

A meeting was held in the schoolroom at 7pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 1894 to agree a Chairman and Parish Councillors for the Parish of Mottram St. Andrew.

Those in attendance were Thomas Potts, Walter Greg, James Dawson, Edward Cliffe, Enoch Read, Thomas Vaughan, Ralph Powell, George Walker, A. Wood, Gibbons, Yarwood, Bradburn, Waller, Foden, .Powell, R. Pearson, E. Jennings, W. Broadhurst, F. Massey, James Janson, Isaac Massey, Fisher, Lardner, John Whalley, A. Stearn, Chappell, Mason and Ernest Ward.

On the motion of Edward Cliffe, Walter Greg was elected Chairman, a position that he held for 12 consecutive years. The following were elected as Parish Councillors: - Edward Cliffe, John Cooper, James Dawson, Thomas Potts, Ralph Powell, Enoch Read and George Walker.

The first Parish Council meeting was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1894 under the Chairmanship of Walter Greg in the Schoolroom.

At this meeting the elected members signed acceptance as members of the Parish Council. With the exception of George Walker, labourer, all the others were farmers. Their signatures are recorded in the Parish Council minute books.

Later in the meeting Walter Greg was confirmed as Chairman and George Bradburn, schoolmaster, was elected as Parish Clerk on an annual salary of £2. The meeting agreed that there was no need for a Treasurer.

Appended to these notes are copies of the original meeting notes from the meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 1894 and 19<sup>th</sup> December 1894.

Much of the work was of a routine nature, general maintenance of properties, renewal of tenancies, repairs to property, building, water supply, collection of allotment rents and distribution of the Smith's Charity of various amounts up to £2 to the poor of the village. There are several references in the minutes to the Parish pump. In 1911 there was a bill for 11s 8d for repairs. In 1917 it was again out of commission and reported to be beyond repair. A new one was authorised at a cost of £5 15s 4d. In 1924 Cheshire County Council was advised that the water supply was inadequate, but it was not until 1932 that Stockport Corporation was advised to supply the village.

At the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1896 it was agreed to purchase a tin box for the safe keeping of the Parish records, documents and papers belonging to the Parish Council. This box has lasted very well and is currently held by our latest (2011) Parish Council Clerk, Ron Taylor. It has certainly stood the test of time. Before this time records had been kept in an old deed box at the School. On opening the old deed box it was found that there was nothing of importance except a deed concerning land in Henbury out of which the Parish received an annual amount of £1. It appears that the land refers to part of what is known as High Tree Farm.

At the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1897 held at Mottram School, attended by Messrs Greg, Potts, Powell, Cooper, Broadhurst and Walker it was agreed that Mr. Entwistle be appointed as Parish Clerk at an annual salary of £2 on the retirement of Mr. Bradburn. The Chairman then went on to read out the contents of a circular received from the Board of Agriculture and explained that the Recreation Ground and Field Allotments would in future be under the management of the Parish Council. The question of the suitability of the Recreation Ground was raised and Mr. Greg was asked to write to Mr. Brady, the land agent for Mrs Wright, pointing out that the Recreation Ground is absolutely useless and utterly unsuitable for the purpose for which it is nominally dedicated and asked if there was another piece of land that could be exchanged for the present site which may be of more use to the adjacent land owner. This letter was sent on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 1897 and also made reference to the lack of a church or resident clergyman and without any public room for meetings where young children can meet for play and recreation. Mr. Brady

responded on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1897 stating that he could not recommend to Mrs Wright any plot of land that could be exchanged for the present site. Copies of these letters can be seen attached to the minute book.

The possibility of an exchange being made was again raised by the Parish Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 1921 and an exchange was finally agreed on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1922.

Unfortunately the exchange never took place.

The original Recreation Ground was regularly let to Mr.Cliff at an annual rent of 6s 8d.

At the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1901 it was agreed that Mr. Tylecote, manager, of the Manchester, Liverpool and District Bank be the treasurer. Attempts at the time were being made to close Bowers Well which is used by many villagers. A letter was received from Macclesfield Rural District Council stating that the well is not a public well vested in the Council.

At the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 1904 the Parish Council objected to the proposed site for a new School near Mottram Bridge 'as it is too far from where children live, that the site is low lying, damp and near the polluted River Bollin'. They stated that the School should be built at Kirkley Ditch which was accepted and where it is now located.

Discussions were also held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1907 and again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1914 regarding the state of the roads in Mottram St.Andrew especially the highly dangerous corner on the Prestbury-Wilmslow Road between Greendale Farm and Lee Hall.

At the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> December 1922 it was agreed to write to the Post master general in Macclesfield requesting that a public telephone be made available in the Post Office at Mottram St.Andrew. They also expressed their concern over the late delivery of letters to the village. The provision of a public telephone was again discussed at the meetings held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March and 20<sup>th</sup> April. At the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> April the Parish Clerk advised the meeting that the Post Master General would require an annual fee of £19 for the provision of a telephone. The Parish Council decided that they could not afford this.

At the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1923 the Parish Council gave their support to a petition to the LMS Railway requesting that the 08.15 am train from Macclesfield call additionally at Prestbury.

At the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1924 the Parish Council queried with the Mottram Hall Estate as to who was the rightful owners of Smithy Pits. The parish Council believed that the pits were the property of the parish.

The Parish Council also contacted Cheshire County Council over the inadequate water supply to the village which was also contaminated and asked them what steps they would be taking to resolve the situation. A complaint had also been received by the Parish Council stating that the village pump was not working again.

The Parish Council had also received a letter from Macclesfield RDC stating that Mottram Cross was an ancient monument and was worthy of a preservation order.

At the next meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 1924, the Parish Council again raised, with Wilmslow UDC, the issue regarding the dangerous state of Mottram Road near to the Hough. The meeting also proposed that the Clerk's salary be increased from £15 to £25 per annum.

At the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1924 the chairman reported that he had been called to a special audit at Macclesfield on the 31<sup>st</sup> May owing to certain irregularities by the clerk, Mr.Hopwood, and that the clerk had been suspended and all books and documents had been impounded by the auditors. Mr.Hopwood resignation as Parish Clerk was accepted

by the Parish Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1924 and it was proposed that Mr.G.W.Jackson should act as clerk pro tem. On the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1924 Mr.G.W.Jackson asked the Parish Council to accept his resignation as chairman which was rejected unanimously by the Parish Council, and Mr Wadsworth was asked to undertake the duties of Parish Clerk until the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1924. Mr. G.W.Jackson again on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1924 asked the Parish Council to accept his resignation as chairman and the Parish Council again asked him to reconsider his decision. Mr.G.W.Jackson's resignation was finally accepted on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 1924 and the Parish Council agreed to arrange interviews for the Parish Clerk and Chairman.

At the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1924 Martin G.Alder was appointed as Chairman and Mr.George Mottram of Fernhill Lodge, Alderley Edge was appointed as Parish Clerk.

At a meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 1925 the Parish Council asked that Macclesfield RDC take over the maintenance of the road from Greendale to Wood End Farm. The parish Council also asked if the dangerous corner on Priest Lane could be improved due to its close proximity to the school.

At the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1925 the Parish Council considered the need to erect danger signs in Priest Lane and decided to pursue the ownership of Smithy Pits and the Rough, opposite Mottram Cross. The Parish Council was informed by Macclesfield RDC that the financial situation would prevent them taking over the maintenance of the road Greendale to Woodend Farm.

At the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1925 further discussions were held into the ownership of Smithy Pits. The parish pump was reported to the Parish Council as being out of order again. There were ongoing discussions regarding the various footpaths.

During 1928 numerous meetings discussed the replacement of the footbridge over Pott Brook. Comparative costs were obtained for a wooden bridge and a metal bridge. On receipt of the estimates it was agreed that a wooden bridge should be provided as a metal bridge would be too expensive. Further discussions took place and it was queried as to whether the Parish was responsible for the costs of replacing the footbridge, and it was agreed to make further enquiries.

At the meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1929 the Parish Clerk, George Mottram, resigned, and Mr. Isherwood was offered the post of Parish Clerk on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 1929. However at a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1929 Mr.Isherwood was advised that he would not be the Clerk as the position was to be offered to Mr.D.W.Murray.

At the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1930, the parish Council were made aware of a complaint made regarding the inadequacy of the bus service in so much that the times were inconvenient and the fares excessive. The Clerk was advised to write to the North West Bus Company in Stockport suggesting that the buses ran every hour and not every two hours.

At a meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1931 a letter was read out that had been received from Cheshire County Council proposing that part of Butley and Newton should be absorbed into Mottram St.Andrew. The meeting also discussed the water supply to the village which would run from Alderley Edge as far as the Bulls Head. It was also reported that the parish pump had not been repaired.

Between September 1931 and July 1935 various discussions took place regarding the parish mergers. At a meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 1935 representatives of the Mottram

and Newton Parishes unanimously agreed to the merger of the two parishes and the first meeting of the merged council took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 1936. The meeting also agreed that the Parish Clerk should be a resident of the parish. And Mr. Murray was thanked for his services. Doctor Arnold Renshaw was made Chairman of the combined council and Mr.Holt the vice Chairman. The post of Parish Clerk was offered to Mr.White at an annual salary of £5. It was also agreed on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1936 that Mr.Watson, manager, of the District Bank in Macclesfield be appointed treasurer.

At a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1936 discussions centred on the bus service, Wrights educational trust and the preservation of woodlands.

At the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 1936 further discussions took place regarding the bus service and it was noted that the well water had been discontinued. There were also discussions on the production of ice cream at Greendale that had been satisfactorily inspected by the Sanitary Inspector on a surprise visit. They also discussed the proposed local celebrations for the coronation and the removal of dangerous trees along the road between Mottram and Alderley Edge.

The meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1937 discussed the dangerous trees between Mottram and Alderley Edge and the forthcoming coronation celebrations. A notice had been submitted by Mr.Laing to apply for a licence to serve intoxicating liquor for consumption on and off the premises. A request was also made for two postal deliveries each day, this was agreed to on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 1937. At this meeting Mr.Holt was elected chairman and Mr.White re elected as clerk.

During 1937 and 1938 further discussions took place reference the ownership of Smithy Pits, the bus service and a drainage problem on the recreation ground.

At a meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1938 it was resolved that the parish did not own Smithy Pits but that they belonged to the Reverend Henry Wright, the then owner of Mottram Hall.

At a meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 1939 discussions were held into the provision of 16 houses for agricultural workers.

During the Second World War meetings continued, in fact there was a meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1939. These meetings continued to discuss the bus service, footpath issues, alterations to the refuse collections, collection of scrap metal and the provision of an air raid shelter for the school, which was approved at a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 1940.

Meetings continued to be held during the Second World War mainly discussing the bus service and footpaths. Towards the end of the war discussions again took place regarding the provision of additional housing for agricultural workers. Twenty applications for houses were received and a suggestion was made that four bungalows be added to the already agreed sixteen houses.

After the war discussions continued about the bus service, housing and footpaths.

At a meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1945 the provision of a war memorial was discussed and at a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1947 a proposal was made to ascertain if there was a more suitable site for the recreation ground that could be provided in exchange for the existing site. On the 18<sup>th</sup> May 1948 the Charity Commission stated that they would accept a change of site if a suitable site could be found and if it met various stipulations. In the late 1940s and early 1950s most of the discussions centred on the bus service, footpaths and the recreation ground. There were also discussions at various times

regarding road safety and the excessive speed of traffic through the village with the recommendation that a 30 mph restriction should be applied, this finally happened albeit 50 odd years later.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1950 the parish council agreed to negotiate with the owner of field 277 on the OS map 28/10 and 14 and the land was purchased on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1952. At a meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1953 it was agreed that the field could be used for the coronation celebrations.

During the second half of the 1950s the parish council were still discussing the recreation ground, footpaths, road safety and the playing fields. Additional items discussed were the inadequate sewage disposal from the Bulls Head, the noise coming from Woodford aerodrome, the proposal to erect bungalows in front of the houses on the Crescent and whether to enter the Best Kept Village award, which the village did in 1957. Further discussions were held regarding the renovation of the war memorial and the recommendation that it should be located in the Chapel afterwards, where it is today. Discussions are currently in hand to carry out further renovations to the memorial as some of the names are becoming difficult to read.

In the early 1960s the parish council was still discussing the bus service, road safety (especially the junction of Mill Lane with Wilmslow Road in Newton and Priest Lane with Wilmslow Road in Mottram), footpaths, the playing field and the recreation ground. Discussions were also held into the provision of bungalows in front of the council houses on the Crescent. At the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1962 it was stated that tenders had been sought for the construction of the bungalows and it was reported at the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1963 that a contract had been let to construct six bungalows.

At a meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1963 discussions were held with Over Alderley Parish reference the merger of Over Alderley Parish with the Parish of Mottram St. Andrew.

At the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1964 it was reported that complaints had been received from the Ministry of Health regarding the discharge of sewage with a recommendation that a sewage scheme should be implemented in the village with discharge either to Alderley or Prestbury. The cost of the scheme would be £12,000 with the costs being shared between the Ministry of Health, Cheshire County Council and the Rural District Council. Despite no costs having to be borne by the villagers the villagers objected to the proposal based on their fears that this would lead to a large scale development. Despite the objections Planning Permission was granted on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1965. Also at the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1964 the question of providing garages on the playing fields for the tenants of the council houses was discussed. This proposal was objected to by 14 residents.

Concern was also expressed over the years over the lack of use of the playing fields and the vandalism to the pavilion.

At the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1965 it was reported that the County Surveyor did not consider that the road improvements to Wilmslow Road, Newton, were not a high priority. Further discussions were held over the sewerage scheme and a decision was made to remove the pavilion on the playing fields as it had become unsafe. It was also decided to provide a lockable gate to the playing fields to prevent unauthorised vehicle access.

At the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1965 it was reported that John Holland had installed a gate at the end of his garden into the playing field and that the Rural District Council

would be informed. A deputation from the Women's Institute desired to erect a sign to celebrate the Women's Institute's Golden Jubilee on Oak Road opposite the allotments.

At the meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 1965 it was reported that there was a proposal to build a high security prison at Nether Alderley and the Mottram St. Andrew parish council was strongly opposed to this scheme and the matter was to be raised in Parliament on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1965. There were further discussions about Wilmslow Road, Newton. Agreement was reached to erect a sign to celebrate the WI Golden Jubilee and the Rural District Council gave agreement to John Holland's gate into the playing field. \_

Further discussions took place in 1966 regarding the proposed sewerage scheme. The meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> May discussed a modified scheme for 55 houses at an estimated cost of £12,500 and if unopposed would be completed before the end of 1967. At the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September the parish council suggested that the sewerage scheme should be sited on the old recreation ground so that properties in Oak Road could be catered for. However the Engineer & Surveyor for the Rural District Council considered that this would make the scheme too expensive. At the same meeting agreement was reached to improve Wilmslow Road/Lees Lane and a plan was being prepared.

At the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1966 it was reported that a child had been knocked down when leaving school in Priest Lane by a vehicle. A letter had been sent to the District Surveyor stressing the need for a footpath to protect children. In reply the District Surveyor had written that the footpath from the Crescent to the Post Office was under consideration and that funds might be available in the next financial year.

At a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 1967 the parish council objected to a proposal to provide a rubbish tip for Alderley Edge Urban District Council opposite Dicken's Farm, Alderley Road.

During other meetings held in 1967 there were discussions concerning footpath 19 and further discussions about the sewerage scheme. There were also discussions regarding problems with septic tanks in Oak Road. Improvements had been made to Wilmslow Road/Lees Lane but there were still problems regarding the danger to pedestrians. This was discussed again at a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 1968 when the County Surveyor said that he appreciated the concerns of the parish council regarding pedestrians and he would give the scheme high priority as soon as funds were available.

At the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1968 the Rural District Council was asked to clear the old refuse tip opposite Higher Farm of old tin cans etc.

At the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1968 it was agreed to send a letter of appreciation to the District Surveyor expressing appreciation for the provision of a footpath from the cottages by the post office to the school but pressing for the footpath to be extended to the council houses in Alderley Road. A letter had been received in reply from the District Surveyor stating that a scheme was in hand to extend the footpath. Other items discussed at the meeting concerned the provision of meals on wheels service, the provision of a mobile library and the proposed closure of the existing library in the village hall. At the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November it was reported that the mobile library was being well used and by more people than had used the former centre. There were also complaints regarding the drainage being defective from the bungalows numbered one to three.

In 1969 it was determined that the drain behind the bungalows was not defective but had become blocked with soaked newspapers.

During the 1970s there were many planning applications discussed. Other items discussed on a regular basis were the bus service.

In 1970 the need to extend the footpath from the chapel to the Crescent was raised and the need was discussed on a regular basis but it was not until 1979 that a satisfactory outcome was achieved. At a meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1979 satisfaction was expressed.

In 1971 there was a proposal to amalgamate Over Alderley and Nether Alderley parishes with Mottram St. Andrew. At a meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1971 the possible closure of Mottram St. Andrew School was discussed and this subject was discussed at numerous meetings in the following years. There was strong opposition to the school closure and a deputation was led by Mr. Preece, the chairman of the parent/teacher association. At a meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1973 it was reported that a decision to defer closure of the school had been made and a decision made to retain the school.

In 1972 the proposed closure of the post office was discussed and also the need to provide additional council houses and bungalows for local people.

In 1973 there was a new proposal to amalgamate Mottram St. Andrew parish with Adlington and Prestbury. There was also a proposal that public street lighting be provided from the chapel to the Crescent. It was agreed at a meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1973 that the old recreation ground should be registered as a village green rather than as common land under the Common Registration Act of 1965. At a meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 1973 attempts were made to secure the provision of a telephone kiosk near to the Crescent which was achieved in 1974 as reported at a meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1974.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1974 a meeting was called to discuss the savage increase in rates. The ratepayers strongly objected to this increase and asked that the matter be reconsidered.

In 1975 this increase in rates was still being discussed. At a meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 1975 it was reported that the village shop had closed and there was discussion on the proposed closure of the post office. There was also discussion reference the flooding to the front garden of number 2 the Crescent.

In 1977 several meetings discussed the planned Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations.

At a meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1978 there was a suggestion that the parish boundary between Mottram St. Andrew and Prestbury should be altered and that the boundary should run down the centre of Withinlee Road.

At a meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1979 there was a proposal to install speed humps in the road between the Bulls Head and Pott Brook in an attempt to slow the traffic down.

At meetings held in 1979 there were further discussions about the parish boundary, the footpath between the chapel and the Crescent and the proposal to install a gas supply to the village. At a meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1979 satisfaction was expressed re the footpath between the chapel and the Crescent. At a meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 1979 it was reported that the Borough Council had decided that the boundary between Mottram St. Andrew and Prestbury should run down the centre of Withinlee Road. At this meeting it was also decided that parish council meetings should in future be held on the third Monday of alternate months.

In the 1980s the meetings continued to discuss planning applications, the unsatisfactory bus service, the possibility of the local school being closed and the speed and weight of traffic passing through the village.

The meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 1980 paid tribute to the late John L.White who had been the parish clerk for over 40years. There was also an expression made for a map of all local footpaths and the need for lighting outside the old people's bungalows. At the next meeting Mr.G.Beard brought the local footpath map within a repainted frame and it was decided that it should be hung in the village hall.

At a meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 1980 it was learnt that Mrs. Holland is resigning from the sub post office which she had been running for the past five years. At the next meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September the meeting was informed that Mrs.L.Gregory had agreed to undertake the running of the post office for five mornings a week starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1980. This news was received with pleasure.

At the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 1980 it was reported that Mrs.Gregory had taken up her duties in running the post office and that it was working satisfactorily. The clerk at this meeting was asked to write to local farmers as well as Mr.Slater stating that the parish council is open to offers to rent the recreation ground on a 12 month basis, with the tenant being responsible for clearing the ditches and maintaining the fences. The meeting also learnt that the weekly mini bus organised by the United Charities Trust had been well received and was a great success. Concern was expressed over the accident rate on the main road through Newton. Mr.Fletcher agreed to inspect the ancient well in Oak Road and recommend what renovations might be necessary to restore the pump as an historical amenity.

At the meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1981 it was agreed that all school children of the parish should receive a mug to celebrate the marriage of Prince Charles. Permission was sought at this meeting to plant a cherry tree in front of the old peoples bungalows and it was recorded that an 8 feet tall Oak Tree had been planted on the corner of Oak Road and Priest Lane to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Queen Mother.

At the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 1981 it was reported that a cherry tree had been planted outside bungalow number 4 on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 1981. At this meeting it was recorded that Alan Slater was interested in renting the recreation ground and it was agreed that the chairman should approach Mr.Slater and make a suitable agreement to include Mr. Slater clearing the ditches and keeping them in order so that the public footpath is passable.

At a meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1981 it was reported that a number of travellers had been occupying a field for at least two weeks. It was also reported that the chairman had made an agreement with Mr.Slater of Brook Farm, Wilmslow Road to the effect that Mr.Slater should improve the ditches and hedges, paying no rent until the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1983 when an annual rent of £30 would be charged. The terms were put in a letter that was signed by Mr.Slater and the chairman.

At the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 1982 the question of car parking on the Crescent was reported as it was causing a hazard and the housing authority was requested to deal with the matter quickly.

At the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 1986 the idea of a neighbourhood watch scheme was raised and thanks were given at the next meeting to Mrs. Cavanagh and Mrs Burns for organising a home watch meeting.



In 1988 and 1989 car parking on the Crescent was raised again and the possibility of a preservation order being made on the telephone kiosk was discussed. It was reported at a meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1989 that English Heritage had not agreed to the proposal. It was also reported that the village school was once again up for review and at the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1989 Mrs. Pam Skinner, the PTA representative, explained the steps being made to reverse the education authority's recommendation to close the school in 1990. It was also learnt at this meeting that Mottram St.Andrew as well as being in the green belt it was also an area of special County value and therefore more secure than ever from widespread development.

At a meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1989 the possibility of registering the drive to Daniel's Hill as a public right of way was discussed as it had been used by many generations of Mottram St.Andrew residents.

In the early 1990s there was a proposal to build 52/54 affordable houses/starter homes opposite the Crescent. The meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1990 considered this proposal totally unacceptable. There were also numerous problems with the drainage around the bungalows and the need for a septic tank at the Crescent. The parish council at their meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> September felt that the parish was unable to commit any funding to the septic tank and considered this was a private matter and the responsibility of the residents on the Crescent.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN	YEAR	PARISH COUNCIL CLERK	YEAR
Walter Greg.	1894-1906	George Bradburn	1894-1896
G.W.Jackson	1906-1924	E.Entwistle	1897-1902
Martin G.Aldred	1924-1936	F.Parkinson	1902-1908
Dr.Arnold Renshaw	1936-1937	James Wright	1908-1922
D.Holt	1937-1955	James Edward Hopwood	1922-1924
A.Swain	1955-1972	A.S.Wadsworth	1924-1924
J.Ford	1972-1989	George Mottram	1924-1929
Reg.Gardom	1989-2003	D.W.Murray	1929-1936
Geoff Beard	2003-2011	J.L.White	1936-1979
Bill Pilkington	2011	D.M.Seymour (Mrs)	1979-1987
		Ian Wright	1987-1990
		John Carr	1990-2009
		Ron Taylor	2009-

Appended below are copies of the original minutes of the meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 1894 and 19<sup>th</sup> December 1894.

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Parish Meeting. Mottram St-Andrew Parish Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> Decr 1894

First Parish Meeting held in the Schoolroom on  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1894 at 7 p.m.

Present

Present. Messrs Thomas Potts, Walter Greg, Jas Dawson, Edward Cliffe, Enoch Read, Mr. Vaughan, Chappell, Ralph Powell, Mason, Walker, A. Wood, Gibbons, Greenwood, Bradburn, Waller, Fodae, J. Powell, R. Pearson, E. Jennings, W. Broadhurst, F. Harsey, Jas. Dawson, Isaac Harsey, Fisher, Gardner, J. Whalley & A. Stearn. Ernest Ward

Chairman

On the motion of Mr. Edward Cliffe Mr. Walter Greg was elected Chairman of the meeting.

Explanation

Mr. Greg took the Chair at 7.8 pm & explained the object of the meeting and the qualifications & mode of electing Parish Councillors

Nominations

Nominations were then handed in to the Chairman and about 7.35 he announced to the meeting that the following gentlemen had been duly nominated viz:

1. Edward Cliffe	21 votes
2. John Cooper	20 "
3. James Dawson	20 "
4. Thomas Potts	21 "
5. Ralph Powel	22 "
6. Enoch Read	20 "
7. George Walker	16 "
8. John Waller	12 "

Questions to  
Candidates

The Chairman then gave an opportunity to those present to ask the gentlemen nominated any questions they saw

Withdrawals.

Opportunity was then given to the persons nominated (who were all present) to withdraw their names from candidature, but no names were withdrawn.

Show of hands

The names of those nominated were then put to the meeting in alphabetical order and a vote taken in favour of each by show of hands. The <sup>number of</sup> votes given in favour of each candidate appears opposite his name in the foregoing list.

Poll

The Chairman then explained that any parochial elector might demand a poll, but after allowing an interval of ten minutes no poll was demanded.

Councillors  
Elected

The Chairman then declared the following seven Gentlemen elected as Parish Councillors viz.

- ✓ Edward Cliffe
- ✓ John Cooper
- ✓ James Dawson
- ✓ Thomas Potts
- ✓ Ralph Powell
- ✓ Ernoch Read
- ✓ George Walker

Election of  
Wardens

Mr. Edward Cliffe was then proposed as Waywarden by Mr. George Walker & seconded by Mr. Ralph Powell, and, no other name being before the meeting, was declared elected.

The meeting then terminated.

Walter Greg.

Chairman