

# Proceedings of Parish Meetings 1821-1888

## No 1

At a meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the parish Church, May 16th 1821 Joseph Walker Esqr. in the Chair, the following Resolutions were unanimously agreed to:

2<sup>nd</sup> That the accounts produced at this Meeting be laid before a Committee of the following Persons viz. Wm Pontey John Beaumont Thos. Oxley and Saml. Wood, at the House of Wm Pontey on Saturday next by Two o'Clock to be there audited and put into such Shape as may make them intelligible to the next Parish Meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> That this Meeting be adjourned to Three o'Clock on Monday next.

Signed Joseph Walker      Chairman

Vestry Meeting held May 21st 1821 by Adjournment from the 16th Inst. J. Walker Esqr in the Chair.

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That by the Laws and Custom of England, Churchwardens are bound to attend to the ordinary Business of the Church without Fee or Reward.

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved. That the Practice of Church wardens meeting to drink at the Parish Expense, on pretence of consulting about the Business of the Church is not only illegal, but naturally tends (as has been seen) to promote Extravagance, Injustice and Disorder. At the same time it directly serves to prevent Persons of Sobriety and Respectability, from wishing to serve the Office tho' only such are at all likely to discharge its Duties properly; while, on the other hand the Practice mentioned, so long as suffered, will always be sufficient Inducement for Men of different Description, not only to use Means to get into the Office, but to remain in it as long as they can.

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved. That we consider the Audit and property of the Parish as concerning as also the Respectability of the Church in suppressing any Degree of Extravagance and disorderly Conduct in the Churchwardens, and therefore hereby resolve, that in future no Allowance shall be made the Churchwardens in Money of Liquor for attending to the ordinary Business of the Church; but in Regard to extraordinary Occasions, such as Parish Meetings that relate to Church Business they shall be at Liberty to claim some Allowance at the next Parish Meeting appointed to audit their Accounts, which is hereby recommended to allow on Account of such Attendances whatever may be deemed just and reasonable.

4<sup>th</sup> Resolved, That the Parish will allow Ten Shillings & Six Pence, each as Expenses to all such Persons as are obliged to attend the Visitations, and no more, on any pretence whatever.

5<sup>th</sup> Resolved. That the Churchwardens shall, in future give Notice of a Parish Meeting to examine and pay their Accounts, at least one Month before the Visitations in every Year; and that such Meetings shall, after doing so, deliver to one Churchwarden for every Township, an Account of the Same such Township has to pay towards the Church Expenses of the past Year signed by the Chairman and that no Churchwarden shall be permitted to make any Req for such Expenses, before he has laid the Account before a regular Town's Meeting.

Unanimously agreed upon this 21st May 1821  
Signed Joseph Walker Chairman

### **No 3**

Resolutions entered into by the Parish Meeting held in Vestry June 5<sup>th</sup> 1822 in pursuance of a Notice given in Church for convening the same, on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of May last. J Walker Esqr in the Chair.

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That 7/6 charged in Mr Harrisons Bill for attending Visitations be not allowed; but that it be left to the Churchwardens to settle the Account with him.

2<sup>nd</sup> That that the Bill of £84 1 as the ordinary Expenses of the Church shall be allowed.

3<sup>rd</sup> That a List of the whole of the Subscribers to the Bills shall be published at the Expense of the Parish calling upon the defaulters to pay their Subscriptions to Mr Matthew Sheard on or before the 1st of August next with an Assurance that after that Time the Names of such Defaulters will be published in the same Manner as the above Lists.

4<sup>th</sup> That all the Resolutions of last Year shall be confirmed and that a Box be provided to hold the Church Accounts having four Keys; and that a Book be provided in which the Church Accounts are to be annually entered at the Expense of the Parish.

Signed Joseph Walker Chairman

#### **No 4**

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on Thursday the 15th August 1822 and convened for the Purpose of considering about the Propriety of removing or repairing the Steam Apparatus in the said Church. Mr Thos. Oxley in the Chair, the following Resolutions were adopted.

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> unanimously, That the Steam Apparatus being found incapable of answering the Purpose for which it was designed, be removed out of the Church and sold for the highest Price that can be procured for it.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the Money arising from the Sale of the said Steam Apparatus be appropriated in liquidating the Debt due to Mr Cardwell.

3<sup>rd</sup> That if there be a Surplus after paying off Mr Cardwell the said Surplus shall be appropriated towards erecting a Stove or some other Apparatus to warm the Church.

Protest. J Joseph Walker as a principal Subscriber to the Steam Apparatus for warming the Church protests against the same being taken down, unless the Parish Meeting will agree to substitute something in Liew therefore which may be more efficacious. (Protest) Joseph Walker

Protest. J Abraham Peace protests against the 3<sup>rd</sup> Resolution it not having been put to the Meeting in an intelligible Manner

Protest Abraham Peace Signed Thos Oxley Chairman

4<sup>th</sup> That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to our worthy Chairman for his impartial Conduct in the Chair.

### **No 5**

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1823 convened for the purpose of auditing the Churchwardens Accounts and other Purposes connected therewith, Joseph Walker Esqr in the Chair, the following Resolution were unanimously agreed to:

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That an Assessment of £120 be granted to the Churchwardens for defraying the Expenses of the Church for the past Year.

2<sup>nd</sup> that the Churchwardens employ a Woman to keep the Church regularly clean

3<sup>rd</sup> That a Stove for warming the Church upon the most economical Principle be procured and that Mr Rayner and the Churchwardens be requested to carry this Resolution into Effect.

4<sup>th</sup> That a Seat for the Churchwardens and Constables be made in the Body of the Church to be taken off from the Seat adjoining the Pillar nearest Mr Walker's seat, and occupy Three of the Pews; and that the same be fitted up in a respectable manner.

5<sup>th</sup> That the present Constables Seat be appropriated to the Use of the Master of the Grammar School, but that he pay to the Churchwardens the Sum of One Shilling per Annum for the same.

6<sup>th</sup> That the present Churchwardens' Seat be let to Benjamin Wilkinson and John Nowell at the rate of Seven Shillings per Annum.

7<sup>th</sup> That the Churching Pew be put into a comfortable State of Repair; and that an Inner Door be fitted to the Chancel Door.

8<sup>th</sup> That the Rules laid down by the former Parish Meetings, holden in the Vestry be in every future Year acted upon, for the Regulation of the Churchwardens, otherwise this Meeting which represents the Parish declare any Rate granted for discharging the same illegal, without the

Accounts being first inspected by a Parish Meeting regularly convened, the Accounts allowed and the Sum agreed upon for each Township to advance after which the Churchwardens shall lay their Accounts before their respective Townships, and be entitled to a Rate to discharge the same, and if any of the Churchwardens want any Arrears the same shall be granted them by their respective Townships in addition to the former Rate.

9<sup>th</sup> that £8 be appropriated to the Singers attending this Church for the Year ensuing to be applied at the Discretion of the Churchwardens.

10<sup>th</sup> That the Thanks for this Meeting be given to the Churchwardens for their Exertions during the Term of there being in Office.

11<sup>th</sup> That the Thanks of this Meeting are due to Mr Rayner and the Churchwardens for their zealous Exertions in investigating the Business belonging to the Coweyes Estate.

Signed Joseph Walker Chairman

12<sup>th</sup> That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to Mr Walker for his Conduct in the Chair this Day

Wm Rayner

## **No 6**

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church. May 8th 1823; and convened for the Purpose of taking into Consideration the Propriety of enlarging the Church Yard, and also to consider the most eligible mode of removing the present Footpaths out of the said Church Yard, or diverting or turning the same (Joseph Walker Esqr the Chair) the following Resolutions were adopted.

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That the Church Yard shall be enlarged and that the Land for effecting the same be procured in the most eligible Situation, to be agreed upon by a Committee, to act along with the Churchwardens.

2<sup>nd</sup> That a Rate be granted for carrying the above Resolution into Effect.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the following Gentlemen be appointed a Committee conformable to the First Resolution: Messers Thos Oxley, Joseph Blackburn John Smith, Joseph Hall, John Ness, John Beaumont, Geoe Senior John Wood, and

Jonathan Senior; and that the Names of those who attend the Meetings shall be sent down, and their Expenses not exceed 2s 6d for each Individual.

Signed Joseph Walker Chairman

4<sup>th</sup> That the Thanks for this Meeting be given to the Chairman.

### **No 7**

At a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Parish Meeting of May 8<sup>th</sup> inst. to consider of the most eligible Situation for enlarging the Church Yard, and held at Kirkstile May 15<sup>th</sup> 1823 , Mr Bedford in the Chair it was resolved.

1<sup>st</sup> That it is the Opinion of this Meeting that the most eligible Situation for enlarging the Church Yard is on the North Side of the Church as staked out, and upon the West Side as far as the Gutter in George Armitage's Field.

2<sup>nd</sup> That a Person be employed to find Mr Thornton's Reservoir tomorrow and that Jonathan Senior, Thos Oxley, John Beaumont and George Senior meet at 5 o'Clock on that Day to adjust the Stakes so that a Plan and A measurement of the intended Enlargement may be made three of the Persons appointed to act.

Signed

Chairman

### **No 8**

Resolutions of a Parish Meeting held in the Parish Church Kirkheaton July 24<sup>th</sup> 1823 convened for the Purpose of considering the most eligible method of repairing the Roof of the Parish Church & of other Matters connected therewith Mr Wm Pontey in the Chair.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved That the undermentioned Persons be requested to support the Churchwardens the best and most effectual Method of repairing the roof the Parish Church according to its present Position and to make an Estimate of the same viz. Mr Joseph Kay Mr Wm Schofield Mr Joseph Heywood.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the Estimate when ready shall be presented to a Parish Meeting legally called for that Purpose.

Signed                      Wm Pontey                      - Chairman

**No 9**

Vestry Meeting held August 15th 1823 pursuant to the following Notice. The Churchwardens of this Parish having received the Estimates of the several Persons appointed by a Parish Meeting held in this Church on Thursday the 24th day of July of the several repairs requested to be done to the roof, and other Matters of this Church they do hereby give Notice that a Parish Meeting will be held in the Vestry of the said Parish Church on Friday the 15th Inst. at the Hour of Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon to allow a Rate through the said Parish to reimburse the Church wardens and enable them to complete the repairs agreeable to the said Estimate and the necessary matters relating thereto by Order of the Churchwardens.

Kirkheaton 9th day of August 1823.  
Joseph Walker Esqr Chairman.

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That the business of the day be proceeded with Proposition made by Mr Rayner, but lost by a Minority of 50 Individuals to 67. That a Rate be granted through the Parish in the several Townships which shall be equal to the Amount of the several Estimates of Joseph Kaye, Joseph Heywood Thos Hayley & Tom Schofield.

Resolved 2<sup>nd</sup> That the Church be repaired in the most effectual manner by a Committee composed of the Churchwardens and 2 persons from each Township to be set by public Estimate the persons taking it to give Security if required; & that a Rate be made through the Parish for the Sum.

Resolved 3<sup>rd</sup> That the following Gentlemen be appointed a Committee conformable to the 2nd Resolution - for Dalton Jno. Wood & Geo. Senior - for Kirkheaton Jno. Beaumont & Jno. Sykes - for Whitley Thos. Clarke & Wm Hutchinson - for Lepton Josh. Hall & Wm Pontey.

Signed      Joseph Walker      Chairman

Resolved 4<sup>th</sup> that the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Chairman.  
Wm Rayner

## **No 10**

At a Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church, October 2nd 1823 and convened by George Senior, John Beaumont Benjamin Lockwood and William Pontey, the following Resolutions were passed, after the Revd H Harrison had been called to the Chair.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved that the Undertakers of the Church Improvements be requested to cause the South Front Walls of the Church to be taken down to the Ground and to rebuild the same in a handsome and substantial Manner putting three Gothic Windows in the lower Part of the said Wall.

2<sup>nd</sup> That as soon as the Wall mentioned in the First Resolution shall be rebuilt, Mr Joseph Kaye of Huddersfield shall be requested to value the said Work, and the Plastering necessary to complete the same; and that the Churchwardens be authorized to make a Rate for the Amount and collect the same in their respective Townships in the same manner as other Church Rates, and to pay the Money to the Undertakers of the Church Improvements.

Henry Harrison                      Chairman

## **No 11**

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Choir of the Parish Church March 10th 1824 conformable to regular Notice, The Revd H Harrison in the Chair, the following Resolutions were agreed to:

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That the amount of Mr Joseph Kay's Valuation for the Alterations made in the Church be liquidated forthwith by Rates levied in the usual manner, upon the Inhabitants of the Four Townships.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the Churchwardens having presented the following Memorial to this Meeting, this Meeting requests the Churchwardens to address respectful Letter to the Rector informing him of the same and that they have no doubt he will immediately comply with their wishes in having it put into that state of Repair which so valuable a Rectory entitles them to expect; and at the same time to present their thanks for his Subscription to the Alterations in the Church - "Memorial" "The Churchwardens think it expedient to inform this Meeting that they with the principle Workmen



have had an opportunity of examining the state of the Roof and South Wall of the Chancel of this Church during the recent alterations – that they conceive it their duty to express to this meeting that they are decidedly of the opinion that during a high Wind or a heavy fall of Snow covering the said Roof it is exceedingly dangerous from the decayed state of the Bearing Timber and the badness of the Walls and that there is great apprehension of its falling in.

Signed, John Bedford, William Timmins, William Tunnacliffe, John Hammerton – Benjn Strickland – Benjn Wilkinson – John Newhill – Charles Sowerby”

3<sup>rd</sup> That in case the Rector should decline according to so reasonable a Proposal (which this Meeting does not at all anticipate) and to prevent the Calling of another Parish Meeting, the Churchwardens are hereby directed to present the same at the next Visitations.

4<sup>th</sup> That a Copy of the Resolutions entered into , relating to the Chancel, by this Meeting be transmitted to the Rector, along with his Letter.

5<sup>th</sup> That an Inscription, engraved upon a Tablet, be placed over the great Door intimating that the Alterations of this Church were completed by Parish Rates, applied under the direction of a Committee.

Signed Henry Harrison Chairman

That the Thanks of the Meeting are due to the Revd. Chairman

Copy of Letter to the Revd. Mr Smithson Rector  
Kirkheaton March 15th 1824.

“Revd. Sir,

As we are certain you cannot be acquainted with the dilapidated state of the Chancel Roof and South Wall which we have had an opportunity of minutely and carefully examining, we beg to acquaint you, that in consequence of the very decayed state of the Timber in the Roof, and from the Front Wall having left it so that it is about Ten Inches out of the perpendicular, we consider it in a very dangerous state, and beg you will without delay order its reparation.

We have had a Parish Meeting on the 10th inst. when the subject was introduced, and we are directed to transmit you the Resolutions passed respecting the Roofing you will not place us in so unpleasant a situation as to cause us to present the stat of the Chancel.

We remain Revd Sir  
Your most obedient Servants.

Benjn Strickland -Benjn Wilkinson - John Newhill - Tom Tunnacliffe -  
Charles Sowerby - John Hammerton - William Timmins - John Bedford,  
Churchwardens

To The Revd J Smithson  
to be left at Mrs Snowdon's  
Grocer, Upperhead Row  
Leeds

N.B. The Second and Third with the Resolutions referred to as being sent with this Letter.

### **No 12**

Vestry Meeting June 16th 1824

Josh Walker Esqr in the Chair convened for the purpose of auditing the Accounts of the Churchwardens for the Year last past.

Resolved 1st. That a Rate be granted the Churchwardens to defray the expenses of the Church for the Year past, agreeably to the Bills now produced and agreed to.

2<sup>nd</sup> That a Resolution passed at a Parish Meeting held on the 21st day of May 1821 be so far rescinded as concerns the Churchwardens Accounts being Audited and transferred to each of the four Townships - and in lieu thereof it is Resolved That in all future Years the Churchwardens Accounts shall be Audited, not less than 14 days previous to the Visitations, and the general Account signed by the Chairman at a Parish Meeting regularly convened for that purpose, & at the same time if the Accounts are passed a Rate shall be granted & equalized for each of the Four Townships, to discharge their respective proportions of such Accounts.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the present Church Accounts and also those omitted to be entered last Year and all Bills and Vouchers relating to the same be delivered to the Clerk who keeps the Accounts in Order.

To be entered in the Parish Book for the purpose of convenient reference if needful

Signed Joseph Walker Chairman  
That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Chairman.  
Wm Rayner  
Kirkstile June 24<sup>th</sup> 1824

**No 13.**

At a Meeting of the Committee appointed to enlarge the Church Yard held at the time and place above specified, it was resolved that Messrs Geo Senior, John Beaumont Thos Oxley, Jonathan Senior and Joseph Blackburne form a Sub Committee for carrying into effect the Enlargement of our Church Yard.

**No 14**

At a Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Church on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 1824 and from thence by Adjournment at the Kirkstile on the same Day, which Meeting had been legally convened for the Purpose of taking into Consideration the Letters & other Documents received from the several Gentlemen interested in the Land proposed to be purchased for the intended Enlargement of the Church Yard and for Granting a Rate to convey the said Enlargement into Effect, Joseph Walker Esqr in the Chair, it was resolved That an Assessment of £300 be granted the Churchwardens to cover the Expenses necessary to be incurred for the Enlargement of our Church Yard

Joseph Walker  
Chairman

Present at the above Meeting

Messrs Geo Senior, John Beaumont, Joseph Blackburne, Thos. Oxley, and Jonathan Senior (the Sub Committee) - Michael Thornton, John Smith, John Kilner and John Gomersall, Churchwardens Thomas Hudson, Joseph Graham, John Newhill, Benjamin Wilkinson Geo Milnes, John Horton and William Pontey (RatePayers)

**No 15.**

At a Parish Meeting held in the Vestry and from thence by Adjournment at the Kirkstile, Feby 17th 1825 pursuant to Public Notice it was resolved that a Statement of the State of the Chancel of the Parish Church as to repairs be forthwith drawn up; which shall contain all matters of fact relating to the Communion Rails Floor & etc. as also the state of the Rectory and their Pews therein together with a full report of the state of the Rectory house and the Outbuildings therto belonging, shewing forth all other circumstances as are there with connected; and that the same be transmitted by the Churchwardens to Messers Milne and Sons Proctors Torts for their opinion and advice how to proceed win the Matter generally for the guidance of the Churchwardens of the said Parish.

Vestry Meeting Jany 5th 1826

**No 17.**

At the Meeting held this day Mr Jonathan Senior in the Chair it was resolved.

1<sup>st</sup> That Application be made to the proper Authorities for the power to stop the several Footpaths in our Church Yard.

2<sup>nd</sup> That £265 be allowed the Churchwardens to defray the Expenses of the Church for the Year ensuing

Signed Jonathan Senior Chairman

**No 16**

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Chancel of the Church July 27th 1825, and called for the purpose of auditing the Accounts of the Churchwardens, the Rev Henry Harrison in the Chair it was resolved that the Churchwardens Accounts for enlarging the Church Yard, making the New Road and for ordinary expenses of the Church during the last Year be allowed and passed.

Signed Henry Harrison Chairman

**No 18**

Vestry Meeting July 27th 1826 called for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the Churchwardens Joseph Walker Esqr. In the Chair, it was

resolved that this Meeting be adjourned to Thursday August 10th next at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. That printed certificates of Banns of Marriages, Baptisms and Churchings be regularly procured for the use of the Church at the expense of the Parish; and that the bills now produced by Mr Harrison for those he has purchased be paid him.

Signed Joseph Walker Chairman

That the thanks of the Meeting are due to the Chairman, for his impartial conduct in the Chair  
John Wood

### **No 19**

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton, held in the Vestry of the Parish Church Aug 10th 1826 and called for the Purpose, it was resolved

1<sup>st</sup> That the Footpaths at present lying in the Church Yard be forthwith diverted out of the said Church Yard

2<sup>nd</sup> That the Wall on the South side of the Church Yard be raised to the height of 3 feet under the Copings

Signed Henry Harrison Chairman

### **No 20**

Vestry Meeting held Aug 10th 1826 by adjournment from July 27th last for auditing the Churchwardens' Accounts for the Year last past, Josh Walker esqr in the Chair.

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That the accounts of the Churchwardens be allowed with the deduction the several items in the Kirkstile bill of £3.16.7.

2<sup>nd</sup> That a meeting of the Rate payers of the Parish be convened by the Vestry Clerk for the purpose of settling upon the allowance to be made to the Churchwardens when meeting on ordinary and extra-ordinary occasions.

Signed Chairman

3<sup>rd</sup> That the thanks of this meeting are due to the Chairman

### **No 21.**

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on Thursday August 24th 1826 for the purpose of fixing upon the allowance to be made to the Churchwardens of the said Parish when meeting upon ordinary and extraordinary occasions, Joseph Walker in the Chair, it was resolved

1<sup>st</sup> That, whereas the resolutions passed of the Parish Meeting held May 21st 1821 have been found inadequate to prevent the wasteful expenditure on the part of the Churchwardens it is hereby resolved that the following Regulations be adopted;

2<sup>nd</sup> That in future the ordinary and extraordinary allowance to the Churchwardens for attending upon the duties of their Office shall not exceed the annual sum of Five Pounds; except in cases where it may be necessary for them to go out of the Parish, and the Dinners on Good Friday and Christmas Day for each of which they shall be allowed the sum of six shillings for every Person attending them in his official capacity.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the allowances mentioned in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Resolution being gratuitous, or a Bonus from the Parish in order to induce the Churchwardens to perform their duty in a proper manner, it is therefore hereby declared, that to entitle them to charge such allowances in their Accounts, they must at the same time produce a just and particular account of the distribution of the Cow Heys Rent and all other Charity Monies of which they are distributors - the Sacrament Money inclusive, Such accounts to state the names and residences of all the individuals who receive the same.

4<sup>th</sup> That as the questions the Churchwardens are required to answer at the Visitations make no mention of Singers, Singing or Instrumental Music it is obvious that such are not included in their duties, and therefore it is hereby resolved that the Parish will not defray any expense whatever which the Churchwardens may charge on account of Music whether Vocal or Instrumental beyond the annual sum of Two Pounds, the Organist's regular salary and the necessary repairs of the Organ.

5<sup>th</sup> That no more than Two bottles of Wine shall be allowed for each Sacrament except the officiating Minister should at any time certify that

more was necessary; in which case an additional quantity shall be allowed.

6<sup>th</sup> That those poor sick people who apply to the Churchwardens for Wine shall produce a Certificate from the officiating Minister or their medical attendant signifying that such Wine is necessary in their particular case.

7<sup>th</sup> That all Business or Work done for the Parish in the Church, Church Yard, or elsewhere shall be paid for in Money and that from this time no provisions, or Liquor shall be paid for, that is obtained under the pretence of giving Drinks to workmen of any description who ever.

8<sup>th</sup> That the Churchwardens shall furnish the Vestry Clerks with a clear copy of their Annual Accounts which shall be entered into the Vestry book. The vouchers for these accounts shall be deposited with him at the meeting along with a statement of what is raised by the Rate in each Township, and the balance, if any paid over to their successors.

9<sup>th</sup> That this Parish will not be accountable for any Liquor, Provisions etc. had at the Church Stile or elsewhere except the Wine for the Sacraments, the Poor, and the two Dinners mentioned in the second Resolution.

10<sup>th</sup> That these Resolutions shall be entered in the Parish book, and shall be considered as binding upon all parties so long as they remain unaltered by a Parish Meeting, called expressly for the purpose of revision or altering them and for no other business whatever and that Notice of such Meeting, to be effective must first be given out or published on three separate Sundays in the usual manner.

Signed Joseph Walker

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Chairman for his able conduct in the Chair.

John Wood

## **No 22.**

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church March 29<sup>th</sup> 1827 “to organise and ascertain to what amount of money the Wood in the Cowheys Estate was sold for which Mr Rayner but who has not yet accounted for the same And also to take into consideration, the propriety of causing Mr Rayner to come

forward and account for certain sums of money by him received from the Commissioners of the several Turn pike Roads of Wakefield and Austerlands and Sheffield and Halifax for Land taken from the said Cowheys Charity Estate for the use of the said Trunpike Roads and also on other special business relative to the Trust of thereof. (Mr Jno. Wood in the Chair) it was resolved.

1<sup>st</sup> That a Committee of Two respectable persons in each Township and the Churchwardens be formed to prosecute the necessary inquiry respecting the proceeds of monies received on account of the Charity Land at Cow Heys and investigating any Accounts belonging thereto and every other circumstance respecting that Trust and as soon as the said committee are prepared to report upon the subjects committed to their inquiry they then shall convene another Parish Meeting. That the Revd'. Wm Kettlewell, Jno. Beaumont, Matthew Sheard, Jno Wood, Geo Senior, Josh Walker, Thos Hudson, Jno. Ness and w m Timmins form part of the Committee agreeably to the preceding Resolution. That delegates from the Committee be appointed to attend the Commissioners of Charitable abuses (on Saturday) now sitting at Huddersfield to state to them the situation of the said Trust and request their opinion of the measures to be pursued. That the substance of the decision of this Meeting and the result of the inquiries of the Committee so far do concern the Cow Heys Charity be forwarded to the Trustees, the Revd. Jno. Smithson and also through the medium of E L Wilson Esqr. To Richard Henry Beaumont Esqr. That this Committee investigate the late Churchwardens Accounts to ascertain where the monies are placed which were granted by the Parish to be by them collected for purchasing land for the enlargement of the Church Yard and Consecration of the same, and that an object so truly desirable to the Parish at large may be by them carried into effect with as little delay as possible that all reasonable Expenses incurred by the said Committee be discharged by the Churchwardens out of the Church Rate to be collected for the current Year.

Signed      John Wood

That the thanks of this Meeting are due to the Chairman for his able conduct in the Charir.              Mr Nowell

**No 23.**



At a Meeting of the Committee held at the Kirkstile March 30th 1827 agreeably to the Resolutions of the Parish Meeting of yesterday The Revd. Wm Kettlewell in the Chair it was resolved:

1<sup>st</sup> That so far as we have been able to ascertain the following is an account of the monies received by Mr Rayner for Wood and Land sold from the Cowheys Charity Estate. Of the Commissioners of the Wakefield and Austerlands Turnpike Road for 2R 2P of Land taken for the same road in 1818 and Interest for the Purchase Money up to Augst 17th 1824 £38.18.9 of Joseph Holroyd and Robert Kaye for Timber sold to them £51.0.0 of the Commissioners of the Halifax and Penistone Turnpike Road For 2T 26P of Land taken for the said Road Septr 30th 1826 £120.0.0 making together the sum of £229.18.9.

2<sup>nd</sup> That Joseph Lockwood Ino. Gommersall, Wm Nowell, Geo. Haigh, John Beaumont, Jno. Wood, Thos Hudson and w m Timmins form the Deputation to the Commissioners for inquiring into Charitable Abuses and that they state to the said Commissioners that Mr Rayner has not accounted to the Parish or to the Churchwardens either for the whole or of any part of the sums of money mentioned in the 1st resolution, or for the Interest arising from the same.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the balances which remained in the hands of the Churchwardens on the 10th day of August last be paid by the said Churchwardens into the Bank of Messers Rawson and Co on or before the 30th day of April next.

4<sup>th</sup> That if the 3rd resolution be not complied with by the parties in question, measures shall be taken to compel them to perform the same.

5<sup>th</sup> That this Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday evening next at 6 o'clock.

Signed William Kettlewell

**No 24.**

Committee Meeting held at the Kirkstile April, 4th by adjournment from March 30th 1827.

Resolved. That a letter be immediately written to E L Wilson Esqr. Expressive of the obligations under which this meeting and the Parish are to him for the inquiries he has made respecting the Cowheys Charity Estate and for communicating the result thereof through Mr Jno

Beaumont that letter also state to him the substance of the proceedings that have taken place on the subject in the course of last week at a Parish Meeting held in the Vestry for the purpose, and at Huddersfield by His Majestys Commissioners for inquiring into the Public Charities in England and Wales; and that Mr Rayner has been required by the Court of Chancery to give in to that Court an account of all monies received and paid by him as Treasurer of the said estate this meeting will feel further obliged to Mr Wilson by his transmitting to them a copy of such accounts as soon as convenient of his obtaining the same.

That this meeting be adjourned to Monday April 30th ist. at six o'clock in the evening, unless circumstances arise which will render it necessary that the Committee meet on a day previous to that in the event or which due notice shall be given to the members of the Committee.

Signed William Kettlewell

#### **No 25.**

Committee Meeting held at the Kirkstile April 26th 1827

Resolved. That Messrs Wood and Nowell be appointed to wait upon Mr Peace, the Attorney and Mr Rayner to obtain the account of Mr Rayner respecting the Cowheys rent etc.

That a Parish Meeting be called for Thursday the 10th day of May next for purpose of nominating fit and proper persons to act as Trustees of the Cowheys Charity Estate and for other purposes relating to the said Estate.

That this Committee propose to the Parish Meeting that such meeting strongly recommend to Rd Hy Beaumont Esqr. In whom the power of appointing the Trustees is believed to be at this time, solely invested. The Revd. Jno Smithson, Rector - Sir Jno. Lister Lister Kaye Bart - Messers Matthew Sheard - Jno Beaumont - Joseph Senior - Jno. Wood - Joseph Walker - Jno. Sykes, Littlehopton - Jno. Ness - and Hanby Dyson as fit and proper persons to be appointed Trustees of the Cow heys Charity.

That this Committee wish to impress upon the Churchwardens the necessity there is for them to persevere in their proceedings to bring to a speedy conclusion the business relating to our Church Yard.

That the Churchwardens of Lepton for the last year Messers Hallas and Chas Sunderland pay into the hands of Messers Rawson and Son all

balances in their hands on account of the Church on or before Monday next, agreeably to a Resolution of the meeting of the 30th March.

That this Meeting be adjourned to Thursday the 10th of May at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Signed W Kettlewell Chairman

**No 26.**

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry May 10th conformably to a Notice given for the purpose of considering the several subjects then discussed. The Revrd Wm Kettlewell in the Chair it was resolved.

That the present Committee be requested to persevere in their labours in investigating the business for which they were appointed by the Parish Meeting of March 29th last.

That this Meeting strongly recommend to Richard Henry Beaumont Esqr. or such other person or persons in whom the power of appointing the Trustees of the Cowheys Charity Estate is invested, The Revd John Smithson M.A. Rector - Sir John Lister Lister Kaye Bart. - Messers Matthew Sheard - John Beaumont - Joseph Senior - John Wood - Joseph Walker - John Sykes - John Ness - and Hanby Dyson, as fit and proper persons to be appointed along with the said Rd Hy Beaumont, Trustees of the Cow heys Charity Estate.

That a copy of the last resolution be transmitted to the Rector Sur J L L Kaye, and Mr Beaumont.

That if the money remaining in the hands of the late Churchwardens be not paid into the satisfaction of the Committee on or before Monday the 28th inst. this Meeting instruct the said Committee to appoint a Deputation from among themselves to lay the business before the Spiritual Court.

Memorandum. Messrs Wood and Nowell having waited upon Mr Peace and Mr Rayner, to obtain Mr Rayner's accounts conformably to a resolution of the Committee Meeting of April 26th state for the information of the Meeting that Mr Peace says he has no such accounts and that Mr Rayner declines to give them up to the Committee at present.

That upon being shewn Mr Wilson's letter to the Committee, Mr Rayner observed that he would take time to consider upon it and consult his Attorney as we had thought proper to consult a gentleman respecting the business.

Signed W Kettlewell

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Revd. Chairman for his impartial conduct in the Chair.

Joseph Walker

No 27.

At the Meeting of the Committee held May 28th 1827 it was resolved

That a copy of the Accounts of Mr Rayner as transmitted to us by Rogers, Cirvice? And Horne be sent to each of the Four Townships for the Inspection & Consideration of the Rate Payers.

That the Churchwardens in office at the Time when Mr Rayner was appointed Receiver of the Cowheys Charity Estate as well as those who have been Churchwardens since then, be requested to attend an adjourned Meeting of the Committee to be held in this Place on Saturday the 9th Day of June next at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon and that such Churchwardens be then desired to explain to the meeting certain Parts of Mr Rayners Accounts with the Cowheys Charity.

Signed W Kettlewell Chairman

At a Committee Meeting held at the Kirkstile June 9th 1827. The Revd. W Kettlewell in the Chair it was resolved.

That Mr Wilson be respectfully requested to obtain and bring down with him from London when he next comes into this neighbourhood the Vouchers for the bills and other Documents belonging to the Parish mentioned in Mr Rayner's Accounts.

That this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the 2nd day of July next at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon and that a Parish Meeting be called for that day at 3 o'clock for auditing the present and examining the late Churchwardens Accounts.

Signed W Kettlewell Chairman

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers held in the Vestry on Monday the 2nd July 1827 and from hence by adjournment on Friday July 6th following – which Meeting was convened for auditing the Churchwardens accounts for the Year ending with the late Visitations and for examining the accounts for the Years 1824-5 and 1825-6 The Revd. Wm Kettlewell in the Chair it was resolved

That the Accounts of the Churchwardens for the Year just ended as now produced amounting to £130.3.10 are now allowed and passed.

That the Churchwardens who were in office during the Years ending with the Visitations 1825 and 1826 be written to, or otherwise have notice to attend a Meeting of the Committee on Monday evening next at six o'clock to settle and pay off their accounts for those years.

That the sum of £60 to be received from the Churchwardens of the several Townships on account of the Church Yard be for the present deposited in the hands of the Revd. Chairman.

That the Committee Meeting be adjourned to Six o'clock on Monday July 9th isn't.

Signed W Kettlewell

At the Parish Meeting held July 3rd 1828 for the purpose of auditing the Accounts of the Churchwardens, Josh. Walker Esqr. in the Chair it was resolved.

1<sup>st</sup> That the expenses of the Churchwardens at the Visitations be reduced to the sum allowed per person by the 4th Resolution of the Meeting of May 21st 1828.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the practice of giving Ale to the Sunday School Children attending the Church annually be in future discontinued.

3<sup>rd</sup> That in future no money be paid for Ale and Victuals to Singers.

4<sup>th</sup> That the Accounts of the Churchwardens amounting (after deducting the several sums of £1.18.11 and 1/3d from the Kirkstile bill, and £4.4.0 from the Visitation expenses to £227.19.1 be allowed and passed

Signed Joseph Walker Chairman

Committee Meeting Nov 28th 1828

Resolved

That Messrs Robers Corvil and Horne be wrote to requesting them to and atone in the course of 10 or 12 days from the present date, the Trust Deed and other Documents accompanied and an account of the sums paid by Mr Rayner with their Accounts belonging to the Cowheys Charit Estate, and also that Mr Wilson be solicited to call upon them or write to them to remind them of the same.

Vestry Meeting April 2nd 1829

Resolved

That the sum of £140.0.0 be allowed for the Expenditure of the Church for the current year.

Signed W Kelltewell Chairman

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Church Aug 19th 1829 for the purpose of auditing the Accounts of the Churchwardens, Mr Jno. Smith, in the Chair, it was resolved

That the accounts of the Churchwardens as now read, and amounting to the sum of £163.14.2 1/2 be passed and allowed.

Signed John Smith Chairman

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Church March 4th 1830 it was unanimously resolved

the sum of £120 be allowed to the Churchwardens for the Expenses of the current Year.

Signed George Armitage Chairman

Parish Meeting Aug 11th 1830,

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That the accounts of the Churchwardens for the Year last past amounting to £110.5.4 be allowed and passed.

2<sup>nd</sup> That £120 be allowed to the Churchwardens for the Church for the Year ending with the Visitations 1831.

Vestry Meeting July 21:1831

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That the Accounts of the Churchwardens for the past Year amounting to £121.16.2 be allowed and passed

2<sup>nd</sup> That £112 be allowed the Churchwardens for the Expenses of the Church for the current Year

Signed Henry L Pontey Chairman

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Church on Wednesday Nov 23rd 1834 and convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the measures necessary to be adopted in order to prevent the introduction and to effect the removal of Contagious Diseases within this Parish the Revd. Wm Kettlewell in the Chair,

It was resolved unanimously.

1st. That through

July 20th 1832

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants held in Vestry for the purpose having been previous by regularly convened, it was unanimously resolved

That the Accounts of the Churchwardens are now audited and amounting to the sum of £122.15.0 be allowed and passed

Signed John Wood Chairman

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Parish held in the Vestry of the Church on Thursday the 9th day of August 1832, and legally convened for the purpose it was resolved

1. That the General Expenses of the Board of Health be defrayed by the Parish
2. That each Township defray its own local Expenses, subject to the direction and Control of the Board of Health
3. That the following gentlemen be added to the Board of Health: Messrs Rd Wormald, Abarham Bennett, Surgeon of Flcokton, Henry Pontey, Johnnothen Senior and John Sykes, Lepton.

4. That the board of Health adjourn to Thursday the 6th Septr next at 3 o'clock p.m. unless sooner called to gather by the Medical Gentlemen, The Meeting to be held at the Grammar School

Signed W Kettlewell Chairman

5. That the thanks of the Meeting be given to our worthy Chairman

Oct 17th 1832

At the Meeting held this Day in Vestry it was resolved on the motion of Mr Thomas Veevers seconded by Mr Wm Tunnacliffe That this meeting be adjourned to 3 o'clock in the afternoon of this day Fortnight

Signed Henry P Pontey Chairman

At an adjourned Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Parish held in the Vestry of the Church October 31st A.D. 1832 and convened for the purpose of granting the Churchwardens a Rate to defray the Expenses of the Church for the current Year, the Revd. Wm Kettlewell in the Chair,

It was resolved

1<sup>st</sup> That the several items which constitute the accounts of the Churchwardens for the Year last past be read over to this Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> That the sum of £72 be allowed the Churchwardens for the expenses of the Church for the current Year

Signed W: Kettlewell

That the thanks of the Meeting are due to the Revd. Chairman for his impartial conduct while in the Chair.

July 17th 1833

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish held in Vestry this day and legally convened for the purpose it was resolved

1 That the Organists and Ringer Salaries be paid as heretofore out of the Church Rate.

2 That the Churchwardens' Accounts with the exception of the several deductions now read over, be allowed and passed - the said Accts. Amounting tho the sum of £74.16.8

3 That £81.18.0 be granted for the Expenses of the Church for the year ending with the Visitations 1834

4 That a Tablet containing the Surplice Fees and Church Dues be fixed up in some conspicuous part of the Chancel at the expense of the Parish

Signed W Kettlewell Chairman



At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Church March the 12th 1834 pursuant to Notice legally given, The Revd. Wm Kettlewell in the Chair it was resolved.

1 That this Meeting is unanimously of the opinion that the best situation for fixing up the Tablet containing the Church Dues is over or near the Vestry Door in the Chancel; and that five of the Churchwardens wait upon the Rector to obtain his consent thereto.

2 That Messers, Parker and Vevers be the deputation appointed to wait upon the Rector conformably to the preceeding Resolution

3 That this Meeting far as relates to the Tablet of Church Dues be adjourned to this day fortnight at 3 o'clock P.M. in order to receive the Report of the deputation

4 That in consequence of the bodily infirmity of the Sexton Robert Dollive this Meeting hereby resolve that his - son -in -law William Castle be the Sexton for this Church from this time henceforth

allowing tho the said Robert Dollive one half of the Sexton Dues according to the Table of Fees

6. That this Meeting recommend that the following be charged for Graves in the Church Yard: A Grave 3Ft. 6in deep 1/6d - One 4Ft deep 2/- and one 5 Feet deep 4/- beyond that depth according to agreement with the Sexton.

Signed W Kettlewell Chariman

That a vote of thanks be given to our worthy Chairman for his services on this occasion

March 27th 1834

At a Meeting held this day in consequence of the 3rd Resolution passed in Vestry March 12th inst. it was resolved

1 That a Memorial be presented to his Grace the Archbishop of this Diocese setting forth the wishes of the Parishioners respecting the Tablet of Church Dues, stating the circumstances that have arisen in consequence and praying for his Grace's interference and assistance in causing the said Tablet to be fixed in the Chancel of the Church; and that the Churchwardens sign such a Memorial in behalf of the Parishioners.

2 That this meeting having now heard the report of the Deputation appointed to wait upon the Revd. Jno. Smithson Rector of this Parish, respecting the fixing up in the Chancel of the Tablet of Surplice and other Church Fees is of opinion that the conduct of that Revd. Gentleman in not receiving the Deputation and in refusing to communicate with them on the subject of their mission, is unworthy the character of a Christian Minister, insulting the Parish at large, and therefore merits the censure of this Meeting.

3rd That Abraham Lee's account now produced amounting to the sum of £10.5.0 be paid out of the Rates of the Parish by the present Churchwardens.

4th That the Common Stable be fitted up into a Cottage for the use of the Sexton.

Signed W Kettlewell Chairman

I do hereby enter my deliberate & solemn protest against the resolution of censure voted against the Rector at this Meeting considering it as invidious & uncalled for W Kettlewell

Vestry Meeting convened for the purpose of auditing the Churchwardens Accounts for the past year and granting a Rate to the present Churchwardens for the Expenses of the Church for the current Year and held July 24th 1834 Mr Thos Peace in the Chair.

Resolved

1. That the Accounts of the Churchwardens for the last year amounting to the sum of £99.0.0 be allowed for the Expenses of the Church for the current year; and that the Churchwardens take efficient measures for spouting the Front and Back of the Church and conveying the water - clear off the Graves - out of the Church Yard.

Signed Thos Peace Chairman

Vestry Meeting Sept 10th 1834

Legally convened by order of the Churchwardens for the purpose of allowing or disallowing Abraham Lee's Account for the Stones which were had of him for the rebuilding of the Church and held this day it was unanimously Resolved.

That this Meeting confirming the resolution of the Parish Meeting of the 27th March last relative to Abraham Lee's Account hereby resolve, that Abraham Lee's Account for the Stones had for the rebuilding of our Church amounting to the sum of £10.5.0 be paid by the Churchwardens out of the Parish Rates for the current year.

Signed Jno. Parker Chairman

Vestry Meeting July 23 1835

Legally convened for the purpose of auditing the Accounts of the late Churchwardens and for granting a Rate to the present Churchwardens for the Expenses of the Church for the current Year it was unanimously resolved that the expenses of the Churchwardens for the Year 1834 - 35 amounting to the sum of £112.16.6 be allowed and passed.

2. That the Expenditure of the Church for the ensuing year & estimated as amounting to the sum of £79.8.4 is allowed by this Meeting.

W Kettlewell Cm

Vestry Meeting June 23: 1836

Resolved. That the Accounts of the Churchwardens for the past year amounting to the sum of £74.2.5 together with the ordinary Expenses of the Churchwardens amounting in all to £89-2-5 be allowed.

That the Expenditure for the Churchwardens for the Church for the current Year shall be £70-0-6 as per Estimate submitted to the meeting this day.

W Kettlewell Cm

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on Saturday the 22nd Day of April 1837; John Wood Esqr. in the Chair, It was resolved.

1<sup>st</sup> That this Meeting has noticed with pleasure the introduction into the House of Commons by His Majesty Ministers of a Bill for the Total Abolition of Church Rates and providing for the repairs of the Churches of the Establishment and maintenance of the Religious Services therein from other and more legitimate sources.

2<sup>nd</sup> That denying as does this Meeting, the right of one denominations of Christians to call upon others, by compulsory enactments, to support -

either directly or indirectly - its religion ordinances, it nevertheless disclaims any intention or desire - as has been falsely alleged - to undermine the foundations of the Church; on the contrary, this Meeting composed as it is, of both churchmen and Dissenters, confidently believes that the proposed measure, while relieving the Dissenters and the Nation generally, from the payment of an unjust and odious Tax, will conduce to the Existence of peace and concord among Clergymen and their Parishioners - to the raising of the Establishment in the estimation of the People; and consequently to the promotion of Religion and Morality throughout the whole community.

3<sup>rd</sup> That Petitions founded on the previous Resolutions be presented to both Houses of Parliament - that to the Lords by Earl Fitzwilliam and Lord Brougham, and that to the Commons by the County Members; - who are hereby respectfully requested to support the same.

4<sup>th</sup> That this Meeting cannot separate without expressing its unqualified disapprobation and disgust at the means resorted to by a few individuals to foist upon the Inhabitants of this Parish a Petition for the continuance of Church Rates under pretence of its being a Petition in opposition to "the Poor Law Amendment Act."

5<sup>th</sup> That the expenses attendant on the Petitions be defrayed by the present Churchwardens out of the Funds in their hands belonging to the Parish; and that the proceedings of this Meeting be entered in the Parish Books by the Vestry Clerk.

John Wood Chairman

Vestry Meeting Aug 24: 1837

Resolved.

That the Accounts of the Churchwardens for the year last past amounting to the sum of £73.11.9 are hereby audited and passed.

That the sum of £71.17.2 be allowed the Churchwardens for the expenses of the Church for the ensuing Year -

Signed W Kettlewell Cm

That the thanks of the Meeting are due to the Revd. Chairman for his impartial conduct in the Chair -

That a Committee consisting of the following Gentlemen is hereby appointed to investigate the account between Mr Moor and the Clerk and that they have full power to settle the same; and charge it to Churchwarden Acc for the ensuing Year providing they find the said account correct.

The Revd Wm Kettlewell  
Mr H P Pontey  
J Cockhill  
J Wild  
T Vevers  
I Lockwood  
Rd Sykes  
Geo. Haigh  
T Rowbottom

That each member of the Committee have a sum allowed him towards Expenditure not exceeding 1/-

W Kettlewell Cm

Vestry Meeting convened for the purpose of auditing the Accounts of the Churchwardens for the past year, and for granting a Rate for the Expenditure of the Church for the ensuing Year and held July the 12th 1838 Jno. Wood Esqr in the Chair it was resolved.

That the Expenses of the Churchwardens for the year last past amounting the sum of £78.17.11 are allowed and passed

Signed John Wood Chairman

That the thanks of this Meeting are due to the Chairman for his impartial conduct in the Chair. Wm Pontey

At a Vestry Meeting held June 19th 1939 & legally convened for the purpose of passing the Accounts of the Churchwardens for the year last past, and of granting a Rate for the Expenditure of the Church for the ensuing year it was resolved.

1<sup>st</sup> That the Items charged for Black Cloth, Crape, Bill etc. relative to the Funeral of the late Wm Kettlewell be disallowed.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the Item of £2 for Psalm Books, be disallowed.

3<sup>rd</sup> That with the exception of 10/- for Wine and of the items mentioned in the two previous Resolutions the Accounts now produced are allowed and passed.

4 That this Meeting be now adjourned to this day Twelve Months.

Geo. Alston Chairman.

That the thanks of the Meeting are due to the Revd Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Churchwardens of the Parish held at the Kirkstile on the 20th day of September 1839 it was unanimously determined that Mr John Beaumont of Dalton shall occupy the two Seats situate nearest the front Door on the right hand side of Entry in the Body of the Church which Two Seats he is at liberty to throw into one and fit up at his own expense in such manner as he shall think proper at the yearly Rent of Thirty shillings to be paid by him the said John Beaumont yearly and every year during his occupancy of the same to the said Churchwardens or their Successors for the time being and be by them distributed on the 21st day of December along with and for the same purposes as is distributed or paid the Charity commonly called the "Dole Money" And it is further agreed that if at any time the Churchwardens for the time being shall give him the said John Beaumont his Heirs or assigns Notice to quit or give up possession of said seats or seat he shall be allowed a valuation for what money he shall have laid out in the fitting up as aforementioned provided the same do not exceed the sum of Ten Pounds. Six months to quit or give up possession from either of the contracting parties to be considered valid.

Signed Thos Jessop  
John Hardy  
George Oldroyd  
John Briers  
James Sykes Churchwardens  
Thomas Haigh  
Chas Stockwell  
I. Beaumont

Witnesses

Geo Dyson  
Wm Pontey  
Josh Ainley  
Geo. Broadbent

December 25th 1839

At a Meeting of the Churchwardens held this day Mr Lumb in the Chair, it was resolved that the Seat adjoining the one occupied by Mr Beaumont be let to Mr John & Thos Hudson at the yearly Rent of Fifteen shillings to be paid by him on the 15th of December in every year to the Churchwardens for the time being and be by them distributed along with the Dole money to the poor of the Parish. Sixth months Notice to quit or give up possession from either of the contracting parties to be considered valid.

Signed Chas Stockwell  
John Brier Churchwardens  
James Sykes  
John Hardy  
John Hudson

Witnesses to the signing  
of G Stockwell, J Brier  
Jos Sykes I.Hardy & J Hudson  
G. Dyson  
Wm Pontey

Kirkstile April 30th 1840

An Invenry of Books & Bass belonging to this Parish taken this day:

Two Clarkr's Chants .....	2	Copies
Two Houldsworths Cheethams Psalmony .....	2	"
One Bridgwater's Te Deum etc. ....	1	"
Two Clarkr's Services .....	2	"
Two Judas Machabeus.....	2	"
One Handel's Te Deum.....	1	"
One Theodora.....	1	"
One Samson.....	1	"
One Athalia.....	1	"
One Solomon.....	1	"
One Creation / Haydn.....	1	"
One Mount of Olives.....	1	"
One Manuscript Messiah.....	1	"
One Joshua.....	1	"
One Israel.....	1	"
Eight Marcellas Psalms (8 vols).....	1	"
Three Greens Anthems (3 vols).....	3	"
Two Boycys Do .....	2	"

Two Kents	Do.....	2	“
One Crofts	Do.....Two vol in one.....	1	“
One Taylors	Do.....	1	“
One Bond's	Do.....	1	“
Two Violin & Bass of Judas.....		1	“
One Second Violin of Te Deum.....		1	“

I hereby acknowledge to have in my possession the above Books consisting of Forty Volumes which are the property of the Churchwardens for the time being in behalf of the Parish – Josh Brook Organist. I also acknowledge that I have in my possession the Bass belonging to the Parish – Wm Jenkinson Parish Clerk.

Present at the time viz. Apl 30th 1840

John Brier  
Thomas Haig                      Churchwardens  
James Sykes  
John Hardy

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on Thursday the second day of July 1840, and legally convened for determining on the propriety of granting to the Churchwardens an Assessment on the Ratable property of the Parish for the Repairs and necessary Expenditure of this Church for the current year the Rev Christ. Alderson, Rector in the Chair a proposition was made by Joseph Walker Esqr. seconded by Joseph Starkey Esqr. viz. “That a Rate be granted to the Churchwardens upon the Ratable property of this Parish for the Repairs and necessary Expenditure of the Church for the current year amounting to the sum of £61.17.6 “ Upon which an amendment was proposed by Mr Francis Keating and seconded by Mr Isaac Burkett “That no Church rate be granted” when the Votes were taken by Signatures there being 202 Votes for the Rate and 12 against it. A Poll was then demanded by Mr Francis Keating and Mr Josh. Kaye, when it was determined by the Chairman that the Poll should commence at 2 o'clock A.M. this day and remain open until 4 o'clock P.M. on Saturday next, it commencing at 10 A.M. each day and terminating at 4 o'clock P.M. each day at the following places, viz. for Kirkheaton at the Workhouse; for Dalton at the Grove Inn; for Lepton at the Workhouse and for Whitley at the Grange Ash.



At 4 P.M. - having met at the time appointed for the close of the poll this day, the Revd. Chairman declared that "This meeting stands adjourned until Saturday evening the 4th July at 6 o'clock for the purpose of receiving the returns from the Scrutators; and declaring the State of the Poll"

Signed  
Chrustr Alderson Chairman  
Joseph Walker  
Wm W Battye  
Jno. Alston Curate  
Joseph Smith  
James Tolson  
H Beaumont  
George Fawcet  
Wm Kaye  
John Brier  
Joseph Greenwood  
Geo Dyson Vestry Clerk

Kirkheaton Church

July 3rd 1840

Adjourned Meeting July 4 1840

The several Scrutators having delivered into our hands their respective Voting papers and we having carefully examined the same,

Adjourned Meeting July 4: 1840

We the undersigned having carefully examined the Voting Papers of the several Scrutators appointed to take the votes of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton on the question of granting a Rate for the Expenditure of the Church for the current year conformably to the proceedings of a Parish Meeting held on the 2nd inst. find the number of Voters in favour of the rate to be 605 and we find the numbers of Votes against the Rate to be 391

Christr Alderson, Chairman  
Geo. Dyson Vestry Clerk

And I Christopher Alderson AM Rector of Kirkheaton in virtue of my Office of Chairman of the said Meeting hereby publicly declare that, there being a Majority of 214 Votes in favour of the Rate, the proposition of Messers Walker and Starkie viz "That a Rate be granted to the Churchwardens upon the Ratable property of the parish for the Repairs and necessary expenditure of the Church for the current year amounting to the sum of £61.17.6" is duly and lawfully carried and, stands as, the

Resolution of this adjourned Meeting. And I also declare that this Poll has terminated and that this Meeting is now dissolved

Signed

Kirkheaton Church  
4 1840

Christr Alderson, Chairman 6.P.M. July

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of this Church on Thursday the 5th day of August 1841 and legally convened for this purpose of auditing the Accounts of the Churchwardens for the last year, and of granting an Assessment to the present Churchwardens on the Ratable property of the Parish for the necessary Repairs and Expenditure of the Church for the current year / The Revd. C Alderson, Rector, in the Chair /it was resolved:-

That the Accounts of the Churchwardens for this last year amounting to the sum of £70.7.4 are audited and allowed.

It having been proposed by Messers Abraham Sheard and James Armytage "That a Rate be granted to the Churchwardens upon the ratable property of this Parish and laid in the usual manner for the repairs and necessary Expenditure of this Church for the current year amounting to the sum of £88.4.1 inclusive of the sum which may thereafter granted at this Meeting for Whitewashing the Church and for Bell Ropes, and that motion having been negatived by a majority of 32 Votes against this Rate and a minority of 28 Votes for the Rate, a Poll was demanded by Mr George Brier on behalf of the proposers. And it was subsequently arranged that the votes should be taken for Kirkheaton at the Workhouse, for Dalton at the Grove Inn, for Lepton, at the Red Lion , and for Whitley at the Grange Ash, on Saturday next the 7th inst. to commence at 8 o'clock A.M. and terminate at 5 o'clock P.M. and that the names of the Scrutators, / two to be appointed by and for each party to attend at each of the Polling places/ should be given in to the Vestry Clerk at the Kirkstile at 8 o'clock, tomorrow (i.e. Friday) evening.

The Chairman then adjourned the Meeting to 5 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 9th inst. which is to be then held for receiving and declaring the Votes on the Resolution and if requisite, for determining on the latter clause thereof.

Signed Christopher Alderson Chairman

Kirkstile Friday P.M. 8 o'clock.

Scrutators - Kirkheaton, for the Rate  
 James Armytage, Jas Lee  
 Against Rate, John Holmes, Jas. Tolson  
 Dalton  
 For Rate Joshua Tolson, Ias Sykes  
 Against Rate John Wood, Jas Armitage  
 Lepton  
 For Rate, Thos Ibberson, Jno Hardy  
 Against Rate: Joseph Jessop, Jas, Kaye  
 G Dyson , Vestry Clerk

Vestry Meeting August 9th 1841.

Held by Adjournment from this 5th inst. The Voting papers having been duly examined the following were the numbers polled at each Township, viz

Kirkheaton,	for Rate	71	Against Rate	86
Dalton	"	82	"	76
Lepton	"	35	"	96
Whitley	"	0	"	0
Total	"	188	"	258

Majority against the Rate 70

The Resolution of the Meeting of the 5th instant was consequently negative

Signed Christopher Alderson Chairman

Vestry Meeting held August the 4th 1842 for the purpose of granting a Rate to the Churchwardens for the necessary Expenses of the Church for the current year, conformably to public Notice legally given Resolved.

That a Rate be granted to the Churchwardens upon the Rateable property of the parish for the repairs and necessary Expenditure of the Church for the current year amounting to the sum of £97.12.11

Christopher Alderson

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Church and from thence in the Body of the said Church July 13th 1843; & which said Meeting was legally convened "for the purpose of

auditing the accounts for the Churchwardens for the last year and of granting an Assessment to the present Churchwardens for the necessary Repairs, and Expenditure of the Church for the current year" (The Revd, C Alderson in the Chair) it was resolved -

1<sup>st</sup> That the accounts of the Churchwardens for the year now last past, amounting to the sum of £95-6-10 are allowed and passed.

2<sup>nd</sup> That an Assessment made upon the Rateable property of the Parish, be granted to the Churchwardens for the necessary Repairs and Expenditure of the Church for the year ending with the Visitations 1844; and which said Assessment shall amount to the sum of £81.7.0

Signed      Christr Alderson

Chairman

5<sup>th</sup> That the thanks of the Meeting be tendered to the Revd. Chairman for his impartial conduct in the Chair

Joseph Smith

Vestry Meeting June 27<sup>th</sup> 1844 called according to legal Notices for granting a Rate to the present churchwardens for the Expenses of the Church for the current year and for auditing the accounts of the late churchwardens for the year last past . The Rector in the Chair.

Resolved unanimously That an Assessment made upon the Rateable properties of the parish is hereby granted to the churchwardens for the necessary Repairs and Expenditure of the Church for the year ending with the Visitations 1845 ; and which Assessment shall amount to the sum of £87.10.0

Resolved That to the said Assessment of £87.10.0 be added the sum of £5.10.0 for repairing the Church Organ, thereby increasing the assessment this day granted to the sum of £93 and which Assessment shall be made and laid by the Churchwardens of each Township as heretofore immemorially resolved unanimously. That the Accounts of the Churchwardens for this year last past and amounting to the sum of £85-3-9 are now audited and allowed.

Signed      Christr Alderson

Chairman

That the Thanks of this Meeting are due to the Revd. Chairman for his patient and impartial conduct in the Chair this day

G Dyson

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry July 31 1845 and legally convened for the purpose it was resolved

1<sup>st</sup> That the Accounts of the Churchwardens for the year last past and amounting to the sum of £101:8:10 be and hereby are allowed and passed.

2<sup>nd</sup> That a Rate be granted to the Churchwardens amounting to the sum of £81:13:8 for the necessary Repairs and expenses of the Church for the ensuing year.

Signed

Christr Alderson  
Chairman

At a Vestry Meeting legally convened for the purpose & held Feby 12:1846 it was Resolved unanimously,

1<sup>st</sup> That the Building known as the Common Stable situated at the Kirkstile in this Township and Parish is and has been during the last 15 or 20 years utterly useless for the purposes for which it was originally intended:- That being as it is a harbour for the idle this mischievous and the dissolute it is a public Nuisance and a disgrace to this neighbourhood:- That the costs of its repairs from time to time at the expense of the Parish are far from being inconsiderable:- and that from these circumstances it is desirable that it be removed and this Meeting hereby authorises the Churchwardens to sell and dispose of the said Building for the little thereof for the best price that can be obtained for the same and that the proceeds of such sale be appropriated under the direction of the said Churchwardens to the general purpose of the Church Expenditure of the Parish

2<sup>nd</sup> That this Meeting being of opinion that a Privy or Privies in connexion with the Parish Church would be a very desirable acquisition the Churchwardens are hereby authorised to use their best endeavours to obtain a site for the same and to cause the erection of such privies at the expense of the Parish.

Signed

Memorandum June 25th 1846

Whereas. We the undersigned hereby acknowledge to have sold on the 4th day of March last unto Abm Sheard, Benj Lockwood and Geo L Dyson for and on behalf of the Free School Building Committee of which they are members the Site and materials of the Building known as the Common Stables and to have this day received of G Dyson the sum of £11:1:5 in full for the purchase money of the same. And are agree and gurantee that the said Site and Materials shall be and are from this day and for ever the property of the said Abm Sheard Benj Lockwood and Geo L Dyson and their assignes. Provided never the less that the said Building be removed and cleared away within one month from the dates hereof as witness our hands this date above written

Signed

Kirkheaton

Spencer France

James Lee

Dalton

Joseph Greenwood

Churchwardens

Thomas Kilner

Lepton

Abel Johnson

Whitley

John Howgate

George Parker

Witness

Will Thornton

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers fo this Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on Thursday the 30th day of July 1846 and legally convened for the purpose the Rector in the Chair / the following resolutions were passed:-

1<sup>st</sup> That the Accoounts of the Churchwardens for the year last past amounting to the sum of £78.11.41/2 are hereby allowed.

2<sup>nd</sup> That a Rate be granted to the Churchwardens for the Repairs and Expenditure of the Church for the current year and amounting to the sum of £78:0:0

3<sup>rd</sup> That the Churchwardens are hereby authorised to employ a competent person to examine the Church Stoves with a view to ascertaining their efficiency for warming the Church and whether a new stove is not necessary for that purpose and that they report the opinion given at a future Meeting of the Parishoners

Signed      Christr Alderson

## Chairman

At a Meeting of the Rate Payers of the parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on Monday the 10th of August 1846 pursuant to public notice for that purpose given by the Churchwardens Mr Geo Broadbent Constable in the Chair the following resolution was passed.

Deeming it important that the public Charities of the parish should be maintained and administered as strictly as possible in accordance with the wishes & intentions of the several benefactors as expressed in the Wills and Deeds made by them respectively & that a Record should be kept of those documents and having heard that some new and not clearly understood arrangement is being made relative to the school commonly called the Free Grammar School of this parish, this meeting hereby resolved that the Churchwardens constitute a committee to search for , collect, & enquire into the nature of the Trust Deeds under which the said School and the other parish Charities are held and that the said Churchwardens report the result of their labours to a parish meeting to be held for the purposes of receiving such Report and for determining on such measures in reference thereto as it now may think advisable and necessary.

Signed Geo Broadbent

Chairman

At a Meeting of the Rate payers of the parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the parish Church July the 1st 1847 pursuant to the following Notice duly published, namely "The Rate payers of the parish of Kirkheaton are requested to meeting in the Vestry of the Church on Thursday the First day of July 1847 at eleven o'clock in the Forenoon to audit the Accounts of the Churchwardens for the year last past; to take into consideration the propriety of granting a Rate to the Churchwardens to defray the expenses of the necessary repairs of the Church and of the decent performance of Divine Service therein for the current year; and for other purposes relating to the affairs of the parish.

Kirkheaton signed  
June 27:1847

G S Dyson  
Thomas Schofield  
John M Sheard  
Edmond Scholes  
John Lockwood  
John Kaye

Robert Tolson  
A Clayton

At this meeting the following Resolutions were passed (The Rev C Alderson being in the Chair):

1<sup>st</sup> That the business of this Meeting so far as regards the passing of the accounts of the late Churchwardens and the purposes for which the Meeting was called be adjourned to this day Two months (Aug 26th) at Eleven o'clock in the morning

2<sup>nd</sup> That the sum of £85 : be granted to the Churchwardens of the parish out of the Rateable property therein and in the usual manner for the necessary repairs of the Church and the decent performance of divine service and that the said sum of £85 be raised by Rates on the several Townships in Equal proportions as heretofore.

NB Mr Marsden had previously objected to several items in the Estimate as per Schedule and amounting to £45.14 but which were overruled by the Meeting

Signed      Christr Alderson Chairman

Parish Meeting held the 26th of August pursuant to Adjournment from Meeting of 1st 1847 Mr Churchwarden Sheard in the Chair:

Resolved unanimously

1<sup>st</sup> That as two only out of the eight of the Churchwardens for the past year are now present this Meeting shall be adjourned to 4 o'clock in the Afternoon of Monday the 27th day of September 1847 then and in this Vestry to determine on the matters who which it was originally convened that have not already been determined and that in the mean time the said Churchwardens as well as their predecessors in Office who have not accounted shall be requested to account to their respective Townships.

2<sup>nd</sup> That in the event of the Churchwardens not accounting to the parish and the Townships agreeably to the first Resolution the said adjourned Meeting shall take into consideration the legal measures necessary to be adopted in order to compel them to account.



3<sup>rd</sup> That the Churchwardens who have not hitherto accounted be written to by the Vestry Clerk informing them of the purpose of the proceedings of this Meeting.

Signed

Jno. Sheard Chairman

That the thanks of this meeting are due to the Chairman for his efficiency in the Chair

September 27 1847

Adjourned Meeting from Aug 26 last

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup>. That in future the churchwardens Accounts yearly presented to the parishioners for being audited and allowed shall contain (besides this several items of Expenditure and vouchers, for the same) the sums received from each Township by the respective Rates, and every other source; and that the passing of the Accounts of the outgoing Churchwardens shall always precede the question of granting a fresh Rate to the Incoming Churchwardens.

2<sup>nd</sup> That as no Rate payers or Churchwardens are now present, except Messers Sheard, Clayton, Dyson & Schofield this meeting is now adjourned sine diem.

Signed C M Sheard

At a Meeting of the Rate payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Church the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 1848 & legally convened for the express purposes (The Reverend the Rector in the Chair) it was resolved on the motion of Messers Thos Schofield and Jno. Lockwood Churchwardens.

That the Accounts of the Churchwardens for the past year amounting to the sum of £89:5:10 be and hereby are allowed, audited and passed.

A Proposition was then made by Messrs Robert Tolson and Josh. Greenwood Churchwardens, That the sum of £88:8:0 be and hereby is granted and allowed to the Churchwardens of the Parish for the necessary repairs of the Church and the expenses attendant on the proper and due performance of Divine Services therein, as well as other expenditure connected therewith for the current year: the said sum to be raised by Rates made and levied upon this Rateable property of each Township of

the Parish in the same proportion and in the same manner as herefore, time immemorial - On this proposition an Amendment was made by Messers Marsden and Durrans, That one eighth part of a Penny in the Pound on the undersigned the Inhabitants of the Parish of Kirkheaton shall be granted for the necessary repairs of the Church and the decent performances of Devine Service “ - Both these propositions having been submitted to the Vote of the Meeting, the original proposition was carried as the Resolution of the Meeting.

A Poll of these Votes of Rate payers of the parish was then demanded by Mr Durrans, which the Chairman granted and ordered to take place at the Kirkstile, on the Friday and Saturday next immediately following, and to commence at 10 o'clock A.M. and terminated at 4 o'clock P.M. each day respectively, and that at 4 o'clock p.m. of the day last named the said Poll should finally close. It was also determined that each party should pay its own expenses and appoint two Vote takers for each of the four Townships of the Parish. The Chairman then adjourned the Meeting to 10 o'clock a.m. of Friday the 30th to be then held at the Kirkstile accordingly.

Christr Alderson  
Chairman

Friday morning June 30 1848

Vote Takers of Scrutators

Kirkheaton for the £88:8:0

The Churchwardens & T Horton

For the 1/8 penny

George Broadbent & Joseph Jessop

Dalton, for the £88:8:0

The Churchwardens & Wm Castle

For the 1/8 penny

Clk Whitley and Thos Mitchell

Lepton, for the £88:8:0

The Churchwardens

For the 1/8 penny

Mr Pontey and Mr Jessop

Whitley - For the £88:8:0 - The Churchwardens

For the 1/8 penny:- Josh, Wild & Wm Halstead

State of Poll, Friday 4 o'clock pm

For the £88.8. - For 1/8 penny

Kirkheaton	17 Votes	3 Votes
Dalton	16 “	18 “
Lepton	8 “	58 “
Whitley	5 “	9 “
Totals	46 “	88 “

Adjourned to Saturday at 10 o'clock am

G Dyson V Clk

Votes brought forward from last night:

For the £88.8. - For 1/8 penny

Thursday	46	88
Kirkheaton	102	26
Dalton	51	24
Lepton	25	165
Whitley	3	75
	227	378

Majority for 1/8  
of a penny rate 151

Christr Alderson  
Chairman

At a Vestry Meeting held Decr 5:1850

it was Resolved That an Assessment of One penny in the Pound Sterling be and hereby is granted to the Churchwardens and laid upon the Rateable property of the Parish, to defray the expenses of the repairs of the Church and of the maintenance of Devine Service therein for the current year as per Estimate now produced and read to the meeting and amounting to the sum of £79:19:0

Signed William Tatlock  
Chairman

Protest :- After the above written Resolution had been carried by a majority of the Votes of the Rate payers present, and a Poll of the Parishioners on the subject on the subsequent day or days had been refused; the following protest was given in viz:- “To the Revd Mr Tatlock Chairman of the Meeting held this day in the Parish Church of Kirkheaton for the purpose of granting a Rate for the repairs &c of the said Church for the year.

We hereby protest against the said Mr Tatlock being Chairman of such Meeting he not being a rate payer of such Parish and also there being two rates already granted but not collected

Josh Jessop

John Marsden

Matthew T Jessop “

Kirkheaton This protest was accepted without prejudice

Decr 5/1850

William Tatlock Chairman

At a Meeting of the Churchwardens held at the Kirkstile July 4th 1851 it was resolved that the Pew on the North of the Body of the Church - i.e. at the corner to the South of the middle aisle, & the West of the Western or back aisle, be let to Mr H P Pontey at the yearly Rent of Twelve shillings per Ann, to be paid to the Churchwardens on the 15th day of December in every year. The Churchwardens to be at the expense of placing a ceiling from the Southern door of the said aisle as far as its junction with the said Northern aisle, from the tops of that Pew & Jos h Ainley's pew to the underpart of the Organ & East Galleries in such manner, as to panelling, as Mr Pontey & Mr Schofield shall agree. Half a year's Notice from either party to be a valid Notice to give up possession of the said pew. The Rent to be distributed to the poor along with the Dole Money yearly.

Signed, Jos h Jessop

John Schofield

Josh Tolson

Chas Atkinson

Robert Tolson

James Livesey

Josh North

Witness

G Dyson

That a Parish Meeting be convened for and held on Thursday next the 10th inst. at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of determining on the propriety or non propriety of granting a Rate of One Penny in the pound to the Churchwardens for the necessary Repairs and other expenses of the Church for the current year. Such rate to be laid throughout the parish.

Signed

Jos h Jessop Chairman

Vestry Meeting July 10:1851

Convened and held for the purpose of determining or the granting a Rate to the Churchwardens for the expenses of the Church for the current Mr Josh Jessop in the Chair it was resolved on the motion of Messers Jos Tolson & Mr Halsted (made as an Ammendment to a proposition fo Messrs Jno Schofield & Jos. Senior Tolson for a Rate of 1d in the £) "That an assessment of one eighth of a penny in the pound be laid upon the Rateable property of the Parish for the necessary Repairs of the Church for the current year"

Josh Jessop  
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Churchwardens held the 26th September 1851 it was unanimously resolved.

That the Churchwardens now present having heard read a Resolution passed at a Meeting of certain gentlemen friends of the Church held Sept 1:1851 to the effect that the Churchwardens & other gentlemen therein named should adopt measures for raising by voluntary Subscription a Fund sufficient to defray the necessary expenditure of the Church including an efficient Choir, hereby express their approval of that Resolution and their determination to assist in carrying it out.

Chas Atkinson  
James Livesey  
Jos h Jessop  
John Schofield  
Robert Tolson

We the undersigned hereby express our approval of the above Resolution

Luke Kitson  
Joseph North  
Joseph Tolson

At a Meeting of the Subscribers to the Church Expenditure Fund convened by the Churchwardens and held in the School Room October 20th 1851 (The Rector in the Chair) it was unanimously Resolved

1<sup>st</sup> That for the purpose of appointing a Choir and managing the Church Expenditure Fund a Committee be and hereby is formed of the Churchwardens and the following mentioned

Gentlemen viz-

Rev, C Alderson, Ch

Mr John Haigh

“ John Beaumont

“ Robt H Tolson, Treasurer

“ Wm Edd Hirst

“ John M Sheard

“ Jesse Brierley

“ Frederic Beaumont

“ Hy P Pontey

“ Geo S Dyson, Vestry Clerk

2<sup>nd</sup> That Mr Dyson be instructed to advertise in the Huddersfield Chronicle for Four Choiristers the application to be made on or before Saturday week next.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the Subscriptions become due on the first day of June in every year.

4<sup>th</sup> That no accounts be paid except on the authority of the Committee, who shall render a balance sheet of their Receipts and Disbursements to the Subscribers yearly.

5<sup>th</sup> That the Committee meet to elect a choir and in furtherance of the object of their appointment on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November next at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely

Christr Alderson - Chairman

Adjourned Meeting Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved

1: That those of the Choir - Applicants opposite whose names are the x marks shall be seen or organised offer so as to enable the Committee at their Meeting to be held on Thursday evening next to determine whom to appoint.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the Organist shall have full power to select the music to be sung by the Choir.

Signed

Chritr Alderson Chairman

Novr 6<sup>th</sup> 1851

Resolved

That the engagements to be entered into with the Choir shall be for one year certain and from year to year; and if the Committee shall at any time deem it necessary to dispense with the services of any member of the Choir, and if any one of the Choir shall be desirous of giving up his or her respective engagement, the party being so wishful shall give the other party one clear month's written Notice before the expiration of the year to that effect.

That Mr R H Tolson shall have power to engage Miss R Wood on such Terms as he & she may mutually agree upon.

That Wm Inman be engaged at £5 per Ann. That Jo Dodson be engaged at £7 per Ann. That Thos Stott be engaged on such Terms as shall be determined on tomorrow night at ½ past 7 o'clock, & that this meeting do now adjourn to that time then to meet at Mr Dyson's.

Signed Fred Beaumont

Chairman

Nov 7:1851

Messers Thos Stott engaged at £8 per Ann. & Rd Wood at £15 p.am.  
signed Rob Henry Tolson

Nov 12:1851

Mem. The engagements confirmed - to adjourn to this day work & recreate the Agreements now read with the Choir

Signed Christr Alderson Chairman

Memorandum of Agreement made this nineteenth day of November 1851 by and between Rachel Wood of Lepton, Vocalist of the one part and Robert Henry Tolson Treasurer of the Kirkheaton Church Expenditure Fund of the other part.

The said Rachael Wood shall and will attend the Parish Church of Kirkheaton on the Sundays Christmas day and Good Friday in every year and sing therein as one of the Choir during Divine Service - mornings and afternoons on the Sundays and on the morning only on Christmas day and Good Friday. And in consideration of the due and decent performance and of these aforementioned duties the said Robert Henry Tolson for himself and the Committee of which he is Treasurer and his and their successors shall and will pay unto her the said Rachel Wood as a

Salary the sum of Fifteen pounds yearly and every year during the continuance of her engagement as one of the said Choir and also shall and will permit her to be absent from the said Church one Sunday in every quarter of a year. And it is mutually understood and agreed by both the parties hereto that the year's Salary shall become due on this last Sunday of December in every year and that when either of them is desirous of making void this Agreement the person being so desirous shall give to the other party a Notice in Writing to that effect one clear month at least before the said last Sunday of December. The Salary shall be paid half yearly namely on the 30th day of June and on the 31st day of December or within three days thereof respectively.

Signed Rachel Wood

Rob Henry Tolson

Memorandum of Agreement made this nineteenth day of November 1851 by and between William Inman of Lepton, Vocalist of the one part and Robert Henry Tolson, Treasurer of the Kirkheaton Church Expenditure Fund of the other part.

The said William Inman shall and will attend the Parish Church of Kirkheaton on the Sundays Christmas day and Good Friday in every year and sing therein as one of the Choir during Divine Service - mornings and afternoons on the Sundays and on the morning only on Christmas day and Good Friday. And in consideration of the due and decent performance and of these aforementioned duties the said Robert Henry Tolson for himself and the Committee of which he is Treasurer and his and their successors shall and will pay unto him the said William Inman as a Salary the sum of Five pounds yearly and every year during the continuance of her engagement as one of the said Choir and also shall and will permit him to be absent from the said Church one Sunday in every quarter of a year. And it is mutually understood and agreed by both the parties hereto that the year's Salary shall become due on this last Sunday of December in every year and that when either of them is desirous of making void this Agreement the person being so desirous shall give to the other party a Notice in Writing to that effect one clear month at least before the said last Sunday of December. The Salary shall be paid half yearly namely on the 30th day of June and on the 31st day of December or within three days thereof respectively.

Signed William Inman

Rob Henry Tolson



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The said William Inman shall and will attend the Parish Church of Kirkheaton on the Sundays Christmas day and Good Friday in every year and sing therein as one of the Choir during Divine Service - mornings and afternoons on the Sundays and on the morning only on Christmas day and Good Friday. And in consideration of the due and decent performance and of these aforementioned duties the said Robert Henry Tolson for himself and the Committee of which he is Treasurer and his and their successors shall and will pay unto him the said William Inman as a Salary the sum of Five pounds yearly and every year during the continuance of her engagement as one of the said Choir and also shall and will permit him to be absent from the said Church one Sunday in every quarter of a year. And it is mutually understood and agreed by both the parties hereto that the year's Salary shall become due on this last Sunday of December in every year and that when either of them is desirous of making void this Agreement the person being so desirous shall give to the other party a Notice in Writing to that effect one clear month at least before the said last Sunday of December. The Salary shall be paid half yearly namely on the 30th day of June and on the 31st day of December or within three days thereof respectively.

Signed William Inman

Rob Henry Tolson

Memorandum of Agreement made this nineteenth day of November 1851 by and between Joseph Dodson of Kirkburton, Vocalist of the one part and Robert Henry Tolson, Treasurer of the Kirkheaton Church Expenditure Fund of the other part.

The said Joseph Dodson shall and will attend the Parish Church of Kirkheaton on the Sundays Christmas day and Good Friday in every year and sing therein as one of the Choir during Divine Service - mornings and afternoons on the Sundays and on the morning only on Christmas day and Good Friday. And in consideration of the due and decent performance and of these aforementioned duties the said Robert Henry Tolson for himself and the Committee of which he is Treasurer and his

and their successors shall and will pay unto him the said William Inman as a Salary the sum of Seven pounds yearly and every year during the continuance of her engagement as one of the said Choir and also shall and will permit him to be absent from the said Church one Sunday in every quarter of a year. And it is mutually understood and agreed by both the parties hereto that the year's Salary shall become due on this last Sunday of December in every year and that when either of them is desirous of making void this Agreement the person being so desirous shall give to the other party a Notice in Writing to that effect one clear month at least before the said last Sunday of December. The Salary shall be paid half yearly namely on the 30th day of June and on the 31st day of December or within three days thereof respectively.

Signed Joseph Dodson

Rob Henry Tolson

Memorandum of Agreement made this nineteenth day of November 1851 by and between Thomas Stott of Kirkburton, Vocalist of the one part and Robert Henry Tolson, Treasurer of the Kirkheaton Church Expenditure Fund of the other part.

The said Thomas Stott shall and will attend the Parish Church of Kirkheaton on the Sundays Christmas day and Good Friday in every year and sing therein as one of the Choir during Divine Service - mornings and afternoons on the Sundays and on the morning only on Christmas day and Good Friday. And in consideration of the due and decent performance and of these aforementioned duties the said Robert Henry Tolson for himself and the Committee of which he is Treasurer and his and their successors shall and will pay unto him the said William Inman as a Salary the sum of Eight pounds yearly and every year during the continuance of his engagement as one of the said Choir and also shall and will permit him to be absent from the said Church one Sunday in every quarter of a year. And it is mutually understood and agreed by both the parties hereto that the year's Salary shall become due on this last Sunday of December in every year and that when either of them is desirous of making void this Agreement the person being so desirous shall give to the other party a Notice in Writing to that effect one clear month at least before the said last Sunday of December. The Salary shall be paid half yearly namely on the 30th day of June and on the 31st day of December or within three days thereof respectively.

Signed Thomas Stott

Rob Henry Tolson

Committee Meeting April 15:1852

Resolved

1<sup>st</sup> That the Choir in their chanting & singing adopt and adhere to as much as possible the following as their programme of the Morning & evening Services:-

Morning - Hymn or Psalm

Venite exultemus

Gloria patri at the end of the psalms

Te Deum laudamus

Jubilate Deo

Hymn

Glory be to thee O Lord

Hymn

Evening. -

Hymn

Gloria patri at end of psalms

Magnificat

Nunc dimittus

Hymn

First Sunday

At the Evening Service in place of the

In the Month

Hymn before Sermon An Anthem selected

By the Rector or his Curate

2<sup>nd</sup> That the organist & Mr R.H. Tolson authorised to select and purchase such Chant Books as they may deem suitable after examining those used at the Huddersfield Parish Church

3<sup>rd</sup> That this Committee request Mr Brook when making his selection of the tunes to be sung in the Services of the Church to adopt such as are simple and familiar to the ears of the Congregation, and that when introducing new Tunes he will not appoint too many for any one Sabbath

4 That the Responses be intoned in the Prayers and sung in the Communion Service

Leha? Atkinson

Chairman

Committee Meeting June 28th 1852

That printed Statements of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Committee be furnished to the subscribers.

That Messers F Beaumont, T.H. Tolson, I.Jessop & Jno. Dyson form a Sub Committee for the purpose of determining on the best mode of ventilating the Church & of carrying out that ventilation.

That circulars for convening the Meetings of the Committee be printed forthwith.

That the Accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending this day are audited & passed.

Leha? Atkinson Chairman

N.B. Messers Jno. Schofield and Chs Atkinson were appointed members of the Committee

Geo Dyson

Committee Meeting Augt 26th 1852

Mem - Let to Mr R H Tolson the opening, laying with pot pipes and covering of a drain about 38 yards long and from 4ft to 9 ft deep in Church Yard according to specification and under the directions of the Sexton for the sum of Twenty five shillings

Geo Dyson

Novr 15th 1852:-

Resolved, That this estimate for the year now examined and approved and that their accounts for the Church Expenditure for the last year be discharged by the Treasurer when the same become due.

That the Churchwardens are authorised to shield off by a wooden partition and door the staircase leading to the North Gallery in such manner and at such times as to them may seem proper.

Frederic Beaumont

Chairman

Decr 29:1852

Mem. Mr Dyson to advertise in the Huddersfield Chronicle for one Counter - One Tenor and one Bass Voices in place of W. Inman, Thos. Stott, and Jos h Dodson resigned.

Adjourned to Wednesday the 12th at 7 p.m. to consider and determine on the applications what may be made for situations in the Choir

Christr Alderson

Chairman

January 12th 1853

Resolved - That it appearing from the statement made to the meeting this evening by the Organist that Mrs Kay considers her engagement with the committee having terminated, this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday fortnight next and that Mr Dyson endeavour to ascertain forthwith whether she is willing to re-engage with us as part of the new Choir we are attempting now to form.

Rob Henry Tolson      Chairman

January 26: 1853:- Mem. Mr Dyson to advertise in the Huddersfield Chronical for one Treble Voice.- The following persons to be offered engagements in the Choir at eh sum set opposite their respective names viz. Jas Inman £6- Wm Inman and Josh Inman £5-5 Each to enter upon their duties on Sunday the 6th Feby next, The Meeting Adjourned to this day fortnight, to determine on the appointment of a Treble & in case one or more of the above named persons decline accepting the Terms offered, to appoint one of the candidates who have already applied, such other person or persons as may be deemed fit.

Christr Alderson

Feb. 9. 1853. That the undermentioned persons be engaged as the Church Choir from the first Sunday in March to the last Sunday in June 1853 at the Rates per Annum following viz. James Inman £6. William Inman £5 Joseph Inman £5 and John Oldroyd £4 with the understanding that the said parties shall select and instruct from the Sunday School such Children as may be required for the Treble part.

John Haigh

Annual Meeting June 29th 1853

Mema - Accts. Of Treasurer audited and passed, & to be printed as usual. Choir reappointed for half year. Ringers engagements to terminate at same time as the Choirs' viz at Xmas next.

Geo Dyson V Clerk

Half - yearly Meeting Dec 16th 1853

Mem- a Taking up & relaying of Ch yd South Walk let to Jas Brier for £4:18.6

Weights for Church Clock to be recast of an egg shape by Mr Balmforth

The Church to be whitewashed & cleansed as the Churchwardens shall direct after they have examined it for the purpose of ascertaining what is needful to be done -

Accts. As examined be discharged by the Treasurer when applied to be the respective parties wanting the same.

None of the Funds of this committee shall be appropriated to the purchase of Wine for other purposes than the Sacrament.

Choir reengaged for half year on usual conditions.

Messrs - Schofield, Cooper, & Littlewood by Mr Fredc Beaumont, Mr Hordern, & Mr Pontey.

G Dyson

Vestry Clerk

At a Meeting of the Churchwardens held in the Vestry the 21st day of August 1854 and convened by Circular for the purpose the following Resolution was passed by a majority of 4 Votes to 1 Vote viz.

That this Meeting being desirous of promoting to the best of its ability the welfare of the Church of which the persons composing it are Wardens, highly approve of the formation of a Committee tho' whom voluntary subscriptions are from year to year raised among certain of the Parishoners for discharging the expenses of the Church instead of as formerly by a Parish rate; and believing that the continuance of those Subscriptions will very much depend as well on the manner in which the several items of expenditure are voted as on a proper appropriation of the funds entrusted to the Committee, cannot but express its regret at the inconsiderate adoption of a resolution at a recent Meeting authorising the removal from the West Galley to the Body of the Church of the Churchwardens Pew, in as much as no Notice whatever had been given that it was intended to submit a proposition to that effect.

And not any the least regard having been paid to a protest which has been made against the said removal by a majority of the Churchwardens and by several members of the Committee - some of whom were not present at the Meeting and not one of whom was aware that any such removal was contemplated, this meeting hereby declares its opinion that those proceedings of a very small minority who have no competent authority

for their acts are overbearing, are done without regard to the real interests of the Church, and are wholly inconsistent with the conduct that should prevail among men who profess to be members of a religious congregation.

And this meeting furthermore resolves that the Churchwardens Pew shall not in any way be altered in form from what it was on the 24th day of July last or removed from its present situation in the West Galery

Joseph North  
Chairman  
Josh Ramsden  
John Sutcliffe  
David Dawson  
Joseph Littlewood

Resolved. That Mr Josh Littlewood is authorised to put the Churchwardens pew into the state it was on the 24th July last.

Joseph North  
Chairman

Protest:

We the undersigned protest against the Resolution passed this evening respecting altering the Churchwardens Pews from their present form.

Dated August 21st 1854

Frederic Beaumont

Mr North

Churchwardens

Isaac Hordern

Committee Meeting Aug 28th 1854

Mem a - To discharge Schofield's bill for alterations in Churchwardens Pew, viz £2-

A suitable Ladder to be provided at expense of Committee for exclusive use of Church & Church Yard from whence it is not, on any account, except for being repaired, to be taken.

Mr Fisher to be repaid the \$4.4.0 he has laid out in Hymn Books for the use of the poor attending the Church.

Mr Dyson to convene a Meeting of the Annual Subscribers to the Church Expenditure Fund in order to appoint a Committee of Management for ensuing year - the said Meeting to be held in the School room on Monday the 16th October next

Rob Henry Tolson  
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Annual Subscribers to the Church Expenditure Fund held the 16th October 1854 and convened for this purpose agreeably to a unanimous Resolution of the meeting of the 28th August last (The Revd C Alderson, in the Chair) it was resolved

1<sup>st</sup> That the thanks of this meeting are due and hereby given to the officers & Committee for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties ? to them

2<sup>nd</sup> That the following gentlemen be appointed the Committee for the remaining year along with the Churchwardens.

Revd C. Alderson, Chariman

Revd - Lloyd Vicar

Mr Jno Haigh

“ Jno. Beaumont

“ Chr Atkinson

“ Thos Schofield

“ Heffd Ainley

“ Rob H Tolson Treas

“ G S Dyson Secy

“ Thos Newhill

3<sup>rd</sup> That the thanks of the Meeting are to be given to the Chairman for his very efficient conduct in the Chair

John Haigh

November 19th 1857. At a Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church this day (The Revd N R Lloyd in the Chair) and convened by the Churchwardens “to sanction or otherwise the enlargement of the present Church Yard” the following Resolutions were unanimously passed:- Resolution 1<sup>st</sup> Proposed by Mr Thomas Schofield and Seconded by Mr Geo Calvert “That this Meeting sanctions the enlargement of the present Church Yard and is of the



opinion that the Plot of Ground marked for an additional Burial Ground on the plan shown this day is the most eligible one that can be obtained for that purpose. ”

Resloution 2<sup>nd</sup> Proposed by John Beaumont Esq and Seconded by Mr Thomas Newhill “That the Churchwardens be empowered to make the necessary arrangements as to the price of the Plot of Land mentioned in the previous Resolution is also to ascertain the expenses of fencing, draining, conveying and consecrating the same and are requested to report thereon to a Vestry Meeting as soon as such arrangements are completed.

Signed

Newton R Lloyd, Chairman

That thanks of this Meeting be given to the Revernd Chairman for his kindness in taking the Chair on this occasion

The Proposed New Burial Ground

Sir Geo. Grey disapproving of the Plot of Ground, agreed upon by the Vestry Meeting held on the 19 Novr last in consequence of its insufficiency, a Meeting of the Churchwardens and others was held in the Grammar School room this day to consider the steps necessary now to be taken, when the following Resolution was unanimously passed:- “That a plan be submitted to Sir John Kaye’s Agent for an exchange of 2 acres of Land or thereabouts with the Rector of Kirkheaton for the purpose of a New Burial Ground making up the area of Land 3 acres and a soon as the consent of Sir John Kaye has been obtained a Parish Meeting shall be called and with the approbation of such Meeting the Plan be again submitted to Sir Geo Grey, In the mean time the Rector to be made acquainted with the Resolution of the Meeting and asked if he would be disposed to exchange land belonging to him at Dalton Green,

Newton R Lloyd

Chairman

Kirkheaton

Jany 13:1858

Parish Meeting February 4<sup>th</sup> 1858 :- This Meeting was convened by the Churchwardens “to select Ground sufficiently large for the approval of the Secretary of State, as an addition to the present Church Yard . The sd Secretary disapproving of the Plot recommended by the Meeting held on the 19: November:- The Following Resolution was unanimously passed:-

“That this Meeting authorizes the Churchwardens to negotiate for the purchase of land adjoining the present Church Yard sufficient to meet the requirements of the Secretary of State and that the Expenses of such Church Yard shall be defrayed by a Rate levied upon the Parish.”

Signed      Newton R Lloyd, Chairman

April 22nd 1858. At a Meeting of the Churchwardens & others held this day in reference to the proposed New Burial Ground (John Haigh Esq in the Chair) the following Resolution was passed:- “That the Commissioners of burial Grounds be again written to by Mr Thomas Schofield asking him to be good enough to inspect this Ground and that the Churchwardens & some of the most respectable inhabitants meet that gentlemen with a view to impressing upon him the sufficiency of the original proposed Plot of Ground.

Signed

John Haigh      Chairman

Vestry Meeting:-

At a Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church and from thence by adjournment in the Chancel of the said Church on Thursday the 3rd day of June 1858, pursuant to Notice legally given by the Churchwardens, the following Resolutions were unanimously passed:-

That a New Addition to the Existing Burial Ground is necessary.

That a Rate of Ninepence in the pound be levied upon the Ratable property of the Parish of Kirkheaton for the purpose of defraying all the expenses of the New or additional Burial Ground.

That the sum of £292 for the purchase of certain ground adjoining the present Church Yard be charged the Church Rate.

That the sum of £364.11.9 for the Estimated cost of the enclosure, the sum of £20 for collecting the Rate and the sum of £140 for Consecration Fees and Law expenses be in like manner charged on the Church Rate.

That the Churchwardens be empowered to apply to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for an authority to carry the foregoing object into effect under the 26th Sec. of 3rd Geo the 4th Chap. 72

Signed -

Christr Alderson Chairman

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Revernd Chairman for his impartial conduct in the Chair.

Parish Meeting July 27th: 1860

At a Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church (The Revd Chr Alderson in the Chair) the following Resolutions were unanimously resolved:-

That the Money now lying in the hands of the Churchwardens over & above that required for the addition to the Church Yard be expended on the erection of a Porch on the South Western Entrance of the Parish Church.

That the Revd C Alderson & Messrs Beaumont and Tolson be empowered to obtain Plans and Specifications of the Porch in question

Christr Alderson            Chairman

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Revd Chairman for his efficiency in the Chair on this occasion            Geos Tolson

June 20th 1862. Meeting held to audit the afc connected with the New Burial Ground Rate Resolved:-

1<sup>st</sup> That the afcs as now Red by Mr G J Tolson be passed.

2<sup>nd</sup> That any balance that may remain after paying the cost of the Porch, be given to Mr David Tunnacliffe as a consideration for extra expense and ? in collecting the rate in the Township of Dalton.

Christr Alderson Chairman

That the thanks of this meeting ? given to the Revd Chairman for his efficient conduct in the Chair Geo S Tolson

- June 26th 1863 -

At a Meeting of the Rate payers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held pursuant to notice given in the Vestry of the Parish Church and there by adjournment in the Chancel of the said Church, the following Resolution was unanimously passed:-

That the future depth of New open Graves in the Burial Ground of this Parish be not less than 8 feet with the exception of children under 7 years of age

Signed John Stocks

Chairman

That the thanks of this meeting are due to the Chairman for his efficient conduct in the Choir on this occasion

John Bentley

An Inventory (taken Sept 1862) of Books belonging to the Kirkheaton Parish Church and placed in the care of the Organist

Handel's Te Deum.....	1 copy
Boyces Anthems .....	1 "
"        "        in manuscript.....	1 "
Kents Anthems .....	1 "
Judas.....	1 "
Athalia.....	1 "
Taylor's Anthems.....	1 "
Joshua.....	1 "
Mount of Olives.....	1 "
Creation.....	1 "
Solomon.....	1 "
Israel in Egypt.....	1 "
Marcellers' Anthems.....	7Vols
Messiah.....	1 Copy
Judas (Violin & Bass in Manus.)	2 copies
Boads' Anthems	1 copy
Graham's responses	1 copy
Smith's Services in Manus.	3 copies
Do                    Organ copy	1 copy
Hoaldsworth's (Two old)	4 copies
Alexander's Feast	1 copy
Clerks Chants	1 "
Anthems name unknown	3 Vols
Bridgwater's morning & evening services	1 copy
Theodora (Handels)	1 copy

March 30th 1868

At a Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held this day in the Vestry of the Parish Church and from thence by adjournment in the

Chancel of the said Church, for the purpose “of considering & determining whether it would not be desirable to advance the Charge now paid for the burial of non-parishioners” the following Resolutions were passed after the Rector had been appointed Chairman and after the Meeting had been adjourned into the Chancel, viz “

1: That a Committee be appointed by this Meeting to examine into the Books & accnts connected with the burial of non-parishioners & to report to a subsequent meeting.

2: That this Committee consist of the Churchwardens and four other parishioners one selected from each Township

3: That Messrs Dd Dawson Thos Newhill B Fearnley and Joseph Wild be the persons to form this Committee in conjunction with the Churchwardens.

4: That this meeting be adjourned to the last Monday in April next at 11 oclock A.M.

Christr Alderson

Chairman

That the thanks of this Meeting be due to the Revd Chairman for his kindness in taking the Chair on this occasion and for the courtesy he has shown during the proceedings

April 27th 1868

At a Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Parish of Kirkheaton (adjourned from March 30th) held in the Vestry of the Parish Church and from thence by adjournment held in the Chancel of the said Church the following Resolution &c were passed viz,

Resolved “That as the Churchyard is becoming rapidly filled with Graves, and that very great difficulty and expense will occur in obtaining new Ground, this Meeting hereby agrees and determines that, the Extra charge to be paid for the burial of all non-parishioners, who are entitled to bury here, shall in future, be Ten shillings for each interment except when unmarried non-parishioners above Twenty one years old are interred in which cases the charge shall be one Pound each.”

This Resolution was proposed by Mr David Dawson, Seconded by Mr Thomas Newhill and carried unanimously.

The Meeting also recommended that, a Parish Meeting should be called, as early as, possible for the consideration of Resolutions based on the following suggestions made by the Committee appointed at the last Meeting, viz:-

#### Suggestion

1: That no interments of persons who have died out of the Parish should be allowed except the un-married sons and daughters of Parishioners and the husband or wife whose wife or husband respectively in interred here. And that when such interments occur the Sexton to acquaint the Rector, and at least two Churchwardens.

2: That the Money &c, and the Sexton's Books relating to interments be audited and examined once every year by the Church Expenditure fund Committee, that the said acnts & books should be produced by the persons having care of the same to the Church Committee at its Meetings held for the payment of the accounts due at the end of every June and that the Sexton should furnish to the Churchwardens monthly a list of non parishioners buried.

3: That the Churchwardens should see that the Church-yard is more orderly kept than it has hitherto been, by causing the Sexton to remove at once the Stones &c coming out of recently opened graves. And should the Sexton not remove the Stones &c within one week after the opening of the graves from which the same have come out, then the Churchwardens to have such stones &c removed by some other person and charge the cost thereof to the Sexton.

The Committee also suggested that the foot-path going across the Chruch-yard should be fenced off.

Christr Alderson  
Chairman.

April 23rd 1869

At a Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held (Apl. 23rd 1869 in the Vestry of the Parish Church and thence by adjournment in the Chancel of the said Church) "to consider and determine whether it would

not be advisable to advance the extra charge now paid for the burial of non-parishioners and to transact any other business which the Meeting may determine" the following Resolutions were passed viz,

1: Seeing the Churchyard is becoming rapidly filled with Graves, and as many of such graves belong to persons who do not reside in and have little or no connection with this Parish, - this Meeting hereby resolves that, the extra fee to be charged for the burial of all non-parishioners shall in future be, for the first interment in every newly opened grave Fifty shillings, and for every subsequent interment in the said Grave Fifteen shillings: and for non-parishioners who have already Graves in the Church-yard for every subsequent interment Ten shillings

Proposed by John Beaumont Esqr J.P., seconded by Mr David Dawson & carried unanimo<sup>r</sup>ly.

2: That Fifty per cent of the extra fees received for the burial of non-parishioners be placed by the Churchwardens, in the name of the Rector, in the Huddersfield savings bank for and during a period of Five years next after the date of this Meeting, and that immediately after the expiration of that period a Parish Meeting be called to reconsider the whole subject, and to deal with the fund so accumulated.

Proposed by Mr Thomas Newhill, seconded by Mr Jos h Littlewood and carried unanimously.

3<sup>rd</sup> "That the extra fees paid in respect of the Burial of all non-parishioners be received and collected by the Sexton, and handed over by him to the Churchwardens, or their Treasurer weekly, and that the Sexton be made responsible for all fees not paid, and duly accounted for"

Proposed by Mr Newhill, seconded by Mr Henry Wilby and carried.

4: That all Graves above the public foot-path be made not less than Eight feet deep, below such foot path to the extent of the 9th, 12th and 26th sections not less than seven feet deep; and below these sections to the rivulet not less than six feet deep.

Proposed by Mr Jos h Wild, Liley lane, second by Mr B.B. Fearnley and carried unanimously.

5: That as it is desirable the bottom part of the Church yard should be raised to its proper height as early as possible and as it is requisite the Church-yard should be more orderly kept – this Meeting requests the Churchwardens will see that the Sexton removes the surplus soil coming out of recently opened Graves to the bottom part of the yard where the Ground is required to be raised, and that, he places the Stones coming out of the Graves on the sides of the foot-paths so as to be more readily removed. And if the Sexton declines or neglects to fulfil these duties, then the Churchwardens be empowered to employ a man to execute the work, and to deduct the cost of such work from the Sexton's salary each half year.

Proposed by Mr Dawson seconded by Mr T Brown and carried unanimously.

6: That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Reverend Chairman for kindly taking the Chair on this occasion

Christr Alderson  
Chairman

April 14th 1870

At a meeting of the Ratepayers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held April 14th 1870 in the Vestry of the Parish Church and from thence by adjournment in the Chancel of the said Church (Mr B.B. Fearnley in the Chair) and legally convened to consider the propriety of filling up the lower part of the Church-yard and to transact other parish business, the following Resolutions were passed viz,:-

Resolution 1<sup>st</sup> Proposed by Mr David Dawson seconded by Mr Thomas Brown and carried unanimously "That the following resolution passed by the Committee appointed at the Parish Meeting held on the 30th March 1868 be entered into the Minutes of this Meeting viz:- "At a Meeting of the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Books and accounts connected with the Church-yard and the burial of non-parishioners held April 8th 1870, it is resolved that in as much as the Grass accounts are not forth coming, it is impossible to present a satisfactory report, or produce a balance sheet including the whole of the items belonging to such accounts."



Resolution 2<sup>nd</sup> Proposed by Mr George Bentley Seconded by Mr Henry Hey and carried unanimously That as it is highly necessary the bottom part Of the Church-yard should be levelled, and made available for interments as early as possible; and as the incoming funds as now at the disposal of the Churchwardens are not sufficient to defray the cost of the same within any reasonable time, this meeting hereby agrees and determines that, the money ordered to be placed in the bank by the Parish Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April last, be applied to defray the cost of & filling u[ and levelling the bottom part of the Church yard until such time as the whole of said yard is made available for interments

Resolution 3<sup>rd</sup> Proposed by Mr Thomas Brown seconded by Mr John Broadhead and carried unanimously "That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to the committee appointed March 30<sup>th</sup> 1868 to examine into the treasurers books and accounts connected with the Church yard and the burial of non-parishioners."

Resolution 4<sup>th</sup> Proposed by Mr Geo. Bentley seconded by Mr Thomas Brown & carried unanimously "That the thanks of the meeting are due to Mr Fearnley for his impartial conduct in the Chair on this occasion."

B. B. Fearnley Chairman

At a meeting of the Ratepayers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held in the Vestry of the Parish Church and thence by adjournment in the Chancel of the said Church on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1871 at eleven o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of hearing from the churchwardens a statement respecting interments and graves not being made in accordance with the regulations and also for the purpose of determining the steps to be taken to prevent a departure from such regulations in future the following resolutions were passed, viz.

Resolution 1<sup>st</sup> That Mr David Dawson be chairman of this meeting

Resolution 2<sup>nd</sup> That this meeting be now adjourned into the Chancel of the Church.

Resolution 3<sup>rd</sup> That notice be given to William Castle that his services will not be required as Sexton of this Church.

Resolution 4<sup>th</sup> That the length of notice to be given to the Sexton be three months from this day.

Memorandum. George Sykes demanded a poll on behalf of the Sexton

28: April 1874

At a meeting of the Ratepayers of the Parish of Kirkheaton held this day in the Vestry of the Parish Church and thence by adjournment in the Chancel of the said Church "for the purpose of taking into consideration a resolution passed April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1869 and having reference to the extra fees paid for the burial of non-parishioners" the following resolutions were passed viz.

Resolution 1. That inasmuch as the levelling of the New Burial Ground is now nearly completed it is hereby resolved that 75 per cent of the extra fees arising from the burial of non-parishioners be placed by the churchwardens in the name of the Rector in the Huddersfield savings Bank for and during a period of five years next after the date hereof, unless at a Parish Meeting duly convened it shall be otherwise determined.

Resolution 2. That children (minors) dying out of the Parish whose parents are Ratepayers be interred as Parishioners.

Resolution 3. That any person removed to the Union Workhouse, Infirmary or Lunatic Asylum and dying there be interred as a Parishioner.

Resolution 4. That the tariff of fees for second and subsequent interments to be 15 shillings.

Resolution 5. That the churchwardens make enquiry respecting turning the footpath which intersects the churchyard.

Resolution 6. That the best thanks of this meeting be given to Mr Hefford Ainley for presiding on this occasion.

Vestry Meeting Apl. 1880

At a meeting of the ratepayers of Kirkheaton held in the Chancel of the Kirkheaton Church the Rev T Clossdavies in the chair it was resolved

That this meeting recommends that in future the election of Churchwardens for the township of Kirkheaton follow immediately after those for Dalton and Lepton.

Copy of Letter to Home Secretary Mar. 30 1881

We the undersigned rector & churchwardens of the Parish of Kirkheaton hereby give notice that the churchyard at Kirkheaton is now almost full of graves (about 40 grave spaces remaining) and as it is not intended to enlarge the churchyard steps should at once be taken towards providing a Burial Ground for the Parish.

We have given notice to this effect to the Local Authorities of those townships which possess the right of burial in the Kirkheaton Churchyard viz. to the Corporation of Huddersfield for the township of Dalton and the Local Boards of Health for the respective townships of Kirkheaton Lepton and Whitley Upper.

We have only to add that the matter will not admit of delay and that we beg to be informed whether there is anything further which we can do to put the matter in the right channel to receive attention.

Signed by the Rector and Churchwardens

Vestry Meeting May 14. 1881

At a meeting of the vestry of the parish of Kirkheaton in the county of York duly convened for the special purpose of determining (the Rev R H Maddox in the Chair) whether a Burial Ground shall be provided for the said parish under the Burials (beyond the metropolis) Act and held at the National School this 14<sup>th</sup> May 1881.

It was proposed by Mr H. Ainley & seconded by Mr H Whiteley.

That a new Burial Ground be provided for the parish of Kirkheaton under the Burials (beyond the metropolis) Act, in such a manner as shall meet the wishes of the ratepayers of the respective townships comprising the said Parish of Kirkheaton.

On being put to the vote the resolution was lost 19 voting for and 33 against.

At this stage of the meeting a report was given of the result of a ratepayers meeting held at Whitley May 9 stating that it was the unanimous wish of that meeting that Whitley Upper provide for itself.

A report from a similar meeting held in Whitley? On May 7<sup>th</sup> was given by Mr H Ainley where a resolution that Kirkheaton township provide for itself was carried by 31 to 18 votes.

The chairman of the local Board at Lepton announced that the township was in favour of the churchyard at St John's Church Lepton being made available for the whole of the township of Lepton.

It was also stated that Dalton was to be provided for by the Corporation of Huddersfield whose jurisdiction extends over the whole of this township

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr John Beaumont JP seconded by Mr Thos Hudson.

"That inasmuch as the old parish Burial Ground of Kirkheaton is now nearly full, this meeting recognises the necessity of providing new Burial Ground with as little delay as possible and that this resolution signed by the Chairman be forwarded forthwith to the Home Secretary."

On being put to the vote this resolution was carried 35 voting for and 28 against.

Vote of thanks to the chairman closed the Meeting. Signed Ralph H Maddox Rector Chairman

A report of this meeting and a copy of the resolution were forwarded to the H. S. on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May and no reply beyond an acknowledgement of the receipt of the same arriving the following letter was sent.

6<sup>th</sup> July 1881

Sir,

I am requested to remind you of my letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> May last to say that the Churchwardens will be glad to receive a further reply to the same so that the movement for providing a new B. Ground may proceed. Signed H Whiteley

Home Secretary's reply to the above letter

Whitehall

9: July 1881

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6: inst requesting a further reply to your previous letter of the 16: May last, (duly acknowledged at the time) with reference to the proceedings taken by the Kirkheaton Vestry with a view to appointing a Burial Board and providing a new Burial Ground for that parish:- And I am to inform you that your former letter in question does not disclose any definite arrangement on the subject:

The Secretary of State does not undertake to advise on local circumstances with which he is imperfectly acquainted; neither does any opinion expressed by him, or, any sanction given by him carry with it any legal force:- and the Public Works Loan Commissioners decline to advance public money to any Burial Board as to which they are not satisfied that it has been legally constituted, whether or not it has received the sanction of the Secretary of State.

It will therefore be expedient that the Kirkheaton Vestry should take legal advice, and a definite arrangement be determined on:- and if in the result the arrangement is one for which the Statute requires the Approval of the Secretary of State, an application should be made to him which will receive consideration.

I am Sir

Yr obed Servant

A F O Liddell

Minutes of the Vestry for the Election of Churchwardens - Easter Thursday 1882

Election for Dalton - 10 A.M.

Rector in the Chair -

Accounts read by Mr Thomas Hudson Proposed by Mr John Beaumont,  
Seconded by Mr John Senior

That Mr Thomas Hudson be elected Churchwarden for ensuing year.  
Carried. Proposed by Mr Wm Day, seconded by Mr W Chambers Jr

That Mr William Bentley be elected Churchwarden for the ensuing year,  
Carried.

Vote of thanks were given to outgoing wardens and to the Chairman for the meeting.

Election for Lepton - 11 A.M.

Rector in the Chair

Accounts read by Mr Sugg

Proposed by Mr Charles Bentley, seconded by Mr Hy Wilby

That Mr Ernest W Hirst be elected Churchwarden for the ensuing year

14 for 0 against

Proposed by Mr James Denton, seconded by Mr George Sykes

That Mr Fearnley be appointed Churchwarden for the ensuing year

For 4

Proposed by Mr Sugg, seconded by Mr Wilby that Mr John Hudson be appointed Churchwarden for the ensuing year

For 9

Proposed by Mr Sugg seconded by Wm Wilby that Mr Charles Bentley be appointed Churchwarden for ensuing year

7 or 9

Poll demanded by Mr George Sykes on behalf of Mr Fearnley, Mr Sykes giving the Chairman a written guarantee for the expenses of the poll

The chairman appointed Lepton Church School and Lepton Board School as the places and Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> inst as the day and one till four as the hours for polling.

Votes of thanks to outgoing wardens & to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Election for Kirkheaton 12 a.m. Rector in the chair

Accounts read by Mr Jno S Ainley

Rector nominated Mr Henry Whiteley his warden proposed by Mr P Senior, seconded by Mr S Wood that Mr Jno S Ainley be elected Churchwarden for ensuing year

Mr Friend Jessop having nominated Mr Joe Sheard as Churchwarden for Kirkheaton he was ruled by the chairman as ineligible on account of this being non-resident in the township.

The original proposition was put & carried by 38 voting for one against

Vote of thanks to chairman concluded the meeting  
Signed Ralph Maddox Rector Chairman

Jan 1: 1885 – Yew tree planted inside the dead trunk of the yew tree on the south side of the church at the expense of Mr Legh Tolson with the consent of the Rector and Churchwardens

Vestry meeting Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> 1881

NB

At a meeting of the vestry of Kirkheaton held in the national school on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1881 and called for the purpose of taking consideration a communication from the Home Secretary on the subject of a new burial ground for the parish.

After the letter from the H.S. had been read it was proposed by Mr Joe Sheard and seconded by Mr Thomas Jessop.

“That the unappropriated burial spaces including the footpaths and ground at the top of the top of the churchyard be first used and the consideration of additional burial ground be deferred for the present.”

17 voted for and 13 against

A number of protests were sent in against this resolution by ratepayers within 7 days of the date of the meeting –  
The proceedings terminated abruptly –

Vestry meeting June 27: 1885

This meeting was held in the national school at 4 in the afternoon of Saturday June 27. The Rev R H Maddox in the chair.

After reading the notice convening the meeting the chairman explained the position of the parish in relation to burials pointing out the necessity for steps being at once taken to provide the necessary burial accommodation.

A ratepayer from Whitley Upper Mr Hardy here read a resolution passed at a meeting of the ratepayers of Whitley Upper to the effect that township objected to be joined to Kirkheaton in providing a burial ground but would provide for itself.

After the minutes of the vestry meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1881 had been read it was proposed by Mr H Ainley & seconded by Mr Ald Hirst  
“That a new burial ground shall be provided for the parish of Kirkheaton under the Burial Acts”

Mr Joe Sheard Proposed

“That the question of providing a new burial ground be postponed until all available ground in the churchyard had been filled”. This resolution was not seconded.

Mr Jas Moulson proposed “that this meeting be adjourned for a month” which was seconded by Mr Sheard & Mr Hardy on being put to the meeting was carried - 37 voting for and 30 against.

Signed Ralph Maddox chairman

Adjourned vestry meeting July 25: 1885

This meeting, adjourned from June 27 was held in the national school on Saturday July 25 at four in the afternoon. The Rev R H Maddox in the chair. The resolution put to the meeting was as follows

“That a new burial ground shall be provided for the parish of Kirkheaton under the burial Act”

After a full discussion of the subject the vote was taken with the result that 62 voted for the resolution and 60 against it. Upon the chairman declaring the resolution carried a poll was demanded by Mr Joseph Roebuck and a deposit of £5 was made by Mr Joe Sheard for the expenses of taking the poll.

Note. The poll took place on Saturday the first day of August with the following results

At Kirkheaton there voted for	73	against	92
Dalton	“	107	“ 38
Lepton	“	41	“ 56
Whitley	“	4	“ 28
	Total for	255	against 214

Majority for 11 votes -



The result of the poll was declared at the school, Kirkheaton the same day at 6 o'clock.

Copy of letter to Home Secretary announcing result of the poll.

Kirkheaton

Aug 6: 1885

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that a meeting of the vestry of the Parish of Kirkheaton in the county of York was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July last pursuant to notice given in accordance with the provisions of the Acts 15 and 16 vic:c85 & that the following resolution was passed at such meeting and confirmed by a poll of the ratepayers which was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August inst. Viz:

“That a new burial ground shall be provided for the parish of Kirkheaton under the Burial Acts”

Signed Ralph H Maddox

Chairman of the meeting

And Rector of Kirkheaton

Vestry Meeting on the Burial Question Sep 27:'85

At a meeting of the Vestry held in the national school on the above date the Rev R H Maddox in the chair.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the chairman read the notice convening the meeting and Mr Ainley proposed and Mr John Beaumont seconded the following resolution.

“That it is expedient that a Burial Board be appointed for the Parish of Kirkheaton”

On being put to the vote the resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority.

An informal discussion on the Churchyard Fund followed and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

Signed

Ralph H Maddox Chairman

A meeting of ratepayers on 17<sup>th</sup> December was held in the schoolroom the Rector in the chair when Mr Thomas Jessop and Mr Sheard were elected to attend the enquiry by Dr Hoffman to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst.

A resolution was carried by 20 to 17 votes to the effect "That Kirkheaton to provide burial accommodation for itself and refuses to join with Dalton"

Enquiry by Dr Hoffman, inspector of Burial Grounds etc.

This enquiry took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 1885 at the National Schoolroom when a fair number of ratepayers attended but owing to the very brief notice from Dr Hoffman of his intention to hold an enquiry, the representatives of the ratepayers were scarcely in a position to say what was the wish of the various townships on the subject of a further provision of burial accommodation.

The inspector consequently did not attempt to go fully into the matter but announced that he would pay another visit shortly of which he would give longer notice.

A meeting of the ratepayers was held in the national on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> February Rector in the chair 2 representatives to attend the enquiry to be held by Dr Hoffman on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> inst.

It was resolved

- 1 That Messrs Joe Sheard and Thomas Jessop attend the enquiry
- 2 That the representatives report to Dr Hoffman that Kirkheaton township is opposed to being joined with Dalton or the other townships in providing burial ground but prefers to provide for itself. This carried by 30 for to 24 against.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

Enquiry into the Question of a Burial Board for the Parish of Kirkheaton or some part of it.

Dr Hoffman paid a second visit for the above purpose on April 7. 1886 There was a good attendance and each of the townships was represented.

After eliciting the opinions and wishes of the several townships Dr Hoffman said it seemed that Kirkheaton township wished to have a Board

of its own, Dalton had already a Board in the Corporation of Huddersfield, Whitley wished to provide for itself and Lepton did not ask to be joined with Kirkheaton. He should be able to recommend what would meet the wishes of the first three townships but for Lepton he must consider the matter.

The enquiry closed with a vote of thanks to Dr Hoffman

Vestry meeting April 29:1886

This meeting was called to elect Churchwardens for the several townships for the ensuing year and to take steps for applying for Faculty for the repairs of the Church.

After several ? had been passed and the churchwardens elected it was proposed by Mr E A Beaumont and seconded by Mr Joe Sheard

“That this meeting adjourn to the Lodge Room at Beaumont Arms Inn, the church being cold and partially open and the schools not in order.”

This was agreed to by the chairman (Rev R H Maddox) on the understanding that it should not be a precedent for future meetings - Adjourned accordingly.

Chairman explained the position of the Church committee and the necessary of applying for a Faculty to enable them to restore the damage done by the fire and to make certain alterations which were explained by the Architect Mr Cocking.

Mr Geo Hey then proposed. Mr Moore seconding the following resolution.

“That this meeting has every confidence in the Churchwardens and Church Committee and empowers them to apply for the necessary Faculty for the repairs of the Church.

Carried nem. Con.

About 140 persons were present at this meeting.

Signed Ralph Maddox Chairman

Vestry meeting of Township of Kirkheaton Aug 7:1886

Rev R H Maddox BD in the Chair.

After the notice convening the meeting and a letter from the Home Office stating that Kirkheaton township might now proceed to the election of a Burial Board had been read

It was resolved

1. That the Board do consist of nine members

Joe Sheard, J H Priestley

2. That the following gentlemen be members of the Board

James Swift	proposer	Thomas Jessop
John H Priestley	"	Joseph Roebuck
Wm E Thomas	"	John Broadbent
Joe Sheard	"	Jas Moulson, J Beevers
Joseph Roebuck Jr	"	T. Cook
Amos Tyas	"	John Jessop
James Moulson	"	Ben Hargreaves
Thomas Jessop	"	Thomas Hey
Jno. Broadbent,(Newtown)		J. H. Priestley

Geo Hey entered a protest against the election of Joe Sheard as not being a ratepayer.

Ralph H Maddox  
Chairman

Sept 18. 1886

Vestry meeting of Township of Kirkheaton Sep 18:1886

Rev R H Maddox in the chair

The notice convening the meeting and the minutes having been read It was suggested that as part of the township of Kirkheaton belongs to the Ecclesiastical district of Hopton it would not be in order to pass the proposed resolution "That a burial ground shall be provided for the township of Kirkheaton".

After considerable discussion the following resolution was passed:-

That this meeting be adjourned and that the chairman be requested to lay the facts before the Home Secretary and if necessary take legal advice on the point. J Jessop, J Moulson

Oct 16 1886

Ralph H Maddox Chairman

Vestry Meeting Oct 16. 1886

Rev R H Maddox, rector in the chair.

After the minutes of last meeting had been read the chairman stated what had been done and read copies of letters to and from the Home Secretary.

It was resolved

1. That a Burial Ground shall be provided for the township of Kirkheaton under the Burial Acts and that it is expedient that a Burial Board be appointed for the said township. Proposed by Mr H Ainley seconded by Mr Joseph Roebuck
2. That the vicar of Hopton and his churchwardens be informed of the result of this meeting so that the ratepayers of Kirkheaton in the Ecclesiastical District of Hopton may have their attention drawn to it with a view of their taking action to be excepted from the Burial Board district should they think proper to do so  
Proposed by Mr Joe Sheard Seconded by Mr John Jessop

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting

Signed Ralph H Maddox chairman

The following letter has been received from the Rev Mr Kerr vicar of Hopton

Vicarage Hopton Oct 30/86

My dear Sir,

The vestry meeting called for this afternoon was only attended by two ratepayers of Kirkheaton township so of course no meeting was held. Each house in my Parish in the Kirkheaton rated part had due notice as you will see from the hand bill I now send. No further steps will be taken in the matter & I shall now let the matter rest. G P Kerr

Vestry meeting Jany 22<sup>nd</sup> 1887 Rev R H Maddox in the chair

Notice convening the meeting and minutes of last meeting having been read by Mr H Whiteley a letter from the Home Secretary was read by the chairman and the re-election of the Board in accordance with the requirements of the Home Office was proceeded with.

Mr Sheard proposed and Mr Jas Moulson seconded the following resolution.

That the Board consist of nine members. An amendment moved by Mr Thomas That seven members constitute the Board on being put to the meeting was lost and the original resolution was then put and carried.

Mr Sheard proposed and Mr Jas Moulson seconded the following resolution.

That the original list of members form the Board. Jno Jessop being substituted for Thomas Jessop.

This resolution was carried.

Vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting. Ralph H Maddox Chairman.

Vestry meeting June 4 1887 Rev R H Maddox BD in the chair

After the notice calling the meeting had been read and the minutes of the previous had been passed.

It was proposed by Mr James Moulson and seconded by Mr J W Cocking "That of the two sites recommended by the Burial Board for the New Cemetery the Lane Side is the most suitable.

The original motion was carried.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr A Tyas seconded by Mr Moulson "That Mr Benj Wilkinson & Mr R Thornton be elected to fill the vacancies in the Burial Board"

It was resolved that Mr Joe Sharpe and Mr Jno Broadbent be elected to audit the a/er? Of the Board. Jno Bdbt, Jas Swift

A proposal to appoint a Clerk to the Bd at an annual salary of £20 and an amendment proposed by Mr Cocking and seconded by Mr Cook was carried to the effect "That the question of the salary of the Clerk be referred back to the B Board."

Vote of thanks to chairman terminated the meeting. Ralph H Maddox Chairman

Vestry meeting Feb 11 : 1888 Rev H Maddox in the chair

Proposed by Mr Jas Moulson & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Wilkinson

That the Clerk's Salary for acting under the Burial Board be fixed at per year. Carried

That Mr W Broadbent be elected a member of the Burial Board - Moulson, Mr Laycock. Carried

Vacancies arising in the Burial Board to be filled up at the forthcoming Easter Vestry

Vestry meeting Sep 29 1888

This meeting was held for Burial Board purposes the Rev R H Maddox rector in the chair.

It was proposed by Mr Joseph Roebuck and 2ndd by Mr James Moulson

“That the new cemetery at Lane Side be dedicated”.

An amendment was moved by Mr H Ainley “That the Burial Board proceed in the regular course towards consecration of the cemetery.”

After a long and fruitless discussion on the relative merits of dedication & consecration it was agreed on the motion of Mr Joseph Roebuck seconded by Mr Jno S Ainley.

That this meeting be adjourned to this day fortnight.

Adjourned vestry meeting Oct 13:1888 Mr Roebuck in the chair.

It was proposed by Mr Ainley and seconded by Mr Cocking that the Clerk to the Burial Board should take minutes of all vestry meetings when only the Burial Board business was to be taken – not carried.

Mr Whiteley on behalf of the Rector stated the terms on which he, the Rector, would consent & would forgo his right to fees in the case of the cemetery being consecrated when Mr J H Priestley proposed and Mr Cook seconded the following resolution.

That the Board proceed to take the necessary steps for dedication of the Cemetery. This was carried.

Messrs Rd Hy Berry & Ben Hargreaves were then elected members of the Burial Board and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

The following four pages show newspaper articles from 27/4/1889 relating to the dispute arising over Consecration v Dedication