

Introduction

As a result of the Public Health Act of 1875, a Parochial Sanitary Committee for Great Ayton was appointed by the Stokesley Board of Guardians. The Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee met from 1876 to 1898, and kept minutes of their meetings. These minutes contain information about water supplies and sewage disposal, particularly relevant to the expansion of the village in the nineteenth century. There is information about who owned various properties.

The minutes are available in the North Yorkshire County Record Office at Northallerton, listed under PR/AYG 11/1 (relisted as PC/AYG 2/1). They are on microfilm MIC 1202, starting around 0920 on the film counter.

There follows a transcription of the minutes made by Ian Pearce and Dennis Tyerman.

Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee 1876

Board of Guardians Stokesley
June 3rd 1876

Copy

Resolved: That the nine undermentioned Gentlemen be appointed a Parochial Committee for the Parish of Great Ayton, viz:
Robert Barker
John Peacock
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite
William Winn Junior
Ralph Dixon
John Richardson
James Peirson
John Donaldson
William Augustus Loy

July 14th 1876

The First Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee was held in the Old School on the evening of Friday 14th 1876.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
John Richardson
John Donaldson
Robert Barker
James Peirson

Resolved That M^r John Peacock be Chairman of this Committee for the current year.
That M^r Joseph Longstaff be appointed Clerk to this Committee for the current year.
That the meeting of this Committee be held on the last Friday in each calendar month.

John Peacock, Chairman

July 28th 1876

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
John Donaldson
Robert Barker
Ralph Dixon
James Peirson
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite
William Winn Junior

Resolved That this committee considers the present drain in California insufficient up to the house occupied by John Harbottle Junior and recommend that said drain be extended from that point to the junction of the road with Gisbro Lane.

John Peacock, Chairman

August 25th 1876

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Robert Barker
Ralph Dixon
William Winn Junior

Resolved That this meeting be adjourned to Thursday next August 31st to meet at six o'clock in the evening.

John Peacock, Chairman

August 31st 1876

Adjourned meeting.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Robert Barker
John Donaldson
William Winn

The Union Sanitary Committee having recommended and approved of the drainage of California

Resolved That such drainage be forthwith proceeded with and that said drainage be now offered to let by tender, such tenders to be delivered to M^r Wm H Dixon surveyor on or before Sept 8th 1876 and that the committee meet again in the evening of the 8th September to examine tenders and determine as to the said letting.

John Peacock

September 8th 1876

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Robert Barker
John Donaldson

John Richardson
Ralph Dixon
William Winn
James Peirson
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite

Twelve tenders were sent in for the drainage, the highest being £4..0..0 and the lowest £1..11..2 per chain.

Resolved That the tender of James Langton of Stockton on Tees be accepted, his being the lowest, viz
1..11..2 per chain for the cutting, filling in, &c.

John Peacock, Chairman

9th Sept '76 Examined and approved of by the Rural Sanitary Authority Thos Sowerby

October 27th 1876

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Ralph Dixon
James Peirson

The committee have inspected the new sewer now forming in California and which is approaching completion and are so far satisfied with the work.

Resolved That this meeting be adjourned to Friday next November 3rd 1876 at six o'clock in the evening.

John Peacock, Chairman

November 3rd 1876

Adjourned meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Robert Barker
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite
John Donaldson
James Peirson
William Winn Junior

M^r W H Dixon Surveyor of Highways reports that the sewer is now completed to his satisfaction and that the cost of the same has been as follows

James Langton	Cutting 496 yards	36.. 2.. 8
	Pipes and leading	65..15.. 5
	Lay gully grate	1.. 5.. 0
	Advertising, &c	11.. 4
	M ^r H W Dixon for drawing	
	Specification, inspecting, &c	<u>5.. 0.. 0</u>
		108..14.. 5

Resolved That this committee recommend that a check be given for the amount.

John Peacock, Chairman

December 1st 1876

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee.

Present: John Peacock, chairman

Robert Barker
Ralph Dixon
James Peirson
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite

Resolved That so soon as James Langton has finished the sewer in California to the satisfaction of the surveyor he be paid for the remainder of his money for the same.
That notice of the next meeting to each member of this committee.

John Peacock, Chairman

1877
February 2nd 1877

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Robert Barker
James Peirson
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite
John Donaldson
William Winn Junior

Complaint having been made by M^f Mease Sanitary Inspector that Thomas Eaton has opened a communication from the main sewer in California Road to an old brickpond at the back of his cottages by means of open pipes no provision being made to prevent the passage of sludge and other solid matters into and liable to accumulate in the main sewer.

Resolved That notice be given him that he forthwith discontinue the said connection with the main sewer. The attention of the Committee was also called (by M^f Mease) to the absence of drains or means of drainage of a new house erected by Charles Airy in California there being no public sewer available within the prescribed limits of 100 feet of the premises.

Also that the premises occupied by Thomas Blackburn (butcher) and others were without drainage of any kind.
John Peacock, Chairman

April 6th 1877

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Ralph Dixon
Robert Barker
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite
James Peirson
William Winn Junior

Resolved That Joseph Longstaff be allowed the sum of four pounds up to the present time for his services as Clerk to this Committee and that Mary Hutchinson be allowed ten shillings for finding fire and candles and cleaning the room where this Committee meets.

John Peacock, Chairman

Copy
Stokesley Union Rural Sanitary Authority
7th May 1877

Gent

At the meeting of this Authority held on Saturday last the undermentioned persons were appointed a parochial committee for Great Ayton, viz

Robert Barker
John Peacock
J Thistlethwaite
W^m Winn Junior
Ralph Dixon
John Richardson
James Peirson
John Donaldson
William A Loy

Yours truly Thomas Sowerby
The Overseers of the poor
Great Ayton

June 22nd 1877

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Robert Barker
John Donaldson
James Peirson

Resolved That M^r John Peacock be Chairman of this Committee for the current year.
That Joseph Longstaff be appointed Clerk to this Committee and that he be allowed a reasonable sum for his services to be determined at a future meeting.
That this Committee considering the drains in Bridge Street and the lower part of the village insufficient for the present requirements recommend that a more efficient system drainage be now made.
That about twenty yards of drain be made in California from the main sewer near Mary Ann Taylors and continued westward from that point for the distance required.
That this meeting be adjourned to Friday June 29th at 7 o'clock in the evening.

John Peacock, Chairman

June 29th 1877

Adjourned meeting.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Robert Barker
John Donaldson
James Peirson
William A Loy Esq

Resolved That this meeting be further adjourned to July 13th at seven o'clock in the evening and that M^r W H Dixon Surveyor be requested in the meantime to prepare plans and specifications as per instructions from this present meeting and submit them to the next.

John Peacock, Chairman

July 13th 1877

Adjourned meeting.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
John Donaldson
Robert Barker
James Peirson
William Winn Junior

Plans and specifications were submitted by M^r W H Dixon Surveyor as per resolution of last meeting - - which were approved by this committee - and it was recommended that if approval by the Committee of Guardians at Stokesley that the work be proceeded with forthwith.

John Peacock

July 27th 1877

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
William A Loy Esq
James Peirson
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite
Robert Barker

Seven tenders were sent in for the drainage the highest being £2..15..11 and the lowest £0..16..6 per chain.

Resolved That the tender of Peter Bradley at £1..9..4 per chain be accepted for the cutting, filling in, etc. and that Alexander Iley Stockton on Tees supply the pipes at 2s 5d for 12 inch pipes and the lesser ones in proportion and the whole of the work be completed by the 7th day of September 1877.

That M^r W H Dixon Highway Surveyor be requested to superintend the whole of the work.

John Peacock, Chairman

September 7th 1877

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Robert Barker
Ralph Dixon
James Peirson
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite
William A Loy Esq

M^r W H Dixon Surveyor of the Highways reports that the sewer is now completed to his satisfaction and that the cost of the same has been as follows

	£	s	d
Peter Bradley cutting 565 yds at 1/4	37..	13..	4
3 days works 4/6		13..	6
Pipes and leading	49..	14..	11
Advertising &c		10..	8
W ^m H Dixon for drawing specification inspecting &c.	<u>5..</u>	<u>0..</u>	<u>0</u>
	93..	12..	5

Resolved That this committee recommend that a check be given for the amount.

The committee recommend that the drain in California be carried forward westward in the direction of John Harbottle's cottages so as the said cottage sewage may be let into the main sewer. The new drainage having dried the wells in the village it is desirable that a supply of water be provided and that a well be sunk opposite the Buck Inn and a pump put down for that purpose.

John Peacock, Chairman

September 14th 1877

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
 Robert Barker
 John Donaldson
 Ralph Dixon

Resolved That a well be sunk opposite the Buck Inn not less than three feet diameter within the walls and that M^r W H Dixon be instructed to see to the work being done either by contract or otherwise as may be most expedient and that contracts be invited for the pump and fittings.

September 21st 1877

Tenders for the pump and fittings were received by the Committee as follows

	£	s	d
William Farndale	6..	15..	0
David Bowling	7..	0..	0
John Fawcett - Stokesley-	7..	10..	0

William Farndale's Tender was accepted.

November 2nd 1877

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
 M^r William Loy
 Robert Barker

W H Dixon Surveyor reports that a well has been sunk and a good pump put down opposite the Buck Inn and additional drainage cut in California and the lower part of the village and the whole completed to the satisfaction of this Committee.

The whole cost being as follows

Sinking well. New pump &c	£18..	16..	6
Draining and pipes	8..	3..	0
Looking after work &c	11..	0..	0
	37..	19..	6
	<u>93..</u>	<u>12..</u>	<u>5</u>
	131..	11..	11

John Peacock, Chairman
 James Emerson

May 31st 1878

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
James Peirson
William Winn Junior
John Donaldson

The Committee recommended that the drainage be carried out according to the plans now prepared by M^r W H Dixon Surveyor.

John Peacock, Chairman

Copy

Rural Sanitary Authority
Stokesley Union
Stokesley June 3rd 1878

Gent

I beg to inform you that the undermentioned Gentlemen have been appointed a parochial committee for your parish, viz

At the meeting of this Authority held on Saturday last the undermentioned persons were appointed a parochial committee for Great Ayton, viz

Robert Barker
John Peacock
J Thistlethwaite
William Winn
Ralph Dixon
John Richardson
James Peirson
John Donaldson
William A Loy

Yours truly Thomas Sowerby
The Overseers of the poor
Great Ayton

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School June 14th 1878.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Robert Barker
John Donaldson
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite

Resolved That M^r John Peacock be Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

Six Tenders were sent in for the extension of the sewer from California into the back Low Beck and for a making a tank the highest being 2s..4d per yard and the lowest 1s..8d per yard.

Resolved That the tender of John Brown of Great Ayton be accepted his being the lowest viz 1s..8d per yard.
That the Weardale Iron and Coal C^o's tender for pipes be accepted conditionally that they be equal in quality to what is required.
That the work be proceeded with forthwith and that W^m H Dixon superintend the same.

John Peacock, Chairman

Meeting of the Gt Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School July 12th 1878.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Robert Barker
James Peirson
J Thistlethwaite

Resolved That the drain from the Alms Houses be carried forward to meet the new drain near Harbottle's property, the old drain being broken in, in several places, the length of the new drain will be about 200 yards.

John Peacock, Chairman

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School July 26th 1878.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
James Peirson
John Donaldson
Ralph Dixon
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite

Tenders for cutting the drain in California were sent in as follows

James Jones	3..6 per yard
William Swalwell	2..8 per yard
Hardy and Burton	2..6 per yard
George Grierson	2..5 per yard

Resolved That George Grierson's tender be accepted for the cutting and that the pipes be purchased of the Tudhoe Company.

September 6th 1878

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Ralph Dixon
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite
James Peirson
William Winn
Robert Barker

William H Dixon Surveyor of the Highways reports that the extension of the drain in California is now completed to his satisfaction and that the cost of same has been as follows

	£	s	d
Pipes as per bill for main sewer	53..	13..	9
do do		11..	3
Cutting etc sewer 283 yards at 2/5	34..	3..	11
do 174 yards at 1/8	14..	10..	0
4000 bricks for tank etc 26/6	5..	6..	0
Joiners work		17..	0
Mason work at Old Culvert lime and cement	6..	9..	10

Leading pipes soil and stones 35 days at 7/-	12.. 5.. 0
Bills printing and stamps	6.. 0
William H Dixon for drawing, specification, attending to work, &c	<u>10.. 0.. 0</u>
	£138.. 2.. 9

Resolved That this committee recommend that a check be given to William Henry Dixon for the amount.
John Peacock
Chairman

November 13th 1879

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Present: John Peacock, chairman
Robert Barker
John Donaldson
William Hauxwell
Ralph Dixon
Jeremiah Thistlethwaite

The Committee, considering that there is a great deficiency of water at the East end of the village, recommend that a well be sunk opposite the Friends' Alms Houses and a pump erected in the immediate vicinity of the old Grey well.

John Peacock, Chairman

1880 May 28th

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School.

Copy of letter:

Stokesley 18th May 1880

Dr Sir

I beg to inform you that the undermentioned gentlemen, viz

Robert Barker	James Peirson
John Peacock	John Donaldson
J Thistlethwaite	William A Loy
William Winn	William Hauxwell
R Dixon	Thomas Eeles

Were on Saturday last appointed a Parochial Committee for your parish for the ensuing year.

I have also to inform you that

James Emerson	Alfred Kitching
Isaac Wilson	J S Pennyman
Rev ^d John Collin	E H W Finch
George Marwood	H Richardson
J B Hodgkin	

Were appointed a Special Committee to act in conjunction with the Parochial Committee to consider the letter of the Rev^d John Collin with respect to the cemetery at Ayton. Copy letter is herewith enclosed and I have to request that the parochial committee will arrange for a meeting with the Special Committee as soon as possible.

Yours truly

Tho^s Sowerby

To Mr Joseph Longstaff
Clerk to the Parochial Committee, Great Ayton, Northallerton

(Copy) Great Ayton Vicarage
Northallerton

8th May 1880

Sir, I write in reference to the churchyard of this parish and request that you come and inspect it according to the provisions of the Public Health (Internments) Act 1879 and the instructions sent down from the President of the Local Government Board, Whitehall, in August last, I may add that the churchyard has for some time past been quite full, and we have lately endeavoured to secure more room by pulling down part of the church. This however was only a temporary provision and quite insufficient to meet the requirements of the parish. The churchyard should be closed and new burial ground provided forthwith.

I am yours truly
John Collin

A resolution was passed that Mr John Peacock be Chairman for the ensuing year.

Present

John Peacock Chairman
Robert Barker
Thomas Eeles
William Hauxwell
John Donaldson
William Winn
James Peirson
Ralph Dixon

Respecting the water supply to the East end of the village, referring to the Resolution of November 13th 1879 the Committee recommend that the well be sunk at the corner of the High green instead of opposite the Alms Houses and a pump placed in a garden wall close by belonging to Mr Hodgkin he having given permission for the pump to be put there on condition of the payment of one penny per year.

They also recommend that the sinking of the well be proceeded with forthwith.

Resolved That a meeting respecting the new burying ground be held in the Old School on Friday next at two o'clock in the afternoon and that the Clerk write to the Gentlemen named as the Special Committee asking them to attend the said meeting.

John Peacock
Chairman

June 4th 1880

Meeting of the Parochial Sanitary and Special Committee respecting the new burying ground.

Present John Peacock Chairman
Robert Barker
J Thistlethwaite
William Winn
Ralph Dixon
Thomas Eeles
J B Hodgkin Esq
E H W Finch Esq

James Peirson
John Donaldson
William A Loy
William Hauxwell
Rev^d John Collin
Alfred Kitching Esq
Henry Richardson

Resolved That this meeting stand adjourned for two months on order that the whole question of providing increased burying ground for this parish be considered and that the following Gentlemen be appointed to enquire into the whole subject and report, viz

John Peacock The Chairman

Thomas Eeles

Rev^d John Collin

William Winn

Alfred Kitching

John Peacock

Chairman

August 6th 1880

Adjourned meeting of the Parochial Sanitary and Special Committee respecting the new burial ground.

Present John Peacock Chairman

William A Loy

James Peirson

Alfred Kitching

Ralph Dixon

Rev^d John Collin

William Winn

John Donaldson

Robert Barker

Thomas Eeles

William Hauxwell

Henry Richardson

Resolved Having considered the question of providing additional burying ground this committee considers that there is still room for internments for several years to come.

John Peacock

Chairman

December 3rd 1880

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee to consider the best mode of administering the Laws respecting cemetery burials etc in the parish.

Present: Thomas Eeles

John Donaldson

Robert Barker

William Hauxwell

John Peacock, chairman

James Peirson

Ralph Dixon

Resolved That this meeting before deciding what to do suggest that it is desirable to call a meeting of the Ratepayers and lay the matter before them so as to come to a decision satisfactory to the whole of the parishioners and that a meeting for that purpose be called for next Friday at ½ past 6 o'clock in the evening.

John Peacock

Chairman

Copy

Ayton in Cleveland

Whereas a new Burial Ground has forthwith to be provided for this parish, notice is given that a meeting of the Ratepayers of this parish will be held in the Old School Great Ayton on Friday next December 10th 1880 at half past six o'clock in the evening to consult as to the propriety of electing a burial board or taking proceedings respecting the same under the Sanitary Regulations acts.

Signed John Peacock

Chairman of the parochial Sanitary Committee

Dated

Great Ayton

December 4th 1880

December 10th 1880

Resolved That this meeting elect a committee of five Gentlemen to report on the whole question to a meeting of Ratepayers to be held in this School on Friday next December 16th 1880 at 7 o'clock in the evening and that the following Gentlemen be appointed the committee, viz

M^r John Peacock
James Taylor
George Dixon
John Foster Ellerby
Thomas Eeles

December 10th 1880

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee

Present: John Peacock, chairman
James Peirson Ralph Dixon
William Hauxwell Thomas Eeles
Robert Barker John Donaldson

Resolved That this committee confirm the resolution passed at the before mentioned meeting

John Peacock
Chairman

Copy

Stokesley 16th May 1881

Dear Sir

On the other side I beg to hand you a list of the Gentlemen on your parochial committee.
I have also to ask your committee to carry out their scheme for the drainage of California.

Yours truly

Thomas Sowerby

To M^r J Longstaff

	Committee
Robert Barker	James Peirson
John Peacock	John Donaldson
J Thistlethwaite	William A Loy
W ^m Winn	William Hauxwell
Ralph Dixon	Thomas Eeles

1881

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School May 31st 1881

Present:
Robert Barker William Hauxwell
John Peacock Thomas Eeles
James Peirson John Donaldson

Tho^s Eeles
Chairman

1882 Feb^y 3rd

Meeting of the Great Ayton parochial Sanitary committee held in the Old School Feb^y 3rd 1882

Present:

Thomas Eeles

John Donaldson

Robert Barker

John Peacock

William Hauxwell

William A Loy

Ralph Dixon

Jeremiah Thistlethwaite

James Peirson

Resolved That whereas no further information has been received from the Government Inspector for the Guidance of this committee respecting the drainage that the matter stand over for the present.

Tho^s Eeles
Chairman

1882 June 30th

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary committee held in the Old School June 30th 1882

Present:

James Peirson

Thomas Eeles

John Peacock

Robert Barker

William Hauxwell

Ralph Dixon

William A Loy

William Winn

Resolved That M^r Thomas Eeles be Chairman of this committee for the ensuing year and that this meeting be adjourned until Friday July 14th 1882 at seven o'clock in the evening

Tho^s Eeles
Chairman

Adjourned meeting July 14th 1882

Copy of the letter read

K4949

Local Government Board
Whitehall SW 24th May 1882

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board to advert to the Inquiry held by their Inspector Mr Taylor in January last with regard to the application of the Sanitary Authority of the Stokesley Union for sanction to borrow £700 for works of sewerage for the Township of Great Ayton, and to state that it was arranged at the Inquiry that the Sanitary Authority should amend their scheme so as to deal with the whole of the sewage at one point and provide the best practicable means for purifying the sewage.

The Board request to be informed what is the present stage of the matter.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

Hugh Owen

Assistant Secretary

To Thos Sowerby Esq

Clerk to the Rural Sanitary Authority of the Stokesley Union
Stokesley

In reference to the foregoing:

Resolved That the tanks be enlarged to meet the wish of the Government Inspector and that the whole of the sewage be carried to one point and that Mr Dixon the Surveyor be instructed to alter the plans according to this resolution.

W Winn
Chairman

1883 May 4th

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary committee held in the Old School May 4th 1883

Present:

Thomas Eeles, John Peacock, Robert Barker, William Hauxwell and William Winn

Resolved That it is desirable to carry out the resolution of the Meeting held August 5th 1881 but owing to certain alterations recommended by the Government Inspector it will be necessary to ask for the Loan of Eight Hundred instead of Seven Hundred pounds as per resolution of that meeting. That Messrs Thomas Eeles, John Peacock, Robert Barker and William Hauxwell be appointed a deputation to meet M^r Henry Kitching respecting the position of the tanks and to ascertain on what terms the said tanks will be allowed to be put down.

Tho^s Eeles
Chairman

August 27th 1883

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary committee held in the Old School Aug^t 27th 1883

Present:

Thomas Eeles
J Thistlethwaite
Robert Barker
William Hauxwell
and James Peirson

William Winn
John Peacock
John Donaldson
Ralph Dixon

A letter from the Sanitary Authority at Stokesley having been read calling attention to the deficient supply of water in California it was Resolved that M^r Mease the Sanitary Inspector be wrote to and desired to name a day when it will be convenient to meet M^r Thomas Eeles, W^m Winn, W^m Hauxwell and Ralph Dixon and go over California and ascertain where the deficiency exists and report to the next meeting.

Tho^s Eeles
Chairman

Copy

Rural Sanitary Authority
Stokesley Union

Inspectors Office, Hutton Rudby, Nov^r 20th 1883

To the Chairman of the Parochial San^t Committee, Great Ayton

Dear Sir

I am directed by the Stokesley Rural Sanitary Authority to call the attention of your committee to the lax and unsanitary state of the road leading from the Guisbro Road westward and southward from the end of Eaton's

Row to the old Brick Yard and to ask you to suggest a remedy either to compel the separate owners to repair or place it under the Control of the district Highway Board.

I remain yours most respectfully

Joseph Mease.

November 29th 1883

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School Nov^r 29th 1883

Present:

Thomas Eeles, Robert Barker, W^m Winn, John Donaldson, John Peacock and William Hauxwell

Referring to letter (see copy other side) and having gone over and seen the Road in question we certify that we find it in a very unsatisfactory and almost impassable condition and we recommend that the Clerk be instructed to write to the owners of the property in question asking them to put the Road at once in a satisfactory state of repair

Tho^s Eeles

Chairman

June 20th 1884

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary committee held in the Old School June 20th 1884

Present:

Thomas Eeles, John Donaldson, W^m Winn, William Hauxwell, James Peirson

Complaint having been made by M^r Joseph Mease Sanitary Inspector that there was a nuisance in California near M^r Lennards property caused by the sewage from Messrs Fidler and Conways and other property emptying itself into an open gutter on the property of Messrs Jackson occupied by Matthew Appleton.

'A' This committee having inspected the same and finding the said sewage dammed up in several places recommend that the owners and occupier be asked to clean the said gutter properly out so as to allow of a free passage for the sewage and water running that way.

Tho^s Eeles

Chairman

July 4th 1884

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary committee held in the Old School July 4th 1884 to enquire as to the provision made for the Night Soil and Sewage coming from the Friends Almshouses and other places.

Present:

Thomas Eeles, W^m A Loy MD, William Hauxwell, James Peirson, John Donaldson

As regards the Friends Almshouses we find that each House is provided with an ashpit and watercloset, said WC emptying itself into a small Rivulet passing down the Back Row finally emptying itself into the principal beck passing through the village.

The committee recommend that M^r Hodgkin be written too asking him to make provision so as to prevent the excrement etc from the WC passing into the beforementioned Rivulet.

They also recommend that a cesspool be made at the end of the Back Row Rivulet so as to prevent any excrement etc passing into the main Beck and that M^r Mease be instructed to come and look to the general Sanitary Condition of the village.

Tho^s Eeles

Chairman

January 12th 1885

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School Jan^y 12th 1885

Present:

Thomas Eeles, William Hauxwell, W^m Winn, J Thistlethwaite and John Peacock.

Complaint having been made that the Grey Well was in an unsatisfactory state as regards the surface water running into the well and other matters.

Resolved That a remedy be provided by so altering the level of the floor as to cause the surface water to fall from the well and the joints of the floor to be well cemented.

That the minute of June 20th 1884 marked 'A' be now put into operation.

That this meeting be adjourned to a day when it will be convenient for M^r Loy to attend and examine William Pearson's bill for putting down the tank etc at the end of the Back Row beck.

Tho^s Eeles
Chairman

February 9th 1885

Adjourned meeting held in the Old School February 9th 1885.

Present: Thomas Eeles, Robert Barker, Ralph Dixon, W^m A Loy, W^m Hauxwell, John Donaldson, James Peirson, W^m Winn and John Peacock.

The following bills having been presented for the Tank and work done at the end of the back row beck, viz

William Pearson, Mason	£21..15.. 8½
John Nelles, leading stones, etc	1.. 9..11
Late) Joseph Dale Ironwork	12.. 0
William Harbottle Joiner	<u>16.. 7</u>
Total	£24..14.. 2½

Resolved This committee recommend that these bills be paid.

That alterations be made in the proposed Sanitary Tanks at the West end of the village substituting Filtering beds in lieu of Overflow pipes.

Tho^s Eeles
Chairman

July 19th 1886

Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School July 10th 1886

Present: Thomas Eeles, William Winn, Ralph Dixon, J Thistlethwaite, John Peacock, William Hauxwell.

The attention of the committee having been called (by M^r Mease) to the need for a sewer at Ayton by the side of Gelder Garth to the High green for the purpose of draining property in that direction and also to the standage of water in the Old Brick yards in California from a defective outlet.

The committee report that D^r Loy has put down a proper Sanitary pipe drain from his property on High green Gelder garth) and they recommend that Miss Ann Kilvington be requested to properly drain from her property and Mr Clemenson be requested to do same by hers so far as the Law will compel her and that it be finished out by the Sanitary Authority.

They also recommend that the owners of the Brick yard be communicated with and requested to open out the drain in the brick yard so as to allow the water to flow on its proper course and that the owners of the open gutter into which the water flows be requested to clean it properly out.

Tho^s Eeles
Chairman

July 27th 1888

Meeting of the Great Ayton parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old School July 27th 1888

Present:

Messrs Thomas Eeles, W^m Hauxwell, Robert Barker, James Peirson, W^m Winn.

Mr Thomas Eeles was elected Chairman for the current year.

Complaint having been made as to the condition of the Grey Well and the committee having inspected the same find the water in a very Filthy state and quite unfit for domestic purposes and they recommend that a well be sunk and a good pump put down at the corner of the High Green on the West side of the present lamp post nearly opposite the Royal Oak Hotel.

The Committee find that the water supply has been considerably diminished by the various drains and laying of Gas and other pipes by J B Hodgkin Esq and they recommend that he be kindly asked to contribute a considerable share of the expense.

Tho^s Eeles

Chairman

1888

Memorandum of Cost of sinking a well and fixing a Public Pump on the High Green Great Ayton and closing the Grey Well. October 1888

Joseph Burton Sinking well etc 14 feet deep	£2..19..10
John Iley. Pump case and timber work	1.. 4.. 3
William Layfield supplying and fixing pump	2..15.. 3
William Pearson Sanitary pipes, Bricks etc	2..12..
John Nellest Carting Materials	16.. 6
Flint, Gravel and Labour, levelling up &c	5.. 0
	<u>£10..12..10</u>

Accounts and work superintending by M^r Tho^s Eeles Chairman of Parochial Sanitary Committee.

NB A Stench trap taken from near the Grey Well is now in the possession of M^r Thomas Eeles.

August 16th 1889

Present: Thomas Eeles, J Thistlethwaite, Ralph Dixon, John Donaldson, W^m Hauxwell and George Bradley.

The following letter was Read

Stokesley Rural Sanitary Authority

Inspectors office, Hutton Rudby 27th July 1889

To the Chairman of the Parochial Sanitary Committee Great Ayton

Dear Sir

I have to call the attention of the Parochial Committee to a complaint of the foul state of the beck at Great Ayton at the mouth and below the outlet of the sewer at the low end of the village and also to the defective state of the Main Sewer on the West Side of California the drains from the property of M^r Hutchinson being completely blocked.

I shall be glad to report what steps the committee propose in order to remedy the defects complained of.

I am, yours respectfully, Joseph Mease Inspector

August 16th 1889

As regards the sewage at the low end below the Buck. The committee recommend that the drain be continued westwards a distance of about twenty yards so as to let the sewage into deeper water.

Regarding the drain adjoining M^r Hutchinsons property (South) the committee find that the drain or outlet running west from M^r H's land is too small to carry the (Top) water of when there is a considerable quantity

coming down and recommend that the owner of the property adjoining the south of the field belonging to the trustees of the late Rob^t Johnson be written requesting him to open up the main and put it in a proper state so as to carry the water of and that M^r Hutchinson be requested to open up his own drains and clean them to the Main Sewer west of his house the committee considers that to be private property.

Tho^s Eeles
Chairman

November 18th 1892

At a meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Committee namely Thomas Eeles, William Harbottle, William Winn, Frederick Robson, John Robert Foster and William T Donaldson held in the old schoolroom at 7 o'clock on Friday evening the 18 of Nov all being present. M^r William Winn proposed and M^r Thomas Eeles seconded that John Dixon be appointed Clerk which was carried unanimously.

Proposed by M^r Winn and seconded by M^r Harbottle that M^r Thomas Eeles be appointed Chairman which was also unanimously carried.

The following complaint has been sent from the Stokesley Sanitary Committee for us to consider and report on.
Great Ayton, Yorks Sep 1892

Sir The undersigned inhabitants of the Village of Great Ayton have the honour to request the intervention of your board in a matter seriously affecting the health of the population under circumstances which should an epidemic break out would prove most disastrous.

The Village has 1700 inhabitants and no system of drainage except into the River Leven which intersects the Village and is generally dry but for the sewage flowing into it. The Leven is a clear stream from the hills but is stopped at the high end of the Village by a dam 12 feet high and the water is diverted by a sluice feeding a small mill and runs to waste below the Village. The sluice is closed and the water allowed to run through the Village only and not always on Sundays during the remaining days the bed of the river is full of sewage the principal outfall is close to the main street and the effluvia on warm days is poisonous. We most earnestly beg for the favour of an official inspection and investigation of the evil by authority as nothing can be done otherwise. The owners of the property are absentee and there is no resident Magistrate or local Board we have the honour to be
Sir, Your most obedient servants

Richard M Withington, Vicar of Great Ayton in Cleveland

James O Purvis, Great Ayton

M E Jackson, Vicar of Newton residing at Gt Ayton

R E Golightly, Capt Kings Rifles, Great Ayton

James Taylor, Ayton House

The Secretary

Local Government Board

London

The Clerk is desired to draw up an answer to the complaints made and refer it to William Winn and William Harbottle to inspect and bring to next Fridays meeting for approbation.

William Winn proposes and John R Foster seconds that this meeting be adjourned to 3 o'clock on Friday the 25th inst when the complainants be asked to meet the committee and discuss the question and make any suggestions they wish. The Clerk to give them due notice.

Nov 25th met by adjournment from Friday the 18th Present Thomas Eeles in the Chair, W^m Harbottle, Frederick Robson. The clerk reports that he gave notice to all the complainants and the following Gentlemen responded to the invitation R^{ev} R M Withington, R^{ev} M E Jackson, M^r James Brown and M^r James Purvis.

In answer to the complaint referred to the committee desire that M^r Mease be instructed to enquire as to any Water Closet emptying directly into the stream with a view to having settling tanks if required. This Committee

consider that the best thing they can do is to ask the Government authorities to order a certain quantity of water to pass regularly through the original course and not to alter the whole to be diverted by the mills as we consider we have the prior claim to the water after this all surplus water to go for the use of the mills any other scheme will leave the bed of the river in a worse state than it has ever been.

At a meeting of the Parochial Sanitary Committee held in the Old Schoolroom on the 25th of May the clerk reports that he has received the following letter from the Rural Sanitary Authority.

Union Offices Stokesley
28th April 1894

Dear Sirs

I beg to inform you that at a meeting of the above Authority held this day the following persons were appointed a Parochial Committee for your Parish viz William Winn, William Harbottle, John R Foster, J P Fry, Thos Eeles, W T Donaldson, Henry Kitching and D^f C Stuart.

To the Overseers of the Poor

Yours truly
George Gibson

The whole of whom except J P Fry who is from home have had notice.

Thomas Eeles was unanimously proposed to be Chairman for the following year.

Present William Winn, Thomas Eeles, J R Foster, D^f C Stuart, W^m Harbottle and W^m T Donaldson.

The clerk read the letter sent to the Local Government Board repeating the unsanitary state of the Village.

In answer to which the Committee report that they are wishfull (sic) to drain the Village and put down tanks and filter beds provided that the Local Government Board will allow them to borrow money for the same.

Proposed by Mr Wm Winn and seconded by Mr J R Foster that the whole of the Water Closets be examined by the inspector as it is feared some of them are faulty.

Proposed that Mr Winn ask the leave of the Rural Sanitary Authority for us to have the bed of the stream well cleaned out and get the advice of the clerk respecting the diverting of the water on Sundays and other times when not used for driving the mills.

Tho^s Eeles
Chairman

August 1st 1894

The clerk reports that he sent each of the members of the Parochial Committee notice to meet in the Old Schoolroom at 7pm 1 August.

Present Thomas Eeles in the chair William Winn William Harbottle and William T Donaldson.

The committee find they cannot get any further in the matter of drainage until they can get an interview with Henry Kitching Esq who has been from home as this is the only land available for putting down settling tanks within a reasonable distance they therefore appoint M^r Thomas Eeles M^r William Winn M^r William Harbottle and D^f C Stuart to meet M^r Kitching.

The clerk is instructed to ask him to name the earliest time he can meet the deputation.

The committee have given M^r William Harbottle orders to erect two ventilating pipes into the present drain going through the Back Row which will prevent a great deal of the present nuisance.

Chairman

August 16th 1894

The sub committee with the exception of M^r Eeles met M^r Kitching to ascertain his views on the drainage of the Village which he declines giving until the committee employ a competent sanitary Engineer to examine and report; they therefore recommend that one be employed at once and report.

Tho^s Eeles Chairman

October 5th 1894

At a meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held the 5th of October.

Present Thomas Eeles in the Chair William Harbottle William Winn D^r Charles Stuart John Pease Fry and William Thomas Donaldson.

Proposed by M^r Winn and seconded by M^r W^m Harbottle that we employ M^r Robert H Bicknell to examine and report on the best scheme for draining the village with the probable cost of the same.

M^r Winn is asked to make the necessary arrangements with M^r Bicknell.

Tho^s Eeles Chairman

November 21 1894

At a meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee held pursuant to notice

M^r Thomas Eeles in the chair

Present M^r William Winn M^r William Harbottle M^r John Pease Fry M^r John Robert Foster and M^r W^m T Donaldson.

The plans and estimate of M^r R H Bicknell have been brought before the Parochial Sanitary Committee and it is proposed that the plans be left at the clerks office for them to inspect and that this meeting be adjourned sine die.

The clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Minute to the Sanitary Committee at Stokesley on Saturday next the 24th inst.

Tho^s Eeles Chairman

February 26th 1895

Met pursuant to the following notice.

I am directed to inform you that the Parish Council together with the three District Councillors were on the second of February appointed a Parochial Committee and that I have been requested to act as clerk for you till the Annual Meeting in April next. The plans of the Drainage Scheme were referred to the above committee to consider and report upon to the District Council Meeting to be held on the Second of March next. It will therefore be needful (sic) to appoint a chairman consider the whole scheme and forward the District Council with our report on the same. You are therefore requested to meet in the old schoolroom on Tuesday evening next the 26th inst at seven o'clock.

John Dixon

Clerk to the said Committee

- First It was proposed by M^r George Dixon and seconded by M^r F Robson that M^r R H Simpson be appointed Chairman of the said committee.
- Second Present M^r R H Simpson in the chair M^r George Dixon M^r F Robson M^r J P Fry M^r W^m Heaviside M^r John Nichols & M^r W^m Hutchinson.
- Third The plan and report of M^r Robert H Bicknell CE on the Great Ayton Drainage scheme was laid before the meeting and the latter read by the clerk after a carefull (sic) perusal of the same the following resolutions were made
- Fourth Proposed by M^r G Dixon and seconded by M^r J Nichols and carried unanimously that the report and proposed plans for the Drainage of Great Ayton prepared by M^r R H Bicknell and referred to this committee for consideration be returned to the District Council with a recommendation that it should not be adopted as it does not meet with the approval of this committee.

- Fifth Proposed by M^r J P Fry and seconded by M^r F Robson and carried unanimously. It is therefore proposed that a premium should be offered for competition designs for the best scheme of Drainage.
- Sixth The clerk is requested to send a copy of the Fourth and Fifth Minutes to the Clerk of the District Council to be laid before their next meeting.
- R H Simpson Chairman

March 12th 1895

Met pursuant to notice duly given by the clerk.

Present M^r R H Simpson in the chair M^r William Winn M^r George Dixon M^r W^m Heaviside & M^r W^m Hutchinson.

- First The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
- Second The following minute from the district council was read.
Rural District Council Minute of March 2nd 1894
Proposed by M^r George Dixon and seconded by M^r Robert Henry Simpson and carried unanimously that the report of the Great Ayton Parochial Committee be received and adopted by the Council and that the said committee be authorised to advertise for Competition designs for a drainage and disposal scheme for the Village of Great Ayton including Plans, sections report and Estimate and that a premium of 25 Guineas be offered for such a scheme as shall in the opinion of the said committee be the best suited to meet the requirements such premium to be merged in commission should the successful competitor be engaged to carry out the works and that the said committee be authorised to arrange all details for carrying into effect the resolution.
- Third Proposed that the following advertisement be sent to be included in the Builder and Contractor Journal on Wednesday the 20th & the 27th, the 23rd inst and the following Saturday and that a copy of the same be sent to the Clerk to file.
To Sanitary Engineers
The Parochial Committee of Great Ayton offer a premium of 25 Guineas for such scheme as shall in the opinion of the said committee meet their requirements for the drainage and disposal of sewage including plans, sections, estimate and report. For particulars apply to the Clerk
John Dixon
Great Ayton R S C
Yorkshire
- Fourth M^r George Dixon and M^r William Heaviside seconded that the following persons be appointed a sub committee to arrange the particulars required for the above viz
M^r R H Simpson M^r George Dixon M^r William Heaviside & M^r W^m Hutchinson who are to meet at Two O'clock on Thursday afternoon at the clerks office.
- Fifth Adjourned to 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening the 19th of March. The clerk is requested to send a Notice of the same to each member.

March 19th

First Met pursuant to the adjournment present M^r R H Simpson in the chair M^r W^m Heaviside M^r F Robson M^r J P Fry and M^r W^m Hutchinson.

Second The following conditions have been drawn up by the sub committee:
Premium. A premium of Twenty Five Guineas is offered for the best scheme which shall, in the opinion of the Committee, meet the requirements.

Plans. The plans must show the lines of proposed sewers and drains, Site and Area of Disposal Works, position of Outfall, &c on Ordnance Sheets 25” to the mile scale.

Sections. Sections to be on a scale 100 Ft Horizontal and 10 Ft Vertical, with values and gradients.

Estimates. The estimate cost of all sewage, Drainage, and Disposal Works shall be given, embracing in the aggregate the total cost (including the charges for engineering) of carrying out and completing the same.

Report. The plan shall be accompanied by a full description, including the Engineers reasons for recommending the same.

Scheme. The scheme shall be such as will ensure the known requirements of the Local Government Board.

Time &c. All Plans, &c, are to be sent in under sealed covers, on or before the 13th day of May 1895 addressed to the Clerk and endorsed “Competition Drainage Scheme”. They must subscribe themselves by a nom de plume only, but a sealed envelope must be enclosed giving the full names and postal addresses of Competitors.

Adjudication. The Parochial Committee reserve to themselves the right to be sole adjudicators, and their decision shall be final and binding. The scheme which the premium of Twenty Five Guineas shall be awarded including all plans, Sections, Estimates, Reports, &c, shall become the property of the Parochial Committee and whilst the Committee do not bind themselves to employ the successful competitor to carry out the work, he must be prepared to do so, if required, in which case the Premium shall be merged in the commission paid for the Engineering.

The unsuccessful Plans will be returned after adjudication.

The clerk is to get 50 copies of the above with the advertisement printed and send one to any one wishing to compete.

M^r R H Simpson has consented to see M^r Wynn Finch and M^r Henry Kitching and expound the scheme to them.

R H Simpson Chairman

March 28th 1895

First Met pursuant to the following notice A Meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee will be held in the Old Schoolroom at 7 O’clock in the evening of the 28th of March.

Business

To examine the applications for particulars of the drainage scheme and give further instructions if needful.

- Second Present M^r R H Simpson (in the chair) M^r W^m Winn M^r George Dixon M^r W^m Heaviside M^r F Robson M^r W^m Hutchinson.
- Third The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
- Fourth The clerk reports that he has got the advertisement and conditions printed as directed and sent a copy of them to all enquirers.
- Fifth M^r Simpson reports that he has seen M^r H Kitching and explained to him what was done respecting the competition for drainage &c.
- Sixth The applications for fuller particulars was discussed by the Committee which was put into the hands of the Chairman, M^r Hutchinson and the Clerk to decide and give what they thought needful.
R H Simpson Chairman

April 9th 1895

- First Met pursuant to the following notice Great Ayton Rural Sanitary Committee Please attend a meeting of the above in the Old Schoolroom at 7 O'clock on Tuesday evening the 9th of April 1895. Business to take into consideration the Drainage scheme. Present M^r R H Simpson in the chair M^r George Dixon M^r W^m Winn M^r Frederick Robson M^r W^m Heaviside M^r W^m Hutchinson M^r John Pease Fry and M^r John Nichols.
- Second The clerk reported that he had received a notice from the clerk of the Rural Sanitary Committee enclosing M^r R H Bicknells bill for Professional services amounting to £26.5.0.
- Third The clerk read the minutes of October the 5th and M^r Winn explained the arrangements made by the late Parochial Sanitary Committee from which the present committee thought the Bill had better be returned to M^r Gibson.
- Fifth The clerk is instructed to return M^r R H Bicknells bill to the Rural Sanitary Committee at Stokesley and enclose a copy of this minute.

R H Simpson Chairman

May 22nd 1895

- First Met pursuant to the following notice
A Parochial Sanitary Committee will be held at the close of the Parish Council Meeting.
Business The Drainage Scheme.
Present M^r Simpson M^r Dixon M^r Fry M^r Nichols M^r Hutchinson M^r Heaviside & M^r Robson.

Second The minutes of last meeting have been read and confirmed.

Third The clerk read the following report from the sub committee.
Report of the Sub committee of the Great Ayton Parochial Sanitary Committee
Gentlemen

Re Drainage Scheme

We have given careful consideration to the question before us and beg to report as follows.

It seems to us quite impossible to accept any one of the plans in its entirety and further it seems extremely difficult to decide which is the best all round where there are so many points to take into consideration. One excels in one direction and another in another.

We further consider that as a decision to be arrived at is one of such great importance to the Village and one which will be so far reaching in its results we should take every precaution to ensure our securing the best man to carry out the work.

We further have come to the conclusion that it is our duty to recommend that you should call in a competent Engineer to assist your sub committee in forming a decision and we beg to suggest that M^r T W Stainthorpe MAICE be asked whether he would assist the sub committee and what remuneration he would require for so doing.

Yours Respectfully

R H Simpson

George Dixon

John P Fry

Great Ayton

June 15th 1895

Fourth After due consideration M^r W^m Heaviside proposed and M^r F Robson seconded that the report which had been read be adopted and entered in the Minute book.

Fifth Proposed by M^r F Robson and seconded by M^r W^m Heaviside that the Sub Committee be empowered to adjudicate and call in the services of M^r T W Stainthorpe or some other qualified Engineers to assist and further that the Sub Committee carry out the suggestions of the above report.

Sixth M^r R H Simpson has kindly consented to have a personal interview with M^r Stainthorpe tomorrow (Tuesday) and make the necessary arrangements.

R H Simpson
Chairman

July 26th 1895

First Met pursuant to the following notice Please attend a Parochial Committee meeting at 7 o'clock on Friday evening the 26th inst in the Old Schoolroom. Business the Drainage of the Village. Present M^r R H Simpson in the Chair M^r George Dixon M^r W Hutchinson M^r John P Fry and M^r William Heaviside.

Second The minutes of last meeting have been read and confirmed.

- Third M^r Simpson reports that he had a satisfactory interview with M^r T W Stainthorpe.
- Fourth M^r J P Fry proposed that M^r Stainthorpes report which the chairman read be accepted and adopted which was seconded by M^r George Dixon and carried unanimously.
- Fifth M^r George Dixon proposed that the clerk would write and ask M^r Stainthorpe to come over and meet us at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening next and give the usual notice which was seconded by M^r Hutchinson and carried unanimously.

R H Simpson
Chairman

July 30th 1895

- First Met pursuant to the following notice
Please attend a Parochial Committee Meeting at 7 o'clock in the Old Schoolroom on Tuesday evening July 30th
Business The Drainage Scheme
Present M^r R H Simpson in the Chair M^r J P Fry M^r Geo Dixon M^r F Robson M^r W^m Heaviside M^r W^m Hutchinson M^r John Nichols and M^r W^m Winn.
- Second x
- Third M^r T W Stainthorpe met the Committee as requested after reading his report he proposed several alterations in the plans of *Salus* which he considered on the whole the best scheme sent in the next to that being *Gravitation* M^r Stainthorpe advised us to ask "Salus" to come over and explain his plans and if he was willing to make over the proposed alterations his would be decidedly the best scheme.
- Fourth M^r F Robson proposed that *Salus* scheme subject to the proposed alterations be adopted which was seconded by M^r George Dixon and carried unanimously.
- Second x The minutes of last meeting have been read and confirmed.
- Fifth The chairman then opened the sealed letters containing the names and address of the competitors which were as follows
"Salus"
M^r Harry W Taylor
Newburn on Tyne

"Gravitation"
M^r H Bertram Nichols
Grosvenor Chambers
59 Corporation Street
Birmingham

"Sphinx"
M^r W^m Spinks

52 Prudential Assurance Buildings
Park Row
Leeds

“Economy”
M^f Frederick Beesley
11 Victoria Street
Westminster SW

“Experto Credite”
M^f R E W Berrington
Bank Buildings
Lichfield Street
Wolverhampton

Sixth The clerk was directed to write as follows to M^f Harry W Taylor “Salus”
Dear Sir
Your plans and report have been considered amongst others and I am instructed to ask you for the following information viz
Are you prepared to verify your Estimate of £2990 (Two Thousand Nine hundred and Ninety pounds) by submitting the name of any respectable Contractor who would be prepared to carry out your scheme for the above estimated amount. If so please reply at the earliest date.

R H Simpson
Chairman

August 5th 1895

First Met pursuant to the following notice
Please attend a Parochial Committee Meeting at 7 o'clock on Monday evening August 5th in the Old Schoolroom.
Business The Drainage Scheme
Present M^f R H Simpson in the Chair M^f George Dixon M^f J P Fry M^f F Robson
M^f W^m Hutchinson M^f John Nichols and M^f W^m Heaviside.

Second The clerk read the minutes of last meeting M^f Geo Dixon proposed that they be signed by the chairman and seconded by M^f F Robson.

Third The following letter was received from M^f Harry W Taylor in answer to the Sixth Minute of last Meeting which was read.
Newburn on Tyne Aug 1 1895
Dear Sir
Your letter of yesterdays date duly to hand. I have been most carefully through the estimate again and beg to say that I am fully prepared to verify my estimate of May last of “2990 (Two Thousand Nine hundred and Ninety Pounds) and beg to submit the name of M^f George E Simpson contractor Ellison Terrace Newcastle on Tyne who I believe would readily undertake to carry out the scheme for the amount named in fact I may say that it was on his prices that I worked out the estimate. In proof of M^f Simpsons stability I beg to refer you to R S Rounthwaite Boro Sunderland John Bowes Esq, Surveyor Gateshead M Hall Esq Borough Surveyor South Shields for all of whom M^f Simpson

has carried out extensive work especially at South Shields. He has just finished a contract for my council I can testify to the quality of the work.

To John Dixon
Great Ayton

Yours faithfully
Harry W Taylor

Fourth M^r H W Taylor then was then shown the alterations proposed by the committee and asked to amend his plan &c and bring them to the next Parochial Committee meeting which was fixed for 7 o'clock on Friday the 16th of August.

Fifth The clerk was directed to give the usual notice.

R H Simpson
Chairman

August 16th 1895

First Met pursuant to the following notice
Please attend a parochial Committee Meeting at 7 o'clock on Friday evening August 16th in the Old Schoolroom.

Business The Drainage Scheme

Present M^r R H Simpson in the Chair M^r George Dixon M^r William Winn M^r Frederick Robson M^r William Heaviside M^r John Nichols.

Second M^r Harry W Taylor met the committee as requested by the clerk with his amended plans which now meet the views of the committee.

Third The chairman then received the amended plans to take to the Rural District Council.

R H Simpson

April 14th 1896

1 Met pursuant to the following notice
April 10th 1896 On Tuesday the 14th of April there will be a parochial Committee Meeting at the close of the PC Meeting.

2 The following letter has been received from George Gibson clerk to the Rural District Council. M^r Dixon proposes & M^r Wilson seconds that the Ayton Sewerage Question and recent correspondence thereon be referred back to the Ayton Parochial Committee.
There were present R H Simpson in the Chair Geo Dixon W^m Hutchinson William Heaviside & F Robson.

3 It was proposed directed that M^r Wynne Finch be again approached respecting the date for the Disposal works R H Simpson and the clerk are desired to do so.
M^r Simpson explained exactly how things stand and read a report from the local Government Board and M^r Taylor the engineers answers to their complaints.

The Chairman, Engineer and clerk were proposed to see the tenant (sic) respecting the opening of trial holes also Emanuel Easton and Henry Kitching respecting wayleaves &c.

Copy of letter sent to E H W Finch
Gt Ayton Ap 17 1896

Dear Sir

The Parochial Committee desire me as clerk to inform you that the arrangements for the above have been again referred back to us from the Sewerage Committee of the Stokesley District Council. We have now received the report of the Local Government Board who amongst other things, request that a provisional agreement be entered into (subject to their approval) for the purchase of land for disposal works. At our Committee Meeting on Tuesday evening Ap 14th I was desired to communicate with you as the committee feel sure that you as a large landed proprietor in the parish and neighbourhood will not wish to put the parish to any avoidable trouble and expense in the matter which you will be aware is forced on us by the Board. We have already spared no expense in selecting the best Engineer possible who considers your land decidedly the most suitable for the disposal works the Universal System of Purification (Ives Patent) which makes the water pure when returned to the stream and is considered the most perfect will be adopted. I may say that it is the wish of the committee to meet your views in every way they can and we hope and trust that you as a gentleman interested as you are and have always been in our neighbourhood will reconsider the subject and help us in our arduous (sic) task.

I have the honour to be your obedient servant

John Dixon

Clerk to the Great Ayton Parochial Committee
To E H W Finch Esq
Stokesley

See pages 58 & 59 in the
copying book

R H Simpson

15th of May 1896

- 1 Met pursuant to the following notice
Please attend a Parochial Committee in the Old Schoolroom at 7 30 o'clock on Friday evening the 15th May 1896.
Business The Drainage &c
Present George Dixon William Heaviside John Nichols Robert Henry Simpson Robert Woodwark
- 2 Proposed by George Dixon & seconded by John Nichols that Robert Henry Simpson be reappointed chairman the Parochial Committee also thanking him for his past services which was carried unanimously.
- 3 Proposed by R H Simpson that John Dixon act as clerk for the evening.
- 4 Proposed by John Nichols seconded by William Heaviside and carried unanimously that the Rural District Council be recommended to pay the clerk the sum of Five pounds for his out of pocket expenses and services up to the 15th of April a copy of this minute to be sent to the above.

5 The following reply has been received from E H W Finch Esq in answer to the letter (which has been read) sent by Robert Henry Simpson and the clerk asking him to reconsider his former letter and allow us to purchase the ground necessary for the Disposal works of the Great Ayton Drainage Scheme.

Great Ayton Sewerage Scheme
The Manor House
Stokesley RCO
Yorkshire

Dear Sir

Your of April 17th duly received I have considered the same most carefully but can only answer as before that I am not disposed to sell you any land for the above or any other purpose.

Believe me

Yours very truly

E H Wynne Finch

Ap 21 1896

The clerk is requested to write to E H Wynne Finch Esq thanking him for his answer of 21 of April but as before stated the Local Government having requested us to get an offer of the land which E H Wynne Finch refuses to give the only alternative is to get provisional powers for the compulsory purchase the following is a copy of the clerk's letter to E H Wynne Finch Esq.

(Registered)

Southbrook Great Ayton RSO

May 18th 1896

Dear Sir

I am requested by the Parochial Committee of Great Ayton to thank you for your kind letter of the 21 April they feel very sorry that you cannot see your way to sell the land required for the disposal works &c of the proposed drainage scheme the only thing they can now do seems to be to get provisional compulsory powers they feel extremely sorry to have to come to this alternative but see no other way out of the difficulty.

Yours respectfully

John Dixon

Clerk

To E H Wynne Finch Esq

Manor House

Stokesley

9 M^f Simpson reports that the parties proposed saw the tenant (sic) who granted leave for the trial holes to be cut which was done the ground being everything that could be desired for the purpose.

10 M^f Taylor the Engineer read a report he proposed to send to the Local Government Board which was left with the Chairman for further attention.

11 It was unanimously resolved that the Rural district Council be requested to sanction the appointment of Messrs Bainbridge & Barnley as Solicitors in connection with the Drainage Scheme.

12 The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

R H Simpson

June 1 1896
Great Ayton Parochial Committee

- 1 Met pursuant to the following notice
May 27th 1896 Sir Please attend a Parochial Committee at 7.30 June 1. 1896 in the Old Schoolroom. Business. The Drainage Scheme
R H Simpson in the Chair Present George Dixon, Jno Pease Fry, W^m Heavisides (sic), John Nichols, Frederick Robson, Robert Woodwark.
- 2 The Minutes of last meeting have been read and confirmed.
- 3 Proposed by George Dixon seconded by Jno Nichols and carried unanimously that the Minute respecting the clerks salary be returned to the Rural District Committee ~~for further particulars see the Parish Council Minute Book January 1896.~~
- 4 It was proposed by John Pease Fry & seconded by Frederick Robson that the letter from the clerk to Rural District Council be returned. An amendment was proposed by Robert Henry Simpson that the Eleventh Minute be sent to the sub committee which was not seconded. The original Minute was carried with only one dissent and that the following Minute accompany it.
Resolved that the clerk reply to the District Councils letter as follows.
Referring to that portion of your letter of the 25th informing us that our letter should not be addressed to your clerk we beg to submit that we are in order in addressing them. We have found no official intimation of your having appointed any other Committee re Ayton Drainage than our own and if we had we venture to think that as we are appointed by your council we should still address our communications to your clerk and that if you decline to receive our recommendations there is little use in our continuing to act as a parochial committee.

R H Simpson
Chairman

September 29th 1896
Great Ayton Parochial Committee

- First Met pursuant to the following notice
At the close of the parish Council Meeting a Parochial Committee will be held.
Business The drainage scheme.
- Second The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.
- Third The Third Minute respecting the clerks salary is continued.
- Fourth Proposed by Frederick Robson seconded by Robert Woodwark that in order to facilitate the furtherance of the drainage scheme that no further notice be taken of the fourth Minute of last Meeting which was passed unanimously.

Fourth (sic) R H Simpson the chairman then gave an account of the block which has taken place and showed that it is now progressing as fast as it is possible to get it on.

R H Simpson

February 19th 1897
Great Ayton Parochial Committee

Met pursuant to the following notice

Dear Sir There will be a meeting of the Great Ayton Parochial Committee in the Old Schoolroom at 7 o'clock on Friday evening Feb 19th 1897.

Business the Drainage scheme.

Present R H Simpson in the chair F Robson & W^m Heaviside

- 1 The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.
- 2 The third minute of the last meeting relating to the clerks salary is to be continued.
- 3 Proposed by F Robson seconded by W^m Heaviside that after hearing the report of M^r H W Taylor the engineer to the Great Ayton Drainage scheme as to the removal of the site for the disposal works into the field further down the stream offered by M^r Wynne Finch it was unanimously passed that the original site proposed by the Ayton Engineer should be adhered to.

R H Simpson
Chairman

April 13 1897
Great Ayton Parochial Committee

Met pursuant to notice

Present

R H Simpson in the chair

George Dixon

John Nichols

Frederick Robson

- 1 The Minutes were read and confirmed.
- 2 The second Minute respecting the clerks salary and out of pocket expenses is continued.
- 3 The chairman explained how the scheme was going on and the relations between E H W Finch and the committee.

R H Simpson
W Winn
Chairman D Council

August 24th 1897

Notice having been received from the clerk of the Rural District Committee that the Parish Council were appointed with the District Councillors of the Township the Parochial Committee for Great Ayton they also request us to call a committee meeting at an early date to consider the three following things

First

Proposed by John Pease Fry seconded by W^m Heaviside and carried unanimously that George Dixon be appointed chairman.

Present George Dixon W T Donaldson W^m Heaviside Thomas Peacock and R H Simpson.

First (sic)

The Committee consider the agricultural value of the land for the disposal area is probably about £80.0.0 but think it would be advisable to give somewhat more to avoid arbitration.

Second

The Committee do not think it probable that the money could be borrowed from any local person.

Third

If it does not involve a greater expense the Committee think there should not be any unnecessary delay.

The clerk is requested to write to the sanitary authority respecting the cleaning out of the Beck from the Dam steps at the high end of the Village to the foot bridge known as Josseys bridge at the lower end.

Goe Dixon
Chairman
W Winn
Chairman Dis^t Council

November 19th 1897

Great Ayton Parochial Committee Met pursuant to the following Notice

There will be a meeting of the above in the Old schoolroom on Friday evening the 19th of Nov 1897.

The minutes of last meeting have been read.

Present George Dixon Jun in the chair Robert Henry Simpson Frederick Robson Robert F Geddes
W^m T Donaldson

Proposed by R F Geddes and seconded by F Robson and carried unanimously that the council recommend the RDC committee to accept the Tender of Edward Cuddas & Son and that they appoint M^r Macelquhan Clerk of the works.

Read & confirmed

Geo Dixon
Chairman

W Winn, Chairman 30/11/97

Great Ayton Parochial Committee
Feb 14th 1898

Dear Sir You are requested to attend a meeting of the above in the Old Schoolroom on Monday the 14th of Feb 1898 at 2 30 pm to consider the renting of a suitable place where cases of Small Pox could be isolated should any occur.

John Dixon Clerk

Notices of the above have been sent to D^r Stuart Medical Officer Joseph Mease Sanitary Inspector and a verbal notice to P C Jawers.

Present George Dixon in the chair

John Pease Fry R F Geddes William Heaviside F Robson & R H Simpson

Also Joseph Mease and P C Jawers

- First It was proposed by J P Fry seconded by F Robson that a small committee be appointed to confer with the Stokesley Committee; on being put to the meeting two voted for & two against the proposition. As an amendment the Chairman ruled that we appoint a small sub committee to act on behalf of the Parochial Committee which was carried. George Dixon William Heaviside and R H Simpson were then appointed.
- Second J P Fry proposed that the Sub Committee be empowered to arrange for the renting of an Isolation house, engaging a nurse, and either hiring or purchasing furniture if needful.
- Third George Dixon proposed and J P Fry seconded that we procure carbolic soap and powders.
- Fourth The sub committee were asked to see M^r Levails about taking the Ayton Banks farm house also the room above Geo Johnsons coal shed if suitable also to ask D^r Stuart if he can help us to get a nurse to be in readiness should she be wanted.

J Wilson
Chairman D C

Geo Dixon
Chairman

Great Ayton Parochial Committee
March the 2nd 1898

Met pursuant to the following notice.

Please attend a Parochial Committee at 7 o'clock in the Old Schoolroom this evening to receive the report of the Sub Committee and other Business

John Dixon Clerk

Present George Dixon in the Chair

R F Geddes W^m Heaviside Thos H Peacock & F Robson

- First Mr Heaviside reports that the Sub Committee called on Mr Levails about the Ayton Banks Farm house as he is going to use it himself they have also made diligent enquiry but no one is willing to let a house in Ayton parish isolation purposes. The Clerk went to Middlesbro as desired and saw Mr L Lithgow who declined to let furniture for the above purpose but offered to supply us with all that was needfull (sic) any time we sent a wagon down for it at the same price he supplied the large orders from Middlesbro &c for.
- Second Proposed by R F Geddes and seconded by F Robson that the following Minute be sent to the Rural District Council.
At a Meeting of the Parochial Committee of Great Ayton held the second day of March 1898 it was Resolved that the R D Council be requested to consider the desirability of preventing as far as possible the going to and fro in the district of hawkers, shows, caravans &c from infected areas or

neighbourhoods until such time as there can be no risk of infection or the epidemic of Small Pox has ceased in the neighbourhood of Middlesbro.

- Third Resolved that the following Minute be sent to the Trustees of Great Ayton Manorial Rights That no caravans, shows, shooting galleries or other itinerant amusements be permitted to locate or take up temporary habitation on either of the Greens in Great Ayton and that the Trustees take the necessary steps to carry this into effect such prevention to hold until the cessation of the present epidemic of small Pox in Middlesbro and adjoining districts.
- Fourth Proposed by R F Geddes & seconded by F Robson that no book or document leave the Clerk's possession except when required in an official capacity.
- Fifth Resolved the M^r Heaviside ask the Football Club to postpone any matches for the present.
- Sixth Resolved that the following minute Minute (sic) be sent to M^r Harry W Taylor Engineer for the Drainage Scheme Great Ayton.
Resolved at a Meeting of the Parochial Committee held at Great Ayton on the 2 day of March 1898 That the ventilators of the sewers in the Township of Great Ayton be constructed on the shaft system and not open to the road as laid down on the plan so as to lessen or remove any danger that may arise from smells in connection with the drains.

Geo Dixon

T Gibson Fawcett Chairman 12/4/98

Great Ayton Parochial Committee 12 April 1898

George Dixon in the Chair. Present W T Donaldson, J P Fry, R F Geddes, W Heaviside, J H Peacock & R H Simpson.

- First The Minute of last meeting were read and confirmed.
- Second The First Minute of last meeting to be continued for amendment it being incomplete, after discussion, Resolved that the clerk write to the R D Council reminding that body of the fact that it was reported to them the impossibility of this Committee securing a house for isolation purposes that no further instructions had been received by this Committee and that this Committee awaits further instructions as to procedure.
- Third The Second minute continued.
- Fourth The Third Fourth & Fifth Minute discontinued.
- Fifth Ventilation of Sewers
The Sixth Minute after discussion on this matter and correspondence bearing thereon it was decided that this Committee feeling so strongly on the matter of Ventilation in regard to the drainage scheme request Messrs George Dixon & R H Simpson (district councillor) to act in the matter by arranging an interview with the Engineer in regard to number of Ventilating shafts and cost of same and if possible to get the engineer to meet the views of this Committee. Whatever is arranged to be reported to the new Parochial Committee. R H Simpson to communicate with the Engineer.
R F Geddes kindly acted for the clerk who was from home.

Geo Dixon
T Gibson Fawcett

Note Mr Bicknells plans and specification are held by R H Simpson Nov 1898 J D

There are copies of the competition advertisements inserted as the final entries in the Minute Book

TO SANITARY ENGINEERS.

The Parochial Committee of Great Ayton offer a PREMIUM of TWENTY FIVE GUINEAS for such SCHEME as will in the opinion of the Committee meet their requirements for the drainage of the village and disposal of sewage, including plans, sections, estimate, and report. For particulars apply to the Clerk:-

JOHN DIXON

Great Ayton R.S.O., Yorkshire

COMPETITIONS

Great Ayton:- DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE SCHEME -

The Parochial Committee of Great Ayton offer a premium of £26.5s. for such a scheme as shall in the opinion of the committee meet their requirements for the drainage of the village and disposal of sewage, including plans, sections, estimate, and report. For particulars apply to the clerk, Mr. John Dixon, Great Ayton, R.S.O., Yorkshire.