4.6.0.
S.W.E.B.	£39-11-3.
D.A.P.C.	£2.9.0
Comm. Union Assur.	£3.0.0
P.W.L.B.	£11.12.7
Audit Stamp	£3.0.0
Mrs. Cole	£5.5.0

Council's Rep. on School Managers Comm.

Mrs. Edwards having resigned as School Manager, the Clerk was instructed to invite Mrs. Tozer to fill the vacancy.

Co-option to Council

Due to Mr. Lunnon having left the district the Clerk was instructed to invite Mrs. Vickers to join the Council for the remainder of this Session.

Sparke's Charity

Cllr Penn was unanimously elected as the Council's representative on this Committee.

The next Meeting to be called for 10th July, this ended the business and the Meeting ended at 9.30pm.

[signed] J Bailey
Chairman
10.7.68

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 10th July 1968 at 7.30pm.

Those present were Cllrs Bailey(Chmn) Penn Teage and Williams and the Clerk Mrs. Cole.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Toms and Mrs. Vickers.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Co-option of Councillor

A letter from Mrs. Edwards tendering her resignation from the Council, was read and a discussion followed concerning a replacement and finally the Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Russell of West Down inviting him to fill this vacancy.

School Manager

Mrs. Tozer having declined the offer to join the Board of management as Council Representative as a School Manager, it was unanimously agreed to invite Mrs. Clifford Dayment to undertake this office and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

Burial Ground

The Clerk reported having written to Mr. Hingley concerning the grass cutting contract, and having received no reply she had arranged with Cllr Toms to deal with this matter, and understood from subsequent conversation that Mr. Hingley was anxious to continue the contract but the grass has now grown beyond the capacity of his machines and Cllr Toms had made tentative arrangements with Mr. Bastard to cut & carry the grass after which the Council would resume negotiations with Mr. Hingley.

Electricity

The Public Lighting Maintenance Agreement was received from S.W.E.B. for signature on behalf of the Council but owing to a misunderstanding the Clerk had not written to Mr. Ashworth as instructed at the May Meeting, in connection with his visit on April 10th and the discussion with Cllr Toms re lamp standards and their replacement costs, and she undertook to write immediately.

Accounts

The Annual Audit having taken place in June the Clerk reported on this and a discussion took place about the Bank Balance and the balance to the credit of the Council with the R.D.C. The Clerk, who is retiring from office at the Sept. Meeting, undertook to prepare a statement of accounts so that Precept can be signed, if necessary out of Council in order that the accounts can be handed over to her successor in a properly balanced state.

A cheque for £2-10-0 for Audit Expenses was signed in favour of the Clerk.

This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
11/9/68

Acceptance of Office as Councillor for the Parish of Blackawton. 1967-70.
I Kathleen Vickers having been duly co-opted do hereby declare that I take the said Office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of my ability and judgement.
[signed] C.K. Vickers SIGNATURE Michael R Toms WITNESS

A Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held at the School on Weds 11 Sept '68 at 7.30pm. Those present were Cllrs Toms (Chmn) Bailey and Mrs. Vickers and the Clerk Mrs. Cole. Apologies were received from Cllrs Penn and Williams. Mrs. Vickers having signed the Acceptance of Office, the Chairman welcomed her to the Meeting and the business proceeded in the usual manner, the minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Mr. Russell of West Down declined the invitation to join the Council and after some discussion it was decided to hold this item over for the next meeting when other names could be put forward for invitation.

Council Rep on School Managers

Mrs. Dorothy Dayment having accepted the invitation to represent the Council, the Clerk was instructed to advise the appropriate authorities.

Letter of thanks to Mrs. Edwards

The Clerk was asked to write thanking Mrs. Edwards for her help and loyal service during the many years she has been both a Councillor and representative School Manager.

Burial Grd.

The Chairman reported having finally contacted Mr. Hingley and how as an outcome of their conversation he, Cllr Toms, had "rough mown" the grass in the Cemetery and the Clerk was asked to write Mr. Hingley[sic] requesting him to trim the grass once more this season & to arrange to discuss renewal of his contract as from January next.

Electricity

A reply from S.W.E.B was read and discussed and it was decided that this, together with the new Maintenance Agreement, should be postponed till the October Meeting when it was hoped that a full Council would be present to deal with this. In view of the fact of this being the last Council Meeting to be attended by Mrs. Cole, she left the complete file with Cllr Toms for safe custody.

Accounts

The following cheques were presented and passed for payment: –

SWEB – June Qtr	£8.9.7.
Mrs. Cole. Salary, 'Phone & P/Cash	8.2.0

Mrs. Cole undertook to complete the Accounts Books and balance as at 30th Sept. 1968 before passing the Books to her successor.

A.O.B.

It was reported that the Church steps damage was still not repaired and it was decided to take this matter up at the next Meeting.
The next Meeting to be called for Weds. October 9th.
This ended the business and the Meeting closed at 9.5pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
9/10/68

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held at the School on Wed. 9th October 1968 @ 7.30pm. those present were Cllrs Toms (Chairman) Bailey, Penn & Mrs. Vickers. Apologies were received from Cllrs Teague[sic] & Williams.

The Minutes of the last meeting (11.9.68) were read & signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING.

(1) The new Maintenance Agreement with S.W.E.B. was discussed, and it was RESOLVED to accept this as the more economical of the two alternative arrangements available. The agreement (in duplicate) was duly signed; the Clerk was instructed to forward to SWEB and in his covering letter, to re-iterate the Council's request for Mr. Ashworth's confirmation of his comments & recommendations at the April meeting.

(2) Discussion of REPAIRS TO CHURCH STEPS was postponed until Mr. Teague could be present.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter from Kingsbridge RDC calling attention to a M.O.T. circular was read; this requested that street lighting hours should be extended over the Christmas Holiday Period, but it was felt that this could only apply to more built-up areas and no action in the matter was proposed and accepted.

PARISH CLERK.

(1) Cllr Penn was accepted as Acting clerk, pending a permanent appointment.

(2) The question of salary was discussed in relation to the number of meetings per annum, and it was finally RESOLVED to retain the present salary of £12 per annum but to reduce the number of meetings by half. In the future, therefore, meetings will be bi-monthly, starting with that on Dec. 11th 1968.

(3) The name of Mrs. BERRY was suggested as a possible appointment, and it was AGREED that an informal approach to Mrs. Berry would be undertaken by Cllr Bailey.

CO-OPTION.

The name of Mr. Michael Edmunds[sic] was put forward and the clerk was instructed to invite his acceptance.

This ended the business and the meeting closed at 8.45pm with the reminder that the next meeting would be on Wednesday, Dec. 11th 1968.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
11/12/68

I, ANTHONY WAYCOTT, having been duly co-opted, do hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the Duties thereof to the best of my ability & judgement.

SIGNATURE A E C Waycott WITNESS Michael R Toms, Chairman

PARISH MEETING

A Parish Meeting was called for 7.30pm at 11th Dec. to discuss the Review of the Definitive Map & Survey of Public Rights-of-Way; only one elector was present, and with his agreement this item was added to the Agenda of the subsequent

Parish Council meeting. All members of the Council were present, with the exception of Mr. Williams.

Co-option

Mr. A.E.C. Waycott was welcomed by the Chairman and signed the statutory undertaking.

MATTERS ARISING.

(1) CHURCH STEPS. Rev Teage reported that he had seen Jack Colwill and it was hoped that work would start immediately.

(2) Parish Clerk. The Clerk was instructed to advertise the post at the POST OFFICE; the new clerk to start as from 1.1.69.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

S.W.E.B. (quarter ending Sept. '68)	£8-9-7
Public Works Loan Board (due Dec. 31)	11.12.7
Devon C.C. (Hire of School ½ year to Sept. 30th)	1.10.-
E. Downer (Hire short paid on Mar. quarter)	10.6
Clerks Salary to end Dec. £3 + 'phone £2.5.0	5.5.-

Precept 1696/70

An urgent request had been received from Kingsbridge R.D.C. for figures under the two headings (1) the amount of Precept required for 1969/70 and (2) any further amount required for current year. The Clerk had prepared the necessary figures which had been checked by the Chairman and forwarded to Kingsbridge with a note to say that they had still to be tabled and passed by the Council. These figures were APPROVED and Kingsbridge will be advised accordingly. For the record, 1696/70 Precept totalled £198-9/- and requirements for current year £45-7-8 (Details are on K.R.D.C. file).

RAILWAY CLOSURE.

The intended closure of the Paignton/Kingswear stretch of line was discussed, with particular reference to the protest meeting in Dartmouth on 4th December. As no cast-iron case of individual hardship could be quoted, the Clerk was instructed to write to Dartmouth Borough, supporting their protest in the most general terms.

RESIGNATION.

Mr. Penn's letter of resignation was tabled; RESOLVED that acceptance should be delayed until a permanent Clerk was appointed and the letter "lie on the table".

FOOTPATHS.

The letter from Devon C.C. (25th Oct.) calling for a survey of Public Rights-of-Way was discussed as an item of Council business, and with only one member of the public to Dissent or to agree, it was resolved to maintain the status quo and as a result there are only changes in Designation as detailed in schedules 1 & 2.

The general view of the Council was expressed by Cllr Mrs. Vickers when she insisted that the rights of individuals, & of the public at large, should be protected at all costs, and that the Council would be wrong to consider alternatives which might erode these rights in any respect.

SCHEDULE 1. Paths Nos. 22, 26, 27 & 28, at present designated "Road used as footpath" to be re-styled "Byway open to all traffic".

SCHEDULE 2. Path No.15 now designated "Road used as Public Path" to be re-styled "FOOTPATH".

This ended the business, & the meeting closed at 9.15p.m. Next meeting at 7.30pm on 12th Feb. 1969.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
12/2/69

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held at the School at 7.30p.m. on Wed. 12th Feb. Those present were Cllrs Toms (Chairman) Baily[sic], Mrs. Vickers & Waycott & the clerk, H.A. Penn. An apology was received from the Rev. Teague. The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed as a true record.

Matters arising.

(1) Church steps. The Rev. Teague reported by letter that work should commence within a few days.

(2) Parish Clerk. Agreed that a verbal approach should be made to Mrs. Dean. Failing her acceptance, a written request should be made to Mrs. Pengelly.

Correspondence

Devon Assoc. of Parish Councils had advised an area meeting at Manor House, Kingsbridge, for 7 p.m. on Friday, the 9th May. The address would be given by Mr. John Clark, Deputy Secretary of the National Assocn. and would deal with all recent legislation affecting local Government at Parish level. All members present expressed a hope to attend and transport arrangements would be made nearer the date in question.

FOOTPATHS.

Sanction was requested & given to spend 4/6' on a new booklet covering the law regarding footpaths, as affected by the Countryside Act.

PRECEPT.

Precept for £50, against 1969/1970 requirements, was duly signed. This is to cover debts to S.W.E.B. & others for period from 14th Feb. to end of current financial year, end March 1969.

ACCOUNTS.

The accounts for S.W.E.B. were presented & passed for payment: –

Renewal of 5 lamps (storm damage)	£4.17.11
Quarterly a/c to Dec. '68.	£11.10.-

SIGNBOARD.

The question of a new board was discussed but it was agreed that, in the present financial situation, a replacement was out of the question and the best use possible must be made of the present one for as long as possible.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

This was arranged for 7.30 pm on Wed. 26th March and notices to electors to this effect will be displayed at the P.O. & on the board.

It will be followed by a normal meeting of the Parish Council, at which will be decided the date of the Annual Council meeting; by law, this must be held on a date between 20th May and 14 days thereafter (4th June).

CEMETRY.[sic]

It was suggested and agreed that grass-cutting & general maintenance at the cemetry[sic] be subject to a 3-year contract, subject to re-appraisal after each 12-month period. A Tender on this basis was anticipated & would be discussed &/or ratified at the next meeting.

This concluded the business & the meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
26/3/69

ANNUAL.

The Annual Parish meeting was convened for Wednesday, 26th March at 7.30 p.m. Those present were Cllrs Toms (Chairman), Bailey, Rev. Teage, Mrs. Vickers, Waycott & the clerk, plus 2 members of the public.

ROADS.

In a general discussion of roads, 3 points emerged: –

(1) Street cleansing in the village proper. This is work which the R.D.C. may undertake if they so desire; they have always declined to do so on the score of expense, and there is no doubt that it would represent a very heavy imposition on the Rural rate. Parish councils may undertake the work at the expense of the Parish rate, but in present circumstances this is impossible in the case of Blackawton. However, the Highway Authority must ensure the rapid clearance of weeds & rubbish collected by roadmen during their periodical clearance of shoulders & verges.
(2) Gritting. During this winter 68/69, no grit piles have been available on any of the roads leading into Blackawton.
(3) MORLEIGH X. Fears were again expressed regarding the very real danger to traffic wishing to cross the Kingsbridge/Totnes road at Moreleigh Cross.
(4) ROAD MARKING. All paint marks in the village have now been obscured and should be renewed at (a) WOODFORD junction with Vicarage Rd. (b) Normandy Arms & (c) Trenchfurze post.

The clerk was instructed to write to the District Surveyor and to draw his urgent attention to these 4 points.

LITTER BIN.

The clerk was instructed to ask R.D.C. for a new litter bin to replace that which has rusted through. The bin to be anchored somewhere near seat at North entrance to Church.

There followed a report by the Chairman of Council activities in the past year and after a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

[signed] CHAIRMAN
Michael R Toms. 11/3/70.

26/3/69

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was convened to follow the Annual Parish meeting. Those present were Cllrs Toms (Chairman), Bailey, Teage, Mrs. Vickers, Waycott & the Clerk. Two members of the public were also present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Matters arising.

Church Steps. The Council noted with satisfaction that work was almost completed.

Parish Clerk. The Chairman reported that Mrs. Pengelly had agreed to accept this post as from 1st April at a consolidated salary of £21 per annum.

Signboard. It was agreed to make use of the older, smaller board from the cemetery, now lying with Mr. Coe.

Cemetery. It was agreed to accept a verbal tender from M/s Bailey & Waycott for £60, this[?] to cover general maintenance of the cemetery for year ending 1st May, 1970, after which date the position would be reviewed for subsequent periods.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Two circulars from the Association of Parish Councils were tabled; the first deals with Parish Emergency Arrangements and the second with the proposed re-organisation of the Devon & Cornwall Police forces. Agreed that discussion be postponed until comment and advice were received from Kingsbridge R.D.C. who had both matters in hand.

Playing Field.

Agreed that the Council should give an annual subscription of ten shillings to Devon Playing Fields Association. The initial payment of 10/. to be made from Petty Cash.

Press.

Following a request from Miss Sarah Hough, it was agreed to supply her with a copy of future Agenda for Dartmouth Chronicle.

TELEPHONE KIOSK.

A complaint was received regarding the cleanliness of this kiosk and the Clerk was instructed to bring this to the notice of Blackawton P.O. in the first instance, as it was not clear who was in fact responsible for such cleaning.

ACCOUNTS.

A cheque for clerk's salary to 3.3.69 £3 & telephone allowance £2.5/- total 5 guineas was passed & signed.

SEWER.

A complaint was made regarding the public sewer on Goodrick[?] land. The clerk undertook to advise K.R.D.C.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

This meeting was arranged for Friday, 23rd May, at 7.30p.m.

This concluded business and the meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
21/4/69

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held at the School on Monday 21st April '69 at 7.30P.M. Those present were Cllrs Toms (chairman), Bailey, Teage, Penn, Waycott & the clerk, Mrs Pengelly. The Blackawton representative on the Rural District Council, Mr Sage was also present. An apology was received from Mrs. Vickers. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

The Chairman then expressed the Council's appreciation of Mr. Penn for taking over the Clerk's post until a permanent clerk had been found.

MATTERS ARISING.

NOTICE BOARD. It was decided to find a new site for the notice board because Mrs. Berry does not really want it against her new wall.

TELEPHONE BOX Mr Penn reported that it was the responsibility of the Post Master to keep the telephone box and that it should be cleaned once a week.

The chairman then welcomed Miss Hough the representive[sic] of the Dartmouth Chronicle.

AIRPORT REPORT

The report was discussed and there was a unanimous decision against an airport at California Cross on the grounds that it would change the character of the South Hams.

POLICE REPORT

This report was also discussed and regret expressed at the loss of the local policeman but it is inevitable that the reorganisation will have to come.

STATIONERY

The clerk asked for and was given permission to purchase some printed stationery.

This concluded the business & the meeting closed at 8.20. P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
23/5/69

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held in the School on Friday 23rd May 1969. Those present were Cllrs Toms, Bailey, Teage, Penn, Waycott & Vickers.

Election of chairman & vice chairman

Cllr Toms was reappointed Chairman and Cllr Bailey as Vice-Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

NOTICE BOARD It was decided to erect the notice board on the outside of the main entrance to the Church, but it would have to be taken down if the P.C.C. did not agree to it's[sic] erection there.

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

S.W.E.B.	£9-19-10.
P.W.L.B.	£11.12.7
D.A.P.C.	£2-7-3

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from D.C.C. was read. This stated that the D.C.C. would install six new lamps in Blackawton. A circular from K.R.D.C. concerning village wells & pumps was also read.

LITTER BIN.

The new litter bin which had been requested from K.R.D.C. had not arrived & Mr. Penn agreed to ask about this at Manor House.

W.I. MEETING

The Council agreed to be present at a meeting of the W.I. (date as yet unknown) at which there would be a speaker on the Preservation & Conservation of Rural England.

SIGNPOSTS

The Clerk was ~~requested~~ instructed to write to William Lewis of Washbourne requesting him to repair the fence bordering his land at the top of the village. A

letter was also to be sent to the District Surveyor asking that the signpost at Bow Cross be repaired. It was also requested that the signpost at the South Gate of the church could be moved to where it would be visible to people coming from the Woodford direction.

There was a complaint that people are dumping garden refuse etc. on the bank at the corner of the Millcombe road. Mrs Vickers agreed to add a 'no dumping' sign when the W.I. put up a notice on the Preservation & Conservation of Rural England.

Show.

A Horticultural Show for Blackawton was discussed. Everyone thought this was a good idea which would need a great deal of thought and work. It is too late to do anything about it this year.

The next meeting was called for 9th July 1969.

This concluded the business & the meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

[signed] S J[??] Bailey. Vice chairman
9/7/69

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 9th July 1969. Those present were Cllrs Bailey (Chairman), Vickers, Penn, Waycott and the Clerk, Mrs Pengelly. Apologies were received from Cllrs Toms & Teage.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING.

A letter from the district surveyor was read. He stated that repairs had been effected on the sign-post at Bow Cross & the matter of moving the sign-post at the South Gate of the Church would be looked into.

CORRESPONDENCE

A circular from K.R.D.C., asking for help from Parish Councils for the Exeter Cathedral Fund, was discussed. It was decided to ask the Vicar if the Council could have some collecting boxes or a stall at the Fete for this purpose.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

A.W. Tozer & Co: (Stationery).	£4-19-8.
Hedden, Best & Co. Ltd. (Precept Book)	£1-0-5.
Mrs. Pengelly (Salary.Audit Stamp & Exp.)	£9-15-0.

The two Council insurance policies were then discussed. The premiums had been raised and the Clerk was instructed to ask if the policies could be combined.

There was a complaint about the state of the road hedges between the Forces Cross and the village. The Clerk was instructed to see the roadman about this.

The next meeting was called for 10th Sept.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 8.50 P.M..

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
10/9/69

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 10th September 1969. Those present were Cllrs Toms (Chairman), Bailey, Penn, Teage, Waycott & the Clerk Mrs Pengelly.

MATTERS ARISING.

A letter, from Mrs Ali Khan, Oldstone Cottage, Castle Lane, asking if name plates could be put on the roads in the village was discussed. It was decided to ask K.R.D.C. if they could help in this and the clerk was instructed to write to them and to Mrs Ali Khan to tell her that her request was being looked into.

Permission to erect a Memorial in the Cemetry[sic] to the late Mrs Jerwood was sought by H.J. Triggs & Sons of Newton Abbot. This was granted.

A letter from Mr. P. Williams tendering his resignation was read and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Williams thanking him for his past work for the Council.

A discussion followed about a replacement for Mr. Williams and Rev. Teage agreed to ask Mr. J. Cutmore if he would fill the vacancy.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

Commercial Union Ass:	£3-0-0.
S.W.E.B. Quarterly Acc. & erection of two lamps.)	) 85-3-1.
Mrs. Pengelly. Salary.	5-5-0.

A cheque for £5-5-0 cash was signed to cover grave-digger's, vicar's and clerk's fee for the late Mr. W.A. Tucker's funeral.

An account from S.W.E.B. for repairs was considered excessive and it was decided to write to the E.C.C. about this.

Following complaints that the fee for grave digging is inadequate it was decided to raise this to five pounds.

The clerk was instructed to write again to H. Lewis about the fence bordering his land pointing out that there had been an accident there.

It was brought to the Council's notice that people are still tipping garden refuse at Millcombe corner and it was decided to erect a notice to stop this.

There have been complaints about the state of the grass verge in the Grove and it was decided to ask K.R.D.C. if they could help over this.

The next meeting was called for 12th Nov. 1969.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.45.P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
12/11/69

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 12th November 1969. Those present were Cllrs Toms, Bailey, Teage, Waycott, Penn, Vickers and the Clerk Mrs Pengelly.

MATTERS ARISING.

A letter from K.R.D.C. was reading[sic] stating that they did not want the streets of Blackawton to be named. The clerk was instructed to write to Mrs Ali Khan informing her of this and telling her that she could put a name plate on Castle Lane herself if she wished.

Co-option to Council

Mr. Teage reported that Mr. Cutmore would prefer not to come onto the Council but would do so if no-one else was available. The clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Cutmore explaining that the Council would like some-one who has lived in the village a long time and asking him to reconsider his decision.

The Clerk was instructed to write again to K.R.D.C. about a No Tipping Notice Board at Millcombe corner and also about the grass verge in the Grove, asking if it was not possible to have the verge turned into a hard-standing for cars.
A circular from K.R.D.C. about buildings of architectural interest in the Parish was discussed. Annual reports from Devon Association of Parish Councils, Devon Playing Fields Association and the Electricity Consultative Councils were circulated.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

S.W.E.B. Quarterly acc. & repairs. £13-19-5.
D.C.C. School Hire. £4-18-0.
J. Bailey. Cemetry[sic] Maintenance. £60-0-0.

A complaint was received about wide vehicles using Back Lane – the clerk was instructed to write to the District Surveyor, asking for a notice banning wide vehicles from the lane.
A reference was made to a letter from D.C.C. saying they would renew the village lights & the Clerk was instructed to write to D.C.C. to remind them of this.
The next meeting was called for 14th Jan. 1970.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.45.P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
14/1/70

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 14th January 1970. Those present were Cllrs Toms, Teage, Vickers, Bailey and Waycott. Apologies were received from Mr. Penn.
The minutes of the last meeting were read. It was pointed out that the Clerk should have asked for the grass verge in The Grove be made into a[sic] ordinary pavement and not a hard standing for cars. The minute was allowed to stand as correspondence had taken place over this. The minutes were then signed.

Matters Arising.

The clerk was instructed to write to the District Surveyor to ask if the bank at Millcombe Corner belonged to the County.

Back Lane.

A letter from the District Surveyor was read stating that he did not think it necessary to erect a notice banning wide vehicles from Back Lane. Rev. Teage said he would make a notice for each end of the lane.

Lights.

A letter from Devon County Council was read saying they hoped to make a start, soon, on renewing the lights.
A letter from Devon County Education Committee about the future of Blackawton School was read. This was discussed and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Education Committee approving the plan.
A circular about the Parish Emergency Executive Committee was discussed. It was agreed that the circular should be passed around the Council members to be read and discussed again at the next meeting.
Two posters on Vandalism were shown and it was agreed to ask if they could be displayed in the shops.

Accounts.

Precept for 1970/71 was discussed and was agreed at £165.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

P.W.L.B. £11-12-7

B.M. PENGELLY. 5-5-0 salary.

Co-Option

The clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Tozer of Thorn Farm inviting him to fill the vacancy.

A complaint was made that the sign-post at Bow Cross was still broken and the Clerk was instructed to write to the District Surveyor about this. Mr. Waycott asked if it would be possible to have more grit in the area. He said he would spread grit on Woodford Hill if he had some left at the bottom. The Clerk was instructed to write about this.

The Clerk was instructed to write to S.W.E.B. about the light by the Church steps which had been out for more than a week.

The Annual Parish Meeting was called for 11th March 1970 to be followed by a Council Meeting.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10.5 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.

11/3/70

Acceptance of Office as Councillor for the Parish of Blackawton.

I John Tozer having been co-opted do here-by declare that I take the said Office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties there-of to the best of my ability and judgement.

SIGNATURE A.J. Tozer

WITNESS Michael R Toms

The annual Parish Meeting was convened for Wednesday 11th March 1970.

Those present were Cllrs Toms (Chairman), Teage, Penn, Tozer Bailey & Vickers and the clerk. Mr. C. Ansell, County Councillor for the area, was also present with seven members of the public.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

The Chairman gave a report on the Council's work through-out the year and a progress report on the Playing Field.

Drains.

There were complaints about overflowing drains at the end of the Grove and at Rake Hill Lane. The drain at the end of the Grove is only a soak-away so it was decided to write to the District Surveyor asking if this could be made into a proper drain and join up with one further down the hill and also to ask for the other drain to be cleared.

Following a discussion on Morleigh Cross the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Ansell, the County Councillor, to ask if he could assist in this matter.

Mr. Ansell then gave a talk about his career as a County Councillor.

This was followed by a report on their activities during the past year by the President of Blackawton Women's Institute.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-0 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms.

11-3-70.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school after the Annual Parish Meeting.

Those present were Cllrs Toms (Chairman), Teage, Tozer, Vickers, Penn & Bailey.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Waycott.

Matters Arising.

A letter from the District Surveyor was read stating that the Bank at Millcombe Corner did belong to the County Council.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

S.W.E.B. £10-13-1.

B.M. PENGELLY. 5-5-0.

Mr. Bailey tendered his resignation from the Council and the Chairman thanked him for his work for the Council and wished him well in his new life in Australia.

Co-Option*

Mr. A.J. Tozer was welcomed by the Chairman and signed the statutory undertaking.

The next meeting was called for 6th May 1970.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.40.P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. 6/5/70.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 6th May 1970. Those present were Cllrs Toms, Teage, Tozer, Penn, Waycott, Vickers and the clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

A letter from the District Surveyor was read, stating that he would have the drain at the end of the Grove cleared. The Clerk was instructed to write again to the District Surveyor stating that clearing the drain was not enough to stop it over-flowing and asking again if it could be joined with the drain lower down the hill.

The Clerk was also instructed to write to the District Surveyor about the dumping of garden refuse on the bank at Millcombe corner. There were complaints about broken signposts at Cliston Cross, Bow Cross and Millcombe Corner. The Clerk was instructed to write about these and also to ask if it was possible to have a sign to Slapton Sands at Forces Cross.

A form from Devon County Council stating conditions for hiring the playing field was discussed and it was agreed that it should be signed.

Mr. Penn tendered his resignation from the Council. This was reluctantly accepted and the Chairman thanked him for all his past work for the Council.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

S.W.E.B. £10-13-1.

D.A.P.C. £2-11-0.

D.C.C. £2-2-0.

The next meeting which is the Annual Parish Council Meeting was called for 27th May.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-5 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.

27/5/70

Acceptance of Office as Councillors for the Parish of Blackawton.
1970-1973

We the undersigned, having been duly elected Councillors do hereby declare that we take the said Office upon ourselves and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of our judgement and ability.

SIGNATURE	WITNESS
Michael R Toms	A.K. Vickers
A.K. Vickers	A. E. C. Waycott
A. E. C. Waycott	Alan Teage
Alan Teage	C.A.J. Bellingham
C.A.J. Bellingham	A.J. Tozer
A.J. Tozer	Alan Teage

[signed] B.M. Pengelly.
27.5.70.

I Michael R Toms having been duly elected to the office of Chairman of Blackawton Parish Council hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of my judgement and ability.

[signed] Michael R Toms.

This declaration was made and subscribed before a member of the Parish Council.

SIGNED. B.M. Pengelly.
DATE. 27.5.70.

The first meeting of the newly elected Council was held in the school on Wednesday 27th May 1970.
All the members were present and signed the Acceptance of Office. The new chairman, Mr. Toms and Vice-Chairman, Rev. Teage were then elected.

Morleigh Cross

A letter from the County Council advising the Parish Council to write to K.R.D.C. about Morleigh Cross was discussed. The Clerk was instructed to write to the R.D.C. asking to have the Cross put into the list of priorities of road works.
A circular about the "Best Kept Village Competition[“] was discussed. It was decided not to enter this because there are some dilapidated buildings in the village. The Clerk was instructed to write to K.R.D.C. to ask if it is possible to obtain a grant to demolish a condemned building and make good the building it is joined to.

Footpaths.

A circular from K.R.D.C. about the state of footpaths was read and discussed. Council members agreed to walk some of the paths to see if they were in good repair.

The problem of Footpath 13 came up again and the Clerk was instructed to look up the K.R.D.C. letter on this subject and to put Footpaths on the agenda for the next meeting.

School Managers.

It was decided to ask Mrs. D. Dayment and Mrs. A. Wiggett to stand for a further term as school managers.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

Commercial Union Insurance. £3-0-0.
Bank of England (Loan charges) £11-12-7.

It was agreed that a cheque for £5 Audit Stamp be signed out of Council when the Clerk discovered if the Post Office would accept the cheque.

Co-option.

It was agreed to ask Mrs. D. Dayment to fill the vacancy on the Council and the Clerk was instructed to write to her.

The next meeting was called for July 8th 1970.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.45P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
8/7/70

Acceptance of Office as Councillor for the Parish of Blackawton.

I Dorothy A. Dayment having been duly co-opted do hereby declare that I take the said Office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties there-of to the best of my ability and judgement.

SIGNATURE D.A. Dayment
WITNESS Michael R Toms
8-7-70

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 8th July 1970. Those present were Cllrs Toms, Teage, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham and Dayment. Apologies were received from Mrs Vickers.

Mrs D. Dayment having been co-opted and having signed the Acceptance of Office was welcomed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising.

Morleigh Cross. A letter from K.R.D.C. stated that the Cross would be put into their list of priority roadworks. The Clerk was instructed to write to Totnes R.D.C. asking them to do the same.

Correspondence.

A letter from the District Surveyor was read. He stated that he had asked K.R.D.C. to deal with the rubbish on the bank at Millcombe corner. He did not propose to join the two drains at the end of the Grove and further down the hill. It was decided to write again about this. All the broken sign-posts are being repaired.

Evening Classes. A circular from South Devon Technical College was discussed. It was decided to put a notice in the shop to see if any-one was interested in starting classes in the village.

A new schedule of charges from S.W.E.B. was discussed and accepted.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

D.P.F.A. Annual Sub.	£1-0-0
Hadden Best & Co. Ltd.	£3.18.6
B.M. Pengelly	£6.15.0

Footpaths.

It was agreed that Cllr Toms, Teage and Bellingham should see Mr. Soper and explain about Path No. 13. All members agreed to find out which paths were clear and which blocked.

A complaint about a mound sticking out from the hedge opposite Goodridge, making it impossible for two cars to pass was discussed. It was decided to write to the District Surveyor about this and also about the roadside bank between Hartley Lane and the Village.

Complaints were also received about the grass verge in the Grove, the area around the telephone box and the War Memorial. It was decided to write to K.R.D.C. about the verge in the Grove and the grass around the telephone box. The male members of the Council decided to tidy up the War Memorial themselves.

A request for a passing place between Wood Farm and Old Wood Lane. Mr Soper, Straypark Farm, had offered the [??]lavel for this. The clerk was instructed to write to the District Surveyor about this.

Road Widening in the Village

Many complaints about the narrowness of the road in the village by The Cottage have been received. The Clerk undertook to ask Mr. Bastard if he would be willing to give the land to have the road widened and to write to the District Surveyor if he would.

The next meeting was called for 9th Sept.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10 P.M.

[signed] Alan D. Teage. Vice CHAIRMAN.
9 Sep 1970.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 9th September 1970. Those present were Cllrs. Teage, Tozer, Bellingham, Dayment, Waycott, Vickers and the clerk. Apologies were received from Mr. Toms.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Signposts.

It was reported that the signposts at Cliston Cross and Bow Cross have still not been repaired. It was decided to write again to the District Surveyor about this.

Grass verge in Grove.

A letter from K.R.D.C. stated that the verge is the responsibility of the County Council. It was decided to ask the County Council if it is possible to tar the verge.

Evening Classes

The Clerk reported the[sic] enough people had wanted to have a Dressmaking Class in the village and arrangements for this were under-way.

Footpaths.

A circular from K.R.D.C. asking for information about paths was discussed. It was decided to tell the R.C. that the Parish Council appreciated their problem

and they would act if information concerning blocked paths was sent to them. It has been noticed that foot-paths in the area are being signposted. Members thought this a very good idea but considered that the Parish Council should be told about this sort of thing. They decided to write to the County Council telling them this and asking who is responsible for the signposting.

30 M.P.H. Limit

A petition for at 30 M.P.H. speed limit through the village was presented. The Council thought this would be a very good thing and decided to send the petition to the County Highway Authority and a copy to K.R.D.C.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

S.W.E.B. £10-19-6.
A.E.C. Waycott. £30-0-0
B.M. Pengelly. £5-5-0;

The W.I. asked permission to use the Council Notice Board to advertise their meetings. This was granted. This was granted.

The next meeting was called for 11th Nov.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-0 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. 11/11/70

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 11th November 1970. Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Teage, Tozer, Bellingham, Waycott, Vickers, Dayment, and the clerk.

Matters Arising.

It was reported that the signposts at Cliston Cross and Bow Cross have now been repaired.

No reply had been received from the County Council concerning the signposting of foot-paths. It was decided to write to them pointing this out.

Speed Limit

The County Council have decided to put this matter before the Traffic Regulation Sub-Committee.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

S.W.E.B. £10-19-6.
D.C.C. £1-11-6
A.E.C. Waycott. £30-0-0

Cemetry.[sic]

A request from Mr. Waycott to have graves without headstones levelled was considered. It was decided to write to the relatives concerned asking their permission to do this and to mark the graves with their numbers on the plan. It was also decided to write to the Ministry of requesting a change in the bye-laws: - i.e. To have no more Kerbstones and to have graves finished level.

Postal Services

After a discussion of the new Postal Arrangement it was decided to write to the Postmaster protesting about them.

Waste Bins.

It was reported that the waste bins outside the Church gate had been taken away. The Clerk was instructed to write to K.R.D.C. asking the reason for this.
The state of the road between Bow Bridge and Forder was brought to the notice of the Council. A lorry had gone into the dyke at the side of the road. It was decided to write to the District Surveyor about this.

Back Lane.

It was decided to ask again for notices at the ends of Back Lane stating that it is too narrow for wide vehicles.

White Lines

There was a complaint that the white lines at the Woodford Junction, Normandy Arms & at Trenchfurze Post were obliterated. The clerk was instructed to write to the C.C. about this.

Footpath 13.

Before members of the Council went to see Mr Soper about Footpath 13 it was decided to write to the C.C. asking if the right to drive a wagon with corn to the mill ceased when the mill no longer functioned.

Road widening

It was decided to write again to the C.C. about the passing place between Wood Farm and Old Wood Lane and about widening the road by Mr Smith's cottage.
The next meeting was called for 13th January 1971.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.50 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
12/1/71

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 13th January 1971.
All members of the Council were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising.

Signposting of Footpaths. There had still been no reply to the letter written in September except a postcard acknowledging receipt of the letter. It was decided to write to the County Council pointing out that there had still been no reply.
Speed Limit The County Council does not consider a speed limit necessary as radar speed checks had shown that vehicular speeds are low. A limit might have to be put in force because of the new lighting system.
Waste Bin. The bin was removed by order of K.R.D.C. and has now been replaced.
Postal Service A letter from the Assistant Head Postmaster at Torquay in reply to complaints states that letters posted for the afternoon collection should be delivered the next day over most of the country.
Back Lane. Once again the County Council refused to put signs banning wide vehicles from Back Lane. It was decided to write again stating that it was not only local vehicles which used the lane and asking if signs advising that the road narrows could be erected.
The District Surveyor wrote that the fence between Bow & Forder had been repaired. He would try to have the Dyke filled in if the Council would tell him who owned the land.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

Bank of England. Loan Charges. £11-12-7.

B.M. Pengelly. Salary & Petty Cash. £10-5-0.

Precept for 1971/72 was agreed at £189.

CEMETRY.[sic]

A letter from the Ministry of Environement[sic] sated that Burial Authorities have no power to make bye-laws but were able to make rules. It was decided to have the following rules: all graves are to be finished level. and No more Kerb stones are to be allowed in the Cemetry[sic].

Several people had answered that they did not want graves levelled and it was decided to write to these people telling them they would have to keep the graves tidy in future. People who had not answered were to be written to again saying that if no reply was received in a fortnight the work would go ahead.

There was a complaint about water freezing on the hill between Collaford and Cotterbury and also that part of the bridge at Woodford had fallen out. The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Surveyor about this.

TYPEWRITER

The Chairman suggested that the Council should buy a typewriter for the use of the Clerk. The Council agreed to this.

PARISH MEETING.

The Parish Meeting was called for 10th March. It was decided to advertise the meeting in the Dartmouth Chronicle and Kingsbridge Gazette.

It was agreed to ask a representative of the D.A.P.C. to speak at the meeting and also to discuss the Bus Service.

It was decided to write to the County Council thanking them for the prompt and efficient way the snow was cleared from the village.

The next meeting was called to follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-30. P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.

8-3-72

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the school on Wednesday 10th March 1971. Those present were Cllrs Toms (Chairman), Teage, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham, Vickers and Dayment. Mr. G. St. Clair Ellis a member of the D.A.P.C. executive committee was also present together with about thirty members of the public.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING.

The Chairman reported that the drain at the end of the Grove and Morleigh Cross are being attended to.

LIGHTING.

A request was made for more lights on the road to Greenslade and up the hill to Trenchfurze Post. This was proposed by Mr. G. Airzee and seconded by Mr. R. Edmonds. This proposal was carried and it was decided to write to the C.C. and ask if they would install these lights. Two of the new lights were reported not working and it was decided to write to S.W.E.B. about these.

Arising from the lighting matter the 30M.P.H speed limit was discussed. It was decided to write to D.C.C. again about this.

BUS SERVICE.

The proposal of K.R.D.C. to give a subsidy of £1,500 in an effort to maintain existing services was discussed. It was proposed by Mr. Penn & seconded by Mr. Sage that the scheme be appoved[sic]. The voting was unanimous. It was decided to ask the W.N.B.C. if it was possible for them to provide a bus to Blackawton from Dartmouth at mid-day to enable people to return home without having to wait all day.

POLICE.

The Police Panda Car system was discussed and it was agreed unanimously that the officers did not get out of their cars to talk to the people. Most people were not happy with the system.

WHITE LINES.

There was a complaint about the non-existence of white lines at the road junction at Normandy Arms and at Trenchfurze Post. The Council agreed to write to the District Surveyor about this.

TELEPHONE BOX.

There was a request for another telephone box at the Grove end of the village. It was agreed to write to the P.O. and ask if we could have a second telephone box or have the existing one moved.

TREES IN CEMETRY[SIC]

Mr. Coe asked what had happened to the trees in the Cemetry[sic] and the Chairman reported that two had died and that the Churchill Oak had been stolen together with the plaque.

Footpaths.

After a discussion about Footpath 13 the Chairman reported that the Council was looking into the whole matter of this path and was awaiting a reply from the County Council.

STREET CLEANING.

Mrs Rye asked if the village could be cleaned more often. The Council agreed to ask if the Road Sweeping Vehicle could come through the village at least once a month.

A complaint was received about a pit in the road by the Normandy Arms. The Council agreed to look into this.

Mr. St. Clair Ellis then gave his talk and answered questions on Local Government Reform and the work of the D.A.P.C.

Mrs. Tucker, President of the local W.I. gave a report on their work throughout the year.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
8/3/72

The Parish Council Meeting was held after the Annual Parish Meeting on 10th March 1971. All members of the Council were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Back Lane.

The District Surveyor wrote that "Light Traffic Only" signs could be put at the end. All members agreed this would be a good thing.

It was reported that water was still across the road between Collaford and Cotterbury even though the road had been cleaned.

Footpath 13.

A letter from the County Council about this footpath was discussed. It was decided that the Chairman and some other Councillors should go to County Hall to discuss this whole matter.

Vote of Thanks.

Rev. Teage proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Toms for the way he Chaired the Parish Meeting. This was carried unanimously.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

S.W.E.B. £11-13.

B.M. Pengelly. £5-25.

It was agreed to write again to the District Surveyor about the passing place between Old Wood Lane and Wood Farm and widening the road in the village, and also about the mound in the road opposite Goodridge.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 11-10P.M.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was called for Thursday 27th May 1971.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
27/5/71.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held in the School on Wednesday 27th May 1971

Those present were Cllrs Toms, Teage, Tozer, Bellingham, Waycott and the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Dayment and Mrs. Vickers.

Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman.

Cllr. Toms, proposed by Cllr. Bellingham & seconded by Cllr. Waycott was unanimously elected as Chairman. Cllr. Teage, proposed by Cllr. Toms and seconded by Cllr. Tozer was unanimously elected Vice Chairman.

Matters Arising.

A "Light Traffic Only" sign has been erected at Back Lane.

Passing Place & Road Widening.

A letter from the District Surveyor stated that these improvements would be carried out when labour and money are available.

Footpath 13

The Chairman reported on the meeting with County Council officials who said that the vehicular right of way is a private matter between the land-owners concerned.

Telephone.

The Post Office does not consider it necessary to have another telephone box in the village.

Buses.

The W.N.B.C. will not increase the bus service to the village until they know about the subsidy from the C.C.

Lighting

The C.C. have agreed to take over the new lighting system. S.W.E.B. have told the C.C. that they will credit us with any money we have paid since the alterations. It was agreed to write to S.W.E.B. to confirm this.

A letter from SHELTER about their National Campaign was discussed. It was decided to hold a house to house collection in aid of this Charity. Most members agreed to help.

Four members agreed to go to a meeting, at Marldon, about the Reform of Local Government.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

Commercial Union Ass.	£3-00.
Bank of England.	£11-63.
Devon County Council	£2-00.
Post Office.(Audit Stamp)	£5-00.

The mound of earth opposite Goodridge was again discussed and it was decided to write to the District Surveyor asking what was happening about this.

It was also agreed to write about white lines at road junctions in the village and about the grass verge in the Grove asking if this could be made into a tarmac pavement.

The next meeting was called for 14th July 1971.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-20P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
14/7/71.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 14th July 1971. Those present were Cllrs Toms, Teage, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham, Vickers, Dayment, and the Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising.

There was a letter from the District Surveyor stating that the mound opposite Goodridge is the responsibility of the landowner. It was decided to write to Mr. Perry to tell him this.

Bus Service

A letter from K.R.D.C., with the proposed timetable of Bus Services between Dartmouth and Blackawton with no service to Totnes was discussed. It was agreed to protest against this and to suggest a link with the Salcombe to Totnes service at Halwell. There would probably be several school children who would use this in the morning and afternoon. The Clerk was also instructed to put a notice in[sic] the board asking if the new service would cause any-one any hardship.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: –

D.A.P.C. (Annual Sub.&R.).	£4-30.
D.P.F.A. (Annual Sub).	£1-00
B.M. Pengelly (Salary & Audit Ex).	£6-75

Reservoirs

The siting of reservoirs on good agricultural land was discussed.

The following resolution was agreed upon:- The members of B.P.C. deplore the use of good agricultural land for reservoirs.

It was suggested that R.D. Councillors should come to Parish Council meetings for the first fifteen to twenty minutes to discuss any thing concerning the Parish which had been discussed at R.D.C. meetings. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Penn & Mr. Sage inviting them to do this.

It was decided to write to the District Surveyor about the following:-

The road between Collaford and Cotterbury which is still bad despite cleaning.

The hedge at the bottom of Forces Hill has not been trimmed properly and it is impossible to see around it.

A place could be made for passing between Old Wood Lane & Wood Farm just by cleaning out the bottom of the hedge.

The next meeting was called for 8th September 1971.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-5p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
8/9/71.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 8th September 1971. All members of the Council were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising.

Bus Service. No member of the public had reported any hardship if the Bus Service to Totnes is discontinued. The Council agreed that nothing more could be done about this.

The two Rural District Councillors agreed to come to Parish Council meetings if there should be anything of particular importance to the Parish discussed at the Rural Council.

School Lane.

A letter from the District Surveyor stated that the bank at school lane had been seeded. It was agreed to ask the District Surveyor if the bank could be reseeded so that it will look better by next summer.

Passing Places.

It was decided to write again to the District Surveyor about passing places between Wood Farm & Old Wood Lane asking that the Road Foreman call on Mr. Bellingham so that he can explain where theses[sic] passing places could easily be made.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

A.E.C. Waycott. Cemetry[sic] Maintenance	£32-00
B.M. Pengelly. Salary	£5-25
Woosley & Wood. Plaque	£9-50
A.E.C. Waycott. Playing Field Maintenance	£32-50

School Manager.

No request has yet been received from the County Council for the Parish Council to nominate a school manager to replace Mrs. Wiggett who has resigned. It was decided to invite Mrs. Shirley Edmonds to represent the Council when the County

advises that[sic] Parish Council that a replacement is necessary. If Mrs. Edmonds declined the invitation is[sic] was decided to ask Mrs. Marion Harvey.

Shap.

There has been a serious accident at the crossroads on the Blackawton to Stanborough road where the road from Shap enters. It was decided to write to Halwell P.C. asking them to try to get a crossroads sign here.

The glass in the cemetry[sic] notice board is broken and it was decided to replace this.

It was agreed that the entrance to the Cemetry[sic] should be tarred. The male members of the Council agreed to do this work themselves.

The next meeting was called for 10th November 1971.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-20P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. 10/11/71.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 10h November 1971.

Matters Arising.

It was noted that the bank at School Lane is looking better.

Mr. Bellingham said that some-one from the District Surveyor's office had called on him and had said that passing places will be made between Wood Entrance and Old Wood Lane.

No reply has been received from Halwell Parish Council about the S.H.A.P. road.

Lighting.

A letter from S.W.E.B. confirmed that the County Council had taken over the lighting in the village except for the light at The Cross. It was agreed to ask the County Council why this was so and also to ask if lights could be put in Greenslade Road. It was also agreed to write to S.W.E.B. about Radio Interference at Mrs Chapman's when the light is on outside her house.

A letter, from Harberton Parish Council, asking for support in their fight against a reservoir, was read. It was agreed to write to them giving them support.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

S.W.E.B.	£11-05	
A.E.C. Waycott.	£32-00	cemetry[sic] maintenance
Commercial Union In:	£3-15	Playing field insurance
A.E.C. Waycott.	£54-00	Playing field maintenance

It was reported that the glass is broken in the Cemetry[sic] Notice Board. It was agreed to ask Ronald Edmonds to repair this.

It was decided to use concrete for the Cemetry[sic] Entrance.

It was agreed to ask for piles of grit around the village in preparation for bad weather.

Several people had asked if the colour of the paintwork of Council Houses could be changed now that they had been sprayed white. It was agreed to ask Mr. Sage to inquire about this at R.D.C. office.

It was agreed to discuss the leveling[sic] of graves at the next meeting. The Clerk to bring the Burial Register and map.

The next meeting was called for 12th January 1972.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-35P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman.
12/1/72.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 12th January 1972.

Those present were Cllrs Toms, Teage, Bellingham, Tozer, Waycott, Vickers & Dayment. Apologies were received from Mrs. Pengelly and Mr. Waycott who were both unwell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Matters Arising.

Street Lighting A letter from the County Council saying the light at Park Lane had not been taken over because it is more than 50yds from other lights. The County asked for the Parish Council's views on the priority of lights at Greenslade Road or infilling with lights at Park Lane. It was agreed that lights at Greenslade Road should have priority.

Cemetry[sic] Entrance

It was agreed to wait until longer evenings & better weather before tackling this job.

Piles of Grit

These had been put in suitable places around the Parish.

Painting of Council Houses

K.R.D.C. agree that a change would be a good thing & will bear this in mind when arranging contracts for paint.

Levelling of Graves.

It was agreed to leave this until the next meeting as the Clerk has all the details.

Correspondence

Footpath 20 K.R.D.C. asked the views of Parish Council on a diversion of this footpath. It was agreed the Chairman or V. Chairman go to look on the ground & to write to R.D.C. accordingly.

School use of Playing Field The new rate of payment was agreed. Payment to 21st July 1971 had been received, at the old rate.

Planning Consultation N.A.P.C. circular suggested that Parish Councils write to their local M.P. & the Sec. of State for the Evironment[sic] about planning consultation between the New District Councils & Parish Councils under Local Government Reform Bill.

Car Parking along Slapton Line. A letter from Strete P.C. suggested that Strete, Slapton, Stokenham, Stoke Flemming[sic] & Blackawton P.Cs. be represented on K.R.D.C. review body. It was agreed that we are interested in being represented.

N.F.U. Threatened Valley Association The officers of the Council were asked to sign a petition to Prince Charles asking him to reconsider Swincombe. This was done.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

A. Waycott.	(Laying hedges).	£15-00
B.M. Pengelly.	(Clerks Salary). (& funeral fee.)	£6-25

Mr. Hallett. (Grave digger's fee). £5-00.
S.W.E.B. (Amended acc). £2-50 It was agreed to consult the Clerk before signing this cheque.
Two accounts were paid out of Council. These were: -
D.C.C. (Hire of School). £1-11
Bank of England (Loan Charges). £11-63
The estimates for 1972/3 were agreed at £100.

Agenda for Parish Meeting.

It was agreed to ask Mr. Savidge if he or some other person from K.R.D.C. would speak at the meeting.
The Chairman agreed to ask the President of the W.I. to give a report. R.D. representatives to be asked also.
The meeting was called for 8th March 1972 to be followed by a Council Meeting.
This ended the business and the meeting closed at 10-42pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman
8/3/72

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the school on Wednesday 8th March 1972. Those present were Cllrs Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham, Vickers, Dayment & the Clerk. Also present were Mr. Sage & Mr. Penn, the two Rural Councillors, and about 20 members of the public. Apologies were received from Rev. Teage.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING.

Lighting. The County Council had agreed to consider more lights in Greenslade Road.
Speed Limit. After tests by the Police the County Council do not consider a limit necessary but they now have to reconsider because we have a system of highway lighting.
Bus Service. The Bus Co. regret they can-not put on any more buses.
Telephone Box. The P.O. does not agree that another 'phone box is needed.
Street Cleaning. The County Council say the cleaning machine cannot come around as often as once a month because it has such a large area to cover.
The Chairman then gave his report for the year for the Parish and Playing Field.
The Chairman apologised because there was no speaker this year. Mr. Savidge had been asked but was unable to come because he was ill.
The President of the local W.I. then gave an account of their activities during the year.
Castle Lane. Mrs. Ali Khan complained about the surface of Castle Lane. The Council agreed to write to the County Council about this.
Mr. H. Dayment complained that the drains did not carry the water away & his court at Seven Gates was getting flooded. The Council agreed to write to the C.C. about this.

There was a short discussion on new building in the village. The Chairman said that the Parish Council did not receive information about planning applications from the District Council.

Mr. Penn brought up the problem of Morleigh Cross. It was agreed to write to the County Council again.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 8-15p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman 14/3/73

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 8th March 1972.

Those present were Cllrs Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham, Vickers, Dayment & the Clerk. Apologies were received from Rev. Teage.

Matters Arising

Cemetry[sic] Entrance Mrs. Vickers proposed, and Mr. Bellingham seconded, that a firm be approached to get an estimate for doing this job with "Bitmac". This was agreed.

Footpath 20. The chairman & V. Chairman had been to see this path and had agreed that the path could be diverted but to wait until the review of the map.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

S.W.E.B.	December Acc.	£1-25.
B.M. Pengelly.	Salary	£5-25.
South Hams Newspaper.	P.M. Advert.	£0-50.

Complaints had been received by Councillors about the oil & mud on the road outside Mr. Sopers house. It was agreed to write to ask him to keep it clean & tidy.

Complaints had also been received about the dangerous & noisy state of Mr. Crocombe's shed. It was agreed to write & ask him to do something about it.

It was decided to write to Mr. Waycott to ask him to carry-on removing the rubble from outside the house at the Cross because it is a danger to traffic & people.

There has been no improvement in the Collaford to Cotterbury road and it was decided to write again to the District Surveyor.

The Clerk reported the people who had agreed to have graves leveled[sic].

The Annual meeting was called for 24th May 1972.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 11-30pm.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
24/5/72.

The Annual Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 24th May 1972. Those present were Cllrs Toms, Teage, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham, Vickers & the Clerk. Apologies were received from Mrs. Dayment.

Mr. Toms was unanimously reelected as Chairman & Rev. Teage as Vice Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Cemetery Entrance.

An estimate for £90 had been received from one firm for putting Bitmac at the Cemetery Entrance. It was agreed to ask another firm for an estimate but not to go above £120.

Mr. Waycott agreed to cut the grass again this year.

Street Lighting

The County Council have agreed to extend the street lighting to Greenslade Road.

A circular from the D.A.P.C. about "single member ward" districts was discussed. It was agreed to write to the Home Secretary & the Rural District & County Councils as advised.

A letter from the D.A.P.C. about the memorial to Group Capt. Walker was considered. It was agreed to ask for a Copper Beech & to decide later where it is to go.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

S.W.E.B.	March Acc.	£1-25.
Bank of England.	Loan charges	£11-63.
R.A. Edmonds.	Cemetery Notice Board	£1.50.
R.A. Edmonds.	Playing Field Fencing.	£41-00
D.A.P.C.	Annual Sub.& Reviews	£4-30.
D.C.C.	Hire of School.	£2-16
C. Hallett.	Gravedigger's fee. (Pidduck)	£5-00
B.M. Pengelly.	Clerk's fee (Pidduck).	£2-00
Rev. A. D. Teage.	Vicar's fees. (Perry & Pidduck)	£1-50.
The Post Office.	Audit Stamp.	£5-00.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the K.R.D.C. about the late Jack Colwill's Council House to see if it could be vacated as soon as possible and also to ask if anything could be done about his

Dangerous Building

property in Chapel Street as it is in a dangerous condition.

Complaints have been received about water across the road near the entrance to Oldstone Copse and also about the hedge opposite Park House. Mr. Downer of Lower Abbotsleigh has asked if it would be possible for a "Cul-de-sac" sign to be put at the entrance to Abbotsleigh. It was agreed to write to the County Council about these matters.

The next meeting was called for Wednesday 12th July 1972.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 11-00 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
12/7/72.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 12th July 1972. Those present were Cllrs Toms, Teage, Tozer, Bellingham,

Waycott, Dayment & the Clerk Mrs. Pengelly. Mr. Sage, a R.D.C. member was also present. Apologies were received from Mrs. Vickers.

Cemetery Entrance.

The Clerk reported a balance at the bank of £189-05 so it was agreed to accept the estimate from Glendennings[sic] for £146.32 subject to advice from the Rural District Council Office.

A letter from Cornworthy Parish Council with suggestions for grouping under the Local Government Reorganisation was discussed. The Chairman told members that the Government had proposed that Blackawton be grouped with East Allington and Slapton. All members agreed that this grouping would be best for Blackawton. It was agreed to write to Cornworthy Parish Council telling them this.

The site for the memorial tree for Group Captain Walker was discussed. It was decided to put it in the Cemetery in place of the Churchill Oak.

A letter from SHELTER asking the Council to organise a House to House collection again this year. It was decided not to do this.

A circular from D.A.P.C. about the preservation & planting of trees. It was decided to ask if trees could be planted on the verges when the road from the Forces Cross to the village is improved.

A letter from K.R.D.C. about the Bus Service was discussed. It was agreed that we ask that the Service remain as it is.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Commercial Union Ass. Co. Ltd.	£3-00
Commercial Union Ass. Co. Ltd. (Playing Field In).	£4-20
B.M. Pengelly. (Salary, Audit Ex. Lethbridge F).	£7-75
C. Hallett. (Gravedigger's fee Lethbridge).	£5-00
Rev. Teage. (Vicar's fee Lethbridge).	£0.75.

Complaints have been received that the hedge opposite Park Lane still has not been cut. It was agreed to write again to the District Surveyor about this.

The next meeting was called for Thursday 14th September 1972.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-30 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
14/9/72.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Thursday 14th September 1972. All members of the Council were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Cemetery Entrance. The chairman reported that he had been advised by K.R.D.C. that the Parish Council could only spend 1.4 of a penny rate on any one item in a year. The amount of the estimate together with loan repayments and maintenance ammounted[sic] to more than this. After discussion it was decided to hold a public meeting on 3rd October 1972 to obtain the consent of Parishioners to spend this money.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

S.W.E.B.	Acc. To June '72	£1-62.

B.M. Pengelly. Salary & Clerk's fee (Wallace). £6-25
R.C. Pillar. Gravedigger's fee (Wallace). £5-00
Rev. Teage. Vicar's fee (Wallace). £0-75
A.E.C. Waycott. Cemetery Maintenance. £34-00.
D.P.F.A. Annual Sub. £1-00.
A.E.C. Waycott. Playing Field Maintenance £34-50.

The following complaints were raised and passed to the District Surveyor for action: -

1) The hedge opposite Park Lane still has not been cut and is more dangerous than ever.
2) The bank in School Lane is in a very untidy state. There is no grass and a lot of weeds.
3) The grass verge in the Grove has only been cut once this year and is very untidy now.
4) The road in the village has not yet been widened. It was promised within three years and the Parish Council would like to know when this work is likely to be done.
5) The man-hole cover opposite the telephone box makes a noise when vehicles drive over it.

A letter from the League of Friends of Dartmouth & Kingswear Hospital asking for assistance with their efforts to raise money for the new Physiotherapy Department was discussed. It was agreed to hold a Whist Drive in aid of this project. Mrs. Dayment agreed to organise this.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-37p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN
8/11/72.

A Public meeting was held in the school on Tuesday 3rd October 1972 at 7-30p.m. when seven members of the public were present.

The Chairman of the meeting, Mr. Toms, explained that the meeting had been convened to discuss the surfacing of the Cemetery Entrance and the use of Public Funds to pay for this work. He explained that the Council were not allowed to spend over 1.4 of a new penny rate on any one item in the Parish without a Public meeting. One penny rate amounted to £96, therefore 1.4 of a new penny rate would amount to £140 approx. but the total amount for the cemetery in one year is:-

Maintenance. £66-00.
Public Works Loan Board. £23-26
Resurfacing Estimate. £146-00
235-26

The quotations received were as follows: -

Glendenning[sic] Group of Cos: £146-00
Another estimate. £96-00.

After discussion the Chairman put forward a proposition that the quotation from the Glendenning Group of Companies be accepted. There was a unanimous vote in favour of the proposition.

The Chairman then said he would arrange for the work to be carried out and obtain a written guarantee of satisfaction for the work from the firm.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 8-05p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN
14/3/73.

[insert: Quotation date 5.6.72 from Lewis Rugg (Ashburton) Ltd, part of Glendinning group, for £146.32]

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 8th November 1972. Those present were Cllrs, Toms, Teage, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham, Dayment & the Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Cemetery Entrance

The Public Meeting had been held and had decided that the work should be done by the Glendenning[sic] Group. The Chairman proposed that the bill should be paid as soon as it came and all Councillors agreed that a cheque should be signed out of Council. It was also agreed that the P.W.L.B. cheque be signed out of Council so that it could be sent off before the due date of 30th December.

All the complaints which had been sent to the District Surveyor had been dealt with.

A letter from the County Council was read which said that the improvements to the Forces road were not ones which would allow tree planting.

A circular, from K.R.D.C., asking for suggestions for sites for planting trees, was discussed. It was decided that there are no suitable sites within the Parish.

A circular from K.R.D.C. requesting notification of Abandoned Vehicles was read and noted.

A circular from the County Council Social Services Committee was discussed. They asked for a liaison officer to help co-ordinate any emergency services in the Parish. It was suggested that Mr. & Mrs Vickers would be ideal for this job and it was agreed to write to them asking if they would be willing to do it.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

S.W.E.B.	(Acc. To Sept. '72).	£1-63.
D.C.C.	(Hire of school).	£1-80.
A.E.C. Waycott.	(Cemetery Maintenance).	£32-00.

Whist Drive.

The Whist Drive was arranged for 14th November in the Assembly Rooms. It has been advertised in the Totnes Times & Dartmouth Chronicle.

Post Office

Members feel they cannot petition the Post Office until they know whether there will be a Sub Post Office in the village or not. It was agreed to write to the Head Post Master urging him to have further negotiations with Mr. Crocombe if no suitable applicants for the post are found. If there was to be no Post Office it was agreed to send a petition to the Head Post Master.

The following points were raised and sent to the Divisional Surveyor for action: -

The signpost at Cliston Cross should have an arm pointing the way to Kingsbridge as well as the way to Totnes.

Cars parked in The Grove make it difficult to drive along and impossible to turn. It was suggested the grass verge be tarmaced to make parking places off the road.
The village was cleaned some weeks ago and the heaps are still left.
It was agreed to ask for piles of grit to be left around the Parish in readiness for the winter.
Complaints have been received about the noise made by youngsters around the seat in the village. It was suggested it be moved to the bottom of school lane. It was agreed to leave this matter until the Parish Meeting.
Several complaints have been received about people exercising dogs in the cemetery. It was agreed to put a notice asking people to keep dogs on a leash.
The next meeting was called for 10th January 1973.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-35p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN
10/1/73.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 10th January 1973. Those present were Cllrs, Toms, Teage, Tozer, Bellingham, Waycott, Dayment & the Clerk.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.
Mr. Toms suggested that small trees could be planted along the bank at School Lane and it was agreed to write to K.R.D.C. telling them this.
Mrs Vickers wrote that she was sorry she could not take on the job of liaison officer for the Devon Social Services Committee. It was agreed to ask Mr. Head if he would be willing to do this job.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

A.E.C. Waycott. (Playing Field Maintenance) £32-50.
B.M. Pengelly. (Salary). £5-25

Precept for the year 1973/74 was agreed at £150.
It was decided to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 14th March 1973 in the Assembly Room and to advertise this in the local papers. It was suggested that the Police Force be asked if a Police Officer could give a talk to the meeting. This was agreed.
Complaints have been received about the delayed delivery of Christmas mail. It was decided to protest to the Post Office about this.
Tenants at Park Lane have complained about the fence behind their houses. It was decided to write to K.R.D.C. about this.
It was agreed to write to T.R.D.C. about the potholes in the road which leads from the Blackawton – Stanborough Road to the Kingsbridge - Halwell road.
The next meeting was called for 21st March 1973.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 8-50 P.M.

[signed] Alan D Teage
21st March 1973.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Assembly Room on 14th March 1973. Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Teage, Tozer, Bellingham, Waycott & Dayment. There were also about forty members of the public present.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.
Street Lighting The County Council have agreed to put street lighting in Greenslade Road.
30.m.p.h. Speed Limit After discussion it was decided to ask the County Council to consider this matter again.
The Chairman then gave his report for the year for the Parish & Playing Field.
Chief Inspector Hellier of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary then gave a talk on "The Police & Public Relations".
Coronation Seat. The removal of the Coronation Seat to a different site was discussed. It was decided to leave the seat in the same place.
The President of the local W.I. then gave a report of their work through the year and suggested that the village should enter for the "Best Kept Village Competition". The Chairman promised to discuss this at the next Parish Council Meeting.
Mr. Ansell, County Alderman, then gave a short talk on Local Government Reorganisation and the County Council elections.
Mrs. Rye complained about the noisy manhole cover near her house. The Chairman promised to write to the appropriate authority.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-15 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms
Chairman
13/3/74.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 21st March 1973. Those present were Cllrs. Teage, Tozer, Bellingham, Waycott & Dayment.
Apologies were received from Mr. Toms. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

A letter of apology and a copy of the statement made by the Post Office Chairman were received in reply to complaints about the late delivery of the Christmas Mail.
A circular from K.R.D.C. about the new night parking regulations was discussed. It was agreed to write to the Rural Council asking their support in getting a 30m.p.h. speed limit through the village.
A circular from the Woodland Trust was discussed. It was decided to tell them about Oldstone & Collaford Copses saying the Parish Council would like to see them preserved.
The following accounts were passed for payment: -

J.R. Gill & Son Ltd:	£1-00.
Mid Devon Advertiser.	£0-75
S.W.E.B.	£1-67
B.M. Pengelly.	£5-25
Mrs Pritchard-Smith.	£1-25.

Cemetery

The vandalism in the Cemetery was discussed. It was agreed to write to the parents of the children concerned to tell them that any-one damaging Council property in the future would have to pay for any repairs.
The W.I.'s suggestion that we enter for the Best Kept Village Competition was discussed. It was agreed to tell the W.I. that the Parish Council would support them if they entered the competition.
Complaints have been received of big lorries getting stuck on the bridge at Dallacombe. It was decided to ask if a "Light Traffic Only" sign could be put at the Greenslade end of the road.
The signpost at Cliston Cross still has no arm pointing to Kingsbridge. It was agreed to write again to the District Surveyor about this.
The next meeting was called for 23rd May 1973.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-25 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman
4/5/73

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Friday 4th May 1973.
Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham, Dayment & the Clerk.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.
A letter was received from D.C.C. concerning an appeal against the refusal of Planning Permission for the erection of a pair of dwellings and garages at School Lane. The Parish Council's opinion was asked for in this matter. After discussion it was decided to write to D.C.C. telling them the Parish Council feel this land should be used as playing ground for the school.
The following accounts were passed for payment: -

S.W.E.B. (Account to March 1973) £1-67.
The Post Office. Audit Stamp. £5-00.

The Annual Parish Meeting this year has to be held between 11th – 25th June.
The next meeting was called for 20th June 1973.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 8-30 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
30/5/73

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on 30th May 1973. All members of the Council were present with Mr. Sage, a Rural Councillor, and Brigadier Calvert.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.
The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Commercial Union Ass. (Public Liability) £3-00.
Commercial Union Ass. (Playing Field Insurance).£4-20
Bank of England. (Loan Charges).£ 11-63.

Mr. Hallett. (Gravedigger's fee. Mrs Ryder) £5-00
Rev. Dr. Law. (Vicar's fee " ") £0-75.
B.M. Pengelly. (Clerk's fee " ") £1-00.

Brigadier Calvert then told members his ideas about the new District Council and his qualifications to be a member of that Council.
Brigadier Calvert then left the room while the Council discussed whether to support him if he stands at a candidate for the District Council. Mr. Toms proposed that the Parish Council should support Brigadier Calvert and Mr. Waycott seconded this. All member agreed to thus.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 8-30 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms.

Acceptance of Office as Councillors for the Parish of Blackawton.
1973-1976

We the undersigned, having been duly elected Councillors do hereby declare that we take the said Office upon ourselves and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of our judgement and ability.

SIGNATURES	WITNESS
Michael R Toms	Alan D Teage
Alan D Teage	A. E. C. Waycott
A. E. C. Waycott	A.J. Tozer
A.J. Tozer	D.A. Dayment
D.A. Dayment	C.A.J. Bellingham
C.A.J. Bellingham	Michael R Toms
A.K. Vickers	A. E. C. Waycott

[signed] B.M. Pengelly.
20.6-73.

I Michael R Toms having been duly elected to the office of Chairman of Blackawton Parish Council hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgement and ability.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
20/6/73

This declaration was made and subscribed before me a member of the Parish Council.

[signed] B.M. Pengelly.
Clerk. 20-6-73.

The first meeting of the newly elected Council was held in the school on Wednesday 20th June 1973.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Teage, Tozer, Waycott, Dayment & Bellingham. Apologies were received from Mrs. Vickers. All members present signed the Acceptance of Office.
Cllr Toms was unanimously elected Chairman & Rev. Teage as Vice Chairman.
A letter from Slapton Parish Council stating the times of their meetings was read. It was agreed to write to Slapton & East Allington Parish Councils telling them the days & times of our Council Meetings and agreeing that the representative on the District Council should come to Parish Council meetings.
A letter from Commercial Union Ass. Co. Ltd. describing an Accident Policy for Councillors & employees when on the Council business. It was agreed to insure each Councillor & the Clerk at an Annual Premium of £0-20.
A letter, from the South Hams Hospital League of Friends, asking for support was read and discussed. It was decided to tell them that Blackawton Parish Council was served by the doctors and the hospital at Dartmouth and was supporting their League of Friends. and did not feel able to support the South Hams Hospital as well.
A circular from the D.A.P.C. about planning was discussed. It was decided to ask the County Council for a copy of Planning in Devon. It was also agreed to ask K.R.D.C. if a Developement[sic] Plan had been prepared for the village.
A suggestion in the circular that Parish Councils should undertake an objective appraisal of their village was left over until the next meeting.
A circular about V.A.T. was discussed and it was decided to write to the tax office for information & registration form.
The following accounts were passed for payment: -

D.A.P.C.	(Annual Subs).	£4-46
Tozer & Co.	(Letterheads.).	£5-39
B.M. Pengelly	(Salary – Petty Cash).	£10-25.

The following points were raised and sent to the Divisional Surveyor: -
The road from Larcombe to Millcombe needs cleaning. There is a lot of mud on it.
The corner below Larcombe is not really wide enough for the milk tanker. Is it possible for this corner to be widened.
There is a pit in the road past Brock Hill. Could this be filled in?
The bank in School Lane is looking very untidy. Can it be cut?
It was decided to ask the District Surveyor if the road in the village is to be widened soon. We had first written about it in 1971.
It was agreed to ask the County Council when the footpaths will be signposted.
The next meeting was called for 11th July 1973.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-40 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman 11/7/73.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 11th July 1973.
All members of the Parish Council were present.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

The copy of "Planning in Devon" is to be circulated among Councillors and discussion of an objective appraisal of the village was left until the booklet had been studied.
Information & registration form had been received from the V.A.T. office. It would seem that we do not make any taxable supplies but need to register to claim back any tax we may pay out.
A letter from the County Conservation Officer, about the management of roadside verges, was discussed. It was decided to tell him of the grass around the telephone box, by Church gate, the School Bank, and the bank at corner of Millcombe Road.
There were no accounts to be paid at this meeting.
A complaint has been received from the tenant of No. 11. The Grove. He is unable to turn off the water at the mains in his house. Several complaints have been made to K.R.D.C. but nothing had been done. It was agreed to write to the R.D.C. about this.
Complaints have also been received about the fencing dividing the Grove & Park Lane from the fields. It was decided to write to the R.C. about this.
It was proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. Gerry thanking him for all he has done for the school and the village. This was unanimously agreed.
The state of the roads around the Parish was discussed. It was agreed to write to the Divisional Surveyor about ruts in the roads at Back Lane, Waterslade, & Collaford Road.
The next meeting was called for 12th September 1973.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-15 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
12/9/73.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 12th September 1973.
All members of the Parish Council were present.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.
The fencing at Park Lane & The Grove has still not been repaired. The Clerk was instructed to write again to the Rural Council if the work has not been done by the end of the month.
The election for members of the executive committee of the Devon Association of Parish Councils. It was decided to vote only for Mrs. Verniquet.
A Devon Association of Parish Councils scheme for the retraining of Clerks was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should go to this and the charge of £3 should be met.
It was decided to write at once to the new South Hams District Council asking to receive any planning applications which relate to Blackawton.
The following accounts were passed for payment: -

S.W.E.B.	Acc. To June '73	£1-74
Mr. Hallett.	Gravedigger's fee (Nicholls).	£5-00
Rev. Teage.	Vicar's fee. (")	£0-75.
B.M. Pengelly.	Salary. Audit Ex. Clerk's fee.	£7-75.
Devon County Council.	Hire of School.	£3-80.

A.E.C. Waycott. Cemetery Maintenance. £39-60.
Devon Playing Field Ass. Annual Sub. £1-50.
D.A.P.C. Fee for Clerk's Training. £3-00.
A.E.C. Waycott. Playing Field Maintenance. £39-60.

The subscription to the D.P.F.A. has been increased from £1-00 to £1-50 this year.

Planning Policy

The Planning Policy for the Parish was then discussed. It was agreed that it would be best for the village to develop slowly and naturally with no big blocks of development.

It was agreed that the District Councillor should, if possible, come to every meeting of the Parish Council if they are still to be held every other month.

It was decided to ask Mr. Mercer to speak at the Parish Meeting which would be held in the Assembly Rooms on 13th March 1974.

Mr. Bellingham had been asked if it would be possible for public toilets to be built in the village. After discussion it was agreed that this could not be done.

The surrounds of the War Memorial were again very weedy. It was agreed that it would be best if this was concreted right up to the walls.

The following points were raised to be sent to the Divisional Surveyor: -

Weeds had not been dug out from the bottom of the walls this year.

Would it be possible for a grating outside Rose Cottage to be covered over.

The first bend in the road from Forces Cross to the village is dangerous. Could something be done about this.

The next meeting was called for 14th Nov. 1973.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-50 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. CHAIRMAN.
14/11/73.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 14th November 1973.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Teage, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham, Dayment & the Clerk. Apologies were received from Mrs. Vickers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

The Planning Committee of K.R.D.C. meet fortnightly and it was agreed that the Parish Council should have a short meeting, to consider any planning applications which relate to Blackawton, on the Thursday before the date of Planning Committee meetings.

A letter from Stokenham Parish Council inviting members to a meeting at which Mr. Savidge would speak about Local Government Reorganisation was discussed. Two or three members said they would be able to go.

The County Council had written to tell the Parish Council that it had been decided to have a 30m.p.h. limit through the village.

A letter, asking if the Parish Council is interested in transferring any street lights to the County Council, was discussed. It was agreed that the P.C. is interested.

The following account was passed for payment: -

S.W.E.B. Acc. To Sept '73 £1-74

A discussion took place about providing a Village Hall for the Parish. It was decided to ask Mr. Usmar[??] of Devon Association of Parish Councils if he would be willing to come and talk to Parishioners about ways and means of getting a Village Hall.

It was agreed that a new Notice Board is needed and Mr. Edmonds and Mr. Airzee are to be asked for estimates for making one.

All the tenants of Park Lane are worried because Kingsbridge Rural Council are planning to take away the Rayburns when the houses are modernised. It was agreed to write to the Rural Council asking them to reconsider this.

Complaints have been received about loose slates on the old Town Farm buildings. It was agreed to write to the owners asking them to put it right.

The Playing Field equipment still has not been painted. It was decided to write to Mr. Jenkins telling him that some-one else would have to do the work if he had not done it by the end of April.

It was agreed to write to the Men of the Trees to ask about suitable trees for planting in the Cemetery.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
13/12/73.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Thursday 13th December 1973.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Dayment, Waycott and Bellingham, & the Clerk. Apologies were received from Rev. Teage and Mrs. Vickers .

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Village Hall

A Mr. J. Barr of the Community Council of Devon could come to speak at a meeting about a Village Hall. 3rd January was suggested as a possible date and it was agreed to hold a meeting in the school on that day.

No estimates have been received for a notice board. Mr. Edmonds does not want the job. It was agreed to ask Colin Francis for an estimate.

Footpaths.

A letter from K.R.D.C. asking if any footpaths needed to be rerouted. It was agreed to tell them that the owner of the land on which footpath No. 20 is situated would like it rerouted. Mr. Waycott agreed to ask Mr. Soper of Straypark Farm if he would like the footpath which runs through his farmyard rerouted.

Part of the Parish Map, with redesignated paths, was studied. The paths Nos. 22, 26, 27, & 28 are now bridleways.

It was agreed to tell Mrs Soper, of Washwalk Farm, that Public Rights of Way are now being revised.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Devon County Council (Hire of School)	£3-00
Bank of England. (Loan Charges)	£11-63
B.M. Pengelly. (Salary)	£5-25.

It was decided to write to K.R.D.C. about the following points :-

The area around the telephone box is very unkempt.

The wall which keeps back the bank in the Grove has a bulge in it.
The wall by the lower garages is in a dangerous state.
The fencing dividing the Grove from the field still has not been repaired or renewed.
The following points were raised for the Divisional Surveyor : -
There is water on the road between Quarry Head – Oldstone Cross. This could be dangerous in icy conditions.
Could we have some grit around the village in readiness for bad weather.
The next meeting was called for 24th January 1974.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-50 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. 24/1/74.
Chairman.

A Public Meeting was held in the School on Thursday 3rd January 1974 to discuss a Village Hall.
The meeting was chaired by Mr. Toms who welcomed about 30 members of the public and Mr. J. Barr of the Community Council of Devon.
The Chairman told the meeting that there was about £57 in trust with the Charity Commissioners which could be used for a village hall.
Mr. Barr then told the meeting that about 50% of the cost of a village hall could be raised by grants from the County Council and the Dept. of Education and Science. A quarter could be raised by a loan but the remaining quarter would have to be raised by the villagers.
The Hall would probably cost between £12,000 and £15,000. It would have to be run by a committee made up of representatives of various organisations, elected members and co-opted members.
Mr. Barr then showed plans of village halls in other villages.
It was agreed that time should be taken to think over everything which had been heard and another meeting was called for 6th Feb. to vote on this project.
Mr. Toms thanked Mr. Barr for his talk and the meeting closed.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
5-2-74.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Thursday 24th January 1974.
Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Dayment & the Clerk. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Teage, Bellingham and Vickers.
The minutes of the last meeting were read.

<u>Footpaths</u>

Mr. Toms queried the minute about paths Nos 22, 26, 27, 28 now being bridleways. A previous minute (11-12-68, page 43) was consulted and it was seen that the Council had asked for the paths to be designated “Byway open to all traffic”. It was agreed to look into this at the next meeting, and the Clerk was instructed to bring the maps. The minutes were then signed.

An estimate -£28- for a notice board, from Mr. Francis had been received. No estimate has yet been received from Mr. Airzee. If Mr. Airzee's estimate is received before the next meeting it was agreed to accept the lowest estimate. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Blanchford to ask if the notice board could be put on their garden wall.

Area Group

Stokenham Parish Council had written inviting two members to a meeting to discuss the formation of an Area Group. Mr. Toms and Mr. Tozer agreed to go to this meeting.

Strete Parish Council had written asking for views on the formation of an Area Group. It was agreed to write to tell them that Blackawton P.C. think it a good idea and that two Councillors would be attending the Stokenham meeting.

A letter from S.W.E.B. stated that Public Lighting Electricity Charges will be going up by 7½ % from 1st April 1974.

A local Emergency Committee book has been suggested. It was agreed to bring this up at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

A.E.C. Waycott. Cemetery Maintenance.	£37-40.
A.E.C. Waycott. Playing Field Maintenance.	£37-40.
S.W.E.B. Acc. To Dec. '73	£1-72
S. Bell & Son. Gravedigger's fee (Smith)	£5-00
Rev. Teage. Vicar's fee. (Smith)	£0-75.
B.M. Pengelly. Travelling Expenses. Funeral fee.	£2-50.

Precept for the year 1974/75 was agreed at £185.

[insert: PRECEPT 1974/5

Insurance	*5-00*
Audit Stamp	*5-00*
Subs & Reviews.	*5-30*
Hire of School.	*14-00*
Clerk's Salary.	*40-00*
Cemetery Loan Charges.	*23-00*
Maintenance.	*80-00.*
Lighting.	*7-00.*
	184-30]

The Clerk asked for an increase in Salary because there are now more meetings. Discussion of this was deferred until the next meeting when more members would be present.

Planning.

Two planning applications on the list sent by K.R.D.C. concerned Blackawton.

1) Mr. Crocombe wants to replace delapidated[sic] buildings, by the Post Office, with a cottage. It was agreed that a cottage would be a great improvement on the present buildings but consideration would have to be given to access.
2) Mr. Crampain wants to build boarding Kennels at Oldstone Lodge. Members thought this would be a good site for boarding Kennels and that the access is adequate in it's[sic] present form.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the R.D.C. giving these views.

It is thought that some buildings have been put up in the Parish without planning permission. It was agreed to find out if this is so and that people should not be allowed to put up buildings without permission.
The Agenda for the Parish Meeting was then discussed. The following agenda was agreed.

1) Chairman's Report for the Year.
2) Report by President of W.I.
3) To form a Parish Emergency Committee.
4) Any other business.
5) Talk by District Councillor.

Tea & biscuits would be served after the meeting.
It was agreed to write to the Divisional Surveyor asking if it is possible for Myrtle Lane to be cleaned up.
The next meeting was called for 15th February 1974.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-00 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman.
15/2/74.

A public meeting was held in the school on Tuesday 5th February 1974 to decide if people wanted a village hall.
There were about 40 members of the public present and the meeting was chaired by Mr. Toms.
Mr. Toms pointed out that to raise enough money for a hall & to keep pace with rising building costs would take 10 years at £1,300.
After discussion, when points, for and against a village hall, were raised it was agreed to vote to see if people wanted a full sized hall or just a small one. The voting was 21 for a full size hall and 5 against.
A committee was then formed to try to raise the money for the hall.
The members of the committee were Mr. J. Harding, Mrs. E Chapman, Mrs. A. Wiggett, Mrs. V. Edwards, Mr. R. Edmonds, Mrs. M. Edmonds, Mr. G. Crocombe & Mrs. S. Edmonds.
The meeting then closed at 8-10 p.m.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Friday 15th February 1974.
Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Teage, Tozer, Waycott, Dayment, Bellingham and the Clerk. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Mercer, our district councillor, and three members of the public.

Notice Board.

Mr. Airzee's estimate for a notice board had been received. It was for £35. It was agreed to accept Mr. Francis' estimate for £28 plus V.A.T. Mr & Mrs Blanchford have agreed to allow the Notice Board to be put on their wall.

Area Association

Mr. Toms & Mr. Tozer had been to the Area meeting at Stokenham. There were eleven other parishes represented. It was decided to form an area association, to

be known as the Coleridge Ass. Of Parish Councils. There would be quarterly meetings with 2 members from each council attending. The annual subscription would be £2. All Blackawton councillors thought the Association a good idea.

A letter from the Divisional Surveyor stated that Myrtle Lane could not be surfaced but could be cleaned up. It was agreed to write and tell the Surveyor that this was all we wanted done.

It was agreed to write to the Post Office to ask if it is their responsibility to keep the area around the telephone box clean and tidy.

Rayburns

A letter from K.R.D.C. about the Rayburns at Park Lane was read. They said that the Dept of the Environment considered Rayburns to be obsolete and would not allow a grant if the Rayburns were not removed. It was decided to write to the R.C. again and also to the Dept. of the Environment pointing out the Rayburns are far from obsolete and that the tenants are still very unhappy about them being removed.

Mr. Bowden of the Men of the Trees had written suggesting trees which would be suitable for the Cemetery. It was agreed that Rowan trees would be suitable. Mr. Toms said he would telephone Mr. Bowden to discuss this.

South Devon Bridleways Association had written asking if the Parish Council could see that Bridleways are kept clear. A representative of the Association was present and told the Council that Bridleways Nos. 5, 27, & 28 are blocked. It was decided to write to the landowners concerned and ask them to clear the paths. The Association had offered to help any-one who needed help in clearing a path.

Planning applications were then discussed. Mr. Soper wanted to use his premises, at 1 Cross Terrace, for his contracting business. The Parish Council had received several objections to this application. It was agreed to write to the R.D.C. telling them of the objections.

Clerk's Salary.

The Clerk's salary was then reviewed. The Clerk left the room while the discussion took place. It was agreed to raise the salary to £40.

The fencing in The Grove has still not been repaired. It was agreed to write again about this.

A short meeting was called for 8th March if there were any planning applications to be discussed.

The next meeting was called for Friday 22nd March 1974.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-30 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
22/3/74.
Chairman.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Assembly Room on Wednesday 13th March 1974.

Those present were Cllr. Toms, (Chairman), Cllrs Teage, Tozer, Waycott, Dayment & Bellingham. Mr. Ian Mercer our councillor on the South Hams District Council was present. There were also about 30 members of the public present.

<u>30.m.p.h. Speed Limit</u>

The County Council have agreed to a 30m.p.h. speed limit through the village.

Street Lighting.

The extension of street lighting to Greenslade Road has still not taken place. It was agreed to write again about this.

It was also agreed to write again to the County Council about widening the road in the village.

Questions were asked about the planning application for Town Farm. The Chairman explained that it was not possible to discuss this as the Council had not yet received notice of the plans.

Complaints were received from parishioners about cars parking in the turning bay in The Grove, the fencing which divides the Grove from the fields and a blocked drain at Hutcherleigh. The Chairman promised to write to the appropriate authority about these complaints.

The President of the local W.I. then gave a report of their activities for the year. She mentioned that the W.I. is helping to start a Meals on Wheels service and asked for names of people who might need meals.

The Chairman then asked if any-one would be willing to form a Parish Emergency Committee. No-one volunteered for this job.

Path No. 5.

Mr. J. Harding then brought up the matter of Path No. 5. He claims that this path is shown on his deeds as a Footpath and not a Bridleway as shown on the Parish Map. The Chairman promised to look into this matter at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Mr. Mercer, our District Councillor, then gave a talk on the New District Council and answered several questions on planning and other matters.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Mercer and the meeting closed.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
13-3-75.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Friday 22nd March 1974.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Teage, Tozer, Bellingham, Dayment and the Clerk. Apologies were received from Mr. Waycott & Mrs. Vickers.

Rayburns

No reply had yet been received from the Dept. of the Environment about the Rayburns in Park Lane. It was agreed to write to our M.P. asking for his help in this matter.

It was also agreed to write to the Rural Council about the leaking overflow and the kitchen window of Mr. Bowhay's house in Park Lane.

Trees.

The Men of the Trees have agreed to give us six Rowan Trees for the Cemetery.

School Managers

A letter asking the Parish Council to appoint two school managers, for the next three years was discussed. Mrs. Dayment did not wish to continue as a manager so it was decided to ask Mrs. Kathleen Bond if she would be willing to do this job. and also to ask Mrs. Shirley Edmonds if she will carry on.

Clerks meeting with Chief Officers

A suggestion, from the Chief Executive of the South Hams District Council, that Clerks to Parish Councils should meet the Chief Officers of the District Council was discussed. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and the Clerk was instructed to write telling the Chief Executive this.

Footpath 13

Letters, from Mrs Soper and her solicitor about Footpath 13 were read. It wa agreed that this matter is now in the hands of the County Council.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

South Hams Newspapers. (Advert).	£1-00.
Beaverbrook Western Newspaper Group. (Advert).	£2-10.
Mrs. Pritchard-Smith. (Hire of Room)	£1-50.
B.M. Pengelly. (Salary).	£5-25.

Planning.

Two planning applications were discussed. Mr. Brooke wants to convert a barn into a dwelling at Millcombe. This was thought to be a good idea.

Westward Developments plans for the Town Farm site were discussed. All Councillors thought the lay-out very attractive but there should be no more than six dwellings on the site and there should be no access to the field below. It was agreed to send these views to the R.D.C.

Path No. 5.

Path No. 5. shown as a bridleway on the Parish Map was discussed. It was agreed to ask the County Council if they have maps showing the path as a bridleway before the review of 1954.

People in Greenslade Road have complained about their electricity supply. It was agreed to write to S.W.E.B. if the supply got no better.

The next meeting was called for Wednesday 24th April 1974.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-15 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. 24/4/74
Chairman

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 24th April 1974.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Bellingham, Waycott, Vickers and the Clerk. Mr. Mercer and a Police Constable, assigned to the village, were also present.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Teage, Tozer & Dayment.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The minute relating to the Rowan Trees to be given by the Men of the Trees was incorrect. The Chairman had not finalised the details with Mr. Bowden. The minutes were then signed as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising.

Rayburns. A letter had been received from the Dept. of the Environment stating that the grants for modernisation of Council Houses were not dependant[sic] on the removal of Rayburns. It was agreed to write to the new District Council asking them to leave the Rayburns in the houses when the work is done.

Rowan Trees

The Men of the Trees have agreed to give four Rowan Trees, for the Cemetery, in November. They asked that the Parish Council joined the Men of the Trees. This was agreed.

School Managers

Mrs. Bond & Mrs Edmonds have agreed to represent the Parish Council on the School Managers. The Clerk had informed the County Education Dept. of this.

Path No. 5

It was agreed to leave Path No. 5 until we hear from the County Council.

A letter from the Divisional Surveyors Office at Totnes informed the Council that the Totnes Office is now responsible for the maintenance of roads in this area.

South Hams District Council have decided to supply each Parish Council in the area with a set of minutes. The Clerk agreed to pass them around Parish Council members if they arrived in time before Council Meetings.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Dartmouth Chronicle (Parish Meeting Ad.)	£1-00
R.A. Edmonds. (Cement for War Memorial)	£3-96.

An account was received from S.W.E.B. for the quarter to March 1974. No street lights had been on during this quarter & it was agreed to write to S.W.E.B. pointing out that no electricity had been used so there should be no charge for it.

Telephone Box area

Mr. Toms had discovered correspondence dated in 1948 which proved that the Area around the telephone box belonged to K.R.D.C. It must now belong to South Hams District Council so it was agreed to write to them telling them of the 1948 correspondence.

It was decided to write to the Divisional Surveyor about the spring on the Oldstone Road and also about the potholes in the short-cut road at Stanborough.

Planning Policy

It was agreed to write to the District Council asking if their policy regarding new planning application[sic] would be the same as K.R.D.C. which was that no more development could be allowed because of the sewage situation.

Mr. Davies had complained that his toilet at 9, The Grove was not usable. It was agreed to write to the D.C. about this.

Two houses in the village have been condemned but it was agreed to wait and see what happened about them. It was decided to write to the District Council about Mr Oldrieve's tumbledown house and the property in Chapel Street.

The Notice Board has not yet arrived. It was agreed to write to Mr. Francis about this.

Playing Field Pipes

Some boys had removed the top pipe and put it on the ground. It was agreed that the pipe should be put back and cemented and bolted in place. It was agreed to ask the four boys to pay £2 each towards the cost of replacing the pipes.

The next meeting was called for 8th May 1974.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-50 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman 8/5/74.

The Annual meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 8th May 1974.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Bellingham, Waycott, Vickers, Dayment and the Clerk. Police Constable Sams was also present. Apologies were received from Rev. Teage.

Election of Chairman & V. Chairman

Mr. Toms was unanimously elected Chairman and Rev. Teage as Vice Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Men of the Trees

Mr. Toms proposed and Mr. Bellingham seconded the motion that the Parish Council should join the Men of the Trees. The subscription is £2-10p. All agreed to this.

Rayburns

No reply had yet been received from the District Council about the removal of the Rayburns from the Council Houses at Park Lane.

Path No. 5.

A letter from the County Council stated that "any right of way shown on the definitive footpaths map is conclusive evidence in law that such a right exists". It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to Mr. Harding.

Telephone Box Area.

A letter from the District Council promised that the area around the telephone box would be tidied up.

Planning Policy.

The District Council have replied to our letter asking about planning policy and the sewage situation. They say that no new development would be allowed because the sewage works is inadequate.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

R.A. Edmonds. (V.A.T. left off previous cheque). £0-39.
A.E.C. Waycott. (Grit for War Memorial). £2-20.
The Men of the Trees. (Annual Sub). £2-10.

Planning.

Mr. Brooke's application to convert a barn into a dwelling had been approved by the District Council.

Mr. Crampain wants to build a double garage at Oldstone Lodge. The Council had no objection to this and the Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council telling them this.

Mr. Toms had received a very abusive telephone call from Mr. Throgmorton, the builder who wants to develop the Town Farm site. Mr. Toms had written to tell Mr. Mercer of the call and it was agreed that members should keep an eye on the site when work starts.

Lights in Greenslade Rd.

It was agreed to write to S.W.E.B. asking when the lights are to be put into Greenslade Road.

Back Lane.

It was decided to ask the Divisional Surveyor if it is possible for signs to be put at both ends of Back Lane stating the width of the road.

Parking without Lights.

Constable Sams then spoke about cars parked without lights in the village. He agreed to put notices on cars parked without lights, telling the owners that it is illegal. He also agreed to ask people in the Grove to put their cars in the car park provided.

Mr. Toms reported that two of the boys involved in the moving of the pipe in the playing field had paid the £2. He had not heard anything from the other two boys.

The next meeting was called for 5th June 1974.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-15 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms. 22/5/74.
Chairman

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 22nd May 1974.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Teage, Bellingham, Waycott and the Clerk. Apologies were received from Mrs Vickers & Mrs Dayment. Mr. Tozer could not be present because his planning application was being discussed.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Rayburns.

An official from S.H.D.C. had been to see the tenants of Park Lane and had also seen the Clerk about the removal of the Rayburns from the houses. He said he had got the impression that most of the tenants did not mind if the Rayburns were removed. Councillors who have spoken to the tenants since the visit of the official said that all the tenants wanted to keep the Rayburns. It was agreed to write to S.H.D.C. again telling them what the tenants really want.

Michael & William Davies still had not paid their £2 share towards the playing field damage. It was agreed to write to them again.

Planning Application

Mr. Tozer wants to build four bungalows in the field bounded by Vicarage Road & Millcombe Road. If the application is allowed Vicarage Road would be made wider. The Council have no objection to this development but in view of the recent letter from the S.H.D.C. Planning Officer about the sewage works members feel that the application will probably be refused.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 8-20 P.M.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman 5-6-74

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 5th June 1974.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Bellingham, Waycott, Vickers and the Clerk. Apologies were received from Rev. Teage and Mrs Dayment.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Rayburns.

It was agreed to write again to South Hams District Council about the Rayburns at Park Lane pointing out that the tenants would have no cooking facilities at all if the electricity is cut off.

The Clerk agreed to speak to William & Michael Davies who have not yet paid their £2 towards the cost of replacing the pipes in the playing field.

A letter from the Divisional Surveyor stated that the patching work around Shap had been carried out, a sign will be placed at the Millcombe end of Back Lane and that it is unlikely that the road widening in the village will be carried out this year.

South Hams Society

A letter from the South Hams Society asked for co-operation over planning applications. It was agreed to give them any help they required.

Street Lighting

Our letter to S.W.E.B. about extending the street lighting to Greenslade Road had been passed to D.C.C.

A letter from S.W.E.B. stated that as the light at Cross had not been disconnected during the emergency the bill should be paid in full. As the light had not been on during the emergency it was agreed not to pay the bill but to write again to S.W.E.B.

30 mph. Limit

D.C.C. have agreed to a 30m.p.h. speed limit and sent a map showing where the signs will be. This is to be displayed in the notice board.

Meetings have been arranged by D.A.P.C. for Parish Councillors to discuss the present day powers and duties of Parish Councils. All members present said they would like to go.

Accounts.

An estimate, from Mr. Lewis, for £23 for painting the Playing Field equipment was accepted on condition that the work was done before the School closes for the summer holidays on 18th July 1974.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

C.W. Francis (Notice Board)	£30-80	
Coleridge Ass of P.C. (Annual Sub).	£2-00	
D.A.P.C. (Annual Sub & Review).		£6-54.
Commercial Union Ass Co. (Annual Premiums).	£4-60.	
Blackawton Playing Field Com. (Repayment of V.A.T.)	£7-00.	
Commercial Union Ass Co. (Playing Field Ass.).		£4-20.

Planning.

A letter from Mr. Head asked what the Parish Council is going to do about the decision of the S.H.D.C. planning committee to allow seven houses to be built on the Town Farm site.

Mr. Toms proposed and Mr. Waycott seconded a resolution that “this Council deplores the decision on Part Town Farm”. This resolution was passed unanimously.

It was also agreed to write to the District Council about the decision to allow seven dwellings to be built on the site and to point out that none of the site meeting reccomendations[sic] had been taken into account and to ask for the reasons for the change of minds of the planning committee in view of the abusive telephone calls by the developer to Parish Council members. The P.C. also

wishes to know why they are not consulted when first planning applications are refused and second applications submitted.

It was agreed to write to Mr. Head telling him the matter is being dealt with.

Sewage Works.

It was decided to ask if the sewage works could be enlarged to allow for new building applications for infilling in the village to be passed.

It was reported that there have been cases of bullying in the Playing Field and it was agreed to ask the Police to keep an eye on the Playing Field especially in the school holidays.

The layby near Wood Farm has stones falling out of the hedges & it was agreed to write to the Divisional Surveyor about this.

One of the swings in the Playing Field is broken and the Clerk was instructed to write to the manufacturers for a new seat.

The wall by the lower garages at The Grove is in a dangerous state. It was agreed to write to S.H.D.C about this.

The next meeting was called for 10th July 1974.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-05 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
10/7/74.
Chairman

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday 10th July 1974.

All members of the Council were present together with the Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Rayburns.

The modernisation of the Council Houses at Park Lane has bee discussed by the Housing Committee of the District Council and has now been deferred to enable further information to be obtained.

Michel & William Davies still have not paid the £2 towards repairing the pipes in the Playing Field. Mr. Toms & Mr. Tozer agreed to see both boys and their father.

Back Lane

It was agreed to write again to the Divisional Surveyor about the sign at the village end of Back Lane. The sign is not big enough and is not in a very good position.

Town Farm

A letter from S.H.D.C. explained why the Planning Committee had allowed seven dwellings to be built on the Town Farm site. It was agreed to ask them to keep a special watch to make sure that no more than seven houses are built.

A letter from the Police at Dartmouth stated that policemen would keep an eye on the Playing Field during the school holidays.

A letter from the Divisional Surveyor about the lay-by near Wood Farm said that the hedges are now the responsibility of the land-owner.

South Hams District Council have instructed the Area Supervisor to repair the wall & fencing at The Grove.

The new seat has arrived for the swing. Mr. Toms agreed to put it up.

It was agreed to order 100 leaflets on Village Government at a cost of 15p. from Devon Ass. of Parish Councils.

A letter from S.W.E.B. stated that charges for Public Lighting are going up.

Employer's Liability

It was agreed to take out Employer's Liability insurance and ask Commercial Union Ass. Co. to quote the premium.

Bridleways

A letter from the Secretary of the Devon Bridleways Association was discussed. It was agreed to tell them that the Parish Council had not received any notification of applications for closure of paths and also that the Council made no objection to the proposal to reclassify Paths 22, 26, 27 & 28 as Bridleways. It was also suggested that riders should not ride over farms which have accredited herds if the Bridleway also runs over non-accredited farms.

Accounts.

A letter from S.W.E.B. apologised that an error had been made in charging for electricity which was not used during the emergency period. Two charges of 78p. on the December '73 and March '74 quarters have been withdrawn. This leaves 16p to pay on the March account.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Bank of England. (Loan Charges)	£11-63.
S.W.E.B. (Adjustments to Accs. Dec '73 March '74)	£0-16p.
B.M. Pengelly. (Salary).	£10-00.

Planning Applications

Three planning applications were submitted and considered: -

P.G. Williams Extension to dwelling house at Forces Cross.

Viscount Chaplin. Music room in the grounds of Wadstray House.

O.J. Gillbard. Improvement to Car Park and Extensions to building at Forces Tavern.

The Parish Council had no objection to any of these applications.

Road to Waterslade

It was agreed to ask the County Council if the road to Waterslade could be tarred and cleaned. It is classified as a bridleway but in the past has always been kept up by the County Council.

Car Parking

It was agreed to ask the Police to look into the parking of cars in The Grove again. and to ask the District Council if it would be possible to have another car park at the Grove.

The next meeting was called for 14th August 1974.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-20 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman. 14/8/74

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 14th August 1974.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Waycott, Vickers & Bellingham & the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Teage, Tozer & Dayment.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Back Lane.

The divisional surveyor does not think it necessary to alter the "Light Traffic Only" signs at Back Lane.

Waterslade Road.

The divisional surveyor has agreed to spread scarified material in the lane leading to Waterslade so it becomes available in this area.

Town Farm.

The District Council will be making regular inspections of the Town Farm site and will make sure that no more than seven houses are built.

Bridleways

It was agreed to write to the District Council about bridleway No. 5. Mr. Harding had stopped people walking the path and people riding.

It was also agreed to write to the Bridleway Ass. telling them that we had asked the District Council to take action.

Members of the Parish Council also agreed that it would be a good thing to walk the paths in the Parish.

Footpaths.

Nothing more has been heard about the diversion of footpaths which had been requested. It was agreed to write to the County Area Secretary asking about this.

Car Parking in Grove.

S.H.D.C. are to make a report on car park generally and the views of the Parish Council will be taken into consideration. Five tenants have asked if it is possible to have more garages built. It was agreed to write to the D.C. about this.

Sewage Works.

The South West Water Authority have promised to look into the matter of the capacity of the Sewage Works. It has been reported that sewage is overflowing in the meadow by the sewage works. It was decided to tell the water authority about this.

V.A.T.

A letter from Customs & Excise stated that under the Local Government reoganisation[sic] the Parish Council could derigister[sic]. Input taxes would still be recoverable so it was decided this would be the best thing to do.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

A.E.C. Waycott.	Cemetery Maintenance.	£46-44
S.W.E.B.	Acc. To June '74.	£1-78
D.P.F.A.	Annual Sub.	£1-50
B.M. Pengelly	Petty Cash.	£5-00
A.E.C. Waycott.	Playing Field Maintenance.	£46-44
Wicksteeds.	Swing Seat.	£2-42
G. Lewis.	Painting P.F. Equipment.	£23-00

Low Voltage

People in Greenslade Road have complained about low electricity voltage. Down to 215 volts. It was agreed to write to S.W.E.B. about this.

It was agreed to ask the Divisional Surveyor if the signpost at Millcombe Corner could also have an arm saying East Allington.

The next meeting was called for 11th Sept '74.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-15 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman.

11/9/74

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 11th September 1974.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Vickers, Dayment & the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Rev. Teage.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Bridleways and footpaths.

Mrs Vickers suggested that members of the W.I. might like to walk the footpaths & bridleways. Members thought this a good idea and Mrs Vickers said she would put it forward at the next W.I. meeting.

No reply had been received from the County Area Secretary regarding the diversion of footpaths.

Garages in Grove.

No reply, other than acknowledgement of letter, had been received from S.H.D.C. to our letter about the erection of more garages at The Grove. It was agreed to write to the D.C. about the time taken to answer letters.

Wall & fence.

The walls & fence in the Grove have still not been repaired.

Sewage.

It has been reported that sewage is leaking into Greenslade Road. The Clerk agreed to telephone the D.C. and Mr. Tozer agreed to meet the workmen and show them where the leak is.

S.W.E.B. Low voltage

A letter from S.W.E.B. asked for the names and addresses of all the people who are complaining of low voltage. It was agreed to send them this information.

Signpost

A letter from the D.S. agreed to put an arm saying “East Allington” on the signpost at Millcombe Corner.

Coleridge Ass.

A letter from the Coleridge Ass. Invited members to a talk given by Mr. Bradey, chief executive of S.H.D.C. Five members agreed to go.

Council on Alcoholism

A circular from the Council on Alcoholism was discussed. It was agreed not to give them a grant.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

C. Hallett. Gravedigger’s fee. (Perry). £5-00.

Rev. A.D. Teage. Vicar’s fee. (Perry). £0-75.

B.M. Pengelly. Salary & Clerk’s fee. (Perry). £11-00.

Planning

The South Hams Society asked for the Parish Council’s opinion of an application to build an agricultural dwelling at Capton Bridge. The P.C. have not received any details of this application but have no objection to such a dwelling which would be near modern farm buildings.

Park Lane

It was agreed to tell the D.C. that no more dwellings should be allowed on the Park Lane site than the original planning permission allowed. Other recent applicants have been refused because of the sewage works capacity.

Coombe Farm

There was no objection to the building of an agricultural dwelling at Coombe Farm.

Town Farm

The developer of the Town Farm site has started building but he still has not demolished one of the buildings. It was decided to write again to the D.C. urging them to enforce the conditions of the outline planning.

It has been brought to the notice of the P.C. that an agricultural building opposite the Millcombe turning is being used for other purposes. It was agreed to ask the D.C. if planning permission has been obtained for this change of use.

Telephone.

Complaints have been received that the money box in the telephone box has been full and people have been unable to make calls. It was agreed to ask the P.O. to empty the box more often.

It was proposed, by Mrs Vickers and seconded by Mr. Toms, that inquiries should be made into the cost of installing a telephone in the Clerk's house.

The next meeting was called for 9th October 1974.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-35 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman.
9/10/74

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 9th October 1974.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Bellingham, Vickers, Waycott, Dayment & the Clerk. Mr. Mercer, the District Councillor was also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Footpaths.

Mrs Vickers reported that members of the W.I. had walked some of the footpaths. Two farmers had complained about these walks and it was agreed that members of the P.C. should go on the walks when they were taking place on the land of farmers who had complained.

Delay in Answering Letters

Two letters have been received from the District Council explaining why there is sometimes delay in answering letters.

Sewage

Workmen from the D.C. had been to see the sewage leak in Greenslade Road and the D.C. are to write to Mrs Leat about getting this repaired.

Low Voltage

It is not known if there is any improvement in the low voltage in Greenslade Road. It was agreed to write again to S.W.E.B. if there is no improvement in another fortnight.

Park Lane Planning

The Parish Council accept the design of the houses on the Park Lane site. The stone walling around the entrance splay should not be less than 4' high.

Town Farm Site

The Planning Dept. of the D.C. wrote to say they are asking the developer to take down the remaining building. This still has not been done. Mr. Toms spoke to Mr. Rothwell about this and he said it would be brought up at a Planning Committee meeting when an enforcement order can be brought. Mr. Mercer also agreed to look into this matter.

Tumbling Hills

The dormer windows which are being put into Tumbling Hills were not included in the original planning permission. The D.C. have told the Architect concerned to apply for planning permission for these.

Telephone.

An estimate from the P.O. Telephones said that the cost of installing a telephone in the Clerk's house would be £40. It was agreed to precept for this next year.

Minutes

Letters from the Chief Executive of the D.C. & from the Libraries had asked for copies of the minutes. It was agreed to do this.

Planning.

It was agreed to tell the Planning Dept of the D.C. that if we do not write to them on planning applications it is because we have no objections to them.

It was agreed to write to the Divisional Surveyor about the following items :-

The spring on the Quarry Head Road is still flowing. With winter coming this could become dangerous if it ices up.

The white lines in the road need repainting.

Could the holes in the road to Waterslade be filled in.

Lighting in Greenslade Rd

It was agreed to write again to the D.C.C. to ask when the street lighting is to be extended to Greenslade Road.

Mr. Mercer then told the Council that he is to resign from the D.C. on 1st Oct. The Chairman thanked Mr. Mercer for all he had done and said how sorry we were because he was resigning.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-5 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman.
13/11/74

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 13th November 1974.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham, Vickers, Dayment & the Clerk. One member of the public was also present. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Teage and Dayment.

Footpaths.

Mrs Vickers described the walks that her group had taken over the footpaths. They had had some troubles with blocked paths, broken stiles and a bull in a field. It was decided to write to the D.A.P.C. asking for their help with the legal aspects of footpaths and also asking if there are any special county byelaws regarding footpaths.

These walks have also caused some friction for the W.I. It was agreed to write to the W.I. thanking the members for taking part in the walks and asking them if

they would like to carry on with the walks on behalf of the Parish Council. It was also agreed to write again to D.C.C. to ask when the footpaths are to be signposted.

Low voltage in Greenslade Rd.

A representative from S.W.E.B. had called on the Clerk and explained that a transformer is to be installed to improve the voltage in Greenslade Road. It was decided to ask S.W.E.B. how soon this work would be done.

Town Farm Site

A letter is to be sent to the Planning Dept. of S.H.D.C. asking what is happening about the building which still has not been demolished.

Spring in Quarry Head Rd.

The D.S. is to investigate the possibility of piping the spring in Quarry Head Road but this would be very expensive. If the piping cannot be done piles of grit will be put beside the hill.

White Lines

The white lines at road junctions will be repainted when the Gang is next in the area.

The potholes in Waterslade Road are to be filled in.

Lighting in Greenslade Rd.

No reply had been received from D.C.C. about street lighting in Greenslade Rd. It was agreed to write again about this.

Crocombe's Shed

A letter from the Planning Dept. stated that no planning permission had been obtained for change from agricultural use to a light industry. The Planning Dept. had told Mr. Crocombe not to continue to use it as at present. It is believed the shed is still being used for the light industry. It was agreed to leave this until the next meeting.

Coleridge Ass.

A letter from the Coleridge Ass. invited all members to hear a speaker from the B.B.C. on T.V. & Radio reception in the South Hams.

Leisure & Recreation

A letter from the Chief Executive of S.H.D.C. asked for details of recreation facilities in the Parish. It was agreed to tell him of the Playing Field, Assembly Room & Pottery Class.

Accounts.

Commercial Union Assurance stated that the premium for Employer's Liability cover will be

£1-00. & to increase the liability limit to £100,000 would make the premium £5-00. It was agreed to confirm this.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

S.W.E.B. Acc. to Sept. '74 £1-77.

D.C.C. Hire of School to Aug. 31 '74 £11-10.

Planning.

Four planning applications have been received during the month. There had been no objections to these.

Planning permission has been granted for:-

Extensions to existing dwelling Woodlands Cottage, Bow.

Nine houses with garages, Park Lane.

Parish Meeting

The Parish Meeting was arranged for 12th March 1975 in the Assembly Room. It was agreed to ask D.C.C. if they could send some-one to speak about footpaths.
It was agreed to ask if S.H.D.C. could do something about the blocked culvert which runs through Mrs. Rye's garden. This is very urgent.
It was also decided to write to D.C. about the dangerous building in Chapel Street.
The next meeting was called for 4th Dec. 1974.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-15 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman.
4/12/74

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 4th December 1974.
Those present were Cllrs. Teage, Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Vickers & the Clerk.
Apologies were received from Cllr. Bellingham.

Footpaths.

D.A.P.C. had sent a booklet concerning the laws of footpaths. It was agreed to purchase this book for 50p and also two others :-
A Guide to Definitive Maps of Public Paths @35p.
Model Standing Orders & Chairmanship @ 15p.
making a total of £1-00 together.
The footpaths are to be signposted in the near future.

Low Voltage. Greenslade Rd.

A letter from S.W.E.B. stated that works to improve the voltage in Greenslade Road would be completed as soon as possible.

Town Farm Site

S.H.D.C. planning officer is to recommend the planning committee to start enforcement proceedings because the building still has not been demolished.

Street Lighting Greenslade Rd

The County Area Engineer is to explain what work is to be carried out in Greenslade Road.

Crocombe's Shed

Mr. Crocombe is to apply for planning permission for the change of use for his shed opposite Millcombe turning.

Coleridge Ass.

The Coleridge Ass. have asked for an extra £1-00. to cover unforseen[sic] expenses. This was agreed.

Parish Meeting

The speakers from the County Council cannot come on a Wednesday so it was agreed to change the date of the meeting to Thursday 13th March 1975.

Blocked Culvert

Mrs Rye's blocked culvert has been cleared.

Dangerous building

No reply had yet been received from the D.C. about the dangerous building in Chapel Street.

Car Parking Charges.

The D.C. have asked for P.C. views on the proposed car parking charges in the District. It was agreed to tell the D.C. that we feel the country people are already penalised by high petrol prices and lack of public transport without having to pay high car parking charges as well.

S.W.E.B. Increases

S.W.E.B. propose to increase the routine maintenance charge by $33^{1}/_{3}\%$ on 1st April 1975. This was agreed & the clerk instructed to write to S.W.E.B. accepting this proposal.

Accounts

A Commercial Union statement showed the amount to be paid on Employer's Liability & increase of Public Liability premium to be £3. It was agreed to query this amount as £4 had already been paid on the Public Liability premium.

The following accounts were passed for payment :-

Dartington Sawmill Ltd. (Oak Stakes).	£3-52.
Bank of England. (Loan Charges.	£11-63.
Bell & Son.(Gravedigger's fee. Hibben).	£5-00
Hallett. (" " Chapman).	£5-00
Rev. A.D. Teage(Vicar's fee. Hibben & Chapman.)	£1-50.
B.M. Pengelly. (Salary & Clerk's fee " ")	£12-00.
Coleridge Association. (Extra for Expenses)	£1-00.
Community Council of Devon. (Books.)	£1-00.

A blank cheque was signed for the Audit.

Planning.

S.W.E.B. have asked for permission to take over head lines to Oldstone Farm. There were no objections to this.

The following planning applications were allowed by the District Council: -
Dormer windows to replace skylights to existing house, Tumbling Fields.
Erection of agricultural workers dwelling, Oldstone Farm, Blackawton.
Erection of agricultural buildings on part Stone Farm, Blackawton & Dittisham parishes.

The following planning applications were refused: -
Erection of agricultural workers dwelling, Lower Abbotsleigh, Blackawton.
2 residential caravans on Seawardstone Farm, Blackawton.

It was agreed to reverse the earlier decision not to write to the Planning Dept. if there were no objections to Planning Applications. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Dept. telling them this.

Castle Lane

The residents of Castle Lane have complained about water running down the lane.

There are potholes in the road from Cliston Cross to the main Kingsbridge Road.

It was agreed to bring both these points to the notice of the Divisional Surveyor.

Mrs. Verniquet

It was decided to write to Mrs Verniquet to congratulate her on joining the District Council and to tell her we will be sending her our agendas before each meeting.

It was agreed to write to the Men of the Trees thanking them for the lovely Rowan Trees which have been planted in the Cemetery.

Gas.

It was decided to put a notice in the board to tell people that gas is to be brought to the village and asking any-one interested to give their names to the Clerk.

Parking in Grove.

There has been an accident in the Grove because of the cars parked there & it was agreed to write again to the Police asking if anything can be done about this.

The next meeting was called for 8th Jan. 1975. This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-20 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman.
8/1/75.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 8th January 1975.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Vickers, Dayment, Waycott, Bellingham and the Clerk. Apologies were received from Rev. Teage.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Verniquet, our new District Councillor, to the meeting.

Low voltage Greenslade Rd

It was agreed to write again to S.W.E.B. urging that the improvements be carried out as soon as possible.

Town Farm Site

The building has not yet been taken down in spite of enforcement proceedings. Mrs. Verniquet agreed to look into this matter.

Street Lighting Greenslade Rd

A letter from the County Area Engineer stated that street lighting in Greenslade Road would be considered in the 1975/76 programme.

Dangerous Building

S.H.D.C. have contacted the Solicitors who say that action is likely in the near future. It was agreed to write again pointing out that the building is really dangerous.

Castle Lane.

The D.S. has looked into the matter of the water in Castle Lane and this is now improved.

The potholes in the road from Stanborough to Cliston Cross have now been made good.

Parking in Grove.

There has been no improvement in the parking in the Grove. and no reply had been received to our letter to the police. It was agreed to write again about this and also about cars parked by Tumbling Fields and opposite the Millcombe Road.

Name for Town Farm Site

The P.C. has been asked to think of a name for the Town Farm Site. It was agreed to send the following names to the District Council:- Cholwich Court, Village Close and Meadow Park.

The D.C. have invited the Chairman & Clerk to a meeting at Follaton House. Both said they would be able to go.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment :-

A.E.C. Waycott. Cemetery Maintenance.	£45-36
Commercial Union Ass. Co. Ltd.	£3-00
B.M. Pengelly. Audit Expenses. Petty Cash.	£3-00.
A.E.C. Waycott. Playing Field Maintenance.	£45-36

The D.C. have asked the Parish council how much money is required by the P.C. for the year 1975/76. It was agreed to leave this until the next meeting so that Mr Waycott can say how much he will charge for cutting the cemetery grass.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should inquire whether the charge for installing a telephone has to be paid before or after installation.

Planning.

Application has been made to build three extra garages at the Town Farm site. After discussion it was agreed to oppose the building of these garages because they are outside the line of existing buildings and garages are already provided for the houses.

Bus Turning

The Western National 'Bus Co. have complained about difficulties when turning the 'bus in village[sic] because of parked cars. Mr. Toms agreed to see the people whose cars are parked in the way. The Clerk was instructed to tell the Bus Co. that we appreciate the problem and would try to get people to move their cars.

It was agreed to write to the D.C. about water building up in the road below Middle Hutcherleigh and also to tell him that all the roads in the Parish need cleaning especially the road from Cliston Cross to the village.

The next meeting was called for 12th February 1975.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-15 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
12/2/75

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 12th February 1975.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Teage, Tozer, Waycott, Dayment & the Clerk.

Mrs. Verniquet, District Councillor, was also present.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Bellingham.

Low voltage Greenslade Rd

S.W.E.B. have stated that improvements to the voltage in Greenslade Road will be carried out as son as planning permission is given.

Town Farm Site

The building on the Town Farm Site has now been demolished.

The District Council have asked the Parish Council to reconsider their choice of names for the Town Farm site. The developer wants to call it Town Farm Cottages. It was agreed that this name could cause confusion because there is still a Town Farm in the Parish. Town Farm Court or Town Farm Close were considered more suitable.

Parking in The Grove

A letter from Divisional Police Head-quarters stated that a Police Officer would be at the meeting to discuss the Parking in The Grove. He did not come.

Bus Turning.

Mr. Toms has spoken to the people whose car was parked in the way of the bus turning and this matter is now resolved.

No reply has been received from the Divisional Surveyor about the water on the road at Hutcherleigh. It was agreed to write to him again about this and also about water on the road between Cotterbury and Bow and to ask if white lines could be painted where the Dallacombe Road comes into the village.

Telephone.

The telephone installation charge has to be paid after installation. It was agreed to ask for the 'phone to be installed in early March.

Lighting.

D.C.C. have agreed to take over any footway lighting if the Parish Council wanted this. It was decided that the County Council could take over our one light.

Mr. Head.

A letter from Mr. Head complained of the pile of rubbish behind the Town Farm site and also of workers parking vehicles outside his home. It was agreed to tell Mr. Head that the developer will remove the rubbish when the development is finished. It is understood that the matter of the parking has been resolved.

Park Lane Site

The Parish Council has been asked for its'[sic] views on a name for the Park Lane development. It was agreed that New Park or Park Lane Drive would be good names.

Coleridge Association

Members were invited to a "Any Questions" session, by the Coleridge Ass.

Footpaths.

The County Footpath Warden has walked the paths in the Parish. It has been agreed to signpost the paths & the C.C. have ask[sic] for an estimate from a local man to do the job. It was agreed to ask Messrs. Lewis, Airzee, Edmonds & Francis.

Several paths need cleaning etc. and it was agreed to ask the County Council if the Parish Council has to tell the landowners that these jobs need to be done.

Accounts.

The following account was passed for payment: -

S.W.E.B. Acc. to Dec. '74 £1-95.

Precept for the year 1975/76 was agreed at £210-00.

Planning.

A planning application for four holiday flats at Wood Farm. It was agreed that the conversion of barns to flats could be an asset to the area. They would be out of sight and a reasonable distance from the main road.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting in the Dartmouth Chronicle and the Kingsbridge Gazette.

Fence in Grove

The fencing in The Grove has still not been repaired. It was agreed to write again pointing out that we have written several times.

It was agreed to write to the firm taking out the Park Lane site asking them to clean up the road and to put notices at the village end and at Woodford about mud on the road.

A meeting of the Playing Field Committee was called for 19th February 1975 to discuss the letting of the fields.
The next meeting was called for 19th March 1975.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-45 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms Chairman
19/3/75

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Assembly Room on Thursday 13th March 1975.
Those present were Cllrs. Toms, (Chairman), Teage, Tozer, Bellingham, Waycott & Dayment. Mrs. Verniquet, our District Councillor, and Mr. White, the County Footpath Warden, were also present. About 45 members of the public attended the meeting.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Public Lighting in Greenslade Rd.

The C.C. have said that the request for Street Lights in Greenslade Road would be considered for the 1975/76 estimates.

Road Widening in Village

Road widening in the village is dependent on planning permission being given for some houses to be built.

Parking in Grove

The Police have said that nothing can be done about the cars parked in the Grove.

Bridleway No.5

The County Council has stated that if a path shown on the definitive map as a bridleway this is conclusive evidence in law that such a right exists.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman then gave his report on the work of the Council through the year and he also reported on the Playing Field.

W.I. Report

Mrs. Coe then gave a report on the work of the W.I. through the year. She also made a complaint about hedge trimmings which had been allowed to blow about the village for sometime. The Chairman promised to do something about this.
Mr. White, the County Footpath Warden, then gave a talk on Footpaths and answered questions from the floor.
The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee then gave a progress report on their efforts to raise money. £1050 has been raised in one year.
It was suggested, that as we are being asked to economise on fuel, it is not necessary for the street lights to be switched on so early in the morning. It was agreed to write to the C.C. about this.
Complaints were again received about the Low Voltage in Greenslade Road. S.W.E.B. have stated that works to improve the voltage will be started as soon as possible. It was agreed to write again to S.W.E.B. asking them to hurry this up.
Mrs. Goodeve asked if it is possible for a proper manhole cover to be put at the top of Castle Lane to replace a concrete slab and Mr. Harding asked if new drains could be put in School Lane to carry away the excess water. It was agreed to write to the County Council about both these things.
Mrs. Verniquet answered questions concerning the District Council matters.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-00 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms 10/3/76
Chairman

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 19th March 1975.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Waycott and the Clerk, Mrs. Pengelly.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Teage, Bellingham and Dayment.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Parking in The Grove

It was agreed to ask the County Council if it is possible to have a notice put at the end of The Grove stating that it is a turning bay only.

White Lines

The D.S. stated that white lines would be painted at road junctions when the gang is next in the area. and the water on the Bow Road has been cleared. Mr. Tozer did not think the road is clear of water and said he would find out.

The Clerk reported that the telephone had been installed.

Footpath Signposts

Two estimates have been received for putting up the footpath signposts. It was agreed to send the estimates to the County Council recommending Mr. Lewis's estimate for acceptance.

It was also agreed that the Clerk telephone the C.C. asking if they would inform the landowners about work needing to be done on footpaths as it was felt this could cause bad feeling between the landowners and the Parish Council.

Children have been climbing the fence at The Grove. It was agreed to ask if barbed wire could be put on top of it.

A letter from Mr. Head was read. He complained that a planning application for a brewery at Blacksmith's old building had been kept secret. It was agreed to write telling him that this was not so and also to tell him that the P.C. had gained as much information as possible from the applicant before coming to a decision.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

South Hams Newspapers (Advert).	£3-00.
Mr. Toms. (Duplicating Paper).	£1-37.
Mrs. Pritchard-Smith. (Hire of Room).	£2-00.
B.M. Pengelly. (Salary & Petty Cash).	£11-00.

Town Farm Site

A notice of Refusal of Planning Permission for building of three garages at the Town Farm site had been received. It is believed that these garages are still being built, and it was agreed to tell the Planning Dept. of this.

A tree is down in the road from Bow Bridge to Forder and it is difficult for traffic to get through. It was agreed to tell the C.C. this.

Sewage Works.

There is an open pit at the sewage works and it is feared that children could fall into it and be drowned when it is full or injured when it is empty. It was decided to ask the S.W.W.A. to put a cover on it.

The next meeting was called for 9th April 1975.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-35 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms
Chairman
9/4/75.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 7th April 1975.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Dayment & the Clerk, Mrs. Pengelly.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Teage & Bellingham.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Parking in the Grove

No reply has been received to the request for a sign at the end of the Grove.

Footpath Signposts

It was agreed to leave the matter of the footpath signposts until the next meeting.

Fencing in Grove.

The District Council will not put barbed wire along the top of the fence at the Grove. Complaints are still being received about the state of the fence at the end of the Grove. It was agreed to write again to the District Council about this.

Sewage Works

No reply has been received to our letter asking S.W.W.A. for a cover to a deep pit at the sewage works.

Park Lane Site

It was agreed to tell the District Council we have asked the County Archivist for help with the naming of the Park Lane development. and we are still awaiting his reply.

Bridleways.

A letter from Lt. Colonel Croysdale stated that he had written to the Dept. of the Environment asking their help in urging Devon County Council to hold a review of Public Paths. He also apologised for saying, in that letter, that ill feeling had been caused over bridleways in Blackawton. It was agreed to tell him he had not been mistaken about the ill feeling and also to tell him we would write to the Dept. of the Environment giving him our support & also send a copy to the Devon County Council.

It was agreed to ask the County Council if Bridleway No.22. could start at Waterslade House instead of at Greenslade.

Accounts.

The following account was passed for payment: -

B.M. Pengelly. Petty Cash. £5-00.

Two estimates have been received for the letting of the grass fields and also for cutting the grass in the P.F. They were: -

Mr. Tozer for the grass £162-00 per year

Mr. Tozer for cutting P.F. grass. £70-00 for eight times + £5-00 per time for extra cutting.

Mr. Waycott for the grass. £130 per year.

Mr. Waycott for cutting P.F. grass. £88-00 for eight times + £11-00 per time for extra cutting.

The highest tender was accepted for the grass keep and the lowest for cutting the Playing Field grass.

Trees.

The cutting down of trees in conservation areas was discussed. It was agreed to ask the District council if Blackawton is in a conservation area.

Planning

A plan for a new car park and extensions at the Forces Tavern was approved.
It was decided to write to the County Council about the wall at the Grove.
The next meeting was called for 14th May 1975.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-30 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
14/5/75.
Chairman.

The Annual meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 14th May 1975.
Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham & Vickers. Apologies were received from Mrs Pengelly, Mrs Dayment & Rev. Teage.
Mr. Toms was re-elected Chairman and Rev. Teage is to be asked if he is willing to continue as Vice Chairman.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Parking in Grove.

The Divisional Surveyor has agreed to put a sign at the end of The Grove indicating that it is a turning bay.

Sewage Works.

The S.W.W.A. have agreed to put a cover over the pit at the sewage works.

Park Lane Site

The County Archivist has asked for a map of the area. It was agreed to send one.

Signposting of Footpaths.

Mr. Lewis is to be approached again about the signposting of footpaths. He is to be told about the Post Hole Bores which can be hired from Dartington Hall which would perhaps enable him to reduce his price for putting in the signposts.

Skip Service.

A skip is to be provided in the village for one week to collect rubbish. It was agreed to ask for it to be put between The George Inn and Rose Cottage garage for the first part of the week and at The Grove car park for the second part of the week.

Morning Lighting

A reply to our letter regarding the time the lights come on in the morning stated that this is controlled by switches which react to the light. The time the lights come on on winter mornings will be considered.

Footway Lighting.

The County Council have agreed to take over the Footway Lighting and a form is to be completed to confirm this.
Three items arising from the A.P.M. have received replies from the Divisional Surveyor.

1) The roadsigns in the Parish will be repainted.

2) The manhole cover at the top of Castle Lane is off the limit of the County Road.
3) The C.C. will lay another drain in School Hill.

Structure Plan for Devon

The Chairman & V. Chairman are to discuss the structure plan for Devon & individual members are to fill in the D.C.C. questionaire[sic].

Kingsbridge County Court

It was agreed that the closure of Kingsbridge County Court is not a good thing. Distances to reach a court are already considerable and if people have further to go this will cause great inconvenience and expense.

Electoral Boundaries Report

The Boundaries Commission report on Electoral Boundaries is to be circulated among members.

Capital Works Programme

A questionaire[sic] from D.A.P.C. concerning water and sewage was discussed and filled in.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

R.C. Pillar & Sons Ltd.	Gravedigger's fee (Codd).	£5-00
B.M. Pengelly.	Clerk's fee "	£1-00
Rev. A.D. Teage.	Vicar's fee (Codd).	£0-75.
Men of the Trees.	Annual Sub	£2-10.
D.C.C. Ed. Com.	Hire of School	£7-00.
S.W.E.B.	Acc. to March '75.	£2-00.
The Post Office.	Telephone Acc.	£48-23.

A notice is to be placed in the board inviting Parishioners to P.C. meetings for discussion & questions for the first 15 mins of the meeting.

A letter is to be sent to the D.S. asking for white lines at the road junction at Cotterbury. The road foreman to ask Mr. Tozer for details.

The next meeting was called for 11th June 1975.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-45 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman
11/6/75.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 11th June 1975.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Teage, Vickers, the Clerk and Mrs Verniquet our District Councillor.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Waycott, Dayment & Bellingham.

Footpath Signposts.

Mr. Lewis has agreed to put up the Footpath Signposts for £1-50 per post. It was agreed to write to D.C.C. telling this[sic] and asking them to send the posts as soon as possible.

R.U.P.P. 22

A letter from the Area Office of D.C.C. stated that records have been found which say that R.U.P.P. starts at Waterslade Farm, therefore the road from Greenslade to Waterslade should be maintained by the County Council.

Playing Field.

The County Council have asked how much the Parish Council had in mind when they asked for an increase in the rent paid by the County Council for the Playing Field. It was agreed to tell them £20 for the next two years.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Bank of England	Loan charges.		£11-63.
Hadden Best & Co. Ltd.	Acc. Book.	£6-16.	
Commercial Union Ass. Co.	Insurance.	£8-60.	
Commercial Union Ass. Co. Play.Field Insurance.			£4-20.
D.A.P.C.	Annual Sub & Reviews.		£6-94.
B.M. Pengelly.	Salary	£1-00	

Planning.

Mr. Putnam's planning application to turn a barn into flats has been refused. Two of the reasons given were that the development is contrary to the County Development Plan and to advice given by the Sec. of State for the Environment in Circular 26/60. It was agreed to ask for a copy of the Circular and to ask if it is possible to obtain a copy of the County Development Plan.

Mr. Putnam's revised plan was approved by the Parish Council.

Andrews Plan

There was not enough information given with Mr. Andrews planning application so the Council was unable to give an opinion on this. It was agreed to tell the Planning Dept. this. Mrs. Verniquet agreed to look into this planning application.

Forces Tavern

Mr. Toms is unable to go to the site meeting at the Forces Tavern. Mrs. Verniquet said that she would be there and would put the Parish Council's point of view.

Forces Road.

There have been several accidents on the bend in the road the Halwell side of Forces Cross. It was decided to if[sic] something could be done about this bend. It was also agreed to ask the County Council if improvements could be made to bad crossroads by the method used on the Totnes to Kingsbridge Road near Halwell Garage.

It was agreed to write to Bill Ryder to congratulate him on the good job he has made of repairing a stone wall in the village.

The next meeting was called for 19h July 1975.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-30 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman
9/7/75.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wed. 9th July 1975.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Waycott.

Playing Field

The County Council have agreed to pay £20 per year for the use of the Playing Field.

County Development Plan.

It was agreed to send for a copy of the County Development Plan. at a cost of £1.58.

Forces Road.

The C.C. are unable to improve the bends on the Halwell – Dartmouth road near Forces Cross. It was agreed to ask for a bigger sign there.

Park Lane site

The County Archivist has discovered that the Park Lane site field was called Church Yard Quillet. It was agreed to suggest to the D.C. that the site be called Church Yard Quillet or Church Quillet.

Town Farm Site

The D.C. have agreed to call the Town Farm site Town Farm Close.

Skip Service

It was agreed to write thanking the D.C. for providing the skip service.

Water.

A statement, from S.W.W.A., concerning the water shortage was read.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

B.M. Pengelly.	Telephone Acc.	£8-25
Coleridge Association.	Annual Sub.	£2-00
Devon County Council.	Devel. Plan.	£1-58.

Footpaths.

Letters to landowners from D.C.C., concerning footpaths, had caused considerable ill feeling because they had stated that the P.C. had already written to the landowners. This was not so in most cases and it was agreed to write to D.C.C. telling them this.

Chairman's Expenses.

It was suggested that the Chairman should be given an allowance. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Brock Hill

The white lines at the Brock Hill junction have been oblitorated[sic] by resurfacing. It was agreed to ask if these could be replaced as soon as possible.

Dallacombe Road.

It was decided to ask for the potholes in the Dallacombe Road to be filled in.

Merricombe

A letter has been sent to the D.C. protesting against the proposed development of a holiday village at Merricombe.

The next meeting was called for 13h August 1975.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-30 p.m.

[signed] Alan D Teage.
13th Aug 1975.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 13th August 1975.

Those present were Cllrs. Teage, Vickers, Bellingham, Waycott, the Clerk, and Mrs Verniquet our District Councillor.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Toms, Tozer & Dayment.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Park Lane Site

The District Council have suggested St. Michael's Close as a name for the Park Lane development. It was agreed that this name is too suburban for Blackawton and to stress that Church Yard Quillet or Church Quillet would be more suitable.

Divisional Surveyor Matters.

The Divisional Surveyor has agreed to put a bigger "Double Bend" sign on the Halwell – Dartmouth Road near Forces Cross. The white lines at Brock Hill will be replaced as soon as possible and the potholes in the Dallacombe road will be repaired.

Merricombe

Strete Parish Council have protested, to the District Council, against the proposed development of a holiday village at Merricombe. They sent us a copy of their letter of protest.

Chairman's Allowance

It was agreed that the Parish Council Chairman should be given an allowance and the amount was agreed at £30 per year.

Accounts.

The following account was passed for payment.

Devon Playing Field Ass. (Annual Sub). £1-50

Footpaths.

A letter from D.C.C. asked if the Parish Council would be willing to walk the footpaths each year. It was agreed not to do this because of the ill feeling which has been aroused over footpaths.

A letter, from D.A.P.C., in answer to a query, stated that if a person was injured while climbing a stile across a public footpath the owner of the land would not be liable if the stile was in good repair.

Planning.

The following Planning Applications have been allowed.

Gilbard. Alterations at the Forces Tavern.

Putnam. Conversion of barn to dwelling.

An application by Mr Bates for improvements to Forces Cottage was approved by the Parish Council before the meeting.

The Parish Council approved plans for the erection of a bungalow, with double garage on Part O.S.3981, Park Lane.

There was no objection to the renewal of permission for the erection of a Farm Worker's dwelling and garage at Eastdown Farm.

Mr. Buckpitt is to appeal against the refusal of the D.C. to allow him to build an agricultural worker's dwelling. It was agreed to write to the Dept. of the Environment supporting his appeal.

Letting the Fields

Several people have complained that when the tender was put out for letting the fields it was not stated that the grass could be cut for hay. There would, apparently, have been several more tenders if it had been known the grass could be cut. It was agreed that the grass should not be cut next year and that this matter should be discussed before the fields are let again.

War Memorial

Mr. Head has painted the lettering on the War Memorial. It was agreed to write to him to thank him for this.

The next meeting was called for 10h September 1975.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-20 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
10/9/75.
Chairman.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 10th September 1975.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Waycott, Tozer, Dayment, Vickers & the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Rev. Teage, Mr. Bellingham & Mrs Verniquet.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Park Lane Site

The District Council have agreed to put forward the name "Church Quillet", for the Park Lane development, to the committee which decides these matters.

Footpaths.

A letter from D.C.C. expressed their disappointment that the Parish Council is not willing to walk the footpaths each year.

Dept of the Environment

A letter from the Dept. of the Environment stated that the P.C.'s views on Mr. Buckpitt's planning appeal would be put forward at the appeal hearing.

A letter from Mrs. Ali-Khan, asking if the Parish Council could do anything about the weeds on property adjoining hers, was discussed. It was agreed that this is a private matter between Mrs. Ali-Khan and the owner of the property.

Emergency Precautions

Mr. Toms is to go to a meeting in Kingsbridge for a discussion on Local Emergency Arrangements.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

M.R. Toms.	Chairman's Allowance.	£15-00.
B.M. Pengelly.	Salary	£10-00.

It was agreed that the Chairman's Allowance be paid quarterly at the same time as the Clerk's salary.

A blank cheque was signed for the Audit.

Ward No.10.

The District Council have suggested that our electoral ward be given the name Garabrook. It was agreed that this is a good name.

Town Farm Close.

The owners of the houses on the Town Farm site have protested at the name Town Farm Close because they have Town Farm Cottages on their deeds etc. It was agreed that the site should be called Town Farm Close and that the D.C. is partly to blame for the objections because they took so long to decide the name for the development.

A complaint has been received about the hedge behind Nos. 1-6, The Grove. It was decided to ask the District Council to do something about this.

The next meeting was called for 1st October. This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-40 p.m.

Amendment to Town Farm Close Minute

This minute should have been that the site should now be called Town Farm Cottages because of the delay by the D.C. in deciding the name.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman 1/10/75

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 1st October 1975.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Waycott & Bellingham.

Apologies were received from Rev. Teage, Mrs. Vickers, Mrs. Dayment and Mrs Verniquet.

After the addition of an amendment to the minute concerning Town Farm Cottages the minutes were read and signed as a true record.

Town Farm Cottages

A letter has been received from the District Council stating the timetable for the naming of the Town Farm site. It was agreed to write again to the D.C. stating that because of their delay in deciding the name the P.C. thinks the development should now remain as Town Farm Cottages.

Church Quillet

The District Council have decided that the Park Lane development should be called "Church Quillet". It was agreed to write to ask the D.C. to inform the developer, of this name, as quickly as possible so that the confusion which arose at the Town Farm site can be avoided.

Emergency Arrangements

Mr. Downer has volunteered to act as Emergency Officer and the P.C. have agreed to this. It was decided to ask Mr. Downer to the next P.C. meeting.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Dept of the Environment. Audit Fees. £15-12

B.M. Pengelly. Audit Ex. & Petty Cash. £9-50.

Planning

The following Planning applications have been allowed.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Tozer :- Construction of two bungalows on Part O.S. 3981. Blackawton.

E. Perry Renewal of permission for the erection of a farmworker's dwelling & garage, Eastdown Farm, Blackawton.

The application for a Holiday Village on Merracombe Farm, has been refused.

Speaker for Annual P.M.

The following were suggestions for a speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting:- A planning officer, Conservation officer, Fire Officer, some-one from the Highways Dept. or a Magistrate. It was agreed to leave this matter until the next meeting when more members would be present.

Housing.

Mrs. Verniquet is to attend a Housing Conference and wants to know if the P.C. has any matters it wants her to bring up. The following items were agreed :-

Family houses should have downstairs toilets.
Blackawton should have some old people's bungalows.
Housing work is sometimes done in the wrong order. e.g. Taking the roof off after inside work has been done.
It was agreed to write again to the D.C. about the following matters :-
The path behind Nos. 1-6, The Grove.
The hole in the wall by the lower garages.
The retaining wall of the bank in the Grove.
It was agreed to ask for chippings to be put around the Parish in case of hard weather.
The next meeting was called for 12h November 1975.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-30 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman
12/11/75.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 12th November 1975.
Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham, Vickers, Dayment and the Clerk. Mrs Verniquet was also present. Apologies were received from Rev. Teage.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Town Farm Cottages.

The District Council have agreed to put the change of name of Town Farm Close to Town Farm Cottages before the Health Committee.

Church Quillet

The street name-plates for the Church Quillet development have now been erected.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to ask the the[sic] District Council Treasurer or some-one from his department to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Repairs in Grove

The District Council have said that the hedge behind Nos 1-6 the Grove has been cut and that the hole in the wall by the lower garages will be repaired. They also stated that the retaining wall of of[sic] the bank in The Grove is the responsibility of the County Council. It was agreed to write to the County Council about this wall.

Emergency Arrangements

Mr. Downer was unable to come to this meeting and it was agreed to invite him to the next meeting.
The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Devon County Council. Hire of School to Sept '75 £6-20.
J & G. Perrott. Gravedigger's fee. (Palmer). £5-00
Rev. Delve. (Vicar's fee. (Palmer). £0-75.
B.M. Pengelly. Telephone Acc. & Clerk's fee. £9-42.

Planning.

The following planning applications were decided before the Council meeting.

Post Office The resiting of the letter-box.
Males. To build a conservatory behind South View Cottage.
Stephens. To build a conservatory behind Belle Vue, Greenslade Road.
An application to build a double garage at Town Farm Cottages was objected to because :- the garage would be out of line with the other buildings, it is unnecessary because each house already has a garage and a parking space and building of the garage has been started with-out planning permission.
The following planning applications have been allowed by the District Council:-
Erection of bungalow with double garage under, Part O.S. 3981, Park Lane.
Conservatory to rear of existing bungalow, Belle Vue, Greenslade Road.

Church Quillet

The stone wall which should have been built around the entrance splay to Church Quillet has not been done. Mr. Toms has spoken to the Planning Officer about this.

Bank in School Lane

A letter has been sent to the Divisional Surveyor asking if the Bank in School Lane can be returfed where it has been dug up for drain laying.
The following matters were raised for the attention of the Divisional Surveyor:-

Back Lane.

Heavy vehicles are still using Back Lane in spite of the signs. The width of road should be put onto the signs.
The road between Shepherds Cott and the Cotterbury road has been dug up for drains and needs to be made up.
The next meeting was called for 10h December 1975.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-10 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman
10/12/75.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 10th December 1975.
Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Vickers & the Clerk. Mrs Verniquet was also present and also Mr. Downer who has agreed to be in charge of Local Emergency Arrangements. Apologies were received from Cllrs Teage, Bellingham & Dayment.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Town Farm Cottages.

The Health Committee of the District Council have agreed that the Town Farm Development should now be known as Town Farm Cottages.

Annual Parish Meeting

The District Council Treasurer has agreed to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Bank in School Lane

The Divisional Surveyor has agreed to soil and seed the area of bank in School Lane which was disturbed by drain laying.

Back Lane

The County Council is to investigate the making of an Order limiting the width of vehicles using Back Lane.

Wall in the Grove.

The retaining wall in The Grove is the responsibility of the District Council who will be looking into this matter.

Emergency Arrangements

Mr. Downer then outlined his plans for local emergency arrangements. He proposed a committee of three with himself as Chairman and two members of the Parish Council. Mr. Toms & Mr. Tozer agreed to sit on the committee. It was proposed to ~~get~~ obtain more copies of the Parish Map and also three copies of the Electoral Roll. This was agreed.

Church Quillet

It was agreed to write again to the Planning Officer about the wall which should have been built around the entrance splay to Church Quillet, quoting the date of last letter to which no reply had been received. It was also agreed that a meeting should be held with the Planning Officer if no satisfactory reply is received

County Plan

It was decided to send for the booklet "Towards 2001" from the County Planning Dept.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Bank of England. (Loan charges).	£11-63.
M.R. Toms. (Chairman's Allowance).	£7-50.
Rev. Teage. (Vicar's fee:- Widdecomb).	£0-75
B.M. Pengelly. (Salary & Clerk's fee).	£11-00.
A.J. Tozer. (Padlock for P.F. Gate).	£1-03.

A bill from Mr. Lewis for erecting the footpath signs is to be sent to the County Council.

Footpaths.

The footpath signposts have been erected with the exception of :-
Double arm post on B.W.5 & F.P.7 on Bowden Farm. (Mr. Balsdon).
Footpath sign. North End F.P.4. (Enders).
Footpath sign. West End F.P.23. (H. Dayment).
It was agreed to write to the C.C. about these.
It was also agreed to ask the C.C. if they could meet 25% of the cost of putting a gate on footpath 12.
It was proposed to write to the Ministry of Agriculture asking their advice about footpaths where they cross the boundaries of farms where the cattle are brucellosis accreddited[sic] and farms where they are not.
The part of F.P. No.12. from the S.W. extremity to where it meets F.P. No 18 is considered unnecessary and it was agreed to ask if it could be closed.

Funeral Fees

It was agreed that the Parish Council will no longer pay a grave digger's fee to the undertakers. ~~The Council's fees are so low that we can~~
It was agreed to ask the D.C. about signs to try to stop people taking their dogs into the Playing Field and Cemetery and fouling them.
It was proposed, by Mr. Toms and seconded by Mr. Waycott, that Michael Tozer could keep his sheep in the field for the month of January.
The next meeting was called for 14h January 1976.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-35 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.

Chairman
14/1/76.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 14th January 1976.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Teage, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham, Dayment, Vickers, Mrs. Verniquet & the Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Annual Parish Meeting

It is not possible to hold the Annual Parish Meeting in the Assembly Room on 10th March 1976. It was agreed to hold the meeting in the School this year.

Back Lane

A letter from D.C.C. asked for details of vehicles using Back Lane. It was agreed to tell them that it is not always possible to know what vehicles use the road but the S.H.D.C. Refuse Lorry does. It was also suggested that some-one from the C.C. come to see the lane for themselves.

Church Quillet.

A letter from the Planning Dept. of S.H.D.C. stated that they would be discussing the matter of the stone wall around the entrance splay to Church Quillet with the contractors. It was agreed to write asking for further information.

Footpaths.

The footpath signposts have not been put in properly. Some of them have fallen out and some are pointing in the wrong direction. It was agreed to write to Mr Lewis pointing out that the work had not been done properly.

The C.C. are to ask the views of S.H.D.C. on the closure of part of Footpath 12.

Dog Notices

The D.C. are to approach the Home Office regarding byelaws about dogs using Recreation grounds and they will let us know the outcome of this.

Playing Field

The D.C.C. no longer need to use the Playing Field for school games and have asked if the usual three months notice could be waived. This was agreed.

The village hall committee have asked for a meeting with the Playing Field Committee to decide the actual site for the Village Hall. This was agreed for Saturday 24th Jan. at 2p.m.

Meeting at Follaton House

Mr. Toms has agreed to go to a meeting with members & officials of S.H.D.C.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

B.M. Pengelly. Telephone Acc. £8-66.

A.J. Tozer. Playing Field Maintenance. £48-60.

An account was presented by Mr. Waycott but this could not be payed[sic] because there was not enough money in the account. It was agreed to precept for £50 more now.

Precept for 1976/77 was agreed at £290-00.

Planning.

An application to build a study over the garage at Rycotes, was approved.

Mr. Fitzhugh's application for a Brewery at the old Smithy was also approved. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter, sent to the Planning Dept., to Mr. Rogers of Ashprington asking him to support this application in the Planning Committee. Mr. Head has written objecting to this application and it was agreed to tell him that the Council's attitude remains the same as on the previous application.

Broomborough Hospital

It was agreed to write to Dr. Greig of Totnes asking if Broomborough Hospital is to re-open soon.

Dangerous Buildings.

It was decided to write to S.H.D.C. about the dangerous building in Chapel Street and also about Mr. Crocombe's barn.

Complaints are still being received about the fencing at The Grove. It was agreed to write again to the District Council about this.

The next meeting was called for 11h Feb. 1976.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10- p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman 11/2/76.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 11th February 1976.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Waycott, Vickers, the Clerk and Mrs Verniquet.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Dayment, Bellingham, Teage and Tozer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Annual Parish Meeting

It is now possible to hold the Annual Parish Meeting in the Assemby[sic] Room and it was agreed that this would be better than holding it in the School.

It was decided to advertise the meeting in the Kingsbridge Gazette and Dartmouth Chronicle.

It was agreed to hire the M.V. crockery. 3 dozen cups and saucers at 10p. per dozen.

Back Lane.

The County Council are to ask for the views of the Police on the proposed width restriction on Back Lane & will then put the matter before the Highways Sub-Committee of Teignbridge & South Hams Councils.

Church Quillet

The Contractors of the Church Quillet development have proposed that a post and rail fence be incorporated with the dry stone walling at the bottom of the bank. A reply has been sent stating that the P.C. still think that the 4 feet stone retaining wall, shown on the original plans, should be built and they have no objection to a post & rail fence being incorporated in this.

Footpath Signposts

Mr. Lewis has agreed to put the footpath signposts in properly.

The C.C. have agreed to pay 25% of the cost of a gate or stile across Footpath 12. Mr. Ekers is to be told of this.

Dangerous Buildings

No reply has been received to the letter to S.H.D.C. about dangerous buildings in Chapel Street & Ruby Farm.

Village Hall.

Members of the Playing Field Committee and Village Hall Fund Committee had met at the proposed site to see just how much land would be required. This had been agreed at 130' X 90' and the Village Hall Committee have agreed to fill in the bottom of the field which will give back almost as much land as will be taken for the Village Hall.

Sports Council

At a meeting in Totnes it was agreed to form a Sports Council in the South Hams.

Street Naming

S.H.D.C. is to have power to under-take the naming and renaming of streets with-in the district.

A letter has been received from the residents of Town Farm Cottages thanking the P.C. for helping them to retain the name Town Farm Cottages.

Accounts.

The following account was passed for payment:-

A.E.C. Waycott. Cemetery Maintenance. £47-52

Planning

Mr. Crocombe's application to demolish farm buildings and build a cottage was approved on the grounds that potentially dangerous and unsightly buildings will be demolished.

The following planning applications have been allowed:-

Erection of Double Garage, land at Town Farm Cottages, for Mr. P. Willmott.

New Study over existing garage, "Rycotes" Chapel Street, for Mr. Robinson.

Parish Map.

It was agreed to have three photostat copies made of the Parish Map.

The next meeting was called for 19th March 1976.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-30 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman 19/3/76.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Assembly Room on Wednesday 10th March 1976.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, (Chairman) Teage, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham & Dayment. Mrs Verniquet, our district councillor, and Mr. Wood, Treasurer to South Hams District Council were also present. About 50 members of the public attended the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Public Lighting in Greenslade Road. Nothing further has been heard about the provision of lighting in Greenslade Road. It was agreed to follow this matter up.

Road Widening. The road in the village is to be widened during the next few weeks.

Low Voltage. The low electricity voltage in Greenslade Road has been improved.

Early Morning Street Lighting. The C.C. have replied that the time switches for the street lights are controlled by the daylight and if any changes are made the Parish will be informed.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a report on the work of the Council and Playing Field Committee.

W.I. Report.

Mrs Rye reported on the W.I. and made an appeal for more members.

Village Hall Committee.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Fund Committee then reported that the fund stands at £2,423-22 and that a site had been agreed.

Local Emergency Arrangements.

Mr. Downer, who has agreed to be the Local Emergency Officer then outlined the plans which had been made so far in case of Emergency.

Mr. David Wood, Treasurer of South Hams District Council then talked about the Rating System and answered questions from the floor.

Complaints were made about the broken signposts at Bow Cross and Newton Cross.

A parishioner asked if the corner could be taken off at Trenchfurze Post as it is very difficult and dangerous turning from the Forces Road to Quarry Head Road. It was agreed to put these matters before the County Council.

A complaint was made about the corner of the Cemetery where dead flowers etc are thrown. It was agreed to clear this up and to put a notice asking people to put rubbish behind the shed.

A question was asked regarding the provision of telephone lines as only party lines are now available. The Chairman agreed that the Post Office should be asked about this.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-15 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman
14/3/77

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Friday 19th March 1976.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Vickers & the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Rev. Teage, Mr. Bellingham, Mrs. Dayment & Mrs. Verniquet.

Two members of the public were also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Church Quillet.

The developers of Church Quillet are still consulting with the occupiers regarding the building of the stone retaining wall. It was agreed to write again to S.H.D.C. asking if they can enforce our request to have this wall built.

Dangerous Buildings.

No reply has yet been received about the Dangerous buildings.

Village Hall.

The Village Hall Fund Committee have asked the Parish Council to put in hand the procedure for handing over the site for the village hall & car park. It was agreed to write to the Dept. of the Environment asking their advice about this.

Towards 2001.

It was agreed to write to the County Council telling them that Blackawton Parish Council do not support any of the options in the Plymouth Sub-Regional Study and that the proposals for the Devon part of the Sub-region should be an integral part of the Structure Plan.

Parks & Playing Fields

The D.C. have asked the P.C. to let them know about any help the P.C. might require, in the future, for recreational facilities. It was agreed to tell the D.C. that help might be needed with the Playing Field and Village Hall.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Planprint Photocopies of map. £2-43.
South Hams Newspapers. Parish Meeting Adverts £2-80
M.R. Toms. Chairman's Allowance. £7-50.
Rev. A.D. Teage. Funeral fee. (Quantick). £0-75.
B.M. Pengelly. Salary, Funeral Fee, Petty Cash. £12-00.

Planning.

The following plans were approved by the Parish Council: -

Extension to provide bathroom facilities. for Mr. Williams. Forces Cross.

Additions to existing farm buildings for Mr. J. Tozer, Thorn Farm.

Garage/Workshop with Toilet & Shower facilities for farm use:- for Mr. A. Downer, Lower Abbotsleigh.

Outline planning permission has been granted to Mr. & Mrs. J. Tozer for the Erection of an Agricultural Dwelling, Thorn Farm.

Matters Arising from P.M.

Public Lighting in Greenslade Road. It was agreed to write to the C.C. about this stating that they had agreed to consider lights in Greenslade Road in the 1975/76 estimates.

Various Signposts. It was agreed to write to the C.C. about the broken Blackawton sign on Quarry Head Road and to ask if it could be resited.

The signposts at Newton Cross & Bow Cross are broken. The post at Bow Cross needs to be moved because it has been broken twice before. The C.C. is also to be informed about these.

It was agreed that no action be taken about the turning from the Forces Road into Quarry Head Road until the road on the new development is completed.

Rubbish in Cemetery. It was agreed that dead flowers etc. should be put behind the shed and a notice put in the board asking people to do this.

Telephone lines. It was agreed to write to the Post Office asking about the provision of telephone lines in the village because only party lines are available at the moment.

It was agreed to write to Mr. Wood thanking him for his talk at the A.P.M.

Road by Tumbling Fields.

Concern has been expressed about the undermining of the road where improvements are being made to Tumbling Fields.

Signpost at Tumbling Fields.

The signpost by Tumbling Fields has been out of place for some time. It was agreed to point out both these matters to the C.C.

The next meeting was called for 14th April 1976.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-50 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.

Chairman 14/4/76.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Wednesday 14th April 1976.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Waycott, Bellingham & Dayment. Mrs. Verniquet was also present.

Apologies were received from Rev. Teage and Mrs. Vickers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Church Quillet.

The developers have told the D.C. planning dept. that they will build the wall around the entrance splay to Church Quillet. The planning officer has said that an enforcement order will be made if the wall is not built.

Dangerous Buildings

The D.C. have looked into the matter of the dangerous building in Chapel Street and at Ruby Farm. The solicitors dealing with the estate of the late Mr. J. Colwill have been informed of the position and they will be liable for any compensation if any-one is injured. Mr. Crocombe is waiting for a planning decision and will keep an eye on the wall to see if it gets worse.

Back Lane.

The County Council will arrange for Back Lane to be considered by the Teignbridge/South Hams Highways Sub-Committee.

Village Hall

A letter from the Dept. of the Environment gave several conditions for giving the land to the Village Hall Fund Committee. It was agreed to ask D.A.P.C. to help with this and to arrange a Parish Meeting at a later date.

Acconuts.[sic]

The following accounts were passed for payment.

Mrs. Pritchard-Smith: (Hire of Room for A.P.M.) £2-00.

B.M. Pengelly. (Telephone Acc. & Petty Cash). £13-14.

Planning.

A renewed application for the erection of one or two houses or bungalows adjoining Church Hill was approved for just one house because it is in an area of cottages.

The application, for Mr. Tozer, for an agricultural worker's bungalow, should have had detailed plans included. These were omitted so Mr. Tozer fetched his own copy of the plans for the Council to see. These were approved.

An application by Mr. Andrews to convert Oldstone Farmhouse into two units was approved.

Mr. Fitzhugh's application to use the old Smithy as a Brewing Room has been conditionally approved for three years by the District Council.

The Council agreed to support an application by Mr. Michael Gilbert for a council house in Blackawton which would be becoming vacant soon.

It was agreed to write to the D.S. about a Hole in the road by Church Quillet and potholes between Wood Farm and Lower Cliston Farm.

The telephone kiosk is not working properly and the Post Office is to be informed of this.

It was agreed to write to S.W.W.A. about children getting into the sewage works and also about the unsatisfactory cover on a deep pit there.
Mr. Toms thanked members for all their work during the duration of the Council.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-30p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
12/5/76.

Acceptance of Office as Councillors for the Parish of Blackawton.
1976-1979

We the undersigned, having been duly elected Councillors, do hereby declare that we take the said Office upon ourselves and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of our judgement and ability.

SIGNATURES	WITNESS
A.K. Vickers	A.C. Downer
A.C. Downer	A. E. C. Waycott
A. E. C. Waycott	[??] Head
[??] Head	[??] Dayment
[??] Dayment	A.J. Tozer
A.J. Tozer	Michael R Toms
Michael R Toms	A.K. Vickers

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I MICHAEL R TOMS having been duly elected to the office of Chairman of Blackawton Parish Council hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties there-of according to the best of my judgement and ability.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
12/5/76

These declarations were made and subscribed before me, Clerk to the Parish Council.

[signed] B.M. Pengelly.
12-5-76.

The first meeting of the newly elected council was held in the School on Wednesday. 12th May 1976.
All members were present and signed the Acceptance of Office. One parishioner was also present.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Church Quillett[sic]

The D.C. have said they will enforce the building of the wall at Church Quillett[sic]. It was agreed to write again if nothing is done by next month. It was also agreed to write to B.R.N.C. to ask if the Admiralty can help over this.

Dangerous Buildings

Mr. Crocombe has received planning permission so his dangerous building will be demolished.

Village Hall

A special Parish Meeting is called for 20th May to discuss the transfer of land belonging to the Parish Council to the Village Hall Fund Committee. It was agreed there should be a clause in the agreement stating that the land should not be used for any other purpose but a Village Hall.

Council House

The D.C. have notified us that Mr. Gilbert's application, for a Council House will be considered, with others, for the vacant Council House.

Potholes.

The D.S. is to arrange for potholes to be filled in. It was agreed to write again to the D.S. about the various signposts which are broken.

Telephones.

The P.O. have acknowledged our letter about the Telephone Kiosk and they have said that single telephone lines will be available to all subscribers in Blackawton in the Autumn. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter from the P.O. to Mrs. Hanlon.

Skip Service

The D.C. is to provide a skip service again this year. Mr. Tozer has agreed that the skip may be placed at the building site in Vicarage Road.

D.A.P.C.

It was proposed by Cllr. Toms & seconded by Cllr. Waycott that Mrs. Verniquet be nominated for the Executive Council of D.A.P.C. if she is willing to stand.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Men of the Trees. (Annual Sub).	£2-10.
D.A.P.C. (Annual Sub. & Reviews).	£8-70.
D.C.C. (Hire of School to Mar. '76).	£7-00.
Rev. A.D. Teage. (Funeral fees.(Bowley).	£0-75
B.M. Pengelly. " " "	£1-00.

Planning.

After discussion on planning policy it was agreed that the character of the village should be kept with houses being built instead of bungalows and that assistance should be given to people living in or with businesses in Blackawton. It was decided to ask the Planning Dept. of the D.C. if Planning Applications could be sent out at monthly intervals just before P.C. meetings and to ask the Coleridge Association and Mrs. Verniquet if they could help with this. It was also decided to have a meeting if Planning Applications are sent out between the monthly P.C. meetings.

Two planning applications were approved before the meeting.

1). Touring caravan site, Sportsman's Arms.

2). One private dwelling. Higher Island Estate.

The following applications have been approved by the D.C.

Garage/Workshop with Toilet & Shower Facilities Lower Abbotsleigh, Blackawton.

Additions to existing farm buildings. Thorn Farm, Blackawton.

Extension to provide bathroom facilities Forces Cross, Blackawton.

Timber/Asbestos constructed conservatory. South View Cottage, Blackawton.

Proposed cottage, on land within the curtilage of Blackawton Post Office.

Trenchfurze Corner

The dangerous corner at Trenchfurze post was discussed. It was agreed to leave this until the new part of the road is made up.

Cemetery Gate.

It was agreed to ask Mr. Edmonds if it was possible to put a spring on the lower gate to the Cemetery.

It was agreed to write to the D.C. about the fireplace in the living room at 22, The Grove.

It was decided to hold future meetings on the 2nd Monday in each month & the next meeting was called for 14th June 1976.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-30p.m.

[signed] K. Vickers.
14.6.76.

A special Parish Meeting was held in the School on 20th May 1976.

All members of the Parish Council were present together with about 20 members of the public.

Mr. Toms explained to the meeting that the Parish Council proposed to give some land for building a village hall and the consent of the Parish is required by this.

After discussion the following resolution was put to the meeting.

Blackawton Parish donate an area of land aprox.[sic] 120' x 180' in OS3668 for the sole purpose of building a village Hall, subject to the following conditions: -

1). The land only to be used for Village Hall.
2). The land to be fenced at all times.
3). The S.E. corner of the field is to be filled in and leveled[sic].
4). The hedge between the two fields to be leveled.
5). Any other conditions laid down by the County or Charity Commissioners.

There were 15 votes for the resolution and none against.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 8-00p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman 14/3/77.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 14th June 1976.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Downer, Head, Vickers and Mrs. Verniquet. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Vickers. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Tozer, Waycott and Dayment.

Church Quillett[sic]

A letter from the Property Services Agency of the Dept. of the Environment stated that they do not think the retaining wall necessary at Church Quillett. It was agreed to send a copy of this letter to S.H.D.C. planning dept. for them to deal with this.

Signpost etc.

A letter from the Divisional Surveyor stated that repairs to various signposts is in hand and that the owner of Tumbling Fields will be building a retaining wall to support the edge of the road.

Telephone Kiosk

The Post Office have tested the Telephone Kiosk and it is now all right.

D.A.P.C.

Mrs. Verniquet was not willing to be nominated for the Executive Committee of D.A.P.C. Mr. Roberts of Stokenham was nominated.

Coleridge Association

A meeting of the Coleridge Association is to be held on 23rd June 1976. Some members hoped to go.

Cemetery.

After discussion it was agreed to raise the cemetery fees. It was decided to ask the D.A.P.C. if there was any limit to the amount we can raise the fees and also if they can tell us the fees charged by other Councils.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Commercial Union Assurance.	£8-60.
Commercial Union Assurance. (P.F).	£4-20.
Bank of England. (Loan Charges.).	£11-63.
M.R. Toms. (Chairman's Allowance).	£7-50
B.M. Pengelly. (Salary).	£10-00.

Rent of Land for Sheep.

Michael Tozer has paid £11-60 for keeping his sheep in the field during February.

Planning.

The Planning Dept. of S.H.D.C. have said that it is not possible for them to send out planning applications to coincide with P.C. meetings. It was agreed to leave this matter until the next meeting and to see what the members of the Coleridge Ass. says[sic] about this.

Tozer Plans. The Planning Dept. have returned the plans for the site in Vicarage Road stating that the application is for a bigger site than that previously approved. They have confirmed, by telephone that Mr. Tozer is still the legal owner of the land. It was agreed to tell the Planning Dept. that the P.C. do not object to the bigger site but they do not think there should be any more than 2 dwellings on the site. It was also agreed to tell them that Mr. Tozer denies that he has put in the application.

Blackawton School. An application to build a new Kitchen at Blackawton School was approved.

Bow Farm. There were no objections to the application for an agricultural dwelling at Bow Farm.

It was agreed to write to S.H.D.C. about some building, without planning permission, on land between the Dallacombe Road and the Millcombe Road and also about a caravan sited in Quarry Head Road.

Housing.

Mrs. Verniquet told members that 16, The Grove, had been offered to a Dartmouth family who had been evicted and were now homeless. She explained that the D.C. had no alternative but to house homeless families. It was agreed to write to S.H.D.C. stating that the P.C. accepts this situation but are not happy

with it and think that Blackawton people should have Blackawton Council houses.

The next meeting was called for 12th July 1976.

This concluded the business & the meeting closed at 9-55p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms Chairman
12/7/76.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 12th July 1976.

All members of the Council were present together with Mrs. Verniquet and two parishioners.

Church Quillet.

No reply has been received from the D.C. to our letter of last month which contained a copy of the letter from the Property Services Agency. Mrs. Verniquet said that she would see Mr. Rothwell about this and it was agreed that we should write again to the D.C. if nothing is done.

Cemetery.

A letter from D.A.P.C. stated that a burial authority may charge such fees as it thinks proper but consideration should be given to the amount payable by way of Death Grant by the state. They also sent a list of Burial Authorities for us to consult on their charges. The Clerk has already written to four of these authorities and is waiting for the replies. It was agreed to leave this until the replies had been received.

Tozer Plans.

Mr. Tozer pointed out that originally the P.C. had approved four bungalows on the site but this had been turned down on sewage grounds. The D.C. had then agreed to two bungalows on the site if the farm buildings were taken off the main sewerage and put on a septic tank. Mrs. Verniquet pointed out that she and D.C. Rogers had fought for the two bungalows on the assumption there would be no more development. Mr. Tozer said he would withdraw the application for a third bungalow on the site and it was agreed to write and tell the D.C. this.

Building without P.P.

An inspector had been to see the buildings and caravan which are there without planning permission. He said that the caravan was not there and he saw the building which is between the Bow Road & Millcombe Road.

Council Housing.

The District Council have reiterated it's[sic] Policy on the allocation of Council Houses. but have noted the contents of our letter on the subject.

Fitzhugh.

A letter from Mr. Fitzhugh of Clover Cottage stated objections to the use of land, next to his house, by the Normandy Arms as a public beer garden. It was agreed to write to the D.C. asking if Planning Permission is needed for the use of this land as a beer garden.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment :-

Dept. of the Environment. (Audit fee).	£16-20.
B.M. Pengelly. (Telephone).	£9.29

D.A.P.C. Planning Booklet. £0-30p.

Planning Applications

Mrs. Vickers reported that members of the Coleridge Association were not sympathetic to the idea of the District Council sending out Planning Applications a few days before P.C. meetings. It was agreed that we will have to accept the situation as it stands. It was suggested that we ask Mr. Rothwell, the Planning Officer to the next meeting of the P.C. This was agreed.

Planning Results.

The following planning applications have been approved by the District Council.
Erection of private dwelling No.10. Higher Island Estate. W.H. Lewis.
Agricultural Dwelling. Thorn Farm. Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Tozer.
Temporary caravan accommodation, Millcombe Farm, A. Brook.
Conversion of farmhouse into two dwellings, Oldstone Farmhouse, Mr. Andrews.

Entrance Splay

Mr. Tozer has agreed to improve the splay to the new entrance he has made in Millcombe Road and he told the Council he had asked the Divisional Surveyor for permission to make the entrance.

Tipping of Waste

Garden waste is being tipped on the verge on the road to Cotterbury opposite Hale Barn. It was agreed to write to the D.S. about this. (The above two items were brought forward by Parishioners at the start of the meeting).
Mrs. Males of South View Cottage would like to put some sort of barrier outside her house to stop cars parking against the walls. It was agreed to write to the D.S. about this.
It was also agreed to write to the D.S. about the rubbish outside Oakleigh.
Mr. Edmonds has been unable to obtain a spring for the Cemetery gate but he has improved the latch so that it will now stay closed if people shut the gate.
The next meeting was called for 9th August 1976.
This concluded the business & the meeting closed at 10-10 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms 9/8/76.
Chairman

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 9th August 1976.
Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Vickers, Tozer, Downer, Dayment, Head, and Mrs. Verniquet. Mr. G. Rothwell, an officer of S.H.D.C. Planning Dept. was also present as were three members of the public. Apologies were received from Mr. Waycott.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Cemetery fees.

It was agreed to ask the D.C. for a copy of the fees for Kingsbridge Cemetery before proceeding any further with this matter.

Planning in Vicarage Rd.

The Planning Dept. of S.H.D.C. have informed the P.C. that the Planning Applications, in respect of the development in Vicarage Road, have been amended to show the applicant as being Westward Developments (Totnes) Ltd.
The planning officer also pointed out that in May 1974 the P.C. had had no

objection to four dwellings on this site and this had been turned down by the Planning Authority on sewage grounds only.

Mr Rothwell then told the Parish Council that the S.W.W.A. is considering the building of one or two dwellings a year in spite of the sewage embargo and because of this it would be very difficult not to allow another dwelling on this site.

In view of this information it was agreed to ask the Planning Authority if is[sic] would be possible, for plans, which have been turned down on sewerage grounds in the past, to be reconsidered.

Building without Planning Permission

Nothing more has been heard about the building without Planning Permission but Mrs Vickers pointed out that the caravan in Quarry Head Road is definitely there.

Beer Garden.

A letter from the Planning Dept. states that they are of the opinion that the use of land at the Normandy Arms, as a beer garden, constitutes a change of use and that Planning Permission should be obtained. They are waiting for the licencee[sic] to furnish proof of existing use before taking the matter further and will keep us informed of any decision taken.

Planning Applications

Mr. Rothwell pointed out that it would be impossible for the D.C. to send out Planning Applications before P.C. meetings. They are sent out to P.Cs on the day they are received in the Planning Office.

Mr. Rothwell also said that sometimes they did not receive enough copies of detailed plans to send them to P.C. but if the Clerk asked for plans they would be sent out as long as they were returned when the P.C. had studied them.

Entrance Splay

The new entrance splay to Mr. Tozer's field has been approved by the Divisional Surveyor but has not yet been completed to the specification laid down by the Divisional Surveyor.

No reply has been received to our letter to the Divisional Surveyor regarding garden rubbish being tipped on the bank on the road to Cotterbury and other matters. It was agreed to write again about this.

Church Quillet

Mr. Toms pointed out to Mr. Rothwell that the P.C. is not trying to be awkward over the natural stone wall around the entrance splay to Church Quillet. Stone walls are a feature of this village and the P.C. thinks they should be replaced when they have to be taken down for development.

Mr. Rothwell said that the developer had refused to build the wall. A report will now be made to the Planning Committee who will decide whether enforcement action should be taken. It was agreed to write to the Planning Dept. urging that enforcement action be taken over this matter.

School Managers.

A letter from D.C.C. asked if there had been any changes in the school managers appointed by the P.C. It was agreed to tell them there is no change.

Mary Brockhurst Appeal

A letter from D.A.P.C. appealed for funds for a retiring present and some sort of memorial for Mrs Mary Brockhurst who is retiring after many years work for the Association. It was agreed to send £2 for a retiring present but it was felt that no other memorial is required.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

Coleridge Ass. of P.C. (Annual Sub) £3-00.
B.M. Pengelly. (Audit Ex. & Petty Cash). £8-50
D.A.P.C. (Mary Brockhurst Appeal). £2-00.

Planning.

There were no objections to the following plans :-
Building of Double Garage, Little Abbotsleigh. Mr. L. Hole.
Reconstruction of existing porch, 1 The Cross. Mr. G. Soper.
The following applications have been approved by S.H.D.C.
Conversion to residence with garage Blackawton Methodist School and adjoining ruin, Chapel Street. (Outline).
Renewal of application for the erection of dwelling house Church Hill. (Outline).
Proposed reconstruction of existing porch. 1, The Cross.
Touring Caravan Site. Sportsman's Arms.
Two detached Bungalows. Vicarage Road.

Access to Footpath

A member of the public had complained at the beginning of the meeting, that the access to a footpath, opposite Lilac Cottage, is blocked. It was agreed to write to the C.C. asking if this could be cleared.
Mr. Toms then thanked Mr. Rothwell for coming to the meeting. The next meeting was called for 13th Sept. 1976.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-50 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman
13-9-76.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 13th September 1976.
All members of the Council were present together with Mrs. Verniquet and two members of the public.

Cemetery fees

After studying the Cemetery fees charged by other Parish Councils it was agreed that the fees for our Cemetery should be doubled.

Building at Bow Bridge.

An enforcement order is to be made against the building, without planning permission, at Bow Bridge.

Entrance Splay Millcombe Rd.

Mr. Tozer said that his entrance splay in Millcombe road would be improved when the electricity posts are moved.

Church Quillet

A letter has been sent, to the Chairman, of S.H.D.C. Planning Committee asking for their support in the matter of the retaining wall at Church Quillet.

Rubbish on Bank

D.C. Divisional Surveyor stated that they would have to remove the rubbish, from the bank opposite Hale Barn, themselves unless they knew who had put it there.
It was agreed to tell them the rubbish comes from Hale Barn & Myrtle Cottage.

Water shortage

It was agreed to form a committee consisting of two members of the Parish Council and two members from Parish Organisations and the Emergency Officer to arrange help for elderly and disabled people in the event of standpipes being erected in the village.

Village Hall

A letter from the Dept. of the Environment asked if the P.C. still proposed to dispose of land to the Village Hall Fund Committee. It was agreed to tell them we do intend to dispose of the land but are still awaiting plans & the District Valuer's report.

Parking in Kingsbridge

A letter from Kingsbridge Town Council asked for the views of Parish Council on the Fore Street, Kingsbridge Parking Restrictions. It was agreed to tell them that the P.C. is against the Parking Restrictions.

Coleridge Ass.

A meeting of the Coleridge Ass. was called for 22nd Sept. Some members agreed to go.

Meeting in Dartmouth

Mr. Toms had received a letter from Miss Breakwell inviting him to a meeting about the future of the old Dartmout[sic] Primary School. He said he would go.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment :-

D.P.F.A. (Annual Sub).	£1-50.
M.R. Toms. Chairman's All.	£7-50.
B.M. Pengelly. Salary.	£10-00.

Planning.

The following plan was approved by the Parish council: -
Extension to bungalow. Thorne Farm.
The following plans have been approved by the D.C.
Double Garage, Little Abbotsleigh
Kitchen Extension. Blackawton School.
The Parish Council wished to comment on an application for a caravan at Merracombe Farm, Slapton, because it is so near the Parish Boundary. There was no objection to the application.

Tumbling Fields.

Nothing has been done about the undermining of the road at Tumbling Fields. It was agreed to write again to the D.S. and also the Planning Dept. of S.H.D.C. to see if they can do anything about this.

Dangerous Building

Mr. Head agreed to go to Letcher and Scorer to try to find out who are the owners of the dangerous building in Chapel Street.
It was agreed to write to the D.S. about the manhole cover in the short road between the Cotterbury & Dallacombe Rds.
The next meeting was called for 11th October 1976.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-05 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman
11/10/76.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 11th October 1976.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Vickers, Waycott, Tozer, Head, Dayment and the Clerk. Mrs. Verniquet was also present as were three parishioners. Apologies were received from Cllr. Downer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Church Quillet

The matter of the retaining wall around the entrance splay to Church Quillet is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Planning Committee of S.H.D.C.

Rubbish on Bank

No reply has been received to our letter regarding the rubbish on the bank opposite Myrtle Cottage. It was agreed to ring the Divisional Surveyor about this as the problem is getting worse. It was also agreed to ask him to answer our letters within a month.

Coleridge Ass.

It was reported that the meeting of the Coleridge Association was very poor. It was agreed that if things didn't improve we would think again about belonging to the Association.

Meeting in Dartmouth

Mr. Toms attended the meeting in Dartmouth to discuss the future of the old Primary School. The meeting was in favour of the project discussed but thought it is not viable because of the cost. A steering committee was set up to look into it.

Tumbling Fields

It was agreed to ring Mr. Rothwell about the undermining of the road at Tumbling Fields and also to write again to the D.S.

Dangerous Building

Mr. Head had seen the solicitors about the dangerous building in Chapel Street but had no satisfaction. A letter has been sent to them but no reply has been received. Mrs. Verniquet said she would see the D.C. officer, concerned, again.

Silver Jubilee

A letter from West Country Potteries asked if the P.C. is considering buying commemorative mugs for School children on the occasion of H.M. Silver Jubilee. It was agreed to look into this matter and to ask Dittisham Parish Council for their views on this matter.

Community Health Council

A letter from the Community Health Council asked for the views of the P.C. regarding the building of a Maternity Unit at Torbay Hospital and the closing of the small units in the area. Members did not want this unit mainly because of the problems of getting patients to the unit.

Planning & S.W.W.A

A letter from S.H.D.C. Planning Officer stated that he had not been formally advised by the S.W.W.A of their decision to allow the erection of limited development in village when there is a sewage embargo The S.W.W.A. is still looking into this matter.

Draft Boundary Review

The Chairman has received a letter from the Mayor of Dartmouth asking him to a meeting to discuss the Draft Boundary Review. It was agreed that rural

Boundaries are part of our heritage and these things should be looked at carefully before change. We should keep our boundaries but minor changes could be made for people living right on the edge of the Parish.

Acconuts.[sic]

The following account was passed for payment :-

B.M. Pengelly. Telephone Acc. £8-42.

An acconut[sic] from D.C.C. for the use of the school was queried because the D.A.P.C. handbook states that school-rooms may be used free of charge by Parish Councils. It was agreed to write to D.A.P.C. to enquire about this and also to write to the School Correspondent.

Planning.

There was no objection to a planning application for alterations to Jonquil Cottage.

There was no objection to a planning application for a change of use from Milking Shed to Studio Pottery at Seawardstone Farm but it was agreed to ask the owners of Seawardstone Farmhouse if they had any objections.

An application to convert the Methodist Chapel into a residence was approved but it was agreed to point out that there is a dispute over the ownership of some of the land shown on the plan.

An application for alterations and modernisation at Sunnyside, Cotterbury was approved.

The building of an agricultural dwelling at Bow Farm has been approved by the D.C.

The following matters were raised for the attention of the C.C.D.S.

The drain at the entrance to the Grove does not collect water at all.

The drain halfway down Vicarage Hill is blocked.

The W.I. are to clean up the War Memorial before Remembrance Sunday and they would like two hydrangea plants to replace the two brooms which were overgrown. This was agreed.

A complaint was received about a parked car causing an obstruction at The Cross. It was agreed to write to the owner asking him to move it.

The next meeting was called for 15th November 1976.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-10 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman. 15/11/76.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 15th November 1976.

All members of the Council were present together with one parishioner.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Verniquet.

Church Quillet.

S.H.D.C. have stated that they will not enforce the building of the retaining wall at Church Quillet. It was agreed that the matter should be made public and the Chairman & Vice Chairman should explain the situation to the Press. It was also agreed to ask D.A.P.C. for their advice on the matter.

Bank opposite Hale Barn

The hedge parings have been removed from the bank opposite Hale Barn but it has not been restored to its original state. It was agreed to write again to the D.S. about this.

Tumbling Fields

There has been no improvement in the situation at Tumbling Fields. It was agreed to write again about this and ask for a retaining wall to be built.

Rubbish at Oakleigh

The rubbish has still not been removed from outside Oakleigh. It was agreed to write again about this.

Jubilee Mugs.

It was agreed to find out if the Schools are providing Jubilee Mugs for their pupils and to leave this matter until the next meeting.

Methodist Planning

It has now been discovered that the first owner of Rycots[sic] sold the land to the Methodist Chapel.

Use of School.

A letter from D.A.P.C. stated that Parish Councils have to pay 50% of the cost of hiring a School-room to pay for electricity & caretaker etc.

Kingsbridge Teacher's Centre

A request from Kingsbridge Teachers' Centre asking for financial help with the making of a road safety film for country children children[sic] was refused.

Mr. Roberts.

A letter from Mr. Roberts of Stokenham told us that he has been elected to the executive committee of D.A.P.C. and offered his help in any matter we may wish to raise with D.A.P.C.

Footpath 14

A letter from D.C.C. stated that work required on Footpath 14 will be carried out as soon as labour is available.

[Accounts]

The following account was passed for payment :-

D.C.C. Hire of School to Sept '76 £9-00.

Planning.

There were no objections to a planning application for garages at Town Farm Cottages.

An application for a dwelling on land adjoining the Post Office was approved on condition that the Boundary wall should be of natural stone and the ground between the existing boundary and the new boundary wall is to be made good.

The following plans have been approved by S.H.D.C;-

Extension to Bungalow, Thorne Farm.

Alterations to dwelling, Jonquil Cottage

Modernisation. Sunnyside, Cotterbury.

Proposed Bungalow Plot 3. Vicarage Road.

Boundary Review

The Mayor of Dartmouth has proposed a new Council Area with Dartmouth as centre. It was agreed to tell the Mayor that these proposals are premature. It was agreed to ask people living on the borders of the Parish their opinion on this matter and to put it on the Agenda for the Parish Meeting.

It was agreed to write to the D.S. about the following matters : -

The new Blackawton sign on the Quarry Head Road sticks out into the road and could get broken.
The signpost at Bow Cross is broken yet again.
The drain at entrance to The Grove does not pick-up any water.
The short road between the Dallacombe and Cotterbury Roads has sunk where the trench was taken up for sewerage pipes.
It was agreed to ask for some grit around the Parish.
It was agreed to write to S.W.E.B. and D.C.C. about the lights in the lower part of the village which are not working.
The field fence at The Grove again has holes in it. It was agreed to write to S.H.D.C. about this.
The next meeting was called for 13th December 1976.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-15 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms 13/12/76
Chairman

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 13th December 1976.
Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Waycott, Vickers, Head, Downer, Dayment & the Clerk. Mrs. Verniquet was also present together with one parishioner. Apologies were received from Cllr. Tozer.

Church Quillet

A letter has been received from D.A.P.C. listing several alternatives as to action which the Parish Council could take over Church Quillet. An article has appeared in the Dartmouth Chronicle on this matter. A part of the bank has fallen out and it was agreed to tell S.H.D.C. of this and also ask their advice on what should be done.

Bank opposite Hale Barns.

A letter from the D.S. stated that the C.C. intend to raise the bank opposite Hale Barns and to reseed it. It was agreed to tell Mr. Mortlock of this.

Jubilee Mugs.

It was agreed to order Jubilee Mugs from Townstall[sic] Potteries. Mr. Toms to find out the numbers from the School. The mugs are to be for all children up to 16 years. It was agreed to hold an auction on 16th April 1977 to raise the money to pay for the mugs. It was also agreed to hold a barbecue on 7th June 1977 at which the mugs would be presented to the children.

Signpost at Bow Cross

The D.S. has agreed that this signpost needs resiting and it has been mended temporally[sic].

Tumbling Fields

The D.S. does not consider the retaining wall of the highway is being too seriously impaired.

Drain at Entrance to Grove

The D.S. has suggested two methods to improve the drain at the entrance to the Grove but in the meantime grit would be supplied to overcome any icy problem which may occur.

Back Lane.

The width restriction on Back Lane is to be reviewed by the South Hams & Teignbridge Highways Sub-Committee. It was agreed to write confirming our views.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment :-

Bank of England. (Loan charges) £11-63
M.R. Toms. (Chairman's Allowance) £7-50
B.M. Pengelly. (Salary & Petty Cash). £15-00

Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 14th March 1977 and to ask Miss Breakwell if she will speak at the meeting.

It was agreed to write to Mr. Patterson thanking him for his article on Church Quillet.

It was decided to write to the D.S. about the following matters:-

Mr. Tozer's new entrance on Millcombe Road. Councillors are not happy with the visibility and the road gets dirty because the entrance is not concreted.

Water is running from the road, through Crocombe's shed and down the path behind the Council houses. A drain which has been buried beneath the mud further up the road may be responsible for this.

A letter is to be sent to the occupier of Myrtle Cottage asking him to remove the car parked in Myrtle Lane

The next meeting was called for 10th January 1977.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-15 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms 10/1/77
Chairman

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 10th January 1977.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Tozer, Dayment, Vickers, Waycott & the Clerk. Mrs. Verniquet was also present together with one parishioner. Apologies were received from Mr. Head.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Church Quillet

S.H.D.C. have inspected the bank at Church Quillet and they have told Mrs. Verniquet that they have written to both the County Council and the Admiralty about this matter.

Bank opposite Hale Barns

A letter from Mr. Mortlock of Hale Barns stated that a washing machine and refrigderator[sic] had been dumped on the bank and that also a tractor and trailer had been parked there during the Christmas holiday. It was agreed to ask the C.C. to remove the things dumped on the bank and also to ask for the car, which is parked on the bank, to be moved.

Jubilee Mugs.

Britannia Designs Ltd. have confirmed our order for 150 Jubilee Mugs at 42p + V.A.T. each. Mrs. Scorer has agreed to hold the 50/50 auction on 16th April 1977 to raise the money for the mugs. Any extra money raised would go towards the Jubilee Appeal.

It was agreed to write to Mr. Bellingham thanking him for his offer of a sheep for a barbecue and telling him we will be glad to accept.

Tumbling Fields

Drain at Grove

No reply has been received from the D.S. regarding the undermining of the road at Tumbling Fields and the drain at the entrance to the Grove. It was agreed to write again about these matters pointing out that we have received many complaints.

Tozer's Entrance

Mr. Tozer has said that his field entrance splay is now at the width specified by the D.S. and he is to put hard core down to prevent mud coming onto the road.

Parish Meeting.

Miss Breakwell has not yet replied to our letter asking if she will speak at our Parish Meeting. It was agreed to ask Mr. Harding, the D.S., to speak if Miss Breakwell cannot.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment :-

A. Waycott,	Cemetery Maintenance.	£43-20.
B.M. Pengelly.	Telephone Acc.	£9-22.
A.J. Tozer.	Playing Field Maintenance.	43-20.

The vicar has told Mr. Toms that the Churchyard is now closed and the Parish Council should take over the maintenance. It was agreed to allow £250-00 for the maintenance of the Churchyard and Precept for 1977/78 was agreed at £548-00.

Fence in Grove

S.H.D.C. have inspected the fence at The Grove and have said that it is in a servicable[sic] condition and cannot be replaced.

Planning.

It was agreed to approve an application by Mrs. Cutmore to build two bungalows in a field at the top of school lane.

It was decided to draw a circle on a copy of the Parish Map to show the limits of where the P.C. want development to take place.

Playing Field

It was agreed to ask Mr. Edmonds if he would repair the wall in the Playing Field and also if he could do something to prevent the gates being taken off the hangings.

Sheep in Field

It was agreed that Michael Tozer could keep his sheep in the fields until 20th Feb 1977 at a charge of 15p per sheep per week.

Village Hall

The village hall committee are anxious to begin building so it was agreed to write to the District Valuer asking him for his report.

It was suggested that Blackawton be entered for the Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed to ask S.H.D.C. if they can give any help to villages entered in this competition.

The next meeting was called for 14th February 1977.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-10 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. 14/2/77

Chairman.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 14th February 1977.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Waycott, Dayment, Head, Downer & Tozer. Mrs. Verniquet was also present together with one member of the public. Apologies were received from Mrs. Vickers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Church Quillet

The Property Services Agency have told S.H.D.C. that the bank at Church Quillet, which collasped[sic] belongs to S.W.E.B. S.H.D.C. will advise us in due course as to the outcome of the matter.

Bank at Hale Barns.

The D.S. has arranged for the machine dumped on the bank opposite Hale Barns to be removed and the bank is to be made up.

Drain at The Grove.

The D.S. has programmed for the extension of the drainage system at the entrance to The Grove.

Tumbling Fields

The D.S. has written to Mr. Emerton-Court stressing the importance of retaining the highway by his entrance.

Parish Meeting

Miss Breakwell has still not replied to our invitation to speak at the Parish Meeting. It was agreed that if Miss Breakwell could not come we should ask Mr. Harding, the D.S. and failing him, the Divisional Director of Social Services.

It was agreed to put an advert. in both the Dartmouth and Kingsbridge papers. It was agreed to ask Mr. Ansell, to the Parish Meeting.

50/50 Auction

It was agreed to advertise the 50/50 Auction in the local paper for two weeks and also to advertise in the village shops. Circulars are to be sent around the Parish.

A reserve may be placed on articles over £10-00.

Best Kept Village.

S.H.D.C. have said that they do not help villages with the Best Kept Village Competition. Mrs. Verniquet is to recheck this.

Police.

A letter from Police Chief Inspector Pethick asked if the P.C. thought that Police Officers should attend P.C. meeting. It was agreed to tell the Chief Inspector that the P.C. do not think it necessary for Officers to attend every P.C. meeting but if required an invitation would be sent for an officer to attend. It was agreed that it would be a good idea if an officer attended the A.P.M.

Insurance.

A proposal from Commercial Union Assurance to take special insurance for Silver Jubilee Celebrations was postponed until the next meeting.

Accounts.

There were no accounts to be paid.

Planning.

An application by Mr. Shillabeer for the stationing of a single caravan at Lower Cliston Farm was approved.

It was agreed to query a notice stating that application had been made for two dwellings at the Methodist Chapel.

A line was drawn on the Village Map to show the limits of development decided by the P.C.

Silver Jubilee

It was agreed to form a committee to co-ordinate the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Two members from the W.I., M.U., Village Hall Committee, the School, the Vicar and Mr. Bond to represent Dartmouth Y.F.C. . Brian Molcher & Steven Pengelly to represent the young people of the village. The first meeting to be held on Monday 7th March 1977.

Ruin in Chapel St.

It was decided to write to the solicitors about the children playing in the ruined buildings in Chapel Street.

A meeting of the Playing Field Comm. was called for 7th March at 7-00 p.m.

The next meeting was called for 4th April 1977.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-50 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms. Chairman
4/4/77

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Assembly Room on Monday 14th March 1977.

All members of the Parish Council were present together with Miss Breakwell, Chairman of S.H.D.C., Mr. Ansell, County Councillor, and Mrs Verniquet, District Councillor. About 40 parishioners attended the meeting.

Matters Arising.

Nothing further has been heard from D.C.C. about the provision of street lighting in Greenslade Road. Mrs. Verniquet reported that ~~the~~ street lighting should be in Greenslade Road by the end of July.

Vicarage Road will not be widened at the moment because of the financial situation.

The corner at Trenchfurze Post is to be left until the road by the Higher Island Development is made up.

Chairman.

The Chairman then gave his report on the Council's work for the year.

W.I.

The Secretary of the W.I. reported on their year and made an appeal for help with Meals on Wheels.

Village Hall

The Chairman of the Village Hall Fund Committee reported on their progress and told the meeting that the Fund now stands at £3,845-47.

Mrs. Verniquet

Mrs. Verniquet then gave a short talk on housing and reported that S.H.D.C. is prepared to help with the Best Kept Village Competition.

Miss Breakwell

Miss Breakwell then gave a talk on the relationship between the District council and the Rural Parish.

Bank in Grove

A complaint was made about the wall supporting the bank in The Grove. It was agreed to write again about this.

Planning.

The P.C. is to review it's[sic] Planning Policy each year. It was proposed that some-one should be appointed to see and ask the opinions of interested parties in planning applications. It was agreed to discuss this at the next Parish Council meeting.

A question was asked about the provision of old people's bungalows in the village. Miss Breakwell told the meeting that S.H.D.C. is to review this sort of development in villages when finances are available.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-05 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
13-3-78.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 4th April 1977.

All members of the Parish Council were present. Apologies were received from Mrs. Verniquet.

Church Quillet

A letter from S.H.D.C. states that arrangements are in hand for the bank to be re-shaped to reduce possibility of slipping. Some work has been done but it is most unsatisfactory and the bank is still too steep. It was agreed to write again pointing this out.

Bank Opposite Hale Barns

The C.C. is to seed the bank opposite Hale Barns and it was decided to ask the C.C. to let us know when the work is to be done so that a member of the P.C. could be present.

Dangerous Building

It was agreed to write again to S.H.D.C. regarding the dangerous building in Chapel Street and to point out that we are entering the Best Kept Village Competition and this building is an eyesore as well as being very dangerous.

Best Kept Village

It was agreed to write to the School asking them to co-operate with the Council over the Best Kept Village Competition.

Jubilee.

A special insurance is to be taken out if it is found we are not covered by our present policy, for Jubilee Celebrations. All the people who have agreed to co-operate with the Jubilee Committee, on the day, are to be invited to the next Jubilee meeting.

Mrs Novak of Greenslade has given £50-00 towards the purchase of Jubilee Mugs for the schoolchildren. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Mrs Novak.

Meeting at Follaton House

Mr. Toms attended a meeting at Follaton House between P.C. representatives and S.H.D.C. Committee Chairmen & Management Team. The main topic was the provision of copies of detailed plans to Parish Councils. It was agreed by B.P.C. to write to our M.P. asking him to press for a change in the law on this matter.

Bus Services

A circular from S.H.D.C. asked the opinion of the Parish on the Bus Service. It was agreed to tell S.H.D.C. that the P.C. consider that a mini-bus service at less cost might be justified.

Accounts.

The following acconuts[sic] were passed for payment:-

M.R. Toms.	Chairman's All.	£7-50	
D.C.C.	Hire of School to March '77		£10-80.
Mrs. Pritchard Smith.	Hire of Room for A.P.M.	£2-25	
The Dartmouth Chronicle.	A.P.M. Ads.	£7-50	
B.M. Pengelly. Salary £10-00, Petty cash £5-00, Telephone.		£9-19	£24-19
C.P.R.E.	Entry B.K.V.C.	£1-00	

Planning.

A planning application for the conversion of the Methodist Chapel to two dwellings was opposed by the Parish Council.

The D.C. have refused an application by Mrs. Cutmore for two bungalows on a plot of land next to School Lane.

The D.C. have approved the Stationing of a caravan at Lower Cliston Farm.

A letter has been sent to S.H.D.C. asking if Blackawton can be designated a Conservation Area.

Vicarage Road

After the complaints concerning the building of the 3 bungalows in Vicarage Road, Mr. Toms went to see the detailed plans at the Council Offices. Stone facing was shown on the plans for all three bungalows. Mr. Toms rang the Planning Office today to ask why the 3rd Bungalow was not stone-faced, and he was told that they had received ammended[sic] plans for this bungalow three days before. This was thought to be very peculiar as the bungalow had been occupied for at least three months by a relation of Mr. Tozer. Mr. Tozer has been very involved with the builder of these bungalows and in view of this and the odd circumstances surrounding them Mr. Toms proposed that Mr. Tozer should resign from the Council. This was seconded by Mr. Downer. Mr. Tozer protested that he did not know of anything underhand.

A.P.M. Planning

The proposal, put forward at the A.P.M. for a person to visit interested parties to planning applications, was discussed. It was agreed that this is not necessary and that the Parish Council would invite interested persons to planning meetings and that if any development, outside the line drawn on the Parish map, was proposed a Parish Meeting would be called.

Wall in Grove

It was agreed to write to S.H.D.C. about the wall in The Grove and also to write to Mrs Lewis regarding the rubbish outside Oakleigh.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was called for 9th May 1977.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-35 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
5/5/77
Chairman.

The Annual meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 9th May 1977.

All members of the Council were present together with Mrs. Verniquet and some members of the public.

Election of Chairman & Vice Chair.

Mr. Toms was elected as Chairman and Mr. Head as Vice Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Church Quillett[sic]

A letter from S.H.D.C. stated that they will arrange to have the bank at Church Quillet inspected and endeavour to achieve some improvement where necessary. It was agreed to leave this matter until the next meeting.

Bank at Hale Barns

A car is still being parked on the bank opposite Hale Barns. It was agreed to write to the owner telling him if it is not moved the matter will be put into the hands of the police.

Dangerous Building

A letter from S.H.D.C. stated that they had made representation to the solicitors, concerned with the dangerous building in Chapel Street, who said they would investigate the condition of the building with a view to taking action. It was agreed to keep and[sic] eye on the building and to inform the District Council that nothing has been done.

B.K.V.C.

Circulars are to be distributed around the village about the Best Kept Village Competition and a poster put up in the village. A request is to be made again to S.H.D.C for help in this matter.

Vicarage Road

The stonework on the 3rd Bungalow in Vicarage Road has been completed satisfactorily.

Conservation Area.

Our request that Blackawton Village be made a conservation area has been refused by the S.H.D.C. because of the present financial situation.

Skip Service

The D.C. is to provide a a[sic] Skip Service in the village from 18th - 26th May.

South Hams Review

The newspaper South Hams Review has asked if copies our minutes[sic] could be sent to them. It was agreed that this would not be possible but that dates of the meetings be sent to them and that we would tell them anything of importance which came up at meetings.

Accounts.

Three cheques have been signed out of Council for items for Jubilee Celebrations. They were:-

Witley Disposable Products:	(Bunting).	£27-00
J.W.L.(U.K.) Ltd.	(Cups & Plates)	£21-86
Peeks.	(Flags for children).	£6-43

These accounts were approved.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Dartmouth Chronicle.	Adverts.	£2-25.
Men of the Trees.	Annual Sub.	£2-10
Commercial Union Ass.	Annual Premiums	£8-60

Commercial Union Ass. Playing Field Insurance. £4-20
Tozer & Co. Letterheads. £7-13
D.A.P.C. Annual Sub. & Reviews. £9-65
Rev. T. Jones. Vicar's fee (Cornish). £1-50.
B.M. Pengelly. Clerk's fee (Cornish). £2-00
Hannafords. Ice Cream for Silver Jubilee £16-50

Planning

Mrs Cutmore's Appeal. A vote was taken on the decision to write a letter against Mrs. Cutmore's appeal. The result was 6-1 for the letter being written.

A planning application for extensions to 1, Cross Terrace was approved. We have heard that a previous application for this property is to be amended and it was agreed to ask to see any ammended[sic] plans.

An application for permission to build a village hall was approved and a letter is to be sent pointing out that the whole Council is behind the village hall project.

An application to build a double garage at Dunkirk House was approved.

Children's Tea

The W.I. have said they will not be able to organise the children's tea for the Silver Jubilee. It was agreed that a committee of mother's[sic] be formed to organise the tea.

Verge in Vicarage Rd

It was agreed to ask the D.S. if the verge in Vicarage Road could be seeded out as soon as possible and stones put around the edge to stop cars parking there.

Mr. Tozer's Entrance

It was agreed to write to the D.S. telling him of complaints received by the Parish Council about the stones and earth on the road from Mr. Tozer's field entrance in Millcombe Road.

The next meeting was called for 13th June 1977.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-20 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
13/6/77
Chairman.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 13th June 1977.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Head, Waycott, Vickers, Dayment & Tozer. Mrs. Verniquet was also present as were two parishioners. Apologies were received from Mr. Downer.

Church Quillet

It was agreed to write to S.H.D.C. again about the bank at Church Quillet telling them we are not satisfied with its condition and asking what can be done.

Car on Bank.

It was agreed to write to the Police about the car which is parked on the verge on the road to Cotterbury.

Dangerous Building

Part of the dangerous building in Chapel Street has fallen onto Mr Edmonds van. It was decided to write again to S.H.D.C. requesting immediate action over this

matter and pointing out that the P.C. said the building was dangerous at least two years ago.

Skip Service

It was agreed to write to S.H.D.C. regarding the skip service. The skip was not brought to the village on the correct day and was not emptied often enough.

Review of Definitive Map.

A review of the Definitive Map is proposed by D.C.C. There is to be a meeting at Diptford Parish Hall to which councillors are invited. Mr. Waycott agreed to go.

Churchyard.

The Churchyard is now closed under Order in Council therefore the responsibility for maintenance is now the Parish Council's.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Bank of England.	Loan Charges.	£11-63
D.C.C.	Hire of School for Auction.	£1-50.
M.R. Toms.	Chairman's Allowance.	£7-50
B.M. Pengelly.	Salary.	£10-00.
S.A. Edmonds & Sons.	Food for Jubilee.	£19-75.

It was agreed to tell Britannia Designs Ltd that they had not charged enough for the mugs as we had agreed to pay 45p each. It was agreed that a cheque for the correct amount should be signed out of Council when the new bill is sent and also a cheque should be signed for the payment for the Jubilee Programmes.

It was agreed to accept Mr. Soper's estimate for the provision and fixing of a concrete trough in the field. This brings the total cost, with S.W.W.A. estimate to £186.55 plus V.A.T.

The £6-43 cheque signed last month for Peeks for flags for the children has been returned because the flags were unavailable.

Planning.

A letter from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Dept. of Environment stated that it is not possible to change the law regarding the number of detailed plans which should be submitted with planning applications.

There were no objections to the following plans:- New Garage at Cross Cottage for G. Miller. Change of use from Milking Parlour to Craft Workshops for A.C. Downer, Lower Abbotsleigh. Conversion of existing building to one holiday cottage for E.C. Hender, Hutcherleigh.

The Methodist Church has been refused permission to convert the chapel into two dwellings.

A double garage is allowed at Dunkirk House.

Silver Jubilee.

The Silver Jubilee Celebrations were very successful. A letter has been received from a holidaymaker thanking us for letting visitors join in our Celebrations.

Donations of £76-12p have been received and it was agreed to pay some of the expenses from this cash. These expenses amounted to £62-19. £13-93 is to be paid into the Jubilee Account. It was agreed to write to thank every-one who helped in any way.

It was agreed to write to the D.S. about the pits in Vicarage Road by the new bungalows and to ask if the hedge could be cut on the first corner of the Forces Road.

The next meeting was called for 11th July 1977.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-45 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman.
11/7/77

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 11th July 1977.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Head, Vickers, Waycott, Downer & Dayment & one Parishioner. Apologies were received from Mrs. Verniquet and Mr. Tozer.

Church Quillet

A letter from S.H.D.C, regarding the bank at Church Quillet, agreed with the P.C. that the bank is still not in a satisfactory condition. Mrs. Verniquet has told the Clerk that D.C.C. are to do any necessary reinstatement and a letter will be sent from S.H.D.C. confirming this.

Dangerous Building

A letter from S.H.D.C. states that they have agreed to take the necessary legal action against the owner of the dangerous building in Chapel Street. It was agreed to point out to S.H.D.C. that the building is in a more dangerous state than ever and that the warning lights have now been removed.

Review of Definitive Map.

It was agreed that the P.C. has no comment to make, on the review of the Definitive Map, at this time.

Parking on Bank

It was decided to ask the C.C. if the bank on the Cotterbury Road could be made up to prevent parking. This was suggested by the Police, who say they can do nothing because the parked car is not causing an obstruction.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

B.M. Pengelly. Tele.Acc. & Audit Ex.	£12-34
Dept of the Environment. Audit fee.	£14-04
M. R. Toms. Duplicating Paper.	£2-00
R.A. Edmonds. Repairing wall in P.F.	£35-46.

Two cheques were signed out of council

Britannia Designs. Jubilee Mugs.	£76-14
Cooper Design Ass. Jubilee Prog.	£19-98.

It was noted, in a report by the County Engineer on Public Lighting that the 1977/78 Capital works programme be deferred for 12 months. This probably means that there will be no street lights put in Greenslade Road this year.

Planning.

There were no objections to an application by Mr. Hender of Hutcherleigh, for the conversion of a barn into two holiday cottages.

The D.C. have granted planning permission to Mr. & Mrs Soper of 1, The Cross, to provide additional living accomodation[sic].

Cutmore Appeal

Letters have been received by some elderly people in the village asking their opinion on Mrs Cutmore's appeal against refusal of Planning Permission. These letters had caused some consternation and it was agreed to write to S.H.D.C.

suggesting that publication of the appeal in the press would be a better way of getting information.

Duplicator

A duplicator has been offered to the Parish Council for £26-00. All Councillors agreed that it would be a very good thing to have.

School Wall

A letter has been sent to the County Architect asking if the stone wall at the School could be replaced when the new Kitchen is finished.

Smell at Brewery

A vague complaint about smell, has been made, about the brewery. It was agreed that nothing could be done about this unless there was something more definate[sic], to go on.

Signposts.

It was agreed to write to the DS. about letters missing on various signposts in the Parish and to ask for road markings showing right of way at Bow Bridge.

Abandoned Cars.

It was agreed to write to S.H.D.C. about two abandoned cars in the car park at The Grove.

It was agreed to ask Mr. Edmonds to repair the seats in the playing field.

The next meeting was called for 8th August 1977.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-05 p.m.

[signed] [??] Head
8/8/77

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 8th August 1977.

Those present were Cllrs. Head, Vickers, Waycott, Downer, Dayment, Tozer & the Clerk. Two parishioners were also present. Apologies were received from Mr. Toms & Mrs. Verniquet.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

Church Quillet

A letter from S.H.D.C. stated that D.C.C. D.S. has been instructed to carry out reinstatement work on the bank at Church Quillet. S.H.D.C. have asked to be informed when this work is started.

Derelict Building

The derelict building in Chapel Street has now been made safe.

Cutmore Appeal

A letter from S.H.D.C., regarding Mrs Cutmore's appeal against refusal of planning permission stated that letters sent[sic] to people living near the site at the direction of the Dept. of the Environment and that this is normal practice.

School Wall

The rebuilding of the stone wall at the School will be considered by the Education Resources Sub-Committee and the Parish Council's views will be put to the Committee.

Abandoned Cars.

One of the abandoned cars in the Car Park at The Grove has been removed. The owner of the other will be served with a notice that it will be removed by S.H.D.C.

School Managers.

It was agreed to ask Mrs. Edmonds and Mrs. Bond if they are willing to carry on as School Managers, and to ask Mrs. Wills or Mrs Harvey if Mrs Bond & Mrs Edmonds would not carry on. It was decided that this Council did not want to nominate any Managers for other Schools.

D.C.C. Structure Plan

Copies of the Broadsheet for the D.C.C. Structure Plan were circulated and the dates of exhibitions and meetings noted.

D.S.

A letter from D.C.C. D.S. stated that the hedge on the first corner of the road from The Forces Cross had been cut. It was agreed that the visibility is still bad on this corner and to ask for the hedge to be cut again. The D.S. stated that the verges outside the new bungalows in Vicarage Road should be tidied up shortly.

Best Kept Village

The results of the preliminary judging of the Best Kept Village competition have been received. Blackawton is not in the final. Marked judging sheets are to be sent later.

Trough Supply

A letter from S.W.W.A. told us that the reason the price on their pro-forma invoice was higher than the estimate was because they had made an error in measurements.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Bendles[sic]: Duplicator & Stencils. £32-61

Rev. A.D. Teage. 50% share of goods sold at Dartmout[sic] Auction £21-25

It was agreed that it would be a good idea to plant a tree with the repaid V.A.T from the Jubilee Fund.

Planning.

The following planning applications were approved by the Council.

1. Conversion of used barn into holiday dwelling. Wood Farm.
2. Re-erection of existing temporary classroom. County Primary School Blackawton.
3. Outline application for Conversion of Methodist Chapel into dwelling.
4. Conversion of existing farm buildings into accomodation[sic]. Seccombe Farm.

Mr. Wills had seen more detailed plans of the Methodist Chapel conversion and complained that they were taking part of his land and that the septic tank would drain into his garden. It was agreed to point out these matters to the Planning Officer.

Parking at Slapton Sands

It was agreed to write to the Whitley Trust to protest against the Parking Charges at Slapton Sands and the fact that three Parishes are allowed to park free. A copy of the letter is to be sent to S.H.D.C.

Footpaths.

A complaint has been made about a stile on path 13 and about the start of Path 14. It was agreed to write to the D.C.C. about this.

Tree on P.F. Hedge.

Mr. Jenkins has asked if the dead branches on the tree overhanging his garden could be cut. It was agreed that Cllrs. Waycott & Tozer should look at the tree and give permission if they thought the branches needed cutting.

Complaints were again made about the smell from the brewery. Mr. Head agreed to speak to Mr. Fitzhugh about this.

The next meeting was called for 12th September 1977.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-25 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman.
12/9/77

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 12th September 1977.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Head, Vickers, Waycott, Downer & Dayment. Mrs Verniquet was also present. Apologies were received from Mr. Tozer.

Church Quillet

Work has been started on the bank at Church Quillet. It was agreed to tell Mr. Rothwell of this as he has requested.

School Wall

The wall in School Lane has been rebuilt in natural stone.

Trough Supply

S.W.W.A. have said the account for the trough supply has to be paid before the work is done. It was agreed to write to the Managing Director of S.W.W.A protesting about this and to D.A.P.C. asking their advice on the matter. The account is to be paid if we are advised that it has to be.

Parking at Slapton Sands

The Whitley Trust have said they cannot allow any other Parishes free parking at Slapton Sands.

Trees.

Mr. Toms is to look at the tree in the playing field to see if it is safe.

Lightly Trafficked Roads

After discussion of the Consultation Paper, "Lightly Trafficked Roads", from D.C.C. it was agreed to write to D.C.C. telling them the P.C. thinks it would be a retrograde step to downgrade, to a green lane, any access road to individual dwellings or small groups of dwellings where this road is the one and only means of access.

Coleridge Ass.

A meeting of the Coleridge Association is to be held on 21st September. Mr. Gash is to speak on Definitive Maps. Mr. Toms is to go to the meeting.

Limited Special Review.

There is to be a local inquiry into objections against the draft Limited Special Review on 20th- 21st September.

Review of Map.

It was agreed to ask Mr. Gash if he would come to a public meeting to discuss the review of the Definitive Map.

Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal. £115-94
M.R. Toms. Chairman's Allowance. £7-50
B.M. Pengelly. Salary. £10-00.

Planning.

Methodist Chapel. It was agreed to tell S.H.D.C. that we approve the application for the Conversion of Methodist Chapel subject to the resiting of septic tank and not encroaching on neighbour's land.

Garage, Cross Cottage. There were no objections to the revised detailed plan for a garage at Cross Cottage.

The following plans have been approved by S.H.D.C.

Erection of village hall & car park – OS3668

Conversion of existing building to one holiday cottage. Hutcherleigh Farm.

Conversion of existing barn into two holiday cottages. Hutcherleigh Farm.

Village Hall

Outline planning permission has been granted for the village hall so we can now apply to the Dept. of the Environment for permission to give the land.

Smell at Brewery

Mr. Head has seen Mr. Fitzhugh about the complaints about a smell at the brewery and Mr. Fitzhugh is to investigate the matter. It was agreed to put this matter on the agenda for the A.P.M.

Churchyard

Complaints have been made about the Churchyard, which has not been cut so well this year. It was agreed to put this matter on the agenda for the A.P.M. to see if people would agree to headstones being moved.

Tozer Entrance.

Complaints are still being made about the stones on the road by Mr. Tozer's field entrance. It was agreed to ask the Divisional Surveyor to meet Mr. Toms. at the site to discuss the matter.

The next meeting was called for 10th October 1977.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-30 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman.
10/10/77

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 10th October 1977.

Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Waycott, Vickers, Downer, Dayment & Tozer. Mrs Verniquet was also present together with two parishioners. Apologies were received from Mr. Head.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

Church Quillet

The work on the bank at Church Quillet is now finished. The bank is now in a more satisfactory condition.

S.W.W.A.

Replies from D.A.P.C. and the Managing Director of S.W.W.A. have stated that it is the normal practice of the Authority to require payment of accounts before work is done. The money has been paid to S.W.W.A.

Michael Tozer's Allowance off Estimate

It was agreed that Mr. Michael Tozer should be allowed £30-00 off his original estimate of £273-00 because the water had not been put in the field for use this summer.

Review of Definitive Map.

A letter from the County Secretary's Dept. stated that they were reluctant to allow Mr. Gash to come to a Parish Meeting to discuss the review of the Definitive Map. It was agreed to hold the Parish Meeting on Friday 11th November in the School.

Village Hall

Application has been made, to the Secretary of State for the Environment for permission to give the land for the building of the village hall.

Tozer Entrance

A letter from the D.S. stated that Mr. Tozer is to concrete the entrance to his field in Millcombe Road.

Back Lane

A width restriction order of 6'6" has been made on Back Lane.

Footpaths 13/14

The D.C. Area Engineer has asked for a report, from the D.S., on Footpaths 13/14 and will communicate with us again as soon as he has the report.

Men of the Trees

An appeal from the Men of the Trees for more money was noted.

Meeting at Dartington

Mr. Toms is to attend a meeting, at Dartington, at which Mr. Charles Arnold Baker O.B.E. will give a talk.

Election of P.C. Casual

A letter about the election of Parish Councillors to Casual Vacancies was read & noted.

Village Halls

A questionaire[sic] about Village Halls is to be completed and returned to S.H.D.C.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

B.M. Pengelly.	Telephone account.& Petty Cash.	£15-29
D.C.C.	Hire of School	£10-20.
D.P.F.A.	Annual Sub.	£1-50.

£142-48 was withdrawn from Trustee Savings Bank account to pay S.W.W.A. for water supply to the field.

Planning.

A letter is to be sent to Planning Dept. of S.H.D.C. regarding the building of the small stone wall shown on the plans and to ask if the splayed wall, already built, could be rebuilt in natural stone.

Bank Opposite Myrtle Cottage.

Nothing has been done about the bank opposite Myrtle Cottage and the trench in road at Old Wood has not been done up. It was agreed to write to the D.S. about both these matters.

Empty Garage

It was agreed to write to S.H.D.C. about the garage, at The Grove, which has been empty for 10 months.

Sign for Grove

It was decided to asked[sic] for a street name sign for the Grove.
The next meeting was called for 14th November 1977.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-40 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
Chairman
14/11/77

A special Parish Meeting was held in the School on 11th November 1977 to discuss the review of the Definitive Map.
All members of the Parish Council were present together with about 20 parishioners.
The Chairman told the meeting that only proposals could be made at the meeting. The proposals would be discussed at a Council Meeting and the Parish Council would make recommendations to the County Council.
Mrs. Soper of Washwalk Farm proposed that Path 13 and Part of Path 11 should be redesignated as Byways Open to all Traffic. It was pointed out that this could open the paths to all traffic, including motorcycles. Mrs. Soper still asked that the paths be redesignated.
Mr. C. Dayment proposed the[sic] Path 30 should be closed or the entrance moved 45 metres to Path 28 to rejoin Path 30 further on.
Mr. Ekers proposed the[sic] Path 12 be closed between the two branches of Path 18 or be diverted down a concrete road, follow fence and join path again. and that Path 19 be rerouted where is[sic] crosses OS858 to follow the hedge.
Mr. J. Harding proposed that Bridle-way 5 be closed between School Lane and Rakehill Copse and that Bridleway 6 be redesignated a footpath and the part of path past Rakehill Barn should go around edge of field.
Mr. W. Palmer proposed that Path 2 should be closed.
Mr. H. Dayment proposed that Path 23 should be diverted from the stile to go through gate and that Bridleways 22&28 be redesignated as footpaths.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9-0 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms.
13-3-78.

A meeting of Blackawton Parish Council was held in the School on Monday 14th November 1977.
Those present were Cllrs. Toms, Waycott, Head, Downer, Vickers & Dayment.
Mrs Verniquet was also present together with two parishioners. Apologies were received from Mr. Tozer.

<u>S.W.W.A.</u>

The S.W.W.A. have laid the water pipes to the field gate.

<u>Village Hall</u>

A letter from Dept. of the Environment asked to see the deeds of the land to be donated for the Village Hall. It was agreed to tell them that we only had only one copy and did not want to let it out of our possession and to point out that a copy

of the deed had been deposited with the Dept. It was also agreed to write to the Charity Commissioners asking their permission to give the land.

Crocombe's House

A letter from the Planning Dept of S.H.D.C. confirmed that the boundary wall of Mr. Crocombe's house should be of natural stone.

Trench at Old Wood Lane.

It was agreed to write again to the D.S. asking for the trench at Old Wood Lane to be made up as it is now very bad.

Elm Cottage

Mrs. Rye has asked if S.H.D.C. can clear the water gully which runs through her garden. This was done regularly by K.R.D.C.

Playgroup.

A letter from the Secretary of the Playgroup asked if the P.C. could give a grant to the Playgroup. It was agreed to tell them that the P.C. would allow for a grant in next year's estimates and to ask them for some idea of their income and expenditure so that it can be decided how much to give.

Waste Paper

S.H.D.C. have asked if any organisations in the Parish collect waste paper. It was agreed to tell them that the Village Hall Committee collect waste paper.

D.A.P.C.

D.A.P.C. have asked for nominations for a vacant seat on the committee.
Mr. Toms proposed & Mr Waycott seconded Mr. Head for the nomination. Mr. Head agreed to think about it. If he did not want to be nominated it was agreed to nominate Mrs. Verniquet.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:-
Hadden, Best & Co. Ltd. (New Minute book) £13-35

Planning.

The following plans were discussed:-
S.W.E.B. Renewal of permission for extension to substation. No objections.
Dunkirk House. Renewal of permission for two holiday chalets. No objections.
Woodlands Cottage, Bow. Extension of existing dwelling. Approve.
Normandy Arms. Formation of children's room with dormer windows. Approve if the present roof level is not raised.
The following plans have been approved by S.H.D.C.
New Garage at Cross Cottage.
Detached House part O.S.8636 Bow Farm.
Conversion of Chapel to dwelling. Methodist Chapel.
Conversion of barn to holiday dewlling. Wood Farm.

A.P.M.

It was agreed to ask Mr. Hatt of the County Engineer's Dept. to speak at the A.P.M. on the downgrading of some roads.

Horse Troughs

Mrs. Ali Khan has asked for permission to clean out the horse troughs in the village. It was agreed to tell her that the P.C. agrees in principal[sic] but they do not have the right to give permission.

Chippings

It was agreed to ask the D.S. for chippings to be put around the parish.

The Council then discussed the proposals made at the meeting on the Review of the Definitive Map. Mrs. Vickers pointed out that she was the only councillor who would use the Rights of Ways[sic] for pleasure and she thinks it a pity if paths are closed because there are so few places left to walk in safety.
After discussion it was agreed to make the following recommendations to the County Council.
Paths 13 & 11. To remain as footpaths.
Path 30. The entrance to the path to be moved 45 metres to Path 28 and to rejoin Path 30 further along.
Bridleway 5. To be closed between School Lane and Rakehill Lane.
Bridleway 6 To be redesignated a footpath. Part of path past Rakehill Barn to go around the edge of field.
Path 23 To be diverted from the stile to go through field gate.
Path 22 & 28. To be redesignated as footpaths.
Path 19 Reroute to follow the hedge where it crosses OS858.
Path 12. To be rerouted down concrete road, follow fence & join path again.
The next meeting was called for 12th December 1977.
This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10-40 p.m.

[signed] Michael R Toms
Chairman 12/12/77

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