

Northam Charities Trustees minute book (1878-1956)

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Spelling remains verbatim. Some punctuation and line-spacing has been added for clarity.

Letters in [square brackets] have added by the transcriber.

Dates have been modified to a dd/mmm/yyyy format for consistency.

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Description of Document:

This quarto-size bound notebook contains about 250 pages on which were written the minutes of the Northam Charities Trustees meetings from March 1878 to November 1956. Entries were handwritten by the Chairman (always the vicar of Northam) and who also acted as Secretary. From 1917 onwards, a separate role for Secretary and Treasurer appears.

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Transcribers notes about the Charities:

The Northam Charities Board was formally established by a Scheme from the Charity Commissioners in 1882, but the controlling trustees had been acting in the same manner for centuries, having evolved from a group of Feoffees appointed during the reign of Elizabeth I.

The individual Charities managed by these Trustees can be seen in detail at:

<https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/DEV/Northam/EndowedCharities1908>

The particular charities mentioned in these minute books are as follows:

Mules

The origin of this bequest is uncertain but appears to date from the early 1600s.

In 1856, a sum of 13s.4d was obtained annually from the rent of Colehill Field in Northam (now the east side of Borough Road) known as 'Mules Gift'. In 1911 an attempt was made for the rent charge to be regained from the owner, but eventually a deal was done to sell the future rights of this income for £26.13s.4d, and this charity then lapsed.

Berrimans

Mr Berriman (probably Christopher) gave £100 to the poor in 1622, which was invested in 22 acres of land called Nethercote in Braunton, from which an annual rent of £6 was obtained, and distributed amongst the poor of the parish.

Berry and Cholwill

This was set up for educational purposes, founded by the gifts of John Berry and Richard Cholwill in 1691, and which was invested in land called Colscott in West Putford providing a rent of £7 per annum. In 1856, this had risen to £14 per annum, but no money appears to have been paid for schooling after 1903.

Cocks and Langdons

Established by James Cock (left £200 in 1700) and Elizabeth Langdon (left £100 in 1702) to support widows and orphans. The money was used to purchase an estate of four houses and ten acres of land, which became known as the Tomouth Estate. The income went to supporting four Almshouses which were on the site. A fire destroyed the Almshouses in 1859, but the Trustees continued to manage the estate until it was eventually sold in 1918.

Melhuish

In 1702 Joan Melhuish established an Almshouse in Northam to accommodate four poor seaman's widows, which were to be maintained by the Vicar of Northam whose income was also supported by this charity. An educational charity was also established at the same time funded by the rental income from nearby fields.

Pickards

In 1902, churchwarden William Pickard (also a Trustee of the Northam Charities, who served 1878-1906), assigned an 80-year lease on three houses in Cross Street, the rental income used to benefit deserving widows of the parish. It was also used to supplement the grants made to the recipients of Cocke and Langdon's Charities.

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What the minutes tell us:

Meetings were generally held quarterly, but after the Tomouth Estate was sold in 1918, the workload reduced, and a single annual meeting was generally only held.

Widows were divided into Class I and Class II, although it was never stated what these categories meant, or how many were involved. However, some lists which have survived for 1845 and 1846 (see: www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/DEV/Northam/CharityAccounts1845) suggest that about 170 to 190 people were receiving benefit in the form of goods or clothing with an outlay of about £50 a year. They received payment from Cock's Charity, plus a Christmas Bonus every year.

In 1882 and 1904 residents were warned not to have grandchildren staying with them, or they would be evicted.

In 1906, concerns appear to be raised about a resident's drunkenness, but she received a subtle warning that if there was an "incompatibility of temperance", she would be removed.

In 1935 it was stated that the charity was not intended to relieve men, just women, although orphans were assisted, as well as some other children. People of 'weak intellect' were also able to be helped.

An Agent was always appointed to collect rents, and to arrange for repairs and other works. They were: William Ward (1878-1914); Charles Saunders (1914-1936); and Charles Henry Tuplin (1936-1956).

As well as general running repairs to the Almshouse (built 1867), the following works were undertaken:

- 1879 – Chimneys raised in height
- 1882 – Almshouse whitewashed
- 1885 – Almshouse painted inside and out
- 1898 – Numbers painted on doors (1 to 4 being the Vicars rooms, 5 to 8 being the Trustees)
- 1903 – Mains water service brought to the building
- 1904 – Outside of Almshouse painted
- 1908 – 2 rooms to be colourwashed and painted
- 1922 – Lead gutters repaired, woodwork painted
- 1924 – Interior colourwashed
- 1936 – Modernise the water supply
- 1937 – Electric light was planned, but the inmates were “unwilling to pay for its upkeep”.
- 1949 – Roof repaired
- 1951 – External walls rendered
- 1953 – Roof renewed
- 1954 – Interior redecorated
- 1956 – 3 new grates fitted

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Transcript of the minutes:

22 March 1878

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 4pm.

There were present: Mr B Pickard, Mr E Williams, Mr Basset, & Rev M.D. Dimond Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The balance sheet of a/cs was audited.

Mr [William] Ward reported that William Pennington of New St[reet] Appledore had on 16 March 1878 committed a trespass & knocked down the stile between the Lower Path field & the Lower Quarry field, Tomouth Estate, for the purpose of carrying manure from his house to a field belonging to the Poor Estate in the possession of Mr William Tucker.

It was therefore moved by Mr B Pickard, & seconded by Mr E[dward] Williams, & carried unanimously, that Mr W Tucker be served on Lady Day with a notice to quit his estate, & that William Pennington be summoned for a trespass before the magistrates.

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24 September 1878

There was a meeting of trustees in the Vestry Room, Northam at 3.30pm.

Present: Rev E Reynolds, Mr B Pickard, Mr ~[torn]~, Mr E Williams, & M.D. Dimond Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

Chairman reported that a ~[faded]~ ~[faded]~

A trespass had been taken out by the Trustees against William Pennington as resolved at the last meeting. But that Mr Pennington had begged that it might not be pressed, that he s[houl]d pay for the summons as he was really sorry for what had been done, but he did not wish to interfere with the rights of the trustees on their property [ILLEGIBLE WORDS INSERTED HERE] nor to assume one[?] of his own (see next page). W Pennington also requested that the Trustees w[oul]d give him permission to use their road for carrying manure to his plot of ground so long as he shall be renting a piece under the Trustees as one of their tenants.

The chairman reported that Wm Pennington had paid the cost of the summons, being 4/-. It was then moved by Mr E Williams, seconded by Rev E Reynolds, & carried unanimously, that the Trustees cannot recognise Mr William Pennington as one of their tenants & that therefore they cannot entertain his request.

The Chairman reported that he wanted two pieces of blanketing; whereupon it was moved by Rev E Reynolds, seconded by Mr E Williams, & carried unanimously that the Chairman be allowed to order two pieces of blanketing not exceeding 4/6 as agreed.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Alfred Cook asking for a reduction of rent.

It was then moved by Rev E Reynolds, & seconded by Mr B Pickard, & carried unanimously, that the Trustees deem it premature to consider the application of Mr Cook, as his tenancy does not expire till Michaelmas 1879, but that at the same time they will be ready to discuss any proposal which he may make.

The following is the copy of Wm Penningtons agree[men]t referred to in page 2:

I William Pennington agree hereby to pay 4/- being the cost of the summons for removing the style on the Tomouth Estate & to say that I did not wish to interfere with the rights of the Trustees on their property, nor to assume a right of my own. But I request the Trustees of the Northam Charities to give me permission to use the road for carrying manure to my plot of ground so long as I shall be renting a piece under the Trustees or one of their tenants.

[dated] 25 March 1878.

[signed] William Pennington

Witness: M.D. Dimond-Churchward

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16 December 1878

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Mr B Pickard, Mr E Williams, Mr W Pickard, Rev. E Reynolds, & M.D. Dimond
Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The cases of fresh applicants were considered.
The list of Cockes Charity was revised.

It was moved by Mr W Pickard, & seconded by Mr B Pickard, & carried unanimously, that
Classes 1 & 2 shall be paid 7/- and 5/- each respectively.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Cooke with notice that he will quit the Rope Walk at
Lady Day whereupon the Chairman was requested to write to Mr Cook & to inform him that
the Trustees are quite willing to fairly meet Mr Cooke, but that they still the opinion that Mr
Cook's tenancy does not expire till Michael[mas] 1879 & that therefore they cannot accept
his notice to quit at Lady Day 1879.

Mr W Pickard and Mr E Williams were asked to see Mr Cook & inquire what proposal he had
to make, if any, which maybe considered by the Trustees. It was considered that the Trustees
w[oul]d not accept less reduction than £25 per cent on present rental.

Cheques for schools & ~?~ienly were signed.

The Cockes Charity was distributed
(1) at Northam on 19 Dec 1878 at 11am.

There were present:

Mr B Pickard, the chairman & Mr Ward.

(2) at Appledore on 20 Dec 1878 at 2pm.

There were present:

Rev. E Reynolds, Mr E Williams, the Chairman, & Mr Ward.

The four oldest widows for the dividend were:

Betty Cann

Thomasin Guard

Mary Copp

Mary Eastman

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27 February 1879

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 3.30pm.

Present: Rev I.H. Gosset, Rev E Reynolds, Mr W Pickard, Mr B Pickard, Mr Edward Williams, &
M.D. Dimond Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Ward reported that Mr Alfred Cook had become bankrupt.

It was moved by Mr Gosset, seconded by Mr W Pickard, & carried unanimously, that the Chairman & Mr Ward be instructed to claim all rents due to the Trust by Mr Alfred Cook, at the meeting of the creditors to be held on Thursday 13 March.

The a/cs for the year 1878 were audited & passed.

The Chairman reported that there was a vacancy in the Almshouses & that there were two applicants, viz: Agnes Holman & Mary Ann Tuplin.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr W Pickard, & carried unanimously, that the vacant Alms House be given to Mary Ann Tuplin.

The Chairman reported that Mr Robert Cock had declined to pay his rent due Michaelmas 1878.

It was moved by Mr Gosset, seconded by Mr B Pickard, & carried unanimously, that if Mr R Cock will not pay his rent after a weeks warning, a summons be taken out against him.

Mr Smith applied for reduction in rent.

It was moved by Mr Gosset, seconded by Mr W Pickard, & carried unanimously, that Smiths rent be reduced to £7.0s.0d per annum.

Mr Hookway applied for reduction in rent.

It was moved by Mr W Pickard, seconded by Mr E Williams, & carried unanimously, that Hookways rent be reduced to £5.10s.0d per annum.

It was also agreed that the vacant house on Tomouth Estate sh[oul]d be let at the annual rental of £5.10s.0d.

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25 July 1879

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 4pm.

Present: Mr Pynsent, Rev I.H. Gosset, Mr B Pickard, Mr E Williams, & M.D. Dimond
Churchward in the chair.

Minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Ward reported that John Bartlett had not put back the 3 dozen tiles.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr B Pickard, & carried unanimously, that two of the chimnies in the Alms Houses be raised so as to prevent them smoking.

It was moved by Mr E Williams, seconded by Mr Pynsent, & carried unanimously, that Mr Ward be requested to see Mr Restarick about the purchase of the Plant of the Rope Walk & to report to the Chairman who shall make the purchase of the sum asked ~?~ not more than £25 to £30.

The Chairman reported that orders had been given to paint the cottages on Tomouth Estate.

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1 October 1879

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 4pm.

Present: Mr E Williams, Mr B Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the Chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

It was moved by Mr B Pickard, seconded by Mr E Williams, & carried unanimously, that tenders be invited for the letting of the Rope Walk and orchard & meadow lately in possession of Mr Alfred Cooke, the property to be let either as a whole or separately, with immediate possession.

Tenders were to be sent to the Chairman on or before Tuesday 14 October & a meeting of Trustees was to [be] called as soon as possible to consider such tenders.

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17 October 1879

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 4pm.

Present: Mr Pynsent, Mr E Williams, Mr B Pickard, Mr Basset, Rev E Reynolds, Mr W Pickard, & M.D. Dimond Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Ward reported that he had received all rents due from Mr Alfred Cook up to Michaelmas 1879.

The following tenders were opened:

- 1) Mr John Parkhouse, Orchard & Little Meadow - £7.0s.0d ~[ILLEG]~
- 2) Mr Wm Tucker, Orchard & Little Meadow - £7.0s.0d
- 3) Mr James E Fisher, Orchard & Little Meadow - £9.0s.0d, & ~[ILLEG]~ in hand
- 4) Mr James Ellis, meadow only - £3 a year
- 5) John Stanbury - £3 for orchard & £7 for whole
- 6) Isaac Short - £7.

Moved by Mr Pynsent, seconded by Mr E Williams, carried unanimously, that Mr James E Fisher's tender be accepted on the condition named by himself that he sh[oul]d pay his rates in hand during the tenancy or else provide a bondsman to the satisfaction of the Trustees.

It was agreed that the Rope Walk should be advertised in the Bideford Gazette & that a continuation advertisement be inserted Friday 3 weeks in a South Wales paper.

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15 December 1879

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Rev E Reynolds, Mr B Pickard, Mr Basset, Mr E Williams, & M.D. Dimond Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Ellis of Marine Parade Appledore made an offer thru Mr Ward to take a little carriage house at the Rope Walk for 10/- a year & to keep it in repair & to quit at any time. This offer was accepted.

Mr Robert Parkhouse offered to take the lower Caulkhouse in the same conditions as above. This was also agreed to.

The application of new widows were considered. The old list of widows & fatherless children was revised.

It was unanimously resolved that Classes 1 & 2 be paid 6/6 & 4/6 each respectively. Cheques were signed.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr E Williams, & carried unan[imously], that Mr Ward be instructed to write to the owners of the Property for rent usually paid by Mr Adams of Shebbear.

The Coxes Charity was distributed:

(1) at Northam on 19 December 1879 at 3pm. There were present the Chairman, Mr B Pickard & Mr Ward.

(2) at Appledore on 20 December 1879 at 2pm. There were present the Chairman, Mr E Williams, Mr Herbert Reynolds & Mr Ward.

The four oldest widows for the dividend were:

Betty Cann

Thomasin Guard

Mary Copp

Mary Eastman

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23 March 1880

A meeting was summoned to meet at the Vestry Room at 4pm.

There being only two present, viz: Mr E Williams & the Chairman, there was no meeting held.

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16 April 1880

The meeting wh[ich] had been called for 12 o'clock was not held, there being only two members present, viz: the Chairman and Mr E Williams.

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21 May 1880

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 4pm.

Present: Mr Pickard, Mr E Williams, & the Chairman [M.D. Dimond-Churchward].

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman placed on the table the resignations of Mr Heathcote & Mr Darracott.

The Accounts for the year 1879 were duly audited & passed.

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08 September 1880

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 4pm.

Present: Rev'ds I.H. Gosset & E Reynolds, Mr Pynsent, Mr E Williams, Mr Basset, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman rec'd a letter from the Charity Commissioners relative to filling up vacancies on the Board.

It was moved by Rev I.H. Gosset, seconded by Mr Pynsent, & carried unan[imously]ly, that the number of Trustees be filled up to 12, & that the Parishioners be summoned to select 4 fitting persons to fill the vacancies.

It was moved by Rev I.H. Gosset, seconded by Rev E Reynolds, & carried unanimously, that the Chairman be authorised to purchase one piece of blanketing.

Rev E Reynolds reported that the Rope Walk was in a bad state of repair & suggested that all the Trustees should meet there & inspect it.

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Monday 13 September 1880

A special meeting of the Trustees was held at the Rope Walk.

Present: Rev'd I.H. Gosset, E Reynolds, Mr Basset, Mr E Williams, Mr Pynsent, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward.

The Trustees at once proceeded to inspect the building, after which it was moved by Mr Gosset, seconded by Mr Pynsent, & carried by 5 to 1, that the Rope Walk, as far as the stores, be pulled down & sold & that the proceeds be applied to building a wall to protect the property. Such wall to so run that the path shall in no place be less than 3, or more than 4 feet wide.

It was then moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Mr Pynsent, & carried unanimously, that the stores be retained for further consideration or offered to be let.

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6 November 1880

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 3.30pm.

Present: Rev I.H. Gosset, Mr Pynsent, Mr E Williams, Rev E Reynolds, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

Minutes were read & confirmed.

It was moved by Mr Gosset, seconded by Mr Pynsent, & carried unanimously, that an application be made for an order of the Board of the Charity Commissioners discharging from the Trust, any Trustees who may desire to resign & appointing new Trustees in their place.

The Chairman reported that he had received no tenders for the materials of the Rope Walk. It was moved by Mr Reynolds, seconded by Mr Pynsent, & carried unan[imously], that the south end of Rope Walk sh[ould] be taken down, the slate reserved, & the timber put into lots & then sold by auction.

It was moved by Rev E Reynolds, seconded by Mr Pynsent, & carried unan[imously], that a com[mittee] consisting of the Chairman, Mr Pickard, & Mr Williams be authorised to accept any really good offer that might be made for the remaining part of the Rope Walk.

It was moved by M.D. Dimond-Churchward, seconded by Rev E Reynolds, & carried unan[imously], that the sale of the south end of Rope Walk be placed in the hands of Mr Baker of Appledore.

The Chairman reported that one of the old widows had died [possibly Mary Dunn?] & that consequently one of the Almshouses was vacant.

The Chairman was requested to invite candidates to send in applications.

The sale was ordered to take place on Saturday 13 November at noon.

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26 November 1880

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 3.00pm.

Present: Rev I.H. Gosset, Rev E Reynolds, Mr Pynsent, Mr E Williams, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Ward reported that the sale of the first portion of the Rope Walk had taken place & had realised in the gross the sum of £9.2s.0d.

It was unanimously agreed that the same of a further portion of the Rope Walk should be duly advertised & take place on 11 December.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Pynsent, & carried unanimously, that Agnes Holman be appointed to the vacant Alms House.

Mr Ward reported that Wm Smith had given notice to leave his house on the Estate at Xmas 1880. Mr Ward also stated that he had received an application for the said house from Mr Wm Stoker.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr Wm Stoker be accepted as the new tenant in the place of Mr Wm Smith.

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13 December 1880

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11.00am.

Present: Rev I.H. Gosset, Mr E Williams, Mr Basset, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr William May made an application (thru Mr E Williams) for leave to put up a shed in the Higher Garden Plot which he w[oul]d do at his own expense, if the Trustees w[oul]d give the required material from the Old Rope path, such shed to remain the property of the Trustees. This was unanimously agreed to, on the understanding that Mr May should sign a memorandum to that effect.

Mr Ward reported that the sale on 11th had realised the gross amount of £9.9s.5d.

It was decided that no further sale should take place immediately.

The list of Coxes Charity was gone through.

The case of fresh applicants were duly considered.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr E Williams, & carried unanimously, that the Classes 1 & 2 be paid 6/- & 4/- each respectively.

Grace Hamlyn & Elizabeth Taylor, were elected widows for the dividend in place of Thomazin Guard & Mary Eastman, deceased.

17 December 1880

The Coxes Charity was distributed at 3pm at Northam.

There were present the Chairman & Mr Ward.

18 December 1880

The Coxe's Charity was distributed at 2pm at Appledore.

There were present the Chairman, Rev E Reynolds, Mr E Williams and Mr Ward.

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11 March 1881

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 4pm.

Present: Mr Pynsent, Rev I.H. Gosset, Mr E Williams, Mr Pickard, & Rev M.D. Dimond-Churchward.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The accounts were audited and passed.

The Chairman mentioned that he had received a letter from Mr John Lee asking to be allowed to give up the tenancy of the shop at Lady Day or Midsummer & proposing that the shop might be let to Mr Harvey and Miss Bartlett as his assistant.

It was moved by Mr Gosset, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unanimously, that the offer be made to Mr Lee to close the lease (or tenant) at midsummer & if not, that the Trustees require the legal half years notice.

The Chairman was requested to adopt measures to secure a tenant, should Mr Lee give up the tenancy.

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19 August 1881

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 3pm.

Present: Messrs Pynsent, E Williams & Pickard, & Rev M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair. The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had heard from Mr Lee that he w[oul]d continue to hold the shop as a yearly tenant.

It was moved by Mr E Williams, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unanimously, that a legal notice be served on Mr Lee calling on him to give up the premises which he rents from the Trustees.

The Chairman then placed on the table the application for Trustees & a Scheme which he had received from the Charity Commission to be considered. It was then considered and signed.

It was moved by Mr Pynsent, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unanimously, that the Chairman be authorised to purchase one piece of blanketing.

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19 September 1881

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Rope Walk.

Present: Rev'd E Reynolds, I.H. Gosset, Mr E Williams, Mr Basset, & M.D. Dimond Churchward.

After a careful inspection of the buildings, it was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Gosset, & carried unanimously, that the Buildings on the Rope Walk excepting the Boiler House be removed, a sufficient amount of material being reserved for the repair of the Boiler House, & that the material be applied to building the new boundary wall & that all materials that is not wanted on the estate be sold.

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12 December 1881

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Rev I.H. Gosset, Rev E Reynolds, Mr E Williams, Mr Bassett, & the Chairman. The minutes were read & confirmed.

The cases of fresh applicants for Coxe's Charity were duly considered. The lists of Coxe's Charity was gone through and revised.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr E Williams, & carried unanimously, that Classes 1 & 2 be paid 6/- & 4/- each respectively.

Jane Swift is an elected widow for dividend in place of E Taylor receiving Parish Pay.

Cheques were signed.

The Coxe's Charities were distributed at Appledore on 17 Dec 1881.

Present: Mr Reynolds, Mr E Williams, & the Chairman.

And at Northam on Monday 19 Dec 1881.

Present: The Chairman, Mr Ward assisted on each occasion.

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Specification for putting New Waterclosets to three houses belonging to the Trustees of the Northam Charities at Appledore.

Closets

To fix a household pan and connect the same with the drain and fix a 2½ gallon National flushing tank to each closet and carry a ½-inch lead pipe 7-lbs to the yard from the tap in the Back Kitchen and fix proper flushing gear for flushing each closet and put the necessary woodwork to protect the closet pans.

Also to take the water for supplying the houses from water main at the side of the street round to the back of each house in a ½-inch pipe into each Back Kitchen of each house and fix a tap according to the order of the Water Inspector.

The contractor to find all labour and materials and the work must be done to the satisfaction of the Trustees and their Surveyor.

Also to take down the water pipe at the front of the house and put a three inch sewer pipe in the same place.

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17 March 1882

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 4pm.

Present: Rev I.H. Gosset, Mr Sawyer, Col Wheeler, Rev E Reynolds, Mr E Williams, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The a/cs were duly audited & the balance in hand was found to be £60.3s.9¼d.

It was moved by Mr Reynolds, seconded by Mr Pickard, [~~CROSSED OUT~~: and carried unanimously], that Mr Ward be paid 2½ per cent gross amount of sale of old Rope Walk in consideration of work which he has done.

An amend[men]t was moved by Mr Gosset, seconded by Mr Williams, that Mr Ward be allowed £2 for ~?~ in connection with sale of Rope Walk.

On being put to the vote, 3 votes for, & 4 votes ag[ains]t the amendment which was then declared to be lost.

The original resolution was then put and carried nem con [i.e. nemine contradicente: no-one disagreeing].

It was agreed that tenders for building the boundary wall on Tomouth Estate should be invited, the Trustees to find all materials.

Tenders were also to be invited for the shop, Tower St.

It was moved by Mr Gosset, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unanimously, that Mary Heal be not allowed to bring her grand child or any other child into the Alms House & that if she persists in so doing, she must leave the House.

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5 April 1882

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 4pm.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Pickard, W Tucker, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

A tender for building the new wall on Tomouth Estate was received from Mr Lilly for 1s.6d a perch.

It was considered desirable to postpone the building of the wall till the autumn.

For the Shop, Northam 3 tenders were received, viz:

Mrs Frances Hutchings	£3.0s.0d
Mr A Skinner	£6.0s.0d
Mr T Lock	£6.10s.0d or £8 without repair

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Locks tender for £8.0s.0d a year be accepted for 5 years on the usual terms, the inside to be kept in order by the tenant, the outside & main roof to be kept in order by Trustees. If it is wished to extend the lease to 7 or 9 years, there must be a years notice before the expiration of the 5 years.

Should Mr Lock decline, then the Chairman was authorised to accept the next tender.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Mr Tucker, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Alms House be whitewashed.

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29 June 1882

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 3pm.
Present: Mr Pynsent, Mr Sawyer, Col Wheeler, Mr Tucker, Rev I.H. Gosset, Mr Williams, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that the joists of the roof of the shop at the corner of Tower St[reet] were in a very bad state from dry rot.
The Trustees inspected the building & decided to invite tenders for the erection of a new roof.

The meeting was adjourned to Tuesday 4 July at 4pm.

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4 July 1882

The Trustees held a meeting in the Vestry Room at 4pm.
Present: Col Wheeler, Rev E Reynolds, Mr Pynsent, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman reported that no tenders had been received but that he had received a letter from Mr Lock (which he read) offering to purchase the shop and it was for £75.0s.0d.
It was considered that such a matter should be brought before the whole body of Trustees at a special meeting.

The meeting was consequently adjourned to Saturday 8 July [at] 4pm.

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8 July 1882

A meeting of Trustees was held at 4pm.
Present: Mr Sawyer, Mr Pynsent, Col Wheeler, Mr Tucker, Rev Reynolds, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

Mr Lock's letter offering to purchase the shop for £75 was then read.
After some discussions, it was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Mr Pynsent, & carried unan[imously] that tenders should be invited for putting the shop into good repair by putting on a new roof.

It was then moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Mr Pynsent, & carried unanimously, that Mr Ward be instructed to draw up plans & specification for the new roof & to Post Bills in Bideford, Northam, Westward Ho & the neighbourhood generally & to advertise in the Bideford Papers inviting tenders to be sent to Mr Pickard on or before 21st July.

The next meeting was to be held on 22 July 1882 at 4pm.

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30 September 1882

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 3pm.
Present: Rev I.H. Gosset, Mr G Tucker, Mr E Williams, Col Wheeler, Mr Pynsent, Mr Sawyer, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had received from Mr Brayley a tender for painting the shop. It was moved by Mr Gosset, seconded by Mr Tucker, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Brayley's tender be accepted.

The Chairman reported that he had received an application from M.A. Clarke of Appledore for the vacant Alms House.

[It was] moved by Mr Tucker, seconded by Mr Gosset, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mary Ann Clarke be elected to the vacant Alms House.

Moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Pynsent, & carried unan[imousl]y, that a piece of blanketing at 4/6 be obtained from Mr Beara.

Moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Gosset, & carried unan[imousl]y, that a com[mittee] be appointed consisting of Mr Tucker, Mr E Williams, Mr Pynsent & Mr Reynolds & Col Wheel[er] to inspect the site of proposed boundary wall & to decide upon its corner & to invite tenders for the same & to report to the Trustees.

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14 October 1882

A meeting of Trustees was held at Rev E Reynolds at 3pm.

Present: Rev E Reynolds, Col Wheeler, Mr Pynsent, Mr Tucker, Mr Williams, Mr Sawyer, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The report of the sub-committee was read by the Chairman.

It was moved by Col Wheeler, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the erection of the proposed wall be deferred till the termination of the present lease.

Amendment was proposed by Mr Pynsent, that the wall be proceeded with and built as far as the money in hand for that purpose will allow. This amend[men]t fell through for want of a seconder.

Mr Pynsent suggested that the money should be placed in the Bank at interest.

The Chairman was requested to get a copy of the original map of the Tomouth Estate.

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18 December 1882

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Wheeler, Rev I.H. Gosset, Rev Reynolds, Mr George Tucker, Mr Sawyer, Mr E Williams, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported the death of Mr W.A. Basset, one of the Trustees of the Northam Charities.

The Chairman read the proposed agreement with Mr Thomas Lock:

It was unan[imously] agreed that the said agreement (an alteration having been made bringing it into accor[danc]e with the resolution of the 5 Apr 82) sh[oul]d be signed by the Chairman in behalf of the Trustees.

It was proposed by Mr Gosset, seconded by Mr Tucker, & carried unan[imously], that in consequence of the Bye Laws wh[ich] require boys to remain at School till they are at least 10 years of age, this Charity shall in future be paid to boys till they have completed their 10th year.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Gosset, & carried unan[imously], that the Classes 1 & 2 be paid 5/6 & 3/6 each respectively.

Cheques were signed.

The Coxes Charity was distributed at Northam on 19 Dec 1882 at 3pm.

Present: Col Wheeler & the Chairman.

At Appledore on 21 Dec 1882 at 12pm.

Present: Mr E Williams, Mr Tucker, & the Chairman.

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23 February 1883

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 3pm.

Present: Mr Sawyer, Col Wheeler, Mr E Williams, Mr G Tucker, Mr Pickard, & Rev M.D.

Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that one of the Trustees, Mr William Arthur Basset had recently died. Not being quite sure whether the vacancy thus caused should be at once filled up, the Chairman was requested to write to the Secretary of the Charity Commission & inquire if a Trustee must at once be selected in room of Mr W.A. Basset deceased.

The a/cs were then audited & passed.

One or two cheques were drawn.

The Chairman reported that Mr Lock could not obtain possession of the shop till the half quarter after Midsummer last owing to a new roof being erected.

It was unan[imously] agreed, that Mr Thomas Lock be not charged for rent till the half quarter after Midsummer 1882.

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3 April 1883

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 4pm.

There were present: Col Wheeler, Rev I.H. Gosset, Mr W Pickard, Mr E Williams, Mr Sawyer, Rev E Reynolds, & Rev M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the Secretary of the Charity Commission to the effect that it w[oul]d be proper that steps should be forthwith taken for filling up the vacancy in the Trusteeship caused by the death of the late Mr W.A. Basset. It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Rev E Reynolds, & carried unanimously, that in the opinion of the Trustees of the Northam Charities, Rear Admiral Arthur Thomas Thrupp of Elmfield in the Parish of Northam is a fit & proper person to be appointed one of the Trustees of the said Charities in the room of Mr W.A. Basset deceased.

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29 September 1883

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 3.30pm.
There were present: M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair, Mr Edward Williams, Mr Tucker, Col Wheeler & Mr Sawyer.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a letter which he had received from the Clerk of the Northam Local Board asking leave for the Board to place a syphon in Cawseys well on Tomouth Estate. It was moved by Col Wheeler, seconded by Mr Tucker, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Trustees decline to consent to the application of the Northam Local Board that a syphon sh[oul]d be placed in Cawseys well.

The Chairman reported that he wanted for the Charities one piece of blanketing. It was moved by Mr Williams, seconded by Mr Sawyer, & carried unanimously, that the Chairman be authorised to purchase one piece of blanketing.

It was agreed that the sum of £1.0s.0d sh[oul]d be given to Mr George Lock for compensation during next year on a/c of the bad state of the fence[?].

The Chairman was asked to obtain for comm[ittee] the map of Tomouth Estate.
The Cottages were ordered to be painted.

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Monday 17 December 1883

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Wheeler, Mr G Tucker, Mr E Williams, Rev E Reynolds, Adm[iral] Thrupp, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

On the moving of the Chairman, seconded by Mr E Williams, Phoebe Rooke was appointed to the Alms house vacant by the death of the late Agnes Holman.

The list of Coxe's Charities was gone through and the cases of fresh applicants were considered.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imously], that Classes 1 & 2 be paid 5/- & 3/6 each respectively.

Jane Hare & Phillis Williams were chosen in place of deceased widows to receive dividend.

The Charities were given away on ~?~ at Northam & at Appledore in 18 December [18]83.

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23 April 1884

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 4pm.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr E Williams, Mr Sawyer, Mr Pickard, Mr Tucker, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The plan of altering the smokey chimnies at the Alms House was discussed, the Chairman stated that Mr Gosset had offer to try a remedy on one chimney. The Trustees were of opinion that the matter might be left to Mr Gosset & the Chairman.

The accounts for the year 1883 were duly audited.

It was considered desirable that the next meeting of the Trustees sh[oul]d be held at Appledore in order that the Trustees might personally inspect the Tomouth Estate.

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19 June 1884

A meeting of Trustees was held at Rev E Reynolds at 3.30pm.

Present: Rev E Reynolds, Mr Tucker, Mr E Williams, Col Wheeler, Adm[iral] Thrupp, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Pynsent resigning the office of Trustee of the Northam Charities.

The Trustees then inspected the Tomouth Estate.

It was moved by Mr Williams, seconded by Arm[iral] Thrupp, & carried unan[imously], that the Chairman be authorised to invite tenders for the lease of the Estate either as a whole or in parts, for a period of 7, 14 or 21 years, from Michaelmas next, such tenders to be sent in on or before 01 August 1884.

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14 August 1884

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 3.30pm.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Tucker, Mr Pickard, Mr E Williams, Mr Sawyer, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman having called on the Trustees to fill up the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Pynsent, it was moved by Mr Williams, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unanimously, that Mr George Cawsey of Commons Farm be requested to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Pynsent.

The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary to the Commission containing one from Mr Charles Chapple.

The Chairman was requested to write to the Secretary briefly calling his attention to the many mistakes in the said letter of Mr Chapple.

The Chairman then proceeded to open tenders for the Tomouth Estate. The tenders were as follows:

- 1) For the Garden, Mr Isaac Short - £1.5s.0d
- 2) Garden & Plots, Mr W May - £4.0s.0d
- 3) Meadow & Orchard, Mr Fisher - £7.0s.0d, for 7 years
- 4) Lower Quarry Field, Mr W Tucker - £6.0s.0d
- 5) Higher Path Field, Mr J Cock - £7.0s.0d
- 6) Triangle Field, Mr J Cock - £5.0s.0d
- 7) The Whole Estate, Mr John Parkhouse - £48.0s.0d

There were 3 portions not tendered for separately.

It was moved by Col Wheeler, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unan[imously], that Mr John Parkhouse's tender of £48 a year be accepted, on the condition that he signs a lease to be properly drawn up. The Tenant must pay all costs, keep the estate in good outstantial repair, to farm it well, for 7 or 14 years. There must be no underletting. No building of any kind must be put up in any part of the Estates without the prior written consent of the Trustees.

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19 September 1884

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 12 o'clock.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Sawyer, Mr E Williams, Mr Tucker, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman read a letter from the Charity Commissioners including one from Mr Charles Chapple.

The Chairman was requested to reply to the effect that the Trustees consider themselves bound by the agreement to let the Estate to Mr Parkhouse.

The Chairman then read a letter from Mr Tucker who therein made an application for £2.10s for unexhausted manure.

The Chairman was instructed to tell Mr Tucker that he must produce the voucher before the Trustees c[oul]d consider the claim.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Tucker, & carried unan[imousl]y, that tenders be invited for making alterations wh[ich] have been suggested to the Estate.

The Draft Lease was then read by the Chairman and agreed to.

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11 November 1884

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Wheeler, Adm[iral] Thrupp, Mr Williams, Mr Sawyer, Rev I.H. Gosset, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

It was agreed that Mr Parkhouse junior should be put on the lease of Tomouth Estate.

The Chairman read a letter from the Charity Commission cont[ainin]g a reply fr[om] the Secretary to Mr Charles Chapple.

The Chairman proceeded to open tenders for 180 perches of wall & a new slate roof on Barn on Tomouth Estate.

The following were the tenders:

- 1) Lilly & Labbett - wall & roof
- 2) John Tamlyn for roof
- 3) Robert Tamlyn
- 4) G Bowden
- 5) T Cook

It was moved by Mr Gosset, seconded by Col Wheeler, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Cook's tender for roof for £27.10s, and Mr Bowdens tender for wall at 3/6 per perch, & Mr Lilly's tender for wall at 4/1 per perch be accepted.

It was moved by Mr Williams, seconded by Adm[iral] Thrupp, & carried unan[imousl]y, that a Committee be appointed to examine the trees on Tomouth Estate & to instruct Mr Ward to sell those which it is desirable to remove, such Committee to consist of Rev E Reynolds, Mr Williams, Mr Pickard & Col Wheeler.

Mr Ward asked for 6 gates to be put on the Estate this was agreed to.

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15 December 1884

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Rev I.H. Gosset, Adm[iral] Thrupp, Col Wheeler, Mr Williams, Mr Sawyer, Rev E Reynolds, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Col Wheeler reported that the sub-committee thought that it w[oul]d be advisable to remove 33 trees on Tomouth Estate.

It was agreed that such trees sh[oul]d be marked.

The Chairman reported that Mr Wren ceased to be a Trustee according to Scheme he not having attended a meeting for 2 years. The Chairman was asked to write to Mr Wren & inquire if he s[houl]d act if again elected.

The cases of fresh applicants for Coxe's Charity were then considered. Coxe's list was then revised.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Gosset, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the 2 Classes be paid 5/- & 3/6 respectively.

Mary Copp, Phillis Williams, Dorothea Butcher, & Catherine Slowman, were the widows chosen for the dividend.

The Charity was distributed at Northam on Friday 19 December at 3, [and] at Appledore on Saturday 20 December at 2.

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19 March 1885

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 4pm.

Present: Rev I.H. Gosset, Col Wheeler, Mr Pickard, Mr E Cawsey, Mr Tucker, Rev E Reynolds, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that Mr Wren w[oul]d act if again appointed.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by My Pickard, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Adderly Barton Wren be appointed Trustee to fill the present vacancy.

The question of cutting down the trees was to brought forew[ard] at the next meeting.

The Chairman reported a vacancy in the Almshouse & that he had received one application viz: from Ann Hooper of Appledore.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Mr Gosset, & carried un[animousl]y, that Ann Hooper be appointed to the vacant Almshouse.

The a/cs were then audited.

It was agreed that Mr Cock be allowed 4/- compensation for unexhausted manure.

It was further agreed that a wall be erected to enclose the yard called Cawseys Court on Tomouth Estate.

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27 May 1885

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 4pm.

There were present: Mr E Williams, Mr Cawsey, Mr Sawyer, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

Mr Williams reported that he had not received any notice of the meeting held on 19 March 1885.

Moved by Mr Williams, seconded by Mr Sawyer, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Bowdens tender for building the walls in Cawseys Court & at the top of the orchard be accepted.

The Chairman reported that the roof of the Barn was not fit to carry slate as arranged with Mr Cook last Nov[embe]r, but might carry iron.

It was moved by Mr Sawyer, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Ward be requested to give a full report of the condition of the present Barn & what w[oul]d be the cost of build a new one, say 25ft long x 16 wide, with corrugated iron roof with linhay for cattle under.

The Chairman reported that he had had the Almshouse painted both inside & outside. He proposed that the Charities should bear a moiety of the expense. This was agreed to.

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23 September 1885

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 3pm.

Present: Messrs Pickard, Tucker, Williams, Cawsey & Sawyer, Adm Thrupp, Col Wheeler, Rev Reynolds, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

Mr Ward reported that it w[oul]d cost £30 to repair the Barn.

The Chairman reported that he wanted a piece of blanketing.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Col Wheeler, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Chairman be authorised to obtain a piece of blanketing.

The Chairman reported that the County Magistrates had applied for permission to build cells on the Tomouth Estate but they wished the Trustees to advise on the money. The Chairman was to ask the Commissioners whether we have borrowing powers.

The meeting was then adjourned to 7 Oct when Trustees are to meet at Rev E Reynolds at 10am.

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7 October 1885

The Trustees met at Rev E Reynolds on 7 October 1885 at 10am.

Present: Rev E Reynolds, Col Wheeler, Adm Thrupp, Mr Sawyer, Mr Williams, Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

Tenders were received & opened for building a new Barn.

Tenders were from Mr Thomas Cook for large Barn for £65, & for small Barn for £59.

Ditto from Mr Hamlyn for £60.10a.0d for large Barn, £53.0s.0d for small.

It was moved & agreed, that Mr Hamlyn's tender for small Barn be accepted unless the Chairman sh[ould] find another tender at a lower price at Vicarage on his return. The building was to be completed by the end of the summer 1886.

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7 October 1885

Adjourned meeting of Trustees at Rev Reynolds at 10am.

Present: Rev Reynolds, Wheeler, Williams, Thrupp, Cawsey, ~?~.

The sub-c[ommittee] reported that they had inspected the Barn & were divided in opinion, the majority thinking it w[ould] be repaired, & the other members being against any repair and to think it s[hould] be permanent.

Mr Ward reported that it would cost £40 to repair the Barn.

It was moved by Mr Williams, seconded by Adm Thrupp, for 5, against 1, carried by majority of 4, that the present building sho[uld] be taken down & all saleable materials sold, & that a new Barn be erected according to the smaller plan drawn by Mr Ward, the lowest tender be accepted.

The whole building to be complete & ready for use by July 1885.

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14 December 1885

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Wheeler, Rev Reynolds, Adm Thrupp, Rev I.H. Gosset, Rev Reynolds, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The cases of new applicants for Coxe's Charity were duly considered. The Coxe's Charity list was then revised.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr E Williams, & carried unan[imous]ly, that the two Classes be paid 5/- & 3/6 respectively.

The Dividend to be divided between Mary Copp, Phillis Williams, Dorothea Butcher, & Catherine Stoneman, being the same widows as last year.

The Charity was distributed at Northam on Thursday 17 December at 3pm, at Appledore on Saturday 19 December at 2pm.

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2 May 1886

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 12 o'clock.

Present: Mr Sawyer, Rev I.H. Gosset, Adm Thrupp, Mr Tucker, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman did not read the minutes as he had forgotten to enter them in the book.

The accounts were duly audited & found to be correct.

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17 September 1886

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 3.30pm.

Present: Col Wheeler, Adm Thrupp, Mr Sawyer, Cap[tai]n Williams, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imousl]y, that widow Johns be appointed to the vacant Almshouse.

It was moved by Col Wheeler, seconded by Mr Sawyer, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the chairman be authorised to obtain a piece of blanketing.

Mr Ward reported that the New Buildings w[oul]d be completed next week.

It was agreed unan[imousl]y, that Mr Sawyer, Col Wheeler & Mr Williams form a committee to inspect the buildings.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Wheeler, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Shop occupied in Northam by Mr Lock be painted on the outside.

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13 December 1886

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Sawyer, Mr Tucker, Mr Williams, Mr Cawsey, Mr Wren, Rev'd Reynolds, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Inspection Committee reported that they were quite satisfied with the New Buildings wh[ich] had been erected on the Tomouth Estate.

The cases of fresh applicants for Coxe's Charity were then con[sidere]d.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & carried unanimously, that the two Classes be paid 5/- & 3/6 respectively.

Mary Copp, Phillis Williams, Dorothea Butcher, & Catherine Stoneman, the same widows as last year for Dividend.

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20 December 1886

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11.30am.

Present: Mr Cawsey, Mr Williams, Rev Reynolds, Admiral Thrupp, Col Wheeler, Mr Wren, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

It was reported that the County Magistrates were considering the adniality [sic?] of making cells in Appledore & that jointly a site on or near the Tomouth Estate might be available for the purpose.

After some conversation, the Chairman ~?~ from the Commissioners in this respect.

It was moved by Mr Williams, seconded by Col Wheeler, & carried unan[imous]ly, that if the Magistrates were to make an offer for site for cells the Trustees might be prepared (1) to entertain such offer if the Magistrates would give £110 for the Freehold; or (2) to grant a Lease of 99 years for rental at £4 per annum.

The Chairman reported that Mr Hamlyn wanted to be paid some money on a/c.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imous]ly, that the Chairman be authorised to pay the moiety (£29.6.0.) of Mr Hamlyns a/c for building the New Barn.

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26 March 1887

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Sawyer, Mr Cawsey, Mr Williams, Mr Wren, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Chairman presented the a/c of sale of old Rope Walk &c, which was duly audited & found correct.

The Statement of a/cs for 1886 was then duly audited and found correct.

It was moved & agreed that the tenant Stocker sh[oul]d be allowed 10/- on a/c of inconvenience during the time of repairing the rooms.

Mr Wren read a letter from Mr Michelmores stating that the Magistrates w[oul]d not entertain the Trustees proposal about the cells.

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8 August 1887

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Sawyer, Mr Cawsey, Adm Thrupp, Mr E Williams, Mr Pickard, Rev E Reynolds, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Chairman read a letter from Messrs Vincent & Duncan [collar manufacturers] making an application for liberty to take water from wells to be sunk at Tomouth at their expense for their factory at Appledore.

Mr Vincent attended in person and explained to the Trustees that two wells had been dug on the Tomouth Estate, each being about 24 feet deep. He also stated that it had not been his intention to dig the wells before leave was given but only to bore as a test for water, but he had been taken very ill & in his absence the workmen had exceeded his instructions & had completed the wells. He further added that Messrs Vincent & Duncan w[oul]d pay the whole expense of digging the wells & consigning the water to their factory, in addition to a yearly compensation to be paid to the Trustees.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Mr Williams, that the application of Messrs Vincent & Duncan be granted subject to the approval of the Charity Commissioners, on condition that Messrs Vincent & Duncan pay the whole expense of digging the wells & laying the pipes in connection, & also that they pay the Trustees the yearly acknowledgement of £2 & that an agreement between Messrs Vincent & Duncan on the one part, & the Trustees on the other, be drawn up & signed, & that the permission of the Trustees might be withdrawn at any time after 3 months written notice, & that Messrs Vincent & Duncan might leave at any time on giving three months written notice. This was carried by 7 for it, & one (Mr Cawsey) against it. Mr Cawsey wished the compensation to be £5.

Mr Vincent promises to pay all the expenses of the agreement.

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2 September 1887

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Williams, Mr Tucker, Mr Pickard, Mr Sawyer, Admiral Thrupp, Rev E Reynolds, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Chairman read & placed on the table a letter from the Charity Commission dated 27 Aug 1887 on "The Grant of Easement".

Then the Chairman proceeded to read a sketch of a letter which he proposed to send in reply to that from the Charity Commission. This was unanimously agreed to.

Regarding the first clause of the letter just read from the Charity Commission, it was moved by Mr Williams, seconded by Adm Thrupp, & carried unanimously, that the Chairman be requested to inquire of the Charity Commission by whom & what is the nature of the "Certain Representations" that have been made to the Board" & to demand a copy of the correspondence.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Mr Tucker, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Chairman be allowed to obtain a piece of blanketing.

Widow Johns is to be allowed to go to Phoebe Rooke's room.

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26 September 1887

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Cawsey, Mr Williams, Mr Sawyer, Rev E Reynolds, Mr Tucker, Mr Wren, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Chairman read extracts from previous letters of the Charity Commissioners, also a letter from Mr Groves Cooper containing his report.

The Report with a slight amendment was received & was ordered to be forwarded to the Commissioners.

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12 December 1887

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Mr Sawyer, Mr E Williams, Col Wheeler, Adm Thrupp, Mr G Tucker, Mr Cawsey, Rev E Reynolds, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The cases of fresh applicants for the Cocke's Charity were considered.

The Dividend was to be divided between:

Mary Copp, Dorothea Butcher, Catherine Stoneman, Philis Williams, being the same as last year.

The Chairman reported that there was a vacancy in the Almshouse & that widow Mrs[?] Sarah Saunders had applied for it.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Sarah Saunders be appointed to the vacant Almshouse.

It was agreed that the 2 Classes should be paid 5/- & 3/6 each respectively.

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16 February 1888

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Sawyer, Mr Williams, Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Chairman read a letter that he had received from the Charity Commissioners.

The Chairman reported that Messrs Hookway, Edwards & Stocker had not paid up the deficits on their rents. Whereupon the Chairman moved, Col Wheeler seconded, carried unan[imously], that proceedings be taken against Messrs Hookway, Edwards & Stocker should no payment be made by them towards writing off the deficit before Midsummer 1888.

The a/cs were duly audited.

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30 October 1888

Meeting of Trustees in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Cawsey, Mr Williams, Adm Thrupp, Mr Sawyer, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Col Wheeler, & carried unan[imously], that the Chairman be authorised to obtain a piece of blanketing.

A letter was read from Messrs Vincent & Duncan stating that the water of the new well was still unfit for use.

The Chairman read an application from Mr Peard for the old Lockup for £20 for the freehold. It was moved by Adm Thrupp, seconded by Col Wheeler, & carried unan[imously], that the Chairman inquire fr[om] Mr Peard (1) whether a lease w[oul]d suit his client, (2) what is the exact measure & plan of site required by his client.

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10 December 1888

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Mr Williams, Mr Cawsey, Adm Thrupp, Mr Sawyer, Mr Pickard, Rev I.H. Gosset, Rev E Reynolds, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Chairman reported that there was a vacancy in the number of Trustees owing to the death of Mr G Tucker on 30 October 1888.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Mr Gosset, & carried unan[imously], that Mr William Nicol of Appledore be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr George Tucker.

It was moved by Mr Reynolds, seconded by Adm Thrupp, & carried unan[imously], that Mr Lang be appointed in case Mr Nicol should decline or not be able to serve.

The Cox's list was then revised. The cases of new applicants were considered. It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imously], that the 1st & 2nd Classes be paid, respectively 4/6 & 3/6.

The Coxe's Charity was distributed: at Appledore on 15 Dec 1888, present: Rev E Reynolds, Mr E Williams, & M.D. Dimond Churchward; at Northam on 17 December 1888, present: Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond Churchward. Mr Ward was present on both occasions.

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11 April 1889

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am. Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Pickard, Mr Cawsey, Mr Nicol, Mr E Williams, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair. The minutes were read and confirmed.

A letter from W Stocker was read asking for reduction of rent. It was agreed that a reduction might be made if rent arrears be fully paid up by next Michaelmas 1889.

A Committee was appointed to inspect the cottages at Appledore & to make the necessary repairs & painting, such Committee to consist of Mr Pickard, Mr Williams, Mr Nicol.

A tender from Mr Carter[?] for painting Barn &c, was referred to the same Committee.

The a/cs for the year end[ing] 31 Dec 1888 were then audited & passed.

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6 June 1889

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am. Present: Mr Pickard, Rev E Reynolds, Mr Williams, Mr Nicol, Col Wheeler, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair. The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Chairman then read the order confirming the appointment of Mr Nicol as a Trustee.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imously], that Elizabeth Glover be appointed to occupy the vacant Almshouse.

An application was made by Mr Parkhouse for permission to alter & improve the Lock-up at Causeys Court, Appledore.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Mr Reynolds, & carried una[nimousl]y, that the sum of five pounds be allowed for the proposed alterations, viz: to take down the centre wall & arches & extend roof to outer wall, with the understanding that Mr Parkhouse sh[oul]d make no claim for compensation on this account at the end of this term.

The Chairman reported that there was a vacancy in the trust owing to the death of the late Vice-Admiral Thrupp.

It was then proposed by Mr Williams, seconded by Col Wheeler, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr John Land, retired Master Mariner of Appledore, be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Vice-Admiral Thrupp.

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20 September 1889

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Rev M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair, Mr Pickard, Capt Williams & Mr Wren. The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Chairman reported that Mr Lang had written to him & had declined to act as trustee in lieu of Admiral Thrupp deceased.

It was then proposed by Mr Pickard, seconded by Mr Wren, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Robert Cock, and in default of him, that Colonel Nicol be provisionally appointed to act as trustee in place of Admiral Thrupp deceased.

The Chairman then read & placed letters on the table from Dr Pratt & the Secretary of the Charities Commission. The Chairman was asked to reply to them.

It was moved by Mr Wren, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Chairman be authorised to obtain a piece of blanketing.

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16 December 1889

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Mr Cawsey, Col Wheeler, Mr Pickard, Mr Nicoles, Mr E Williams, and M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Ward reported that Mr Vanstone of West Putford had lately died.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Ward be requested to inspect the Farm occupied by the late Mr Vanstone and to report to the Trustees thereon.

The cases of new applicants for Coxe's Charity were then considered. The old list was revised.

It was moved by Mr Williams, seconded by the Chairman, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Classes 1 & 2 be paid 5/- & 4/- respectively.

The Dividend to be divided between Mary Copp 91, Catherine Stoneman 78, Phillis Williams 80, and Elizabeth Smith 75.

Cheques were then signed.

The Coxes Charity was distributed (a) at Northam on 20 December 1889, present: Mr Cawsey & the Chairman; (b) at Appledore on 21 December 1889, present: Rev E Reynolds, Mr E Williams, Mr Nicolls, & the Chairman.

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11 April 1890

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Nicoll, Mr Cawsey, Mr E Williams, and M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read & placed on table an order signifying the approval of the Charity Commissioners of Mr R Cocke as a non-official Trustee.

Mr Ward presented a report on the estate at West Putford wh[ich] was satisfactory.

The A/cs were then audited & passed.

It was proposed by Mr Nicoll, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & carried unan[imousl]y, that a Weather Board be placed on the west end of Hookways Cottage & that the doors & weather boards of the Barn be oiled & varnished.

Mr Cawsey proposed, Col Wheeler seconded, carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Williams & Mr Nicoll form a Committee to carry out the above lenb[?].

Ask Messrs Vincent & Duncan if they have tried the water in the well.

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8 May 1890

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Wheeler, Mr Cawsey, Mr Nicoll, Mr Williams, Mr Wren, Rev E Reynolds, and M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman read a letter from the Local Board of Northam asking for permission to place a pump in Cawsey's Court at Appledore, to provide a water supply for the Public in that locality.

It was moved by Mr Nicoll, seconded by Rev E Reynolds, & carried [~~'unanimously'~~ crossed out], that the request of the Local Board be complied with on condition that the Local Board pay the annual rental of one shilling, & that they remove the pump when requested to do so by the Trustees of the Northam Charities.

For this matter 2 voted.

Against, 1 Mr Williams.

While 3 remained neutral.

The motion was declared to be carried.

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13 October 1890

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Mr Cawsey, Mr Pickard, Mr Williams, Mr Nicoles, and M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Messrs Vincent & Duncan stating that they were still unable to use the water from the Tomouth Estate for the purposes of their factory on account of the presence of iron.

The Chairman reported that Col Wheeler, one of the Trustees, had died since the last meeting of the Trustees.

The Chairman moved, Mr Pickard seconded, & it was carried unanimously, that Mr John Williams Turner be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Colonel Wheeler.

The sub-committee reported that the Doors and Weather Boards of Hookways Cottage & of the Barn had been oiled and varnished.

Tenders were presented for fencing garden on Tomouth Estate.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & carried unan[imousl]y, that these tenders be referred to at sub-committee to consist of Mr Pickard, Mr William & Mr Nicoll & that they be empowered to put up the required fence.

It was moved by Mr Williams, seconded by Mr Nicolls, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Chairman be authorised to obtain a piece of blanketing.

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15 December 1890

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Messrs Williams, Nicoll, Cawsey, Turner, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had seen Mr Groves Cooper about the West Putford Estate.
It was agreed that the Chairman should ask Mr Groves Cooper definitely about whether the annual payment of £10.10.0 is a charge on the Estate or whether the Trustees be the Landlords.

The cases of fresh applicants were considered. The Coxe's List was revised.
The Dividend was to be divided between: Catherine Stoneman 78, Phillis Williams 80, Elizabeth Smith 75, and Elizabeth Blackmore 74.

It was moved by Mr Williams, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Classes 1 & 2 be paid 6/- & 5/- a head respectively.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Turner, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Messrs Cawsey, Nicoll, & Williams be a Committee with power to form a Pit in the yard at Mr Parkhouse's & to tell Mr Parkhouse that he is expected to keep his yard in clean order.

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9 March 1891

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Rev Reynolds, Cap[ta]in Turner, Mr E Williams, Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The sub-co[mmittee] reported that a Pit had been formed at the Tomouth Estate to hold the manure at Mr Parkhouse's yard.

The Chairman reported the Charity Commissioners approval of the app[licatio]n of Mr Turner as one of the non-official Trustees of the Northam Charities.

The Chairman laid the A/cs for the year before the Trustees.
The A/cs were duly audited & found correct.

A cheque was signed for £13.0.0 payable to Vicar for monies advanced.

The Cottagers at Appledore applied to have their Cottages papered & also to have new Bodleys.
It was agreed that such sh[oul]d not be allowed till Mr Ward showed report that they had paid up some of their arrears.

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4 June 1891

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Cap[ta]in Turner, Mr Cawsey, Mr Nicolls, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Ward reported that the Cottagers had paid up a portion of arrears.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Capt Turner, & carried una[nimousl]y, that Bodleys be placed in the Cottages in lieu of those that are worn out.

The Chairman reported that Mr Sawyer had sent to him the resignation of his office as Trustee.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Colonel Townley (& in lieu of him, Dr Fuller) be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Sawyer.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the exterior of shop occupied by Mr T Lock should be painted as soon as possible.

The Chairman read a letter from the Commissioners containing an extract from a letter from Dr Pratt complaining of the Almshouse as not being provided with a sitting room &c, in common for the occupants.

It was unanimously resolved on the motion of Mr Pickard, seconded by Mr Cawsey, that the Chairman write to the Commissioners stating that the Almshouse was built on plans submitted to & approved by the Charity Commission in 1869.

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20 October 1891

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Mr Pickard, Mr Nicolls, Capt Turner, Mr Cawsey, Mr Williams, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported the death of Mr Sawyer.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Col Townley be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Sawyer.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Capt Turner, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Chairman be allowed to order a piece of blanketing.

The Chairman read a copy of his letter to the Commissioners after the resolution passed on 4 June.

The Chairman read a letter fr[om] Dr Pratt applying for leave to use a Road to his Coach house.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Capt Turner, & carried unan[imously], that Dr Pratt be allowed to use the Road from Cawsey's Court as far as his stable, provided he previously obtain the approval & consent of the tenant & will keep the Road in repair to the satisfaction of the Trustees Surveyor, such arrangement to be terminable by six months written notice on either side.

Cheque for £20 to Vicar as a/c was signed.

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14 December 1891

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Mr Cawsey, Mr Williams, Rev Reynolds, Mr Nicoles, Mr Pickard, Capt Turner, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported the resignation of Rev I.H. Gosset.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & carried unan[imously], that Surgeon General Fuller of Woodlands in the Parish of Northam be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation Rev I.H. Gosset.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr John Tamlyn agreeing to buy the orchard at Tomouth for the purpose of erecting cottages thereon.

It was moved by Rev E Reynolds, seconded by Mr Nicholls, & carried unan[imously], that the Chairman ask the Charity Commissioners if the Trustees have power to sell any portion or the whole of the estates for building purposes, & if so on what conditions the same should be effected.

Fresh applicants for Coxe's Charity were then received.
The Coxe's list was duly revised.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imously], that the Classes 1 & 2 be paid 6/- & 5/- a head respectively.
The Dividend was to be divided between: Catherine Stoneman 79, Phillis Williams 81, Elizabeth Smith 76, and Ann Gammon 77.
The Coxe's Charity was distributed at Northam on 18 December 1891, and at Appledore on 19 December 1891.

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21 March 1892

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Messrs Nicolls, Cawsey, Williams, Col Townley, Dr Fuller, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported the approval of the appointment of Dr Fuller as a Trustee.

The Chairman read a letter from the Charity Commission shewing what steps should be taken in case there was a desire to effect the sale of the whole or part of the Estate. It was moved by Mr Nicholl, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imous]ly, that the question of selling the whole or a portion of the Tomouth Estate for building purposes be left for consideration till the expir[atio]n of Mr Parkhouse's lease.

The accounts for the year ending 31 December 1891 were then audited & passed.

It was arranged that the Trustees sh[oul]d hold a special meeting at Cawsey's well Appledore on Tuesday 29 March at 11am.

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1 April 1892

A special meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Townley, Mr Cawsey, Mr Williams, Dr Fuller, Capt Turner, Mr Nicoles, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Trustees reported that they had met at Cawseys well on 29 March & they further reported that the yard at Tomouth Estate was in a very bad condition & they recommended that the yard should be levelled & guttered & that the cow shedding & stables should be connected with the pit by 6in pipes, the well to be walled up one foot in front & 2 feet at the back.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & carried unanimously, that the report be accepted & adopted, provided Mr Parkhouse will undertake all the required carting.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Capt Turner, & carried unan[imous]ly, that the surface water be drained off from the yard by 6in pipes & be conveyed to the Public Drain.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & carried unan[imous]ly that Messrs Cawsey & Nicoles & Dr Fuller be appointed a sub-committee to carry out these resolutions with power to act up to cost of £10.0s.0d.

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30 September 1892

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Capt Williams, Col Townley, Mr Cawsey, Dr Fuller, Capt Turner, Mr Nicolls, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The sub-committee reported that the surface water had been drained off the yard on Tomouth Estate & conveyed to the Public Drain, & that Mr Parkhouse had promised that he w[oul]d cart rubble for the purpose of levelling the yard, but they further reported that the cowshedding & stables had not yet been connected with the pit.

It was agreed that the sub-committee sh[oul]d proceed with that work & bring it to completion.

It was moved by Mr Williams, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the question of blankets should be referred to a com[mittee] of ladies who with the Chairman sh[oul]d have power to act.

Cheque for £12 for Chairman on a/c was signed.

Mr Ward reported that the roofs & closets on Tomouth Estate needed repair, & that a new gate was wanted for the orchard. This was referred to sub-committee with power to act.

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12 December 1892

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Dr Fuller, Mr Pickard, Mr Nicolls, Capt Turner, Capt Williams, Mr Cawsey, and M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The sub-committee reported that the work was in progress.

The cases of fresh applicants were considered and adjudged.

The Coxes list was revised.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Classes be paid 6/- & 5/- a head respectively.

The Dividend to be divided between Catherine Stoneman 81, Elizabeth Smith 77, Ann Gammon 78, and Jane Hare 87.

Cheques were signed for the Schools.

A cheque was signed for £10 for Chairman on a/c.

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23 March 1893

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair, Col Townley, Capt Turner, Capt Williams, Mr Cawsey, Mr Nicoll & Rev E Reynolds.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Parkhouse asking for a temporary reduction of rent.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr Williams, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Parkhouse be informed that the Trustees will accept for the year ending Michaelmas 1893, the sum of £45, instead of £49 for rent.

Mrs Stocker applied for a window to be put into her cottage to look down the street.
[N.B. In 1891, a Frances Stocker was living in 1 Tomouth Cottages, Appledore]
It was referred to a committee consisting of Mr Nicholls, Rev E Reynolds, & Capt Williams with power to act.

The Chairman reported the death of Mr Wren & consequently a vacancy in the Trust.
It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr T Wills Allen, & in lieu of him, Col Temple be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Wren.

The accounts for 1892 were then audited and found to be correct.

The committee (above named) were appointed to report on the condition of the Road on the Estate.

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17 October 1893

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair, Col Townley, Capt Williams, Capt Turner, Col Temple, Dr Fuller, Mr Nicoll, Rev E Reynolds & Mr Cawsey.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Williams reported that he had declined to act on the sub-committee appointed at the last meeting & that nothing had been done.
It was moved by Rev Reynolds, seconded by Col Temple, & carried unan[imousl]y, that a Committee be appointed to look at the Road on Estate, and if necessary to repair it at a cost not to exceed two pounds.
Such committee to consist of: Mr Cawsey, Mr Nicholls, & Dr Fuller as convener.

It was moved by Mr Turner, seconded by Mr Nicholls, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the question of purchasing blankets be referred to a Committee of ladies & the Chairman with power to act.

Application was made from Mrs Hookway for 11/6 to pay for papering cottage. This was allowed.
[N.B. In the 1891 census, Mary Ann Hookway was living at 'Tomouth Cottages']

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11 December 1893

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair, Mr Cawsey, Mr Williams, Rev E Reynolds,
Capt Turner, Mr Nicholl, Col Temple, Dr Fuller.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

Dr Fuller reported that stone had been obtained & arrangements had been made to put the road on Estate into proper repair.

The cases of new applicants were then considered.
The list of Coxe's Charity was then revised.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Williams, & carried unan[imously], that the Classes be paid 6/- & 5/- each respectively.
Two cheques were signed.
It was agreed that the Dividend sh[oul]d be divided as last year.

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26 April 1894

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair, Col Townley, Dr Fuller, Capt Williams, Capt Turner.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman placed on the table Mr Pickards a/c for £8.0.8 for work done on Estate. This Bill was ordered to be paid.

The Chairman reported a vacancy in the Alms house.
The Chairman moved, Capt Turner seconded, carried unan[imously], that Betsey Hearn (73 years of age) be appointed to fill the vacancy at the Almshouse.

The accounts were duly audited & found correct.

The Chairman reported that the Cottagers were much in arrears in their rent.
It was agreed that Hookway & Stocker should be warned that they must pay up or that they will have inst[ruction?]s to quit.

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26 October 1894

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Mr Pickard, Col Townley, Capt Williams, Dr Fuller, Capt Turner, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that 10 pairs of blankets were required.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Col Townley, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Chairman be authorised to obtain 10 pairs of blankets.

Mr Ward reported that the pump at the cottages on Tomouth Estate need repair, & that a new furnace is required at Gregory's, & that the floor of the closets should be repaired. It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Capt Williams, & carried unanimously, that Mr Ward be authorised to repair the pump and floor of the closets, and supply a new furnace.

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10 December 1894

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Dr Fuller, Col Temple, Col Townley, Capt Turner, Capt Williams, Mr Nicolls, Mr Cawsey, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that [he] had been obliged to order 12 pairs of blankets.

Mr Ward reported that the repairs had just been commenced.

Applications from fresh applicants were received & cases considered.
Coxe's List was revised.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Classes be paid 6/- & 5/- a head respectively.
The Dividend to be divided between: Catherine Stoneman 82, Elizabeth Smith 78, Ann Gammon 79, and Jane Hare 88.
Cheques were signed.

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18 March 1895

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Townley, Capt E Williams, Dr Fuller, Capt Turner, Mr Nicolls, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Ward reported that the repairs had been completed. Mr Richards bill for 8.1s.7¼d was ordered to be paid.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Parkhouse asking for a reduction of £4.0s.0d on a/c of the burden of the times.
It was moved by Mr Nicholls, seconded by Capt Turner, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Parkhouse's request be granted for the year 1894.

It was agreed that the rent of Cottages should in future be collected quarterly & that the tenants should be told that if they do not reduce their arrears during this year, they will be obliged to leave.

The accounts for 1894 were then audited & found correct.

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10 October 1895

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Mr Nicoll, Capt Turner, Capt E Williams, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that it was necessary to obtain 10 [20 crossed out] pairs of blankets.

It was moved by Col Temple, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Chairman be authorised to obtain 10 pairs of blankets.

The Chairman brought forward an a/c from Mr Jordan for papering Hookways House. It was referred to Mr Ward to inquire & to report at next meeting.

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15 December 1895

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Mr Cawsey, Mr Turner, Mr Nicoll, Mr Pickard, Col Temple, Dr Fuller, Col Townley, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The case of fresh applicants for Coxe's Charity were carefully considered.

The List of Coxes Charity was revised.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the two Classes be paid 6/- & 5/- to each respectively.

The Dividend was then given to the same widows as before.

Cheques were signed.

It was suggested that next year a list of persons who received blankets sh[oul]d be printed & circulated.

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27 March 1896

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 12 noon.

Present: Col Townley, Dr Fuller, Capt Williams, Capt Turner, Mr Nicholls, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman read the minutes wh[ich] were confirmed.

The Chairman reported two vacancies in the body of Trustees, the one owing to the death of Rev E Reynolds, & the other to the non-attendance of Mr Robert Cock for a consecutive period of two years.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unan[imously], that the Trustees of the Northam Charities desire hereby to express their sympathy with the members of Mr Reynolds family on the loss which they, and the Trustees have sustained by the death of Rev E Reynolds.

The Chairman announced that he had asked Mr Guy to come & see the Trustees as he was asked to make a proposal about the property at Colscot Putford.

My Guy attended in person and stated that his wife had purchased the property from Mr More[?]Stevens and that she w[oul]d be willing to execute a deed on her part whereby she should bind herself, her heirs & executors to pay to the Trustees the annual payment of £10.10s.0d, such payment to be charge on the Estate and to be free from all other costs and charges.

The Chairman then read an application from Mr Chapple in wh[ich] it was stated that Mr Chapple had bought a property adjoining the Poor Estate & now asked the Trustees to allow him to have access to the said property over the road of the Trustees property by paying compensation.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Mr Turner, & carried unan[imously], that the Chairman send to Mr Chapple a copy of the Resolution passed on 20 October 1891 on receiving Dr Pratts application telling him that the Trustees are ready to grant him the same advantage as they granted to Dr Pratt.

The Chairman requested to write to the Tenants calling attention to their arrears.

The A/cs were audited & found correct.

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3 July 1896

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair, Col Townley, Mr Pickard, Mr Nicoll, Mr Cawsey, Mr Edward Williams, & Col Temple.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that there were two vacancies in the Trusteeship, one owing to the death of Rev E Reynolds, & the other owing to Mr R Cock not having attended during the two years past.

He reported that he had heard from Rev A Gurney Goldsmith & Mr Robert Cock that they if appointed w[oul]d be ready to serve.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Robert Cock and Rev A.G. Goldsmith be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancies.

The Chairman made an application from Mr Lock for his shop to be painted on the outside & the brickwork to be cleaned with a special brick wash.

It was resolved on the motion of the Chairman that the matter be referred to sub-committee consisting of Col Townley & Col Temple with power to act.

The Chairman reported that he had written to Mr Chappell about his application to be allowed to pay compensation, but that he had received no reply.

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9 October 1896

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Cawsey, Mr Nicoll, Capt Turner, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Goldsmith on his first attendance as a Trustee.

The Chairman reported that the tenant Hookway had become chargeable to the Board of Guardians.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Col Temple, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Chairman be authorised to obtain 10 pairs of blankets.

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14 December 1896

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Mr Cawsey, Col Townley, Capt Williams, Capt Turner, Mr Nicoll, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Col Temple, Mr Pickard, Dr Fuller, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read the order confirming the appointment of Rev A.G. Goldsmith & Mr R Cock as Trustees.

The cases of fresh applicants for Coxe's Charity were then carefully considered & dealt with. The List of Coxe's Charity was revised.

Cheques were then signed.

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26 March 1897

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Townley, Dr Fuller, Capt Williams, Capt Turner, Mr Nicoll, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr Green of Marine Parade Appledore asking for right of way to stables.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Capt Turner, & carried unan[imousl]y, that Mr Green be allowed right of way on the same conditions as was granted to Dr Pratt on 20 October 1891 only that this permission shall be for one year only, to be renewable at Lady Day 1898.

Mr Ward reported that two trees had been blown down on the estate during the late storms. He was instructed to see if he c[oul]d get any offer for the trees & to let the Chairman know.

Mr Nicholl expressed a wish that a statement of the Charities should be printed & circulated among the Trustees. The Chairman thought it w[oul]d be better for an epitome of the charities only to be placed before the Trustees.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & carried unan[imousl]y, that a committee consisting of Mr Nicoll, Dr Fuller, Capt Turner & the Chairman be appointed to draw up such an epitome & also to report on any Documents or titles to property belonging to the Trustees.

The Chairman moved, Dr Fuller seconded, & carried unan[imousl]y, that the Chairman give notice to each of the Cottage tenants that at least half the arrears must be paid on or before 1 May, or they will have to quit the cottages at Michaelmas.

The accounts were audited & found correct.

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22 September 1897

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Townley, Mr Cock, Capt Turner, Capt Williams, Dr Fuller, Mr Pickard, Mr Nicolls, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Ward reported that the trees had been removed but that the hedge had not been repaired.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Dr Fuller, & carried unan[imousl]y, that a committee consisting of Mr Nicolls, Mr Cock, Mr Cawsey, Mr Williams, & Mr Pickard, be appointed to repair the hedge.

It was agreed that the Chairman sh[oul]d give a notice to the Cottagers to quit at Xmas 1897.

It was moved by Col Townley, seconded by Mr Pickard, & carried unan[imously], that the Chairman be authorised to obtain blanketing either in a piece or by separate blankets.

Mr Ward was asked to report if Mr Parkhouse w[oul]d like to continue as tenant after Mich[aelmas] 1898.

One cheque was signed.

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13 December 1897

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Colonel Temple, Mr Nicoll, Capt Turner, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Committee appointed to repair the hedge reported progress.

Mr Ward reported that Mr Parkhouse wished to continue as tenant after next Michaelmas but at a reduced rent. It was thought that if the rent is to be reduced there should be an invitation of tenders.

Mr Ward was instructed to report on the condition of the fences on the estate & if necessary to remind Mr Parkhouse of his condition in this respect.

The cases of various applicants for Coxe's Charity were then considered.
The Coxe's List was then revised.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & carried unan[imously], that the Classes be paid 6/- & 5/- a head respectively.
The Dividend to be divided between: Catherine Stoneman, Elizabeth Smith, Ann Gammon, and Sarah Jane Guard.

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14 March 1898

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Colonel Townley, Capt Williams, Mr Cawsey, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Capt Turner, Mr Nicolls, Mr Pickard, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported two vacancies in the Trust by the deaths of Surgeon Gen Fuller & Mr Cock.

The Chairman moved, Mr Pickard seconded, & unan[imously] resolved that the Trustees desire to express their sympathy with Miss Fuller & also with the family of Mr Cock in the loss wh[ic]h they have been called to sustain.

It was moved by Col Temple, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & carried unan[imous]ly, that Capt Gordon be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Surgeon General Fuller.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Capt Turner, & carried unan[imous]ly, that either Mr James Hubert Cock or Mr Frank Cock, or Mr John Beara senr, or Mr Alfred Cornish, be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Robert Cock.

Mr Ward reported that the hedges on the Estate had been partly repaired & that Mr Parkhouse was turning his attention to the completion of the work.

The Wall Committee reported that they had accepted Mr Philip Bowdens tender for building the wall at 7/- per perch.

Mr Ward reported that Mr Parkhouse would like to continue his tenancy after Michaelmas next, provided he could have the Estate at a reduced rent, as he had found it not possible to any longer pay £49 a year.

It was moved by Mr Nicholls, seconded by Mr Pickard, & unanimously resolved that the Chairman be authorised to offer the Estate to Mr Parkhouse if he be willing to take it from next Michaelmas for 3, 5 or 7 years at the rental of £40 a year or thereabouts, subject to usual notice & conditions.

The Chairman reported that arrears of 10/- in Berry & Cholwill had existed for many years, & that there seemed no prospect of its being paid as the old tenant had died & suggested that it be written off. This was agreed to unan[imous]ly.

The Chairman showed that the Cottage tenants on the Estate had not paid any arrears but that the arrears was steadily increasing.

It was moved by Col Temple, seconded by Mr Nicoll, & carried unanimously, that three months notice be given at Lady Day 1898 to the tenants Hookway, Gregory, Stocker to quit the Cottages on the Estate at Post Office Hill.

The A/cs were then audited & passed.

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7 June 1898

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Mr Cawsey, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Nicoll, Capt Gordon, Col Temple, & M.D.

Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Ward reported that the repair of the hedges had not been completed by Mr Parkhouse. It was agreed that a new lease should not be given to Mr Parkhouse unless he w[oul]d guarantee the repair of the hedge.

It was proposed by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Col Temple, & carried unan[imously], that a clause should be inserted into the lease to the effect that should any portion of the estate be required for building purposes at any time, the Trustees should be allowed to enter upon it at the expiration of any year, six months notice having been provided given & that due compensation be paid to the tenants.

The Chairman read the order of approval of Capt Gordon & Mr J.H. Cock as two of the non-official Trustees of these Charities.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & unan[imously] resolved that subject to the above agreement & resolution, the Chairman be authorised to have an agreement drawn between the Trustees and Mr John Parkhouse.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Col Temple, & unan[imously] resolved that notices be issued inviting tenders for the Cottages in Post Office Hill.

The wish was expressed that if necessary the Bailiffs should be put in to secure the rent owing.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Nicholl, & unan[imously] resolved that Mrs Mary Marshall and Mrs Grace Cann be appointed to fill up vacant almshouses.

Mr Cawsey moved, Col Temple seconded, & unan[imously] resolved that the Chairman be authorised to paint the numbers ~?~ on the several doors of the Almshouses to distinguish the Vicars rooms from those of the Trustees, 1 to 4 being the Vicars & 5 to 8 being the Trustees.

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23 June 1898

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Capt Gordon, Capt Turner, Mr Nicoll, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Williams, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman produced a bill from Mr P Bowden for building the wall on the Poor Estate.

There being a discrepancy between it & the original agreement of 6d a perch, the Chairman was authorised to pay the a/c for 7/- a perch.

It was proposed by Capt Williams, seconded by Capt Turner, & unan[imously] resolved that it be entered on the minutes that the above wall which separates the Poor Estate from the Yeo property occupied by Mr W Pickard, is the property of the Northam Charity Trustees.

Mr Nicoll reported that Mr Pickard had called his attention to many loads of debris & roots of trees lying in his yard & which might be removed at the expense of the Trustees.

It was moved by Mr Nicoll, seconded by Col Temple, & unan[imously] resolved that Mr Ward be authorised to cart away all the debris & roots complained of.

Mrs Hookway appeared before the Trustees and stated that her son W.G. Hookway wished to take the Cottage after Midsummer Day.

The Chairman reported that he had received an application from Mr W.G. Hookway to that effect if to become tenant of the cottage occupied by his father Richard Hookway, & that he w[ould] be willing to pay the last half of the previous quarter.

It was moved by Mr Goldsmith, seconded by Mr Nicoll, & unan[imously] resolved that W.G. Hookways application be granted as on Paper A.

Mrs Hookway offered a policy of her husband on the Prudential Assurance Company as security for the arrears & she undertook to pay the weekly premium of 3d. This was accepted on this understanding by the Trustees.

Mrs Gregory appeared and stated that if the Trustees w[ould] continue her & her husband as tenants, they would pay 30/- next week towards arrears. She expressed the wish to pay rent monthly instead of half-yearly. She also stated that of the total arrears the sum of £1.19.0 has been incurred by her mother.

It was moved by Mr Goldsmith, seconded by Col Temple, & unan[imously] resolved that Mr Thomas Gregory be allowed to continue as tenant on the above understanding the rent to be £5.10.0 a year, & to be paid monthly & the arrears to be paid up within a reasonable time.

Mrs Stocker did not appear.

The Chairman reported that Mrs Stocker had given him £2 toward the arrears.

Mr Ward was directed to see her tomorrow & report about her policy, & the rent to be paid monthly.

[AFFIXED INTO MINUTE BOOK]: Paper A

I William George Hookway wish to become tenant of the Cottage occupied at Post Office Hill, Appledore by my father Richard Hookway, and undertake to pay the rent by monthly, quarterly or other payments as may be required by the Charity Trustees, to the same amount as that paid by my father. The tenancy to be quarterly & to commence on 24 June 1898, and I also undertake to pay the half-quarters rent due from the half-quarter to the above named Midsummer Day.

[Signed] William George Hookway, 9 June 1898

[AFFIXED INTO MINUTE BOOK]: Receipt:

Received from Mrs Gregory, the sum of two pounds, being part payment of the deficit due to the Trustees of the Northam Charities, 31 December 1897.

[signed] M.D. Dimond-Churchward, 22 June 1898

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15 September 1898

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Mr Turner, Mr Nicoll, Capt Williams, Col Townley, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that Mrs Gregory had not paid the 30/- she promised wh[ich] was still owing on her rent.
The Chairman was requested to write & ask for it.

It was moved by Col Townley, seconded by Mr Turner, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to obtain the required blanketing either in a piece or by separate blankets.

Mr Ward reported that the furnace at Mr Hookways had become worn out & that a new one was required.
It was moved by Col Temple, seconded by Mr Turner, & resolved that a new furnace cost of about 5/- be provided.

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12 December 1898

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Nicoll, Capt Turner, Col Temple, Mr Cawsey, Col Townley, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had received no payment from the Gregories.
It was decided that the Chairman w[oul]d still press for payment and report at next meeting of Trustees.

The List of Charities was then revised & the cases of fresh applicants were considered.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that the Classes be paid 6/- & 5/- a head respectively.

Mr Ward reported that Mr Parkhouse's sheds required to be repaired. He was instructed to get a mason to do the required work.

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18 April 1899

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Townley, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Nicoll, Capt Turner, Capt Gordon, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Accounts were duly audited & found correct.

The Chairman was authorised to send the Bailiff to the tenants who refused to pay up arrears.

A letter was read from Mr Land offering to negotiate with the Trustees for a lease of Tomouth Estate for building purposes for a term of 99 years at the present poor[?] Rental with the option of purchase at a stated price at any period during such lease.

The Chairman was requested to write to Mr Land asking him to submit a plan of his scheme of building & of the class of house which he proposes to erect, & also to state to Mr Land that the Trustees will be prepared to consider the scheme but that they do not in any way pledge themselves to accept it, or any part of it.

The Cottages were reported by Mr Ward to need painting.

It was agreed that they sh[oul]d have 3 coats on the outside & Mr Ward was instructed to get tenders for the same & to show them to the Chairman.

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19 September 1899

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Capt Gordon, Col Townley, Capt Williams, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the Sec[retar]y of the Telephone Company asking permission to erect poles on the Tomouth Estate & that the Company would pay 1/- a year rental per post.

It was moved by Capt Williams, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that the report of the Telephone Company be agreed to, provided the Company will consent to remove the poles at any time when required so to do.

The Chairman read two letters from the Charity Commission asking the Trustees to authorise the Official Trustee of Charitable Funds to pay the Dividends due & to become due on £8.10.6 & on £18.15.5 to the Trustees Bankers.

It was moved by Col Townley, seconded by Capt Gordon, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to sign the required authority for the Official Trustee of Charitable Funds.

The Chairman said that he w[oul]d require another piece of blanketing.

It was required by Col Temple, seconded by Capt Gordon, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to obtain the required blanketing either in a piece or in separate blankets.

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11 December 1899

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Capt Gordon, Mr Nicoll, Capt Turner, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The cases of fresh applicants were carefully considered.
The List was then revised.

It was moved by Col Townley, seconded by Mr Nicolls, & resolved that the Dividend 3/- each be divided between: Ann Gammon, Sarah Guard, Elizabeth Smith, & Catherine Stoneman.
It was moved by Mr Turner, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that the Classes be paid 5/- & 4/- a head respectively.

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23 March 1900

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Townley, Capt Williams, Mr Nicolls, Capt Turner, Capt Gordon, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that arrears were accumulating on the part of Cottagers & that Stockers arrears had increased during the year by £1.0.0.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that Mrs Frances Stocker be informed that she must give up possession of the Cottage at Midsummer 1900, unless she shall have paid up half of the arrears now due to the Trustees before that date.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that the tenant Gregory be informed that he must give up possession of the Cottage at Midsummer 1900 unless he shall have paid up half arrears now due to the Trustees before that date.

The A/cs for 1899 were then audited.

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29 May 1900

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Townley, Capt Williams, Mr Nicoll, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Col Temple, Capt Gordon, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that Capt Turner had lately died & that there was consequently a vacancy in the Trust.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Goldsmith, & resolved that the Trustees of the Northam Charities desire to record their sincere regret on a/c of the death of Captain Turner & to express their sympathy with Mrs Turner & her family.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Capt Gordon, & resolved that Mr Thomas Bellew be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Captain J.W. Turner.

It was moved by Col Temple, seconded by Capt Gordon, & resolved that in case of Mr Bellew not consenting to act, Mr Macintosh be provisionally appointed to fill the above vacancy.

The Chairman then read a letter from Messrs Harding & Son asking that a portion of Commons to be sold to the Westward Ho! railway might be released from paying the Annuity & that the same Annuity might be paid out of the remaining portion of Commons Farm.

It was moved by Col Temple, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that a reply be sent to Messrs Harding & Son to the effect that the Trustees of the Northam Charities consider that legal opinion should be taken before giving an answer, this they are willing to do if Messrs Harding or their client will be prepared to obviate the necessity of any charge on the Trust.

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10 December 1900

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Col Temple, Mr Pickard, Mr Nicoll, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Cawsey, Mr Bellew, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that according to the Scheme under wh[ich] the Trustees act, there were two vacant seats on the Trust viz: Mr [James Hubert] Cock who had not attended a meeting for 2 consecutive years, & that of Mr Pickard who also had not attended a meeting for two consecutive years.

Mr Pickard protested against this ruling of the Chair. The Chairman affirmed that it was not his ruling, but the Scheme wh[ich] declared the seat vacant & that he was obliged to act according to the Scheme. The Chairman also expressed the hope that Mr Pickard would allow himself to be nominated. This Mr Pickard agreed to do.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that Mr W Pickard be re-elected to fill the vacancy caused by his non-attendance for a consecutive period of two years, & that Mr George Cork of Watertown & (in default of Mr George Cork) that Mr Macintosh of Fordlands, be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the non-attendance of Mr Cock.

The cases of fresh applicants were then carefully considered.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Dividend (12/-) be equally divided between: Ann Gammon, Sarah Jane Guard, Elizabeth Smith & Catherine Stoneman.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Classes 1 & 2 be paid 6/- & 5/- a head respectively.

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13 May 1901

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Col Townley, Mr Bellew, Mr Cork, Col Temple, Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported the approval of the Charity Commissioners of the election of Mr W Pickard and Mr Cork.

The Chairman then presented the A/cs for year 1900 wh[ich] were duly audited & declared correct.

The Chairman reported that the arrears had increased, that Stockers arrears had grown & now amounted to £21.3s.4d.

He inquired what the Trustees wished to do. It was agreed that Gregory, Stocker & Hookway, should be asked to attend a special meeting of Trustees to explain their position.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that a Committee consisting of Mr Cork, Mr Bellew & Rev A.G. Goldsmith inspect Tomouth Estate and report on the condition of the gates and fences.

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17 June 1901

A special meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Capt Gordon, Mr Bellew, Mr Nicholl, Mr Cork, Mr Pickard, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman reported that Hookway still owed the Trustees on rent for Tomouth Cottage £8.13s.3d, & that he had placed in the Trustees hands his assurance delivery for £8.8s.0d as security.

Mr Ward reported that Mrs Gregory was ill. It was decided that her husband sh[oul]d be called upon to pay the amount due from him before Michaelmas next or that a distress sh[oul]d be put in.

Mrs Stocker attended the meeting of Trustees & said that she had no other terms to offer than the letter wh[ich] she wrote to the Chairman. Stocker stated that her daughter, if allowed to remain in the house, would pay her rent weekly.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Bellew, & resolved unanimously that Mrs Stocker be informed that she must quit the tenancy of the Cottage in Tomouth Estate at Michaelmas 1901 & that another tenant shall be secured.

The Sub-Committee reported:

- 1) That the ordinary gates & fences at Tomouth Estate are all in good order.
- 2) That Parkhouse has a piece of ground between the Cottages which he would be willing to exchange with the piece now occupied by the cottage, & that they recommend such exchange.
- 3) Vincents well in the Upper Field needs repair.
- 4) The entrance to the property is open & they suggest that a gate be placed at the entrance.

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16 September 1901

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Capt Gordon, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Cawsey, Mr Cork, Mr Bellew, Mr Nicoll, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had sent order to Mrs Stocker to quit the Cottage on 29 September.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Goldsmith, & resolved that Mr Ward be authorised to send a Bailiff to Mrs Stocker's Cottage unless she quits it at Michaelmas.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Bellew, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to return her Policy to Mrs Hookway on her paying a sum not less than £2.0.0.

The Chairman was asked to write to Mr Vincent & to ask him if he intends removing the pipes from the well. The Trustees & their tenant would expect compensation.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Bellew, & resolved that the well in the Upper Field be repaired & be supplied with an overflow pipe.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Bellew, & resolved that 2 gates or gate & style be placed at the entrance of Tomouth Estate.

The Chairman read a letter from the Sanitary Inspector in the Appledore Poor Estate.

It was agreed that in the opinion of the Trustees, the work of scareying New Street does not belong to them, but to the Urban Council & that should the tenant allow any of the residents in New Street to deposit arter &c outside their walls in his field so as to create a nuisance, the Sanitary Officer should take steps to remove such nuisance.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that the other matters in the Inspectors letter be referred to a Committee to report, such committee to consist of Mr Goldsmith, Mr Nicoll, Mr Bellew, Mr Cork.

It was moved by Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that the Trustees have no objection to release the portion of land taken by the Bideford & W.Ho Railway Company from the payment of the annuity on Commons Farm, but on the understanding that the Trustees shall not be called upon to pay any cost or charge whatever.

It was moved by Col Townley, seconded by Mr Bellew, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to obtain on piece of blanketing.

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31 October 1901

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Capt Williams, Mr Nicolls, Mr Bellew, Mr Cawsey, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had received £2 from Mrs Hookway & that consequently in connection with the resolution passed at the last meeting of Trustees, he had returned to her the insurance policy.

Mr Nicoll gave the report of the sub-co[mmittee]. It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that Mr John Parkhouse's attention be called to the condition of his yard & shipping [shippon] as being in a very neglected state & that he be informed that the Trustees expect him to keep it in proper order & the clear the drains.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the sub-co[mmittee] appointed at the last meeting continue to act & be requested to consider the question of the repair of the Piggery & Cowshed & roof of Coachhouse on Tomouth Estate & be empowered to act provided the total expense not exceed £10 & that they request

Mr Parkhouse to put the doorway of the Coachhouse in good repair.

Mr Ward reported that he had received 6 applications for the Cottage lately occupied by Stocker.

Proposed by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Bellew, & resolved that the application of Capt George Evans be accepted at rent of nine pounds a year, such rent to be paid quarterly, on condition that he sign an agreement to take the house for 3, 5 or 7 years, such tenancy to be terminable by 3 months written notice on either side, or should Capt Evans prefer it, the Cottage might be let to him as a yearly tenant.

The following tenders were received for putting the above Cottage into good order, viz:

Slader, all work - £7.6.0

J Day, painting - £4.2.0

Bartlett, all work - £7.0.0

Proposed by Mr Bellew, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that Mr Sladers tender to do all the work for £7.6.0 be accepted on condition that the house be ready for occupation on 1[?] November 1901.

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31 October 1901

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Capt Gordon, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Pickard, Capt Williams, Mr Bellew, Mr Nicolls, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Goldsmith reported that the committee had received tenders for work proposed to be done at Tomouth & that they exceeded the sum of £10 allowed by the Trustees.

It was moved by Mr Bellew, seconded by Capt Gordon, & resolved that the tender of Mr John Richards to do the required work for £12.10.6 be accepted.

Mr Ward reported that the front door & lower window of Cottage ought to be painted on outside.

It was moved by Rev A.G. Goldsmith, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that this painting be done, & also that the upper window be painted on the outside.

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14 December 1901

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Mr Pickard, Mr Bellew, Capt Gordon, Col Townley, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Cawsey & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The cases of fresh applicants were considered. The list was revised.

The recipients of the Dividend 12/- were to be: Ann Gammon, Elizabeth Smith, Catherine Stoneman, & Sarah Ann (Jane written above) Guard.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that the Classes 1 & 2 be paid 6/- & 5/- a head respectively.

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15 April 1902

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Bellew, Mr Cawsey & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Harry Bayly attended & read the Deed of Release in the Commons Farm & charge thereupon.

It was moved by Chairman, seconded by Mr Goldsmith, & resolved that the Trustees be execute the Deed.

The Deed was then signed by those present.

The A/cs were then audited & passed.

Cheques were signed in forms by Chairman & Mr J Pickard.

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25 June 1902

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Mr Pickard, Mr Bellew, Mr Cock, Capt Gordon, Col Townley, Mr Cawsey & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Messrs Drews a/c for tithe[?] was ordered[?] to repair, so Sladers a/c & Parkhouses a/c & Bowden ~?~.

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13 October 1902

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Col Townley, Mr Cork, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Bellew, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

It was moved by Col Townley, seconded by Mr Pickard, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to obtain the required number of blankets.

The Chairman stated that the closets of the Cottages on Tomouth Estate require renewing & water might be laid on.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that a committee be appointed to consider the matter and to report at a special meeting in November, such committee to consist of Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Cork & Mr Bellew.

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15 December 1902

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Mr Cawsey, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Col Temple, Mr Cork, Mr Bellew, Mr Pickard, Col Townley, Capt Gordon, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The question of accepting tenders was left to the next meeting to be called in January.

The cases of fresh applicants for Coxe's Charity were considered. The list was revised.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Rev A.G. Goldsmith, & resolved that Classes 1 & 2 be paid 5/6 & 4/6 respectively.

It was agreed that the Dividend be divided equally between: Ann Gammon, Elizabeth Smith, Sarah Jane Guard, & Morella Ackland.

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5 February 1903

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Mr Cawsey, Mr Bellew, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Cork, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported the death of Mr W Nicoll & called on the Trustees to nominate a successor.

It was moved by Mr Pickard, seconded by Rev A.G. Goldsmith, & resolved that Mr Thomas Henry Kelly of Pitt Court, Appledore be provisionally appointed Trustee in place of the late Mr Wm Nicoll.

Tenders for work at the Cottages were opened:

John Beara £13.10.0.

J.T. Slader £10.10.0.

It was moved by Mr Cork, seconded by Mr Bellew, & resolved that the tender of Slader & Richards be accepted. Work to be done subject to approval of Surveyor & Trustees.

Mr Richards tendered also for new cement floor for £1.3.6. This was accepted.

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3 March 1903

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Capt Williams, Col Townley, Mr Cawsey, Mr J.H. Kelly, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Capt Gordon, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that Mr T.H. Kelly had consented to act as a Trustee.

The Chairman read the report of the Inspector of Nuisances as to what was required to be done at the Tomouth Cottages.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that a new drain be put to the Cottages on the Tomouth Estate under the supervision of the Appledore Trustees.

It was moved by Mr Goldsmith, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that tenders be invited for asphaltting the yard.

The Chairman was authorised to pay £1.4.0. for water connection.

The Chairman produced tender from Walter[?] & Lock for laying on water to the Almshouse at Northam.

He was asked to invite tenders from Slader, Beara, & Stevens.

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26 March 1903

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Capt Gordon, Mr Kelly, Mr Bellew, Mr Cawsey, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Appledore Committee reported that they had accepted the tender from Mr Philip Bowden for cementing the yard of Cottages on Tomouth Estate & that the work was proceeding.

The report was accepted.

The Chairman stated that he had received tenders from Stevens & Slader for carrying[?] water[?] to Alms house but that he had omitted to bring them.

It was unan[imousl]y agreed that the Chairman be authorised to accept the lowest tender for laying water on to the Alms house.

The A/cs were then audited.

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24 September 1903

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Mr Cork, Mr Bellew, Mr Pickard, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

It was moved by Mr Bellew, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to purchase a piece of blanketing.

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14 December 1903

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Col Temple, Mr Pickard, Mr Cork, Mr Bellew, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Kelly, Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The cases of fresh applicants for Coxe's Charity were considered.
The List of Recipients of Coxe's Charity was then revised.
It was agreed that the Dividend sh[oul]d be equally divided between: Elizabeth Smith, Norella Ackland, Jane Tamlyn, and Mary Pow.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Temple, & unan[imousl]y resolved that Classes 1 & 2 be paid 5/- & 4/- each respectively.

The Chairman reported a vacancy in the Almshouse thru death of Grace Cann.
It was moved by Mr Kelly, seconded by Mr Bellew, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to renovate the Almshouse lately occupied by Grace Cann, & also that he be asked to invite applications by public notice.

It was moved by Mr Goldsmith, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that the rent of the two smaller cottages in Myrtle St, Appledore be raised from the present annual rent of £5.10 to the annual rent of £6.10, to be paid quarterly & that such increase of rent shall commence on Lady Day 1904, & that proper notice thereof be given to the tenants at Lady Day.

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24 March 1904

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Capt Gordon, Mr Pickard, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Kelly, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chair[man] reported that he had received the applications for the vacant Almshouse.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Goldsmith, & resolved that the vacant Almshouse be given to Charlotte Fry who must not have her grandchild with her, & in default of Charlotte Fry, it shall be given to Mrs Cockwill.

The Chairman reported that the outside of the Almshouse needed painting & that he had received a tender fr[om] Mr Pye to do the work for the sum of £2.13.0.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Capt Gordon, & resolved that Mr Pye's tender be accepted.

The A/cs were audited & found correct.

The Chairman reported that Mrs Gregory owed £4.19.6 as arrears. Mr Kelly undertook to try and recover all those appears.

The Chairman reported that Mr Lock's tenancy of shop in Tower St[reet] had come to an end and that Miss Lock had applied to take the shop in succession to her father.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that Miss Lock's application be accepted & that she be the tenant in the shop instead of her father Mr T Lock, at rent of eight pounds a year, such rent to be paid quarterly.

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12 December 1904

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Col Temple, Mr Pickard, Mr Bellew, Mr Cawsey, Mr Cork, Rev A.G. Goldsmith, Mr Kelly, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a letter from the Architect of the County Council asking if the Education Committee might enter upon Tomouth Estate for the purpose of making a plan of site for a new proposed school at Appledore.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Architect of the County Council be asked to state definitely on what part of the Estate a site w[oul]d be required, as the Trustees are thoroughly opposed to a site being taken in any part of the Estate.

The cases of applicants for Cock's Charity were then carefully considered.

It was agreed that the Dividend should be equally divided between: Elizabeth Smith, Morella Ackland, Jane Hamlyn, & Mary Pow.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr W Cawsey, & resolved that Classes 1 & 2 be paid 5/- & 4/- each respectively.

The Chairman stated that he thought that it w[oul]d be better not to pay the cheques as before to the schools as he had had no report from the County Council about whether they intended to claim anything as endowments. It was unan[imous]ly decided to act on the Chairmans suggestion.

Two cheques were signed, one for the Coxes Charity, & the other for the Chairman for money advanced.

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18 May 1905

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Mr Pickard, Mr Kelly, Mr Cork, Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that Mr Parkhouse's lease w[oul]d terminate on 29 Sept & that Mr Parkhouse had signified this Mr Ward his desire to continue the tenancy on same terms as before.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that before finally considering Mr Parkhouse's application, a committee consisting of Mr Cawsey, Mr Kelly, Mr Cork be appointed to look at the fences, gates & general condition of the estate & to report thereon at a special meeting to be held in June.

[It was] moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that the tenants Hookway & Gregory be informed that they must quit their respective cottages on Post Office Hill, Appledore at Michaelmas.

The Chairman reported that Capt Williams had ceased to be a Trustee as he failed to attend a meeting of Trustees for a space of two years, & that another vacancy had occurred owing to resignation of Rev A.G. Goldsmith [N.B. He emigrated to Melbourne, and died in Kobe].

The annual audit of the accounts then took place and the Balance sheet was found correct.

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19 June 1905

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Capt Gordon, Mr Kelly, Mr Pickard, Col Temple, Mr Cawsey, Mr Cork, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a letter from the Charity Commissioners stating that Capt Williams is no longer entitled to act as Trustee having failed to attend a meeting of Trustees during a consecutive period of two years.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved nem con [i.e. nemine contradicente: no-one disagreeing] that Mr Edward Williams be provisionally re-elected to fill the vacancy caused by his not having attended a meeting of Trustees during a consecutive period of 2 years.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Cork, & resolved unan[imous]ly that Rev George Scholey the vicar of Appledore be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev A.G. Goldsmith the late vicar of Appledore.

The Chairman then proceeded to read the report of the sub-committee which had been appointed to report on the Estate.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that a committee of the whole of the Trustees should meet on the Estate to decide what is absolutely to be done.

It was agreed to meet at Post Office Hill, Appledore on Thursday morning at 11am.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to obtain a piece of blanketing.

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22 June 1905

The Trustees met in committee at Post Office Hill, Appledore at 11am.
Present: Col Temple, Capt Gordon, Rev G Scholey, Mr Cork, Mr Cawsey, Mr Pickard, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward.

The Cottage lately inhabited by Mrs Pratt was carefully inspected, it needed repair wh[ich] was agreed to be done.

The other cottages were inspected & seemed in fairly good order.

Mr Ward was instructed to draw up specifications for the repairs. The largest cottage to be papered & painted inside & outside.

The Estate was then inspected and all the recommendations of the sub-committee were accepted.

It was agreed that the three Cottages should be let to Mr Parkhouse for the sum of £18 a year, he to pay rates & taxes and to keep the cottages in good repair, wear & tear excepted.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that a sub-com[mittee] consisting of Mr Cawsey, Mr Cork, & Mr Kelly be appointed to mark trees for sale in the course of the autumn & to report to a meeting of Trustees any price that might be offered. Mr Cork to be the convener.

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7 September 1905

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Townley, Capt Gordon, Mr Kelly, Col Temple, Rev G Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair, & Mr Cawsey.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

Tenders for repairs on Tomouth Estate were then opened & were as follows:

Mr J.L. Richard[s] - £4.5.0.

Mr Philip Bowden - £3.5.0.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the tender of Mr Philip Bowden be accepted.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that Mr Parkhouse be asked if he be willing to continue the old Lease wh[ich] is now expiring, & that in case he declines, a new Lease be prepared.

The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary of the Devon County Education Authority offering to buy a site for a proposed New Council School on the Tomouth Estate, such site to be about half an acre, for which payment w[oul]d be made at the rate of £100 per acre.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Trustees are not prepared to accept the proposal of the Devon County Education Committee because, firstly they are of opinion that the Tomouth Estate might before long be developed as a Building Property for the good of the widows of Northam & Appledore which development would be very much depreciated by the building of a large school on the property, and secondly the Trustees could not entertain the idea of so small a sum as £100 per acre in payment of the said site.

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19 October 1905

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Mr Cawsey, Mr Bellew, Mr Kelly, Mr Cork, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman was asked to write to Mr Parkhouse and ask him to put up the post & stile without delay.

Mr R.H. Bazeley attended for the purpose of reading the new Lease granted to Mr Parkhouse & of obtaining the signatures of Trustees.

The Chairman placed before the Trustees a letter received from the Charity Commission with a Draft of proposed Order under Board of Education Act 1902 determining Educational Endowments.

The Chairman was asked to inquire if the Charity Commission will tell him the principle of the determination of the Endowments.

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24 November 1905

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vicarage at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Col Townley, Mr Cawsey, Rev G Scholey, Capt Gordon, Mr Cork, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had heard from the Charity Commission who were pressing[?] for a reply to their letter of 25 October.

The Chairman moved, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Trustees have no amendment to support[?] to the proposed order.

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11 December 1905

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Rev G Scholey, Col Townley, Col Temple, Mr Kelly, Captain Gordon, Mr Bellew, Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

Mr Guy attended the meeting and asked the Trustees about the Title Deed of the property for wh[ich] he pays £10.10 a year.

It was agreed that he ought to have given another his cop[ie]s. The Chairman will get the Deed & ask Mr Guy to attend a future meeting.

The Coxe's List was then carefully gone through.

Cases of fresh applicants were considered.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that each case sh[oul]d be considered on its merits & should be reconsidered every year.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that Classes 1 & 2 be paid 5/- & 4/- each respectively.

It was agreed that the Dividend sh[oul]d be divided equally between: Elizabeth Smith, Morella Ackland, Mary Pow, & Mary Ann Gregory.

The tenders for trees were then opened & were as follows:

Mr P.K. Harris - £8.0.0.

R Cock & Co - £7.0.0.

but neither tender was accepted.

The Trustees passed a vote of sympathy with Mr Pickard in his illness.

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23 February 1906

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Captain Gordon, Mr Cawsey, Rev G Scholey, Mr Cork, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

It was reported that Mr P.K. Harris had stated that he w[oul]d give £10 for the trees thereby raising his tender by £2.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Cork, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to sell the trees to Mr P.K. Harris if he will give £11 & undertake their removal before 15 April.

The Chairman read a letter from the County Education Committee regarding the selling of a site for the proposed Appledore School.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Capt Gordon, & resolved that the Chairman place the matter before the Charity Commissioners so as to obtain their views. The Chairman placed on the table the Certificate of approval of Rev G Scholey as new official Trustee.

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17 March 1906

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Mr Cawsey, Mr Kelly, Rev Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a letter from the Charity Commission respecting the proposed sale of site.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to call in Mr Groves Cooper to survey the proposed site and to advise the Trustees with regard to price wh[ich] it is worth, due consideration being directed to any compensation that ought to be asked for the depreciation of the value of the remaining portion of the Tomouth Estate.

Mr Cawsey, Mr Kelly & Rev G Scholey to meet the Surveyor.

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21 April 1906

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Capt Gordon, Col Townley, Mr Cawsey, Col Temple, Mr Kelly, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a report from Messrs Groves Cooper & Co in respect of the proposed site of school at Appledore.

The Chairman also reported that he had received a Provisional order from the County Council that the site w[oul]d be purchased by compulsion.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Trustees are willing to sell the proposed site to the County Council for the building a school for the sum of £350, subject to the approval of the Charity Commissioners, & on condition that the piece of ground so selected be enclosed as suggested by the Trustees' Surveyor in his report, by a wall of at least 8 feet in height, & also that no lights be opened out on the remainder of the Estate.

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21 May 1906

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.
Present: Rev G Scholey, Capt Gordon, Mr Cork, Mr Kelly, Mr G Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Accounts were audited & declared all right.

The Chairman reported that there was a vacancy to be filled up in the Trust owing to the death of Mr W Pickard.

It was moved by Mr Cork, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that Mr William Popham of Bude Street Appledore be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr W Pickard.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that the Chairman be allowed to obtain necessary blanketing.

Cheques were signed.

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4 October 1906

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Colonel Townley, Col Temple, Mr Cork, Mr Popham, Mr Cawsey, Rev G Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that there was a vacant Almshouse on a/c of the death of Betsy Hearn.

He also reported that the room needed to be painted and colored.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to have the vacant Almshouse painted and colored.

The Chairman report[e]d that he had advertised the room for applicants & had received three applications, viz: from Elizabeth Hearn, Eln~?~ ~?~, & Sarah Jenkins.

It was moved by Mr Cork, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that Elizabeth Hearn be appointed to the Alms House vacated by the death of Betsy Hearn, her tenancy thereof to be determined at any time by the Chairman, should the said Elizabeth Hearn show incompatibility of temperance.

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10 December 1906

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Col Temple, Mr Bellew, Capt Popham, Capt Gordon, Mr Cork, Mr Kelly, Mr Cawsey, Rev G Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Fresh applications were considered, the Cock's List was revised.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Classes 1 & 2 be paid 6/- & 5/- each respectively.

It was agreed that the Dividend sh[oul]d be equally divided between: Morella Ackland, Mary Pow, Mary Ann Gregory, and Susanna Bartlett.

Cheques were signed.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Bellew, & resolved that the Chairman should tell Mr P.K. Harris that the Trees must be taken down and removed from the Tomouth Estate before 1 March 1907.

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5 February 1907

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Townley, Mr Cawsey, Capt Popham, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman stated that Mr Phillimore would hold an inquiry in the Vestry Room on Thursday 7 March 1907 at 9:30am.

The Chairman also stated that he had received a letter from Messrs Smythe Richards Co suggesting an alternative site for the proposed School at Appledore.
It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that the Chairman be requested to arrange with Messrs Smythe Richard Co to meet on the estate and discuss the question of the proposed site for the Appledore School.

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16 February 1907

A meeting of Trustees was held on the Estate at Appledore at 3pm to meet Mr Smythe Richards.
Present: Preb. Dimond-Churchward, Capt Gordon, Capt Popham, Rev G Scholey, Mr Kelly, Mr Cork, Mr Cawsey.

Mr Smythe Richards said the County Council w[oul]d he thought be prepared to purchase the alternative site if the price were not so high as in the other case.
The Trustees suggested £250. Mr Smythe Richards thought £200 w[oul]d be sufficient. The Trustees felt they c[oul]d not go below £250, so the parties separated as no business c[oul]d be done.

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13 May 1907

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Townley, Capt Gordon, Mr Kelly, Mr Cork, Capt Popham, Rev G Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman reported that Mr Phillimore had held his inquiry in the Vestry Room on 7 March at 9:30am.

The Accounts were then audited & found correct.

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24 October 1907

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Temple, Capt Popham, Capt Gordon, Mr Cawsey, Rev G Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he needed some blankets for district utim[?].
It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Capt Gordon, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to provide the necessary blankets.

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9 December 1907

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Mr Cawsey, Col Townley, Col Temple, Capt Gordon, Mr Bellew, Mr Cork, Mr Kelly, Capt Popham, Rev G Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The cases of fresh applicants were considered. The List was then revised.

The Chairman reported that two of the old women among whom the dividend was divided had died.

[N.B. probably: Mary Ann Gregory, buried May 1920 at Appledore, and Morella Ackland, buried Dec 1920 at Appledore].

The Dividend list was then revised & it was agreed that the Dividend w[oul]d be divided equally between: Mary Pow, Mary Ann Hookway, Ann Andrews, & Ann Elizabeth Hamlyn. It was moved by Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Classes 1 & 2 be paid 6/- & 5/- respectively.

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14 March 1908

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Temple, Mr Cork, Mr Bellew, Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that Miss Lock had given notice that she w[oul]d give up the tenancy of the shop at Lady Day 1908, & that he had received applications from Mr Peters of Bideford and Miss Glover of Northam.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that Miss Glover be accepted as tenant of the shop at the annual rental of £8, the rent to be paid quarterly, such tenancy to be terminable by a three months written notice on either side.

A letter was read from Mr Harris offering to buy a piece of Tomouth Estate for a Cottage. It was moved by Col Temple, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that a sub-committee be appointed to meet Mr Harris & to consider his application & to report. The sub-committee appointed to consist of Mr Cawsey, Mr Cork, Mr Bellew.

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22 May 1908

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Capt Gordon, Capt Popham, Mr Cawsey, Rev G Scholey, Mr Kelly, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The sub-committee appointed at the last meeting reported thru Mr Cawsey that they had seen Mr Harris & considered the matter & that they cannot recommend the Trustees to sell a piece of land to Mr P.K. Harris.

The Chairman then stated that he thought the time was come when the Trustees might again consider the whole question of laying out the Estate at Tomouth for building sites. He w[oul]d like the Trustees to authorise him to consider this matter with Mr Smith so as to lay some scheme before the Trustees.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to consult Mr Smith (Architect) about laying out the Tomouth Estate for building purposes, but not to incur more than very little expense.

The accounts for year 1907 were audited.

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8 October 1908

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Temple, Rev G Scholey, Mr Kelly, Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman having reported that a piece of blanketing was required, it was moved by Rev G Scholey, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to purchase one piece of blanketing.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that two Almshouses be colourwashed & painted &c.

[It was] moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that Sarah Jenkins be appointed to the vacant Almshouse, but that she shall remain there only so long as her conduct gives satisfaction to the Chairman.

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14 December 1908

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Mr Bellew, Capt Popham, Mr Cork, Rev G Scholey, Mr Kelly, Mr Cawsey, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The cases of fresh applicants were carefully considered.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that all the special cases be reconsidered next year with the view of reducing such a list to not more than nine.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the two Classes be paid 6/- & 5/- each respectively.

It was agreed that the Dividend should be divided equally between: Ann Andrews, Ann Elizabeth Hamlyn, Mary Ann Hookway, & Elizabeth Stoye.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that all special cases shall be granted for one year only, & that this be added to the rules.

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8 June 1909

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Capt Popham, Mr Kelly, Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had received from Messrs Groves Cooper an a/c for £3.3.0 for surveying the site proposed by the County Council for a new school at Appledore.

It was moved by Mr Kelly, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Chairman be asked to inquire of the County Council whether they will pay at least half of Messrs G. Cooper & Co's charge & that Messrs Groves Cooper be asked to lower their charge.

The A/cs for 1908 were then audited & found correct.
A cheque was signed.

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13 December 1909

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Rev G Scholey, Capt Gordon, Mr Cork, Capt Popham, Mr Bellew, Mr Kelly, Col Temple, Mr Cawsey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that the Council declined to pay any part of Messrs Groves Cooper & Co's a/c & that Messrs Groves Cooper declined to make any reduction.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that Messrs Groves Cooper & Co's a/c be paid.

The Chairman reported that he had purchased a piece of blanketing, but that he had not been able to call a meeting before so doing.
It was moved by Mr Cork, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that the Chairmans action be confirmed & that Mr Beara's A/c be paid.

The cases of fresh applicants were considered. The List was then revised.
It was unan[imous]ly agreed that the Dividend sh[oul]d be divided as last year between: Ann Andrews, Ann Elizabeth Hamlyn, Mary Ann Hookway, & Elizabeth Stoyle.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cork, & resolved that the Classes be paid 6/- & 5/- each respectively.

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17 May 1910

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Temple, Mr Kelly, Capt Gordon, Col Townley, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The A/cs for 1909 were audited & found correct.

Cheques were signed.

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8 September 1910

11am - A meeting of Trustees was held in Vestry Room, Northam.

Present: Col Temple, Capt Gordon, Mr Cawsey, Mr Cork, Capt Popham, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Cork, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to purchase a piece of blanketing.

The Trustees carefully considered the Returns on Duties on Land Values.

[It was] moved by Mr Cork, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that Mr Ward be asked to fill up the returns on the Cottages.

It was agreed that the Chairman be authorised to have the shop in Tower St[reet] Northam painted.

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20 October 1910

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Rev G Scholey, Capt Gordon, Mr Cork, Mr Cawsey, Capt Popham, Mr Bellew, Col Temple, Mr Kelly, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman brought forward a proposal from the Northam Urban Council to allow the Council to make a new road access thru Tomouth Estate.

It was moved by Mr Cork, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that the Trustees adjourn the meeting to this afternoon at 4.30 when they shall meet at Post Office Hill, Appledore.

The adjourned meeting of Trustees was held at the Tomouth Estate at 4.30. There were present: Mr Cawsey, Rev G Scholey, Mr Bellew, Mr Cork, Capt Popham, Mr Kelly, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward.

After careful consideration it was agreed that the Chairman sh[oul]d write and ask the Commissioners if they w[oul]d approve of such a road being made & on what terms.

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7 November 1910

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Capt Gordon, Mr Cawsey, Mr Cork, Capt Popham, Rev G Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had put the suggestion about the proposed New Road before the Charity Commissioners & had received a reply which he then read.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that Messrs Groves Cooper be requested to report on the proposed new road especially dealing with the questions suggested in the letter from the Charity Commissioners.

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13 December 1910

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Mr Cawsey, Mr Cork, Rev G Scholey, Capt Gordon, Capt Popham, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman asked that he might pay Beara's a/c for blanketing, this was agreed to.

The cases of new applicants were then considered.

The old list was revised.

The following were chosen for the Dividend: Ann Andrews, Ann Elizabeth Hamlyn, Mary Ann Hookway, & Mary Jane Balsdon in place of Elizabeth Stoye deceased.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the 2 Classes be paid 6/- & 5/- each respectively.

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7 February 1911

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Capt Gordon, Rev G Scholey, Mr Cawsey, Capt Popham, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read the report of Messrs Groves Cooper respecting the proposed sale of part of Tomouth for the making a new road to Appledore.

After careful consideration the report was referred back as the Trustees thought the charge suggested was rather too high.

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27 March 1911

At 11am a meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam.

Present: Col Townley, Capt Gordon, Mr Cawsey, Mr Kelly, Mr Cork, Mr Bellew, Capt Popham, Rev G Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the Ecclesiastical Commission enclosing the report from Messrs Groves Cooper & Stapledon & Powell. The Secretary of the

Charity Commission said "I am directed to say that the Trustees may endeavour to obtain from the Council an offer upon the lines indicated in the report & sh[oul]d then submit to this office.

After full consideration, it was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Bellew, & resolved that the Urban Council be allowed to make the road on the conditions suggested in the report of Messrs Groves Cooper Stapledon & Powell, together with the further conditions that the said road wh[oul]d be properly channelled, drained & provided with a public sewer.

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13 June 1911

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Mr Cawsey, Mr Kelly, Col Temple, Capt Gordon, Rev G Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a letter from Messrs Groves Cooper Stapledon &c, asking whether the Trustees w[oul]d be willing to extinguish its payment of (~?~ Charity) 13/4 a year and on what terms.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Charity Commissioners be asked if there wo[ul]d be any object in this principle[?] being con~?~ted.

It was moved by Mr Kelly, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to obtain the necessary blanketing.

The accounts for 1910 were then audited and found correct with a balance in hand of £62.10.1.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Mr Hookway complaining of his cottage being in need of repair.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Capt Gordon, & resolved that the question of the condition of Hookway's Cottage be referred to a committee consisting of Rev G Scholey, Mr Kelly, & Mr Cawsey, such committee to report.

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3 July 1911

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Col Townley, Capt Gordon, Mr Cawsey, Mr Cork, Rev G Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The sub-committee reported that the Cottage tenanted by Mr Hookway needs repair as the floor in the Parlour is quite decayed, & the committee recommends that the old floor sh[oul]d be taken away & that it be substituted by a cement floor.

It was moved by Rev G Scholey, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that the report of the sub-co[mmittee] be received & adopted - the wood floor to be replaced by cement.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cork, & resolved that Mr Scholey and the sub-committee be authorised to obtain tenders to get the work done without delay.

The Chairman read the reply from the Charity Commission to his letter respecting the application of Messrs Groves Cooper & Co that the payment of Mules Gift might be relinquished.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to obtain an order from the Charity Commission for the redemption of the Mules Gift, or any other sh[oul]d such be required, in consideration of a transfer into the names of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds of a series of consols sufficient to produce in Dividends the yearly sum of the said Charity so proposed to redeem.

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3 October 1911

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Townley, Col Temple, Capt Gordon, Mr Cawsey, Mr Kelly, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the Charity Commission asking what shall be done with the Dividend to be derived from the sum of £26.13.4 wh[ich] had been paid to the Official Trustees of the Charitable Funds.

It was moved by Mr Kelly, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds be requested to pay the Dividend for the sum of £26.13.4, paid to them on a/c of the Mules (Northam) & other Charities, to the A/c of the Trustees of the said Charities with the National Provincial Bank at Bideford, Devon.

It was moved by Col Temple, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to sign the request to the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds for remittance of Dividends.

Mr Kelly speaking for the sub-com[mittee] said that the floor had not been paid & that the tenant rather wished the wood floor to be repaired.

It was decided that the sub-com[mittee] sh[oul]d invite tenders for a cement floor wh[ich] had been decided upon after full discussions by the Trustees in July last.

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[LETTER INSERTED HERE FROM CHARITY COMMISSION, WITH ENVELOPE]

5 October 1911

Ref: O 19130 - Charities of Mules & others

Rev Sir,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 4th inst, with enclosure.

The £26.13.4 Consols represents the redemption by Mrs Openshaw's Trustees of a rent charge of 13/5.

I am, Rev Sir, your obedient servant,
Henry W.T. Bowyear, secretary.

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11 December 1911

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Mr Bellew, Capt Popham, Mr Cork, Mr Kelly, Capt Gordon, Mr Cawsey, Rev G Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Kelly reported that the repairing of the floor of the Cottage on Tomouth Estate had been properly carried out as desired.

The cases of fresh applicants were considered.

The List of Coxe's Charity was revised.

For the Dividend it was decided that Mary Ann Rapson should take place of Mary Ann Hookway deceased.

It was decided that at present no change sh[oul]d be made in the Classes on a/c of old age pensions.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Bellew, & resolved that the recipients in Classes 1 & 2 should be paid 7/6 & 6/6 each respectively.

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25 June 1912

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Mr Cawsey, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The A/cs for 1911 were then audited and found correct with a bal[ance] in hand of £66.19.2½.

It was proposed by Col Townley, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Chairman be authorised to order a piece of blanketing.

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17 October 1912

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Capt Gordon, Mr Cawsey, Mr Kelly, Capt Popham, Mr Bellew, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Kelly reported that the Cottages badly needed repair.
It was considered amicable that Mr Parkhouses agreement should be before the Trustees & it was agreed that the repairs of the Cottages be carried out as far as the rights of the landlords are concerned.
It was moved by Mr Bellew, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the expenditure of £3 for repair of Cottage lately occupied by Mr Hookway be allowed. This was referred to Mr Kelly & Capt Popham.

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16 December 1912

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

It was moved by Mr Scholey, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that on account of the National Insurance having come into operation, the Classes 1 & 2 should be reversed & that all who receive Old Age Pensions should as recipients of this Charity, be placed in Class 2 & those who receive Parish Pay sh[oul]d be placed in Class 1.

It was further resolved that Rule 8 be altered & be read in future as follows "That Boys and Girls shall remain on the List till they shall have left the Elementary School.

The cases of fresh applicants were carefully considered.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that the Classes 1 & 2 be paid 7/6 & 6/6 a head respectively.

The 12/- Dividend to be given to: Ann Andrews, Ann Elizabeth Hamlyn, Mary Jane Balsdon, & Mary A Rapson.

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19 June 1913

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Working Mens Club Rooms, Northam at 11am.
Present: Col Temple, Col Townley, Mr Cawsey, Mr Cork, Captain Popham, Mr Kelly, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman stated that he had received an A/c from Messrs Groves Cooper & Stapledon for valuing the Estate on the occasion of the Urban Council applying for a new Road. It was agreed that the A/c should be referred to the Urban Council.

It was moved by Mr Kelly, seconded by Mr Cork, & resolved that the Chairman be allowed the required amount of blanketing or blankets.

Mr Kelly reported that a wall in a shed on the Tomouth Estate had become dangerous. It was moved by Mr Cork, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that a committee be appointed to consist of Mr Cawsey, Mr Kelly, & Capt Popham to examine the wall with power to deal.

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22 August 1913

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam on Friday 22 August 1913 at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Col Townley, Mr Kelly, Capt Popham, Mr Cork, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Kelly reported that the sub-committee had accepted Mr Bowdens tender to repair the wall for £6,10.0 & that the work was finished.

The Chairman reported that the annual A/c was audited at the last meeting and that he forgot to enter it on the minutes.

The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary of the Northam Urban Council asking whether the Trustees would be disposed to sell the Tomouth Estate to the Urban Council for the purpose of their providing Cottages for the working classes.

It was moved by Col Temple, seconded by Mr Kelly, & resolved that the Chairman be requested to bring this matter before the Charity Commission asking them if they will agree to the sale of the Property to the Northam Urban District Council for the purpose of providing new houses for Appledore, provided they can agree upon a price.

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4 September 1913

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Mr Cawsey, Mr Kelly, Capt Gordon, Col Temple, Rev G Scholey, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a reply from the Charity Commissioners.

It was agreed that application sh[oul]d be made to the Council asking what price they w[oul]d give for the whole Tomouth Estate with reference to their Scheme for the expansion of Appledore.

The Trustees were of opinion that the Council ought to pay a moiety of Messrs Groves-Coopers bill for the survey of the Tomouth Estate in 1910 & 1911 in connection with the proposal to cut a road thro the said estate.

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30 October 1913

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Townley, Capt Gordon, Mr Cawsey, Captain Popham, Col Temple, & M.D.

Dimond-Churchward in the chair, & Rev G Scholey & Mr Kelly.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read letters from the Charity Commission.

It was moved by Rev G Scholey, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Trustees are satisfied with their mode of keeping the A/cs & do not wish any alteration.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Northam Urban Council offering to purchase the Tomouth Estate at the rate of £90 per acre on the assumption that it is purchased subject to no restriction.

It was moved by Rev G Scholey, seconded by Col Townley, & resolved that the offer of the Northam Urban Council be not entertained as the Trustees considered that the price offered is not half the value of the Estate.

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15 December 1913

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room at 11am.

Present: Mr Cawsey, Rev G Scholey, Mr Cork, Mr Kelly, Captain Popham, Colonel Temple, Colonel Townley, M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a letter from the Clerk of the Northam Urban Council declining to offer more than £90 per acre for the purchasing the Tomouth Estate.

The cases of fresh applicants were carefully considered.

The Coxe's List was revised.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cork, & resolved that the Classes be paid respectively 7/6 & 6/6 a head.

It was agreed that the 12/- Dividend sh[oul]d be equally divided between: Ann Andrews, Mary Jane Balsdon, Mary A Rapson, & Sarah Jane Scilly.

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13 February 1914

A meeting of Charity Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Mr Cawsey, Col Temple, Capt Gordon, Mr Cork, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman read a letter from the Clerk of the Urban Council of Northam suggesting that the Trustees sh[oul]d meet the Housing Sub-committee of the Housing Committee.
It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cork, & resolved that the Trustees agree to meet the Urban Council's Housing Sub-committee on Wed next, 18 February at 3pm.

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19 March 1914

A meeting of Charity Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.
Present: Captain Gordon, Mr Kelly, Mr Cawsey, Mr Cork, Col Temple, Rev G Scholey, M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.
The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that the Trustees had met the Urban Council Housing Committee and they had agreed to inquire whether the Charity Commission w[oul]d agree to the Trustees charging a sum equivalent to the net rent bef[ore?] capitalised.
The Chairman then reported that he had written to the Commissioners & that he had received a letter which he proceeded to read.
It was agreed that the Urban Council should be asked, if so required to purchase the estate, to make a different offer which might be placed before the Commissioners for their approval.

The Chairman then reported that there was a vacancy in the Trust on a/c of the death of Captain Popham.
The Chairman gave notice that the election of a ~?~ to Capt Popham shall be made at the next meeting.

The Chairman reported the sudden death of the late Clerk Mr Ward at the advanced age of 91 years.

It was moved by Mr Cork, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved unan[imousl]y that Mr Charles Frederick Saunders be appointed Clerk in succession to Mr William Ward at a salary of five percent on sum collected. He should attend the meet[in]gs of the Trustees and supply any plans that might be required.

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14 December 1914

A meeting of Trustees was held at Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Mr Cawsey, Rev G Scholey, Mr Cork, Col Temple, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman reported that he had not called a meeting of Trustees in the autumn on a/c of the War.

He had ordered the necessary blanketing from Mr Beara but it would cost nearly £3 more than in 1913.

It was moved by Mr Cork, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

The cases of fresh applicants were then carefully considered.

The Cocke's Lists were then carefully revised.

The Chairman then called on the Trustees to proceed to the election of a new Trustee in succession to Captain Popham whose seat on the Trust had been declared vacant at the last meeting of Trustees.

It was moved by Mr Cork, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that Mr John Beara of The Quay Appledore be nominated a Trustee of the Northam Charities in succession to Captain Popham deceased.

Mr Saunders reported that the roof of one of the Cottages needed repair.

It was agreed that Mr Cork & Rev G Scholey be a sub-committee to look into the matter & to provide for the work to be done.

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28 May 1915

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Temple, Capt Gordon, Rev G Scholey, Mr Kelly, Mr Cork, M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Cork & Mr Scholey reported that they had had the Cottage temporarily repaired.

Tenders were opened for repairs at Tomouth. They were not considered satisfactory.

It was moved by Mr Cork, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that fresh tenders be invited for work to be done on the Cottage & Coach House Tomouth.

It was moved by Mr Cork, seconded by Col Temple, & resolved that tenders be invited for painting the Cottages at Tomouth.

On motion of Mr Kelly it was agreed that the Trustees sh[oul]d meet on an early day at Tomouth.

The accounts were then audited & passed.

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28 June 1915

As arranged a meeting of Trustees was held on ~?~ ~?~ at the Estate, Mr Saunders was asked to invite tenders.

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28 June 1915

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Rev G Scholey, Captain Gordon, Col Temple, and M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

Minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had received two tenders for the work agreed to be done at Tomouth.

On opening, the tenders were:

(1) Mr John Lambates Richards for £25.5.0.

(2) Mr Philip Bowden for £26.10.6.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Rev G Scholey, & resolved that the tender of Mr J Lambates Richard[s] be accepted for £25.5.0.

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25 October 1915

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Capt Gordon, Mr Cawsey, Col Temple, Mr Kelly, Mr Beara, & M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair.

The Chairman cordially welcomed Mr Beara the new member of the Trust.

The minutes were then read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had purchased blankets as the ladies had reported they were not quite satisfied with the blankets wh[ich] had been sent.

It was moved by Mr Kelly, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Chairman's action in the matter of blankets be confirmed.

The Chairman reported the seat of Mr Bellew on the Trust to be vacant as he had been absent over two years.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Capt Gordon, & resolved that Colonel Bennet be nominated a Trustee in place on the trust vacated by Mr Bellew.

The Chairman reported that a vacancy had occurred in the Almshouse Northam on a/c of the death of a ~?~ing.

The Chairman then moved, & Mr Kelly seconded, & resolved that Mrs Buse of Appledore be appointed to the vacant Almshouse.

The Clerk reported that the work had been satisfactorily finished at Tomouth by Mr J.L. Richards.

He sent in an account for £1.5.0 for looking after the work.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, this sum was agreed to be paid.

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13 December 1915

A meeting of Trustees was held in Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair, Mr Cawsey, Mr Kelly, Mr Cork, Capt Gordon, Col Temple.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman read a letter wh[ich] he had received from the Clerk of the Northam Council objecting to the election of Col Bennet to be a member of the Trustees on the ground that Col Bennet is not [sic] a Wesleyan & recommending Mr S Fulford to be appointed.

It was the leading opinion of the Trustees that there is no ground for such an objection as it had never been considered that being a Wesleyan was no hindrance to being a Trustee. Such a question was never asked. The Chairman was asked to write to the Charity Commission to ask what shall be done under the circumstances.

The cases of fresh applicants was then carefully considered. The Cocke's list was revised. It was moved by Chairman, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the Classes be paid respectively 7/6 & 6/6 a head & children as before.

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1 May 1916

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11.30am.

Present: M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair, Messrs Cork & Cawsey.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that the Charity Commission had confirmed the appointment of Col Bennet & the a/cs were then audited.

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19 October 1916

A meeting of Trustees was held at the Vicarage, Northam.

Present: M.D. Dimond-Churchward in the chair, Col Temple, Col Bennet, Mr Cork, Mr Kelly.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Chairman reported that a vacancy had lately occurred at the Almshouse & that there was one applicant viz: Emma Dalling, a widow of Northam.

It was moved by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Cork, & resolved that Emma Dalling be appointed to the vacant Almshouse on the usual terms.

The Chairman reported that, as he had heard it w[oul]d be necessary to order blanketing early in order to procure what he wanted, he had ordered a piece from Mr Beara. Mr Beara had provided it at the price of £15.14.3½ for 52 yards.

It was moved by Col Temple, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that the action of the Chairman in the blanketing be confirmed.

Mr Saunders reported that repairs needed to be effected at Cottage occupied [by Bennett crossed out].

[It was] moved by Col Bennet, seconded by Mr Cawsey, & resolved that they be referred to Mr Kelly to deal with.

The accounts were audited up to date.

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TRANSCRIBERS NOTES:

According to www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/DEV/Northam/Dimond-Churchward1917, Marcus Dimond Dimond-Churchward died at Exmouth, a place to which he had retired, on 17 December 1916 in his 80th year, and was buried at Northam.

According to his probate entry, he was living at Homecroft, Rolle Road, Exmouth. His estate was worth £17,256.16s.5d.

The following entries in the minute books, are in a different handwriting.

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11 December 1916

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam.

Present: Col Bennet, Mr Cork, Mr Kelly.

Col Bennet was appointed Chairman.

1) The minutes were read & confirmed.

2) The cases of fresh applicants were carefully considered. The 1914-15 list revised.

3) It was resolved that Classes 1 & 2 should be paid 7/6 & 6/6 respectively.

Cocke's Charities were distributed at Northam on 15 December 1916, present: Col Bennet & Mr Cork, and at Appledore on 16 December, present: Col Bennet, Mr Cork & Mr Kelly. Mr Saunders attended on both occasions.

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19 February 1917

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Col Bennet, Col Temple, Mr Cawsey, Mr Cork, Mr Kelly.

The Vicar of Northam the Rev'd G[erald] Payne Cook, took his seat as ex-officio Trustee in accordance with the order of 21 April 1871, whereupon it was proposed by Mr Cawsey, seconded by Mr Kelly, that Mr Payne Cook be elected Chairman of the Trustees of the Northam Charities. This was carried unanimously.

1) The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

2) The Chairman reported the resignation of Col Townley as Trustee, & it was agreed to ascertain whether Mr Nathan Allin would consent to fill the vacancy or, failing him Mr Roberts.

3) A vote of condolence & sympathy with the relatives of the late Prebendary Dimond Churchward was proposed by the Chairman & seconded by Col Temple & carried unanimously.

4) Mr Saunders reported no dilapidations.

5) Mr Kelly proposed, & Mr Cork seconded, that a copy of the Endowed Charities Return dated 26 July 1905 for the Parish of Northam with Digest be obtained, for each Trustee. Carried unanimously.

6) The accounts were then examined & passed.

7) Cheques signed:

Treasurer £5.2.10. Balance due.

Drew £4.16.5. Tithes 16-17.

Saunders £4.0.1. Saunders 5% com[mission] 1916.

8) Proposed by Col Bennet & seconded by Mr Cork, that in future cheques should be signed by the Chairman and at least two Trustees. Carried unanimously.

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16 April 1917

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Rev'd G Payne Cook, Rev'd G Scholey, Colonel Bennet, Colonel Temple, Messrs G Cawsey, G Cork, T Kelly.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Major Gen'l F Hammersley CB was nominated Trustee in place of Capt Gordon resigned.

The Trustees then considered the question of rents &c, of the various Charities administered by them.

a) Berrimans. On the question of Land Tax deducted by Mr Wadland it was decided to send him a copy of a letter received from the Charity Commissioners dated 27 Nov 1916 limiting the amount to be deducted to 1/- in the £ & to ask for his remarks &c.

b) Berry & Cholwills. The distribution of a portion of this Charity to the Schools (v P13 Endowed Charities report) which had ceased since 1903 was discussed but no decision was arrived at owing to lack of information.

c) Cock & Langdons. The rent £62 now paid by Mr Parkhouse for the 3 Cottages & land was considered fair, & it was decided to try & find the lease so as to judge as to who was responsible for repairs &c.

d) Melhuish. The Vicar's share of repairs to Almshouses & quarterly payments to Almswomen was left to the Vicar and Col Bennet to settle. (N.B. The Vicar decided to pay for all repairs &c required for the four north rooms).

Sub note: On 13 Mar 1918 the Vicar decided to pay half of all repairs to the Almshouses.

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1 October 1917

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Vicarage, Northam at 11am.

Present: The Vicar: Revd G Payne Cook, Rev G Scholey, Major General Hammersley, Cols Temple & Bennet, Messrs Cork, Allin, Cawsey & Beara.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

1) Correspondence with Mr Wadland re Berriman's Charity was read & it was decided to let the matter drop (v[iz] 'a' in minutes of 16 Apr 1917).

2) Berry & Cholwills ('b' of last meeting). It was decided to write to the C.C. explaining the circumstances, the form of the letter to be left to the Chairman, Rev G. Scholey, & Hon Sec.

3) Cock and Langdons. Hon Sec reported having applied to Messrs Bazeley for the lease of the Tomouth Estate, who said it could not be found in his office. Decided to take no action.

4) The order A 52.086 dated 25 May 1917 certifying approval of Charity Commission of: Mr Nathan Allin, and Major General Frederick Hammersley CB, as Trustees of the Northam Charities was produced.

5) The ladies c[ommit]tee were authorised to purchase 10 blankets from Mr Beara of Appledore.

6) It was decided to leave the question of 7 years rental of telegraph poles on Tomouth Estate & repair of wall to the Hon Sec to settle.

7) A letter from C.C. dated 4 June 1919 on the question of the Urban Dist[ri]ct Council being represented among the Trustees, it was decided that when the next vacancy occurs, the U.D.C. should be consulted.

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10 December 1917

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam on Monday 10 December at 11am.

Present: The Vicar [Payne Cook], General Hammersley, Col Temple, Col Bennet, Mr Allin, Mr Cork, Mr Cawsey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Fresh applicants were interviewed, their cases carefully considered & classified.

The last years list was revised as far as possible, details being left to be done at the distribution.

Correspondence: The decision of the B[oard] of Education as to the 6/11ths of the Berry & Cholwill charity that arrears may be wiped out & in future to be paid regularly was communicated.

The Hon Sec reported that the rent of Telegraph poles on Tomouth estate for the last 5 years had been paid.

The Hon Treasurer reported that about £53 would be available for distribution, and it was decided to give:

Class 1 widows 6/6 each

Class 2 widows 5/6 each

Orphans 2/6 each

Appledore 4 oldest widows 3/- each

Northam 4 oldest almswomen 1/3 each

Special cases 5/- each

Cheques were signed.

Mr Saunders reported that a gate on the Tomouth estate needed renewal.

Note: The Charities were distributed at Northam on 20 December, & at Appledore and on 22 December 1917.

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18 February 1918

A meeting was held at the Vestry Room, Northam.

Present: Rev G Scholey, Gen Hammersley, Mr Cork, & Col Bennet.

1) The accounts for 1917 were audited.

2) Col Bennet proposed, & Gen Hammersley seconded, that Mr S Fulford be provisionally appointed a Trustee in place of Col Temple resigned. Carried unanimously.

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11 March 1918

A special meeting of the Trustees was held at the Vestry Room, Northam at 11am.

Present: The Vicar [Payne Cook], Mr Allin, Mr Beara, Col Bennet, Mr Cork, Rev Scholey, Mr Kelly.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

1) Correspondence from the C[harity] C[ommission] was read saying that the provisional appointment of Mr Fulford as a Trustee was invalid, as a quorum was not present at the meeting, whereupon it was proposed by Mr Scholey, & seconded by Mr Kelly, that Mr Samuel Fulford be provisionally appointed a Trustee in the place of Col Temple resigned, and carried unanimously.

The same letter from the Charity C[ommission] inquired whether the Trustees wished to fill the vacancy caused by the disqualification of Capt Edward Williams in May 1905, whereupon Mr Kelly proposed, & Mr Cork seconded, that Mr William Lesley Beara be provisionally appointed a Trustee in place of Capt Williams. Carried unanimously.

2) A letter was read from Mr Goaman offering £1600 on behalf of Mr A.B. Cook of Appledore for the Tomouth Estate. The matter was fully discussed and it was eventually proposed by Mr Beara, seconded by Mr Scholey, that the Secretary be asked to approach the Charity Commissioners to obtain their consent to offer the estate for sale by [~~'tender'~~ crossed out]. This was carried unanimously.

3) The Vicar reported two rooms vacant in the Almshouses, they had been advertised in the usual way but no applications had been received. The Trustees decided to try & find suitable tenants by the next meeting.

4) Mr Saunders reported that he had visited the Tomouth Estate & found everything in good order, except the roof of the root store & the gate and wall at the entrance to the garden plot.

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20 May 1918

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Vestry room, Northam at 11am.

Present: The Vicar [Payne Cook], Revd G Scholey, Genl Hammersley, Mr N Allin, Mr G Cork, & Col Bennet.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

1) The Sec[retary] produced the correspondence with the C[harity] C[ommissioner]s, some of which had been circulated previously, approving the sale by public auction of the Tomouth Estate subject to certain conditions. The Secretary produced a draft form of advertisement which was generally approved, and he was asked to reply to the letter from the C[harity] C[ommissioner]s dated 10 May, after consulting with Mr A.W. Cock of Bideford. The reserve price was to be not less than £2000.

2) The Secretary reported that Mr Samuel Fulford & Mr A.W. Beara had been duly appointed non-official Trustees by the C[harity] C[ommissioner]s.

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7 October 1918

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Vestry room, Northam at 11am.

Present: The Vicar [Payne Cook], Col Bennet, Mr Cork, & Mr Fulford.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Sec[retary] reported that the Tomouth Estate had been sold for £2000, & the expenses had been £40.1.10, leaving £1959.18.2 to be invested, which the Sec[retary] C[harity] C[ommission] stated in a letter dated 26 Sept 1918 was a matter for the discretion of the Trustees.

After a discussion it was decided, that the investment of the balance of the proceeds of the sale of the Tomouth Estate shall be left in the hands of the Official Trustee subject to the consideration of the following recommendations:

- 1) The income to be not less than £90 per annum.
- 2) The investments to be in about four securities.
- 3) Not more than £500 to be invested in War Loan 5%, or any other War borrowings.

The Vicar reported that Miss Scilly had left the Alms House without notice & that he had permitted Mrs Sage & Mrs Staddon to occupy vacant rooms. Mr Cork proposed, & Mr Fulford seconded, that the Vicars action be approved. Carried.

It was agreed that the Vicar should be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £10 on blankets.

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9 December 1918

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Vestry room, Northam at 11am.
Present: The Vicar [Payne Cook], Col Bennet, Mr Allin, Mr Cork, Mr Scholey, & Mr Fulford.
The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

1) The Sec[retary] read a letter from the C[harity] C[ommissioner]s dated 6 November giving details of the investment of the money from the sale of the Tomouth Estate, viz:

£500 5% War Loan 1929-47	£480.19s.9d
£700 London Co 3% Con[solodated] St[ock]	£455.18s.6d
£800 L&N Western R[ailway] 3% Deb[enture]	£507.10s.0d
£868.14 Consols 2½%	£525.4s.11d
[Total]	£1969.13s.2d
Add ex[pense]s	£30.6s.10d
[Total]	£2000.0s.0d

2) Rule XI being no longer applicable owing to the sale of the Tomouth estate, it was decided to cancel the wording down to 'Michaelmas', & amend the remainder of the Rule to "The cases of widows & children of a man dying between Michaelmas & Xmas will be considered on their merits."

3) The cases of fresh applicants were then carefully considered.

4) Mr Fulford gave notice of his intention to move an amendment to Rule IV at the next meeting.

5) It was decided to consider afresh all cases of pensioners on the list before the 1919 distribution.

[There was no No.6]

7) Mr Scholey expressed a wish that in future the 6/11ths of the Berry & Cholwill Charity should be paid.

8) Cheques were signed.

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7 April 1919

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Vestry room, Northam at 11am.
Present: the Vicar [Payne Cook], Col Bennet, Messrs Fulford, T.H. Kelly, N Allin, Scholey & Beara.

1) The accounts for 1918 were duly audited.

2) Mr Fulford proposed, & Mr Beara seconded that Rule IV be amended so that widows in receipt of old age pensions or parish relief be placed on the same footing as regards classification. Carried nem con [i.e. nemine contradicente: no-one disagreeing].

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6 October 1919

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Vestry room, Northam at 11am.

Present: The Vicar [Payne Cook], Col Bennet, Gen'l Hammersley, Messrs Scholey, Cork, Fulford, T.H. Kelly.

- 1) The conveyance of a field (Melhuish Charity) was signed by all present.
- 2) Repairs to Almshouses & Miss Glovers shop were authorised.
- 3) A sum of £10 was authorised for blankets.
- 4) A vacancy at the Alms house was reported.

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8 December 1919

A meeting was held at the Vestry room at 11:15am.

Present: The Vicar [Payne Cook], Mr Cork, Mr Kelly, Revd G Scholey, Colonel Bennet, Mr Allin, Gen'l Hammersley, Mr Fulford, & Mr W Beara.

- 1) The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
- 2) The cases of fresh applicants were carefully considered & classified.
- 3) It was decided with reference to minute 5 of 9 Dec 1918 & No.3 of 7 Apr 1919 that the Vicars of Northam & Appledore should call meetings of Trustees of their respective parishes to go through the lists of recipients & make suggestions.
- 4) It was decided that Mr Saunders should be paid a fixed salary of £5 (five pounds) per annum.
- 5) It was decided that Class I widows should receive 10/- and Class 2 7/6.
- 6) Mr Fulford gave notice to move at the next meeting of the Trustees that all widows be placed on the same footing.
- 7) It was resolved that the Chairman be authorized to sign the application to the Charity Com[missio]n to authorize payments of Principal money by the Official Trustee of Charitable funds (£6.15.3 out of £125 T Melhuish's sale) & to recommend that the balance be invested in 1929-47 War Loan.

[Written in pencil]: 4 oldest Appledore widows: Cook, Andrews, Lang, Adams.

The Charities were distributed at Northam on 18 December, & at Appledore on 20 December 1919.

[Written in pencil]: Vacancy in Alms Ho[use] not filled.

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15 November 1920

A meeting was held at the Vestry room at 11:15am.

Present: The Vicar [Payne Cook], Mr Cork, Revd G Scholey, Messrs Allin, W.L. Beara, & Col Bennet.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

The letting of Glovers Shop.

It was decided that the tenancy be a yearly one, 12 months notice to be given on either side at any quarter of the year.

The rent to be £12 per annum payable quarterly.

Lessors to pay rates & taxes & the tenant to be responsible for all alterations & internal repairs.

Cost of agreement to be divided equally between lessors & lessee. Mr Pyke to be asked to prepare it.

The names of the 5 applicants were read & Mr Cork proposed, & Rev Scholey seconded, that the premises be let to the Committee of the Church house. Carried unanimously.

Mr Saunders was instructed to prepare an estimate of cost of installing a WC in Glovers shop.

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6 December 1920

A meeting was held at the Vestry room at 11:15am.

Present: The Vicar [Payne Cook], Mr Cork, Mr Kelly, Mr Allin, Gen'l Hammersley, & Col Bennet.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

1) The cases of fresh applicant were carefully consisted & classified.

It was decided that Class I widows should be given 10/-, & Class 2 7/6 each.

2) After a long discussion on the re-letting of Glover's shop, Mr Cork gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the period of Tenancy should be reconsidered.

It was decided that the shop should be put in tenantable repair.

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A meeting was held at the Church room, Appledore on Saturday 18 December.
Present: The Vicar [Payne Cook], Mr Scholey, Mr Cork, Mr Kelly, Mr W.L. Beara, & Col Bennet.
The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

It was resolved that the conveyance made between the Official Trustee of Charity Lands of the 1st part, the Trustees of the Charity of Thomas Melhuish of the 2nd part, & John Hambly of the 3rd part, of certain hereditaments in the Parish of Northam, being part No.280 on the Ordnance Survey map, such conveyance being now produced & read, be & the same is hereby approved, & that the Trustees present at this meeting to execute the said conveyance.

Those present then signed.

It was decided that the lease of Glover's shop should be for seven or ten years.

It was also decided that Miss Glover should not be compelled to leave the shop in tenantable repair, as the terms of the original lease dated 1882 had not been communicated to her.

Mr Scholey proposed, & Mr Cork seconded, that a sum of £7.10s.0 be paid to the incoming tenants towards doing up the shop. Carried unanimously.

Cock's Charity was distributed at Northam on 16 December, & at Appledore on 18 December.

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MEMO PINNED INTO BOOK:

Dated: 8 February 1921

[From]: J.W.B[ennet], Fairlea, Northam, N.Devon

On 31 May 1919 the Trustees applied to the C[harity] C[ommissio]n to authorize a sale of the Melhuish Charity (5 fields containing 9a[cres] or 21p[erches] by public auction.

Signed by the Vicar [Payne Cook], Bennet, Hammersley, Fulford & Allin.

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5 December 1921

A meeting was held at the Vestry room, Northam at 11:15am.

Present: Gen'l Hammersley, Messrs Cork, Beara, Allin, Kelly, & Col Bennet. In the absence of the Vicar, Col Bennet was appointed Chairman.

- 1) The cases of fresh applicants were carefully considered & classified.
- 2) Mr Kelly proposed, & Mr Cork seconded, that the Rev'd Hugh Muller, Vicar of Appledore be nominated as a Trustee in the place of Rev'd Scholey. Carried unanimously.
- 3) It was decided that the distribution of the Charities should be the same as last year 10/- & 7/6.

4) Proposed by Mr Kelly, & seconded by Gen Hammersley, that in future, tenders for new blankets should be invited from the parishes. Carried unanimously.

5) Some of the Trustees inspected the almshouse & were of opinion that next year tenders should be obtained for colour washing the interior where required, & for external painting &c.

6) The Trustees also approved some minor repairs brought up by Mr Saunders.

N.B. The Charities were distributed at Northam on the 15th, & at Appledore on the 17th December 1921.

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22 May 1922

A meeting was held at the Vestry room, Northam at 11:15am.

Present: The Vicar [Payne Cook], Rev'd H Muller, Gen'l Hammersley, Mr N Allin, Mr S Fulford, & Col Bennet.

With reference to para[graph] 4 of the last meeting, it was understood that the word 'parishes' did not preclude tenders for blankets being called for outside Northam & Appledore.

The Trustees inspected the Almshouse and decided to renovate the lead gutter throughout (tenders to be called for in the Bideford Gazette) at a cost of about £30, to paint external woodwork & to repair the clothes line.

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19 June 1922

At a meeting of the Trustees held at Northam.

Present: Rev'ds Payne Cook & Muller, Gen'l Hammersley, Messrs Fulford, Allin, Kelly, & Col Bennet.

It was decided to accept Mr Moultons tender for £24 for renewing the lead gutter &c to the Almshouse according to specification. Mr Saunders to superintend.

It was also decided to call for tenders for external painting & to repair the clothes line.

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27 November 1922

A meeting was held at the Vestry room, Northam.

Present: The Rev'ds G Payne Cook & Muller, Messrs Fulford, Kelly, Allin, W.L. Beara, Cork, & Col Bennet.

- 1) The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
- 2) The cases of fresh applicants for the Charities were carefully considered & classified.
- 3) Special cases were considered & confirmed for the year.
- 4) The following grants were decided on: 1st Class 10/-, 2nd Class 7/6, Children 2/6, Special cases 5/-.
- 5) Resolved that the conveyance made between the Official Trustee of Charity Lands of the first part, the Trustees of the Charity of the 2nd part, and Edmund Morrish of the third part, of certain hereditaments in the Parish of Northam being numbered 251, 252 and part of 280 on the Ordnance Maps (1904 edition), such conveyance being now produced & read, be & the same is hereby approved and that the Trustees present at this meeting do execute the said conveyance. Carried nem con.
- 6) Blankets. On a representation made on behalf of the Ladies Committee which deals with the blanket club, the Trustees decided to discontinue the annual distribution of blankets from Nov 1923 on account of storage difficulty & for sanitary reasons. Blankets returned in serviceable condition in June 1923 (or as many of them as are required in really deserving cases) will become the property of the recipients when issued next November. When the existing stock has thus been disposed of, a sum not exceeding £12 may be expended annually by the Trustees in the purchase (preferably in Northam or Appledore) on new blankets to be issued gratis to deserving cases. The recipients of these new blankets not to be eligible for more for a period of 5 years. The present list of recipients to be carefully scrutinized by the Ladies Committee (to which Mrs W.L. Beara is now added) & approved by the Trustees. N.B. This blanket Club was started by the Revd Gosset & there is nothing in the Trust Deeds about it.

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26 November 1923

A meeting was held at the Vestry room, Northam.

Present: Mr Fulford, Kelly, Allin, W.L. Beara, Rev'd Muller, & Col Bennet.

In the absence of the Vicar of Northam, Col Bennet was voted to the chair.

- 1) The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
- 2) The cases of fresh applicants for the Charities were carefully considered & classified.
- 3) Special cases were confirmed for the year.
- 4) Grants at Xmas 1st class 10/-, 2nd 7/6, children 2/6, Sp[ecial] cases 5/-.

5) Cheques signed £95 for Treasurer & £11.4.0 for blankets.

6) Distribution of the Charities. Northam 11am 19 December, & Appledore 2pm 20 December.

7) Mr Saunders authorized to purchase a bedstead for the Alms House & to execute minor repairs.

8) At an informal meeting held at the Alms House in July, it was decided to colourwash the whole of the interior of the Almshouse which was in a very dirty condition, half to be done in '23 & half in '24. On a letter from the Vicar, it was decided to do the whole in 1924.

9) Mr Fulford gave notice to revise Rule IV so that widows in receipt of Parish Relief should have their cases considered on their merits.

He also raised a question about Thorolds Charity, which it was decided to postpone till the Chairman could be present.

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11 April 1924

A meeting was held at the Vestry room, Northam.

Present: Vicars of Northam & Appledore [Payne Cook and Muller], Messrs Kelly, Cork, W.L. Beara, Allin, & Col Bennet.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

1) Br Gen'l Boyle was nominated as Trustee vice Gen'l Hammersley dec[ease]d.

2) It was unanimously decided to the public Trustee to transfer the £500 War Loan (Cocke & Langdon) into 3½% Commission Loan 1961.

3) A letter was read from the clerk to the Northam Urban Dist[ri]ct Council asking the price of the Girls Club House. It was unanimously decided to recommend £275.

4) Almshouse internal colouring. Saunders to call for tenders, the Vicar & Col Bennet to decide.

5) A vote of condolence with Mr Fulford on his illness was passed.

6) Rule 4. It was decided that the cases of widows in receipt of old age pensions or Parish relief be considered on their merits.

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24 November 1924

A meeting was held in the Vestry room, Northam at 11am.

Present: Rev'ds G Payne Cook, & H Muller. Messrs Cork, J Kelly, Allin, J. & W.L. Beara, & Col Bennet.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

The cases of fresh applicants for the Charities were carefully considered & classified.

Special cases were confirmed for the year.

Grants at Xmas: 1st class 10/-, 2nd class 7/6, children 2/6, Special cases 5/-.

Distribution: Northam 11am Friday 19 December, Appledore 2pm 20 December.

Cheques signed: blankets £12, Saunders £90.

The meeting then became special.

Nomination of new Trustees.

Brigadier Gen'l Boyle vice General Hammersley dec[ease]d.

Sir Murray Irwin vice S Fulford Esq, deceased.

The Sec[retar]y reported changes in Investments.

£800 3% L&NWR to £600 4% LM&S Debentures.

£500 War Stock to £657.3s.5d, 3½% Con[versio]n Stock.

The Trustees decided to adhere to the price of £275 to the Northam U.D. for the girls club.

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4 April 1925

A meeting was held in the Vestry Room, Northam at 11.15am.

Present: The Vicars of Northam & Appledore [Payne Cook and Muller], Messrs Allin, Kelly & Cork, Sir M Irwin, & Col Bennet.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Col Bennet proposed, & Mr Kelly seconded the following resolution:

"Resolved that the indenture, being a conveyance of premises used as a girls club, situate at the corner of Tower Street & The Square, Northam, & made between the official trustee of Charity Lands of the first part, the Trustees of the charity known as the Almshouses for poor widows (including the Charity of Thomas Smith) of the second part, and the Urban District Council of Northam of the first part, such indenture being now produced and read, be & the same is hereby approved, & that the Trustees present at this meeting do execute the said conveyance."

Carried unanimously.

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23 November 1925

A meeting was held in the Vestry room, Northam at 11.15am.

Present: The Vicars of Northam & Appledore [Payne Cook and Muller], Messrs Allin, J. & W.L. Beara, Sir M Irwin, & Col Bennet.

- 1) The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
- 2) The cases of fresh applicants were considered & classified.
- 3) Special cases were confirmed for the year.
- 4) Grants at Xmas 1st class 10/-, 2nd class 7/6, children 2/5, & special cases 5/-.
- 5) Distribution. Northam 11am 7 December. Appledore 2pm 19 December.
- 6) With reference to No.6 of 27 Nov 1922, the allowance for blankets was increased from £12 to £15 per annum.
- 7) Cheque for blankets £15.12.0 signed.
- 8) After a discussion about irregularities at the Almshouse, it was decided that Mrs Screech (upstairs) should change rooms with Mrs Sage (down), the Trustees to pay cost of removal.
- 9) A vote of sympathy to Mr T.H. Kelly in his illness was proposed by Mr Muller & carried unanimously.

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22 November 1926

A meeting was held in the Vestry room, Northam at 11.15am.

Present: The Vicars of Northam & Appledore [Payne Cook and Muller], Messrs N Allin, J. & W.L. Beara, Sir M Irwin, General Boyle, Col Bennet, Messrs T.S. Kelly, G Cork.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

The cases of fresh applicants were considered & classified. Special cases were confirmed for the year.

Grants at Xmas 1st class 10/-, 2nd class 7/6, children 2/6, & special cases 5/-.

Distribution. Northam 16 December at 2.30pm. Appledore 18 December at 2.30pm.

Cheques for blankets £15.1s.0d & £100 for Saunders signed.

The following alterations in classification were adopted.

Elizabeth Cock: Class II to Class I.

Sarah Cole: Class II to Class I.

Gracie Smaldon age 11, to come on children's list.

Ackford Verney: an orphan 8 years to come on children's list.

Mary Ann Buse: from Class II to Class 1.

Elizabeth Bennett: from Class II to Class 1.
Clara Sage: from Class II to Class 1.
Minnie Bowden to be added to sp[ecial] cases.

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Monday 28 November 1927.

A meeting was held in the Vestry room, Northam at 11:15am.
Present: Rev'd Muller, Gen Boyle, Mr G Corke, Mr N Allin, Messrs Kelly & Beara (2), Col Bennet.
Col Bennet was voted to the chair.

Fresh applicants were considered & classified.

Mary Ann Guard was granted a room in the Almshouse, Northam.
B[rigadier] Gen'l Boyle was appointed Secretary vice Col Bennett & regret was expressed at the latter's retirement.

Mary Ann Cann was appointed a special case - a cripple.
Mary Ann Guard, [sic].
Grants at Xmas 10/- & 7/6 the same.
Distribution: Northam 2pm on 15 December, Appledore 2pm on 17 December.

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19 November 1928

A meeting was held at 11.15am in the Vestry room, Northam.
Present: The Vicar of Northam [Payne Cook], the Vicar of Appledore [Muller], Mr N Allin, Mr Beara, Mr J Beara.
Apologies from Sir M Irwin, Mr Corke, Mr T Kelly.
Also B Genl Boyle, the Secretary.
Revd G Payne Cook was in the chair.
Minutes of last meeting read, confirmed & signed.

Fresh applications were considered & classified.

Genl Boyle gave a statement of the finances of the trust.

Grants 12/6 & 10/- to be distributed at Northam on 13 December, & at Appledore on 15 December.

Reference was made to amendments to governing rules of the Trust, viz: para 6 dated 6 December 1911, & para 6 dated 8 December 1919.

The Vicar of Northam was authorised to send a letter to Colonel Bennet, sympathising with him in his long illness & thanking him for the trouble & care he had taken in administering this trust during the past ten years.

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Monday 4 November 1929

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northam Charities was held at 11.15am.
Present: The Vicar [Payne Cook] in the chair, Revd H Muller, Sir Murray Irwin, Mr T.H. Kelly, Mr N. Allin, Mr J Beara & Mr W Beara, Mr J Cork. General Boyle treasurer.

The minutes of the last meeting were not read as Genl Boyle had forgotten to bring the minute book, but it was agreed that they should be signed as correct.

Several new applicants were interviewed & accepted by the Board as fresh recipients of the Charity.

It was decided that in future the whole Board should meet half an hour earlier to consider the new cases.

A letter of condolence was to be sent to Mrs Bennet recording the sympathy of the Board on the death of Col F.W. Bennet, the former Secretary of the Trustees. The vicar wrote the above letter.

The Hon Sec read a financial statement, showing the income & expenditure & allowing in grants to be made in the same & call as last year. The Trustees agreed.

Cheques were signed & paid.

The Chairman read the rules of the Charity & it was decided to have them printed & circulated to each of the Trustees.

The meeting closed.

Thursday 12 December at 2.30pm, Northam distribution.
Saturday 14 December at 2.30pm, Appledore distribution.

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Monday 10 November 1930

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northam Charities was held at 11.15am.
Present: The Vicar of Northam [Payne Cook] in the chair, Major Gen Sir M Irwin, The Revd H Muller, Messrs N Allin, W Beara, Corke, T.H. Kelly, Genl Boyle treasurer.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

A letter from Mrs Bennet in answer to the Chairman's letter of sympathy was read.

New applications were considered, applicants interviewed & cases decided on.

The Hon Sec: read a financial statement regarding the amount of repairs &c, carried out during 1930 & the amount he considered was available for distribution.

The different sums in Class I & II & special cases were decided on.

Thursday 18 December - Northam distribution.

Saturday 20 December - Appledore distribution at 2.30pm.

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Monday 16 November 1931

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northam Charities was held at 11.15am.

There were present: The Vicar of Northam [Payne Cook] in the chair, Rev H.C.A.S. [Hugh Christian Andreas Sigvald] Muller, Maj Gen Sir M Irwin, Messrs G Cork, N Allin, W Beara, T.H. Kelly.

The Secretary & Treasurer was unavoidably absent suffering from a cold.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

The Chairman expressed regret at the absence of the Secretary & intimated that there would be no difficulty in conducting the business, as all the papers were clear & explicit concerning the agenda.

The Financial Statement was read & the suggested distribution of the charity agreed upon the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr T.H. Kelly, eleven new applicants for the charity were interviewed, four from Northam & seven from Appledore, & they were all placed in Class I.

Three new special cases for Appledore were accepted on the grounds of blindness.

The Trustees consider that as the balance will be used up to meet the classes of new applicants, an agreed sum of £5 or more be placed aside annually to meet emergency expenses.

Thursday 17 December & Saturday 19 December were the dates fixed for the distribution of the charity at 2.30pm.

The agents report on the work done at the Almshouse was read & approved.

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Monday 14 November 1932

A meeting of the Trustees - Northam Charities met in Vestry room, Northam at 11.15am.

Present: The Revd H[enry] Pinhey, the Revd H Muller, Sir M Irwin, Mr G Corke, Mr N Allin, Mr W Beara & Secretary.

An apology from Mr T.H. Kelly.

The Revd H Pinhey was elected Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

The Secretary read a statement setting out the financial position of the Charity.

Proposed by Mr Muller, seconded by Mr Corke, that the distribution as suggested by the Secretary be carried out.

New applications were considered.

Northam distribution at 2.30pm on 15 December

Appledore distribution at 3pm on 16 December

After discussion re the money invested in 5% conversion stock & now converted to 3½%, it was decided that the Sec[retary] in the New Year would write to the Charity Com[missione]rs on the subject.

The Revd H Muller proposed, & Sir M Irwin seconded, that a vote of thanks be sent to the Revd G Payne Cook for the interest he took in the Charity during his incumbency at Northam.

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20 November 1933

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Unionist Club, Northam at 11.15am.

Present: Revd H Pinhey in the chair, Revd H Muller, Mr W Beara, Mr J Beara, Mr N Allin, Mr T.H. Kelly and the Sec: Genl R.C. Boyle.

Mr G Cork was absent through indisposition.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

The Sec: Br Genl R.C. Boyle read a statement setting out the financial position of this Charity.

Proposed by Mr Muller, seconded by Mr Kelly, that the distribution as suggested by the Sec: be carried out.

New applications were considered and decided upon.

Northam distribution on Thurs 14 December at 2.30pm.

Appledore distribution on Friday 15 December at 3.30pm.

It was resolved that the Sec: write a letter to Mr G Cork hoping that he will soon be returned to health.

A vote of thanks for Chairman. Meeting concluded.

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26 November 1934

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Unionist Club, Northam at 11.15am.

Present: Revd H Pinhey in the chair, Revd H Muller, Sir Murray Irwin, Mr N Allin, Mr W Beara, & the Sec: Genl R.C. Boyle.

The Vicar referred to the death of Mr G Corke, his 33 years a trustee of this Charity.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

New applications were considered and decided on.

The Sec: made a statement setting out the financial position.

It was decided that the blanket distribution for Northam be Mrs Pinhey, Mrs Francis, & Miss Fursey[?], & for Appledore be Mrs Muller, Mrs W Beara, & Miss Richards.

The Sec: was directed to write to the Charity Com[missioners] re the case of Mr Vanstone of Courte Farm who was considerably in arrears of his rent to the Charity, & to write to Vanstone telling him that this action was being taken unless he paid before 5 December.

Mr E Corke was elected a Trustee in place of his father.

Distribution for Northam - 13 December at 2.30pm.

Distribution for Appledore - 15 December at 2.30pm.

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Monday 25 November 1935

A meeting of the Trustees was held on the Church Hall, Northam.

Present: Revd H Pinhey in the chair, Major Genl Sir M Irwin, Revd H Muller, Mr N Allin, Mr W.L. Beara, Mr Corke, the Sec: B. Genl R.C. Boyle.

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

Ref[erence] was made to the death of Mr P. Kelly who had been a Trustee for many years.

It was unanimously resolved that his son Mr Wm Kelly be asked to fill the vacancy on the Com[mit]tee.

New applications were considered & decided on.

During discussion it was pointed out that this Charity is not intended to relieve men - the possible exception being men & boys of weak intellect dependent on others.

The Sec: presented the financial report.

The case of Mr Vanstone of Courte Farm was explained by the Secretary.

Distribution at Northam, 12 December.

Distribution at Appledore, 14 December.

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17 January 1936

A special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall, Northam at 5pm, to consider the resignation of Mr C Saunders the agent.

Present: The Revd H Pinhey in the chair, Sir Murray Irwin, Mr Kelly, Mr Beara, Mr Corke, Mr N Allin, and the Sec: Br Genl R.C. Boyle.

Two candidates applied - Mr C Tuplin & Mr C Bellew - the former Mr [Charles Henry] Tuplin was elected.

It was resolved that Mr Saunders continue as agent till 31st March on full salary, whilst instructing Mr Tuplin in the duties.

Mr Tuplin's salary to commence from 1st April.

It was resolved unanimously that the agents salary be raised to £10 per an[um].

It was resolved unanimously that an Honorarium of £5 be given to Mr Saunders on the 31st March in consideration of his long & valued services [22 years].

It was resolved that the Secretary call a meeting of the Trustees annually about September to go very thoroughly into all names on the list for grants.

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8 June 1936

A special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall, Northam at 11.15am.

Present: The Revd H Pinhey in the chair, Sir M Irwin, the Revd H Muller, Mr N Allin, Mr Corke, Mr W Kelly, & the Sec: Br Genl R.C. Boyle, also the Agent.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Mr C.F. Saunders for his long & valuable services as Agent to the Charities.

A very exhaustive discussion too place regarding the status of various recipients of the Charity & it was decided that several should move into Class I & some be removed from the list.

The Agent was to have printed papers with certain questions re income & occupation & be given to & signed by applicants in the future as a guide to the Trustees.

It was decided that all widows under 65 years of age, to be placed in Class II & this to apply to all fresh applicants, unless they have 3 or more young children.

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17 November 1936

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall, Northam at 11am.

Present: Revd H Pinhey in the chair, the Revd H Muller, Sir M Irwin, Mr Allin, Mr Corke, Mr W Kelly, Mr Beara, Br Gen Boyle Sec., & Mr C.H. Tuplin, agent.

Resolved to send a letter of sympathy to Mr Saunders the late Agent, hoping he will soon recover from his illness.

Resolved that £16 be allotted in future for blankets for deserving persons.

Resolved that Mr N Allin & the Agent be deputised to obtain estimates, to modernise the water supply in the Almshouses & also to re-nail & make good the slates on the roof.

New applications were considered, applicants interviewed & decisions arrived at.

Date of distribution, Northam, 17 December

Date of distribution, Appledore, 19 December.

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25 March 1937

A special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall, Northam, to consider tenders for the work to be carried out in the Almshouses according to the specification of the Urban Council Authority.

The lowest tender, among three submitted, was accepted being that of Mr Slader of Appledore for £20.0.0.

Present: The Vicar [Pinhey] in the chair, Revd H Muller, Mr N Allin, Mr W Beara, Mr Corke, the Sec: Genl Boyle, & the Agent Mr C.H. Tuplin.

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29 November 1937

The Trustees met in the Church Hall, Northam at 11am.

Present: The Revd H Pinhey chairman, Sir M Irwin, Revd H Muller, Messrs N Allin, Corke, Beara, Kelly, J Beara, Br Genl Boyle, & the Agent.

New applications were considered & decided on.

Discussion took place on a letter received from the Coronation Com[mit]tee of Northam offering to instal electric light in the Almshouse at a cost of £9.0.0.

The following resolution proposed by Sir M Irwin, & seconded by Mr Allin, was unanimously passed.

The Trustees beg to thank the Coronation Com[mit]tee for the kind offer of £9. After full discussion the Trustees are unable to agree, as the inmates are unwilling to pay for its upkeep, & also the Trustees are not in a financial position to incur the yearly expense. Should the Coronation Com[mit]tee give the £9 to the Trustees, the latter guaranteed to spend that sum for the benefit of the inmates of the Almshouse only.

Proposed by Mr Muller, & seconded by Mr Beara, that a letter of sympathy be written to Mrs Corke & hope that she will soon be returned to health. Passed unanimously.

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28 November 1938

The Trustees met in the Church Hall, Northam at 11am.

Present: The Revd H Pinhey in the chair, the Revd H Muller, Mr Corke, Mr N Allin, Mr W Kelly, Mr Beara, Br Genl Boyle, & Mr C Tuplin agent.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The Trustees stood in silence for respect being made of the death of Sir Murray Irwin.

Proposed by Mr Kelly, seconded by Mr Corke, that Revd H Muller be app[ointe]d Vice Chairman.

Proposed from the Chair, & seconded by Mr N Allin, that at the two distribution meetings, the recipients be informed that the lists were going to be revised & some of the recipients may find their names erased.

The Trustees were asked to go through the lists carefully. A meeting will be held in the New Year to discuss any revisions that may be brought forward.

New applications were discussed and approved or otherwise.

Distribution at Northam, 15 December at 2.30pm.

Distribution at Appledore, 17 December at 2.30pm.

Proposed & seconded that Major C.F. Milsom be appointed a Trustee in the place of Sir Murray Irwin - carried.

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17 July 1939

The Trustees met at 11am in the Church Hall, Northam.

Present: Revd H Pinhey in the chair, Mr N Allin, Corke, W Kelly, Major Milsom, Mr Beara, the Agent [Tuplin], & Br Genl R.C. Boyle.

The Com[mit]tee went carefully thro the lists of claimants with a view to revision. The Agent was requested to write to 5 widows in Northam & 15 in Appledore for further information regarding their circumstances.

Resolved to call a meeting in September to consider the answers.

The Treasurer was requested to write a letter to the Charity Commission asking for a list of documents held by the Com[missione]rs.

A question arose as to the ownership of the alleyway on the south side of the Almshouses.

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16 October 1939

The Trustees met at the Church Hall, Northam at 11am.

Present: Revd H Pinhey in the chair, Revd H Muller, Mr Cork, Mr Allin, Mr Kelly, & Mr Beara, the agent [Tuplin], & Br Genl Boyle.

It was realised that the alleyway mentioned above did not belong to the Charity.

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20 November 1939

The Trustees met at the Church Hall, Northam at 11am.

Present: The Revd H Muller in the chair, Messrs Allin, Beara, Kelly, Cork, Major Milsom, the Agent [Tuplin], & Br Genl Boyle.

New cases were dealt with & decided on.

It was resolved to adopt the distribution schedule brought forward by the treasurer & agent.

Distribution at Northam, 2pm, 14 December.

Distribution at Appledore 2pm, 16 December.

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18 November 1940

The Trustees met in the Church Hall, Northam at 11am.

Present: The Revd H Pinhey in the chair, Messrs Corke, Kelly, W.L. Beara, Major Milsom, the Agent [Tuplin], & Br Genl R.C. Boyle.

The balance sheet for 1939 was presented.

New cases decided on. Amount for distribution passed.

Distribution at Northam, 2pm, 12 December.

Distribution at Appledore 2pm, 14 December.

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24 November 1941

The Trustees met in the Church Hall, Northam at 11.30am.

Present: Revd H Pinhey in the chair, the Revd H Muller, Messrs N Allin, Corke, J Beara, W.L. Beara, Major Milsom, the Agent [Tuplin], & Br Genl R.C. Boyle.

The minutes of last meeting read & approved.

The balance sheet per 1940 read & approved.

New cases dealt with & assessed.

The amounts for distribution decided on.

The following temporary case to be considered at net meeting - Mrs Vivian, 7 Vernons Lane, Appledore.

Distribution at Northam, 2pm, 11 December.

Distribution at Appledore, 2pm, 13 December.

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23 November 1942

The Trustees met in the Church Hall, Northam at 11.00am.

Present: Revd H Pinhey in the chair, the Revd H Muller, Major Milsom, Messrs N Allin, W.F. Beara, Corke, Kelly, the Agent [Tuplin], & Br Genl R.C. Boyle.

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved.

Accounts for 1940-1 read & approved.

The cases of Mrs Vivian discussed & decided on, & she was given 2nd class allowance.

New cases discussed & decided on.

Amounts for distribution approved.

Distribution at Northam, 2pm, 10 December.

Distribution at Appledore, 2pm, 12 December.

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22 November 1943

The Trustees met in the Church Hall at Northam at 11.30am.

Present: Revd H Pinhey in the chair, the Revd H Muller, Mr Kelly, Mr Beara, Mr Corke, Mr N Allin, Major Milsom, the Agent [Tuplin], & Br Genl R.C. Boyle.

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved.

The accounts for 1941-2 read & approved.

New cases discussed & decided.

£10 allotted to Appledore for blankets.

The Northam members of the Blanket Com[mit]tee did not require any blanket money this Xmas.

Distribution at Northam on Thursday 16 December at 2pm.

Distribution at Appledore on Saturday 18 December at 2pm.

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15 May 1944

The Trustees were called to a special meeting in the Church Hall at 12 noon, to elect a new Treasurer in the place of General Boyle [N.B. Robert C Boyle: died 1944].

There were present: the Vicar the Rev H.P.D. Pinhey in the chair, the Rev H Muller, Major Milsom, Messrs N Allin, Corke, & Kelly, & the Agent [Tuplin].

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

After the Chairman had said how much the General is missed, & expressed the sincere feelings of the meeting, he asked them to stand in respect for a very gallant gentleman & most loyal colleague.

Then came the purpose of the meeting, which was the election of another treasurer. It was prop[osed] by Mr Muller, & sec[onded] by Mr Cork, that the Vicar who is returning should be asked to take the General's place, which was passed unanimously. The Vicar then thanked the Trustees for the honour that they had given him, & that he would do his best, with able assistance of Mr Tuplin the Agent to the Trustees.

The meeting began with prayer & ended with the Blessing.

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Monday 27 November 1944

The Trustees met in the Church Hall.

Present were: The Rev E.B. Bridge[r] the Vicar in the Chair, the Rev H Muller, Messrs N Allan, Cork, Beara, Kelly, the Agent Mr Tuplin, & the Rev H.P.D. Pinhey treasurer.

The minutes were duly read & signed.

Accounts for 1944-45 were ready & adopted. Prop[osed] Mr Corke, & sec[onded] Mr Kelly.

New Applicants accepted were as follows:

Mr Branah - Rosina Screech - Lavinia Day, & A.E. Somerville, & Ellen Geoffrey, were placed in the 1st Class.

Mrs G.M. Cork in 2nd Class.

Mrs Barber was taken off the list, having had an illegitimate child.

Hosegood, a boy of 16 was allowed to continue on the list.

A rather heated discussion on the subject of blankets for Appledore and by allowing them to have 8 p[ieces?] more this year.

The meeting opened with prayer & ended with the Grace.

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Monday 26 November 1945

A meeting of the Trustees was held at 11.30am in the Church Hall.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

There were present: Rev B Bridger (chairman), the Rev H.C.A.S. Muller, Major Milsom, Messrs N Allin, Cork, Kelly, Beara, & the Agent C.H. Tuplin.

Fresh applicants were considered.

5 widows for Appledore & 3 for Northam.

Further information was required from 1 applicant from Appledore who was not present & the Agent was instructed to find out & the Chairman to decide if she could be placed on the list.

The Agent was instructed to find out from the Bank if Income Tax was deducted from investments at source.

It was agreed to distribute the Charity at Northam Saturday 15 December at 2pm, & Appledore on the same day at 3pm.

The meeting closed with Blessing.

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Monday 25 November 1946

A meeting of Trustees was held in the Church Hall at 12 noon.

The meeting opened with prayer.

There were present: The Rev B Bridger (chairman), the Rev H.C.A.S. Muller (vice chairman), Major Milsom, Messrs N Allin, Cork, J Beara, W.L. Beara, W.J. Kelly, the Rev H.P.D. Pinhey treasurer, & the Agent C.H. Tuplin.

Applicants: 5 from Appledore, & 3 from Northam.

The question of the Almshouses was discussed with regard to painting the outside, & it was left to Mr Nathan Allan & the Agent to look into the matter.

Blankets: After a full discussion on this subject, it was agreed that the Vicar of Northam & the Vicar of Appledore should work out an amicable settlement for 1947, that fair distribution may be come to. At the present time the allocation is £10 to Appledore & £5 for Northam, which apparently needs adjustment.

Accounts: The balance passed for 1945 was £36.1.11.

It was agreed to distribute the Charity on 14 December, Northam 2pm, Appledore 2.45pm.

The meeting was closed with the Grace.

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Monday 24 November 1947

The Annual meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall at 12 noon.

The following Trustees were present: The Rev B.B. Bridger chairman, the Rev H.P.D. Pinhey treasurer, the Rev H.C.A.S. Muller, Messrs N Allan, W.L. Beara, John Beara, G Cork, W.J. Kelly, Major C.F. Milsom, & C.H. Tuplin (Agent).

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Blankets: After a certain amount of the usual discussion about blankets, it was agreed that £5 should be allotted to Northam & £10 to Appledore.

Applicants: There were 10 applicants from Appledore & 5 from Northam which were allotted some for Class I 7/6, & others for Class II 5/-.

Accounts: These were presented & passed.

There was one rent from Putford which was not paid & it was arranged for the Treasurer, Mr Tuplin the Agent to go over to Putford & see about it (however on the morrow it turned up!).

The distribution of the Charities was arranged for Saturday 13 December 2.15pm Northam, & 3pm Appledore.

The meeting was closed with the Grace.

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Monday 22 November 1948

The annual meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall at 12 noon.

The following Trustees were present: The Rev E.B. Bridger chairman, the Rev H.P.D. Pinhey treasurer, the Rev H.C.A.S. Muller, & Messrs N Allan, W.L. Beara, E Cork, W.J. Kelly & C.H. Tuplin agent.

The meeting was open[ed] with prayer.

Blankets: 3 for Northam & Appledore as usual.

Accounts: for the year were duly presented & passed.

Almshouses: The Vicar suggested that the assets shall be handed over to the Northam Charities for improvement & upkeep of the Almshouses.

It was suggested that the empty rooms in the Almshouse should be let to any now who are homeless, through shortage of getting accommodation at the present time. But after some discussion, the question arose as to whether those who were occupying them could be turned out when they might be wanted for the purpose for which they were built.

New cases for the Charity: Northam 4 were passed, Appledore 10 were passed, & 2 specials.
Distribution of Charities: Saturday 11 December, Northam 2.15pm, Appledore 3pm.

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Monday 28 November 1949

The Annual Meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall at 12 noon.
The following Trustees were present: The Rev E.B. Bridger chairman, the Rev H.P.D. Pinhey treasurer, the Rev H.C.A.S. Muller, Major Milsom, Messrs N Allan, W.L. Beara, J Beara, E Cork, W.J. Kelly, C.H. Tuplin (agent).

Almshouses: The need of repairs was discussed; & it was carried unanimously that Mr Allan & C.H. Tuplin the Agent should inspect the grates in the various rooms & report at next meeting, & that the roof shall be repaired.

Accounts: These were inspected & passed.

The Charities: Applications were inspected with the result: 1 applicant for Northam was accepted, & 4 for Appledore.

Distribution: Arranged for Saturday 17 December, Northam 2.15pm, Appledore 3pm.

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Monday 28 November 1950

A meeting of the Trustees was held.
There being present: The Rev E.B. Bridger (chairman), the Rev H.C.A.S. Muller (vice-chairman), the Rev H.P.D. Pinhey (Hon treasurer), Mr W.L. Beara, Mr E Cork, Mr W.J. Kelly, Major C.F. Milsom D.S.O., & the agent Mr C.H. Tuplin.

The meeting opened with prayers and the Trustees stood in silence for the late Mr N Allin & Mr John Beara who had passed away since the last meeting.

The Rev Pinhey expressed a wish to retire at the end of the year, & Col G.L.S. Smith was elected a Trustee & Hon Treasurer.

Dr J.G. Youngman was elected to take the place of the late Mr Allin, and Mr J Beara in place of the late Mr Beara.

It was decided to hold a meeting in October 1951 to decide of the money for blankets should be used for the repair of the Almshouse.

Fresh applicants for Cocke's Charity were dealt with, 6 widows & 1 special case from Appledore, and 5 widows from Northam were placed on the list.

A vote of thanks was recorded to the Rev Pinhey for the years he had carried out the duties of Treasurer.

It was decided that the annual distribution should take place on Saturday 16 December, in the Church Hall Northam at 2.15pm, and at Appledore 3pm in the School Room.

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Monday 22 October 1951

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall.

There being present: The Rev E.B. Bridger (in the chair), the Rev H.C.A.S. Muller, Major C.F. Milsom, Mr W.J. Kelly, Mr J Beara, & the agent C.H. Tuplin.

It was the first meeting attended by Mr J Beara & he was welcomed by the Chairman & Trustees.

A letter from the Charity Commission was read stating that the Trustees could use the money the way they think most appropriate & in ~?~ of the extensive repairs needed at the Almshouse, it was decided to stop the instructions of the Charity at Christmas on the motion of the Rev Muller, second[ed] by Major Milsom for Maids Charity to be distributed as usual, a notice to be printed & exhibited in the usual places to this effect.

The agent was instructed to get an estimate for making good the roof of the Almshouse & plastering the walls outside.

A meeting to be held on 5 November at 4pm.

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5 November 1951

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall.

There being present: The Rev E.B. Bridger (in the chair), the Rev H.C.A.S. Muller, Mr W Beara, Mr Kelly, Mr Cork, Col Stanley Smith (Hon Treas), & the agent.

Mr A Griffey was called in to explain to the Trustees the repairs required at the Almshouse. He said it would cost about £150 to make good the roof. It was agreed that he s[h]ould get half of the roof done & do the painting required.

It is understood there is from £300 to £400 belonging to the Almshouse bringing in £12.10.4 per annum, & it was agreed on the proposition of the Vicar, & second[ed] by Mr Cork, that the Treasurer be asked to write to the Charity Commission, & find out if this sum could be realized for spending on Almshouse repairs, etc.

The Trustees agreed to meet again on Monday 26 November at 4pm to hear the reply, & to receive fresh applicants for Pickards Charity.

An apology for absence was received from Major Milsom.

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Monday 26 November 1951

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall.

The meeting opened with prayer.

There being present: The Rev E.B. Bridger in the chair, the Rev H.C.A.S. Muller, Major Milsom, Mr W Beara, Mr Kelly, Mr Cork, Mr J Beara, Col Stanley Smith Hon Treas, & the agent.

A letter from the Charity Commissioners was read with reference to the Alms House, & after a long discussion it was decided to leave it to the Hon Treas to reply.

On the motion of Mr Cork, second[ed] by Mr W Beara, it was agreed to respect the minutes of 22 October 1951, & to distribute a modified amount of Cocks Charity not to exceed £40.

Fresh applicants were de[a]lt with & it was decided that if there were any more applicants they be de[a]lt with on the spot on the day of distribution.

The distribution to take place on Saturday 15 December, at Northam 2.15pm, Appledore 3pm.

A letter from the Medical Officer of Health about a woman at the Almshouse was read, & it was decided that nothing could be done in the matter.

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Monday 24 November 1952

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall at 12-noon.

The meeting opened with prayer.

There being present: The Rev E.B. Bridger (in the chair), the Rev H.C.A.S. Muller (vice chairman), Mr W.L. Beara, Mr W.J. Kelly, Major C.F. Milsom, Mr J Beara, & the agent [Tuplin].

An apology for non attendance was received from the Treasurer Col Stanley Smith.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & passed.

The agent was instructed to arrange with the Chairman the date & time of any meetings.

It was agreed that the other half of the Almshouse roof should be renewed at the beginning of next year.

Fresh applicants for Cocke's Charity were de[a]lt with & 4 widows were placed in Class I, 2 from Appledore & 2 from Northam.

Arrangements were made to distribute Cocke's & Pickards Charity on Saturday 18 December Northam at 2.15, & Appledore at 2.45pm.

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Monday 9 February 1953

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall at 12-noon.

The meeting opened with prayer.

There being present: The Rev E.B. Bridger (in the chair), Col Stanley Smith (Hon Treasurer), Mr W.J. Kelly, Mr J Beara, Major C.F. Milsom, & the agent [Tuplin].

There was a letter of apology from the Rev Muller who was ill in the Hospital.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & passed.

The cash acc[oun]ts for 1952 were passed as correct, & the Balance Sheet send to the Charity Commissioners.

It was agreed that at the annual distribution of the Charities, the following be printed on the notices announcing the date of distribution. The Trustees are unable to pay money to Benefactors unless the grants are applied for in person or by deputy with written authority.

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Monday 30 November 1953

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall Northam.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Present: The Rev E.B. Bridger (in the chair), Rev R Dixon (Vicar of Appledore), Col Stanley Smith (Hon Treasurer), Mr W.L. Beara, Mr E Cork, Mr W.J. Kelly, Major C.F. Milsom, Mr J Beara, & the agent Mr C.H. Tuplin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & passed.

The meeting stood in silence for a few moments in memory of the late Rev H.C.A.S. Muller.

The Chairman welcomed the Rev R Dixon and proposed that he be elected a Trustee.

Seconded by Mr E Cork and passed.

Notification of this has been sent to the Charity Commission.

The meeting considered what should be done with any money left over at the next distribution owin[g] to non-compliance with the rule passed on 9 February 1953. It was

decided that the Vicars of Northam & Appledore should hold this money until called for, or other arrangements could be made by them for its delivery.

A discussion took place regarding the future of the Almshouse. Views were expressed that existing policy of distribution of small amounts of money to individuals was under present economic conditions of very little use, and it might be more satisfactory to stop the distribution and apply the money to the repair & improvement of the Alms Houses. Mr E Cork expressed the view that a suitable alternative plan might be to sell the Almshouse and devote the interest on the capital for the benefit of occupiers who might be accommodated at the Torrridge Hospital Bideford.

It was agreed that the Hon Treasurer should draft a letter to the Charity Commissioners on the subject & bring it to the next meeting.

It was decided to distribute this year a sum of £40.7s.6d & £16.12s.0d from Pickards Charity keeping back £20 for almshouse repairs.

Seven widows & three children were added to the distribution list, and it was decided it would take place on 19 December 1953 Northam 2.15pm, & Appledore at 2.45pm.

It was decided that all widows etc, who were in need of Cock's Charity should make a fresh application for the Charity next year.

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Monday 1 March 1954

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall, Northam.

There were present: The Rev E.B. Bridger (in the chair), the Rev R Dixon, Col Stanley Smith (Hon Treasurer), Major C.F. Milsom, Mr W.J. Kelly, & the agent Mr C.H. Tuplin.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & passed.

A draft of a letter to be sent to the Charity Commissioners was read & it was decided the Treasurer should send it deleting the last paragraph.

The accounts being audited by the N.P. [National Provincial] Bank were examined & passed, & sent to the Charity Commissioners.

It was decided on the wording of a notice that should be posted up in October & it was also agreed that 2 meetings be held in November, to scrutinize the Forms of Application.

It was decided to have one of the walls at the Almshouse plastered & the Chairman, Treasurer & Agent to meet at the Almshouse on Friday 5 March at 12 noon, to decide which wall should be plastered.

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Monday 8 November 1954

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall.

There were present: The Rev E.B. Bridger (in the chair), the Rev R Dixon, Col Stanley Smith (Hon Treasurer), Major C.F. Milsom, Mr W.L. Beara, Mr E Cork, Mr W.J. Kelly, Mr J Beara, & the agent [Tuplin].

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & passed.

The agent gave a report of a meeting he attended at Exeter of the National Association of Almshouses, & it was decided that the Trustees would not join the association at the present.

It was agreed to find about £50 to decorate the inside of the Almshouse in 1955.

The Trustees scrutinized the Forms of Application & it was decided that the needy cases be given an extra 10/- each, & the agent was instructed to draw up a list, before the next meeting, which will be held on Monday 29 November 1954.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4 o'clock.

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Monday 29 November 1954

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall, Northam.

There were present: The Rev E.B. Bridger (in the chair), the Rev R Dixon, Col Stanley Smith (Hon Treasurer), Mr E Cork, Mr W.J. Kelly, Major C.F. Milsom, Mr W.L. Beara, Mr John Beara, & the agent [Tuplin].

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & passed.

3 fresh application forms were read & the agent was instructed to write to the 3 people concerned & tell them their applications were sent in too late to be considered.

A long discussion took place about what some of the Trustees considered were needy cases, & it was agreed that another Class should not be made, & that they all should go in the Special Class & it was decided to give the Special Class 10/- each.

It was decided that no lists of names should be printed this year, but notices would be posted up stating the dates the Charities would be distributed.

It was agreed that the Cock's Charity should be distributed as follows:

Class I 7/-, Class II 5/-, Children 5/-, & Special Class 10/- each.

Widows over 65 years of age should receive 5/- each from Pickards Charity.

Cock's & Pickards Charity would be distributed on Saturday 18 December at the Church Hall Northam at 2.15pm, & Appledore School Room at 2.45pm.

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Tuesday 29 November 1955

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall, Northam.

There were present: The Rev E.B. Bridger (in the chair), Col Stanley Smith (Hon Treasurer), Mr E Cork, Mr W.J. Kelly, Major C.F. Milsom, Mr John Beara, & the agent [Tuplin].

Apologies were received from the Rev R Dixon & Mr W Beara.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were passed.

The Vicar read a letter from Miss Heiman sending £15.7.7 proceeds from a Jumble Sale organised by the W.V.S. to finish decorating the Almshouse.

Fresh applications for Cock's & Pickards Charity were investigated & 7 widows from Appledore & 6 from Northam were granted special case.

It was agreed that Cock's Charity should be the same as last years amounts & Pickards Charity 4/- to each widow over 65 years of age.

The annual distribution would take place on Saturday 17 December at Northam in the C[hurch] Hall at 2.15pm, & Appledore at the School Room at 2.45pm.

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Monday 26 November 1956

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Church Hall, Northam.

There were present: The Rev E.B. Bridger (in the chair), The Rev R Dixon, Col G.A. Stanley Smith (Hon Treasurer), Mr W.L. Beara, Mr E Cork, Mr W.J. Kelly, Major C.F. Milsom, Mr John Beara, & the agent [Tuplin].

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & passed.

The lists were gone through & chequed.

It was decided that the Treasurer should write a letter to the relatives of the late Miss Heiman thanking them for all the late Miss Heiman had done for the women in the Almshouse.

Fresh applications for Cock's & Pickards Charity were investigated & one widow & child from Appledore, & one widow from Northam were placed on the list, & one widow from Appledore was not allowed she being under 40 with no small children.

It was agreed that 3 new grates be put in the Almshouse in the coming year, one to be put in the empty room at once.

The Trustees decided that Cock's Charity should be distributed as follows:
Class I 7/6 each, Class II 5/- each, Special Cases 10/- each & Children 5/-.
Pickards Charity 5/- each to all widows over 65 years of age.

The annual distribution would take place on Saturday 15 December at Northam in the Church Hall at 2.15pm, & Appledore at the School Room at 2.45pm.

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[THIS WAS THE FINAL ENTRY IN THE MINUTE BOOK, WHICH WAS THEN FULL.
IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER SUBSEQUENT MINUTES HAVE SURVIVED]

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