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Public Notices

Coalville Urban District Council Election, 1913

To the Electors of the Whitwick Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen, On April 7th, it will be eight years and five months since I asked you to trust me as one of your representatives on the Coalville Urban District Council, during which time I have endeavoured to prove myself worthy of your support. My attendance is regular and punctual, and by this strict adherence to public duty, I keep myself in touch with all the business of all the committees. By alertness and clear thinking I am able to grip all the debatable points and form a sound judgement, so that an enlightened and intelligent vote is given which none of the people need be afraid of. Notwithstanding this, recent events, brought about by a few shallow-thinking persons, threaten to undermine my experience, and thrust a newcomer upon you, which would weaken your power on the Council. For six years I have held the position of chairman of the Plans Committee, and I have tried to deal fairly with all.

When I first entered the Council Chamber, the rate was 6s in the pound, now it is 4s, and venture to say, can be kept so for two more years. More than that I dare not go.

Amongst the improvements can be mentioned: Silver Street (opposite “Crown and Cushion”), gasworks extension, Mr Glynn’s corner, extra lamps up to the top quarry, widening of Church Lane at Waggon and Horses corner (a fine improvement), £150 paid towards Pares’ Hill widening at Mr Hemsley’s property, public telephone call office, extra lamps Forest Side, and the flagging of the main footpath from Coalville to Whitwick. These cannot but be appreciated. The cost of all to be given here would only confuse and blind the man in the street, without helping him. Two public conveniences are greatly needed – one at Green Lane corner (land not offered) and one in North Street (land offered).

Cademan Street corner and Mr Bourne’s corner, at both of which fatal accidents have occurred, should be chopped off without delay. The King’s Arms corner is a dangerous spot, and the road opposite the gasworks needs widening.

What I ask you to do is to stand by me as your native member. Don’t be enslaved by imperial politics and handicap your own loved locality. I appeal, not to your politics or religion, but to the common-sense and intelligence of a united Whitwick to give a sharp, decisive smash to the paltry, discourteous, shallow, deceptive, political bullying. I take this isolated and independent stand in the interests of you all, for freedom of thought and action, and no political slavery over our local electors. Stand on brave and strong, don’t stifle my mouth and cripple yourselves by placing me last on the poll. I ask all the electors in Whitwick to rouse yourselves as one man, demanding these improvements on the grounds of beauty, right, health, safety, and the interests of human life. Confident that this policy deserves YOU (the public) the honour of having at the head of the poll by a PLUMP VOTE.

Your obedient servant

Samuel Perry.

Coalville Urban District Council Election, 1913

To the Electors of the Whitwick Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen, Having been nominated as a candidate at this election, I wish to point out that after a residence of 19 years in Whitwick, I am no stranger to the electors or to the district. I would remind you that to carry out efficient work, much time and thought are needed, as many important subjects, involving large expenditure, have to be dealt with by the Council. I am prepared to give this time and thought to the best of my ability in your interests. May I hope to receive your support on the election day, and in the meantime your valuable assistance to secure my return.

Yours faithfully
H. T. Bastard
The School House, Whitwick

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To the Electors of the Whitwick Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen, Having been nominated as a candidate for the above ward, I humbly ask for your support at the poll on Monday, April 7th. As most of you are aware, I have had considerable experience in various parochial offices during the past forty years, which experience will, I am sure, assist me in my duties should you return me as one of your representatives. Thanking you in anticipation.

I am,
Yours faithfully
George West
Church Lane, Whitwick

For Sale

Eggs for hatching, Barred Plymouth Rocks, Dr. Jackson's strain, 4s 6d per sitting. Eggs proving very fertile. Inspection invited. F. Berrington, Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Eggs – White Wyandottes. Record layers, 3s per sitting of 13. Guaranteed. – J. C. Stinson, Sharpley House, Whitwick.

Local News

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held in the P.M. Schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon last, and was well attended. It was given by various ladies connected with the church and was a great success. The proceeds were in aid of the debt reduction fund of the church.

Conservative Club

The shareholders' annual meeting was held on Monday night, Mr H. G. W. Howe presiding. Mr J. J. Sharp (secretary) presented the balance sheet, which was passed. Mr Ed. Moore was re-elected a director, and Mr W. Lindley was re-elected as auditor.

“Will Workman” at Whitwick

How to get a Minimum Wage for all Workers

A public meeting was held in the Whitwick National School on Monday night under the auspices of the local Conservative Association to hear an address by “Will Workman” (Mr W. Dyson) on “A minimum wage for all workers, and how to get it”. Mr Geo. West presided, and was supported by the Loughborough Division Conservative agent, Mr A. E. Seymour, besides the lecturer. There was a good attendance. Mr West said Mr Dyson was no stranger to Whitwick, and he left such a good impression on his last visit that he was sure they would give him a good hearing.

Mr Dyson referred to the discussion on the minimum wage during the debate on the Kings' Speech, and said Mr Snowden might have met with some success with his amendment except that he wanted to carry socialism with it, and, of course, they could not accept that. Twenty years ago, any proposal in Parliament for a minimum wage for the workers would have been laughed at, but it showed the progress of practical thought that all parties were now inclined to favourably consider the matter if means could be found for putting it into operation. Enlightened Liberals, Conservatives and Socialists alike were all agreed upon that. The point was how was it to be done? There was no question about it being needed. He spoke of the low wages paid, it being estimated that there were a million workers in this country not getting more than £1 per week, and 1 ½ millions not more than 25s. No one could pretend to say that that was sufficient, and if means could be found to improve this, it was highly desirable that it should be done. The reason for so much unrest in this country was that the cost of living had increased in a much greater ratio than wages had increased. They could quote no foreign country where, whatever was the increase in the cost of living, the wages had not increased more, but in this country, on the evidence of Mr Chiozza Money, it took 24s in 1912 to go as far as £1 did in 1900, but towards that 4s increase, wages had only increased 7 ½ d, leaving them 3s 4 ½ d to the bad. Australia had a minimum wage for all workers and there were certain classes in this country which had it. He mentioned the miners and the London bakers. Why should not all trades enjoy the same thing? He submitted that it could be done, but it could not be done under their present system of trading. The reason the miners and the London bakers and also Government employees had been able to get a minimum wage was because in their respective trades they held a monopoly. It was a simple thing for the coal owners to increase the price of coal to meet the minimum wage, and for the London bakers to increase the price of bread, while the Government merely increased their estimates. In each case the consumer had to pay, but he suggested that by broadening the area of production, the increase of price might be avoided. Alluding to some of the Liberal methods of raising revenue, he mentioned Mr Lloyd George's unearned increment duty on land, and he (the speaker) held it to be most unfair thus to tax the land, and leave other things more glaring – Marconi shares for instance – alone. Mr Rufus Isaacs had admitted in a public court that if he had sold the Marconi shares for which he paid £20,000 a few days after he purchased the shares, he could have sold them for £40,000. But that counted as nothing. If a man invested £20,000 in land, and at any time should be fortunate enough to sell it for £40,000, he would have to pay £4,000 to the Government, but if the same amount was made on Marconi shares, purely as a result of a Stock Market gamble, not a penny had to be paid, though it was surely unearned increment. Other methods of

Liberal taxation having been dealt with, he went on to show the difficulties of the socialist proposals for nationalisation of the railways, mines, etc. He argued that from the economic standpoint it could not be done. The post office had recently been described as a great sweating den. They had seen how matters in regard to old age pensions and insurance had increased the duties of postal servants without adequate remuneration and the resultant discontent. They could not expect the Government to do any better with other things if it had control. He instanced a loss of three millions in a year in the working of the railways under the State in France. Having spoken of the two systems by which he said they could not get a minimum wage – the taxation of the land and State ownership – he came to the method by which it could be obtained. Australia was the only country which gave minimum wage to all workers, but Australia did not give equality to all-comers in its markets. If all the world had the opportunity of using the Australian market: as all the world could use the English market, there would be no minimum wage in Australia. It was only by protecting their industries that they could give a minimum wage to all workers. (Applause).

Questions were invited, but none were asked, Mr Seymour proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was heartily recorded, and a similar vote was passed to the chairman.

On Wednesday night, Mr Dyson gave an address on the same subject at Coalville in the Market Place.

Whitwick Vestry Meeting

The Conviction of the Vicar

No Communication from the Bishop

The annual vestry meeting was held in the Whitwick National School on Wednesday night, when the Rev. H. T. Pattinson, of Leicester, presided over a fairly good attendance. The Rev. H. T. Pattinson, having been voted to the chair, on the motion of Mr S. W. West, said he thanked the meeting. He had been asked by Canon Broughton to take charge of the parish for a month, and though he could not be here next Sunday, he hoped to commence on Sunday week. But he was anxious to get to know something of the place and of church work, and so wanted to be with them that night. He wanted to show sympathy with them and their work, and that was why he was there. (Hear, hear). He then asked for the minutes.

Mr Storer West said the minute book was not to be found. He could only assume that that was one of the impounded documents. Mr H. T. Bastard said he had anticipated that such a contingency might arise and he had brought with him a magazine for May last, which had an account of the vestry meeting in it. It was agreed that this account be taken as the minutes, and Mr Bastard proceeded to read the same. The chairman asked whether there were any questions on the minutes, they would have to take them as read.

Mr Bastard observed that at the last vestry, six or seven persons were nominated as churchwardens, and all with one accord, made excuse. He was one of these nominated, and it was stated in the account read that Mr Bastard declined, because according to the trust deed, churchwardens were managers of schools, and he could not be manager of the school in which he was master. That was not correct, because though churchwarden usually were school managers it was not necessarily so. The only reason he mentioned

this was to show that he did not lose his right to be a churchwarden, should the parishioners at any time care to elect him.

Mr Storer W. West (parish warden) said it was now almost ten weeks since the vicar was suddenly taken away from the parish, and it was rather strange that the churchwardens during that time had received not a single message of any kind from headquarters at Peterborough. It might be because they thought Whitwick people were quite capable of carrying on their affairs, and the churchwardens capable of carrying on things pertaining to the work of the church, but other people might view it from a different standpoint and think it was great neglect on their part of highly-paid officials at Peterborough that they did not act in such a matter with greater promptitude. He thought anyone could fairly accuse the officials at Peterborough with neglect. They knew the position and ever since then the wardens had had to pay clergy to take the duties. Not a letter of sympathy or enquiry, or a word of any kind had been received. Of course, things had been kept going, and would be if they had to go on as they were for 12 months. (Hear, hear).

Mr Bastard said a meeting of the church council was held, and a resolution of sympathy with the Vicar was passed, and the hope that he would be able to clear himself, and it was decided to form a defence fund. Those resolutions were sent to the Bishop, the Archdeacon, and Rural Dean, and, all he got from the Bishop's secretary was a formal acknowledgement of receipt. He didn't even say thank-you. He (Mr Bastard) felt very annoyed when the letter came. It simply said, "*I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your resolution.*" He did not think the Bishop of Peterborough would have sent such a curt note, but he was responsible for what his private secretary wrote. They had a sympathetic note from Archdeacon Stocks, and Canon Broughton had helped them in every way.

The chairman said he knew how they felt, but the Bishop had no doubt corresponded on the matter with the Rural Dean. The Rural Dean and churchwardens were responsible for the services going on until the whole thing was settled. He knew that Canon Broughton had a good deal of sympathy with them.

Mr Bastard said he agreed, but felt it very much indeed that they had no expression from the Bishop of any kind. When the Hunslet vicar absconded, the Bishop of that diocese preached in the parish church there, and assured the congregation that they had his, and the sympathy of the whole of the church-people in the diocese. They were all grieved for Mrs Mackenzie and her children. She had scores of letters and telegrams sympathising with her from people whom she does not even know, but not a word from the Bishop, and they all felt it very much.

Mr W. Adams asked whether the weeknight Lenten services were held as usual. The chairman said it was unfortunately very difficult to get a man. But he thought there would be no cause for complaint in the future.

Mr J. R. Robinson regretted that they had heard nothing from the Bishop. They were fortunate in having two churchwardens whom they could trust, and no doubt they would go on, but they always welcomed the higher officials of the church in times of rejoicing, and would like to have seen them in their hour of trial. The old church had stood there for hundreds of years, and he hoped in their circumstances, they would all be even more loyal. All Whitwick churchmen and many of their Nonconformist friends had only greatest love and esteem for Mrs Mackenzie, and whoever came to the vicarage in the future, he felt that no lady would be held in more tender regard by the parishioners than Mrs Mackenzie was (cheers). They were a united body, and from the bottom of their hearts,

sympathy went out to Mrs Mackenzie and her little loves in the great and grievous trouble they were passing through. (Hear, hear).

The chairman said that if the meeting wished they could send sympathy from the vestry to Mrs Mackenzie and one of protest to Canon Broughton, or they could leave it where it stood, having made those expressions which would be reported in the Press.

Mr Robinson said he did not for a moment wish to reflect on Canon Broughton in the slightest. Canon Broughton was held in the highest esteem throughout that neighbourhood, and the county. He was a grand old man and they esteemed him greatly.

The chairman said there was no doubt that Canon Broughton had been a perfect father to the parish. They could send an expression of the feeling of the meeting to him if they liked. Mr L. Foster, a previous churchwarden, having also made a few remarks, the chairman said that of course the living was not vacant yet. The question of an appeal was still pending, and so the way was not clear for the Bishop to act. It was just possible that the Vicar might yet come back, and the Bishop would then be in a funny position if he took action now.

Mr S. W. West presented the accounts, showing the increase to have been £126 13s 6d and the expenditure was £162 14s 10 ¼ d, leaving a deficit of £36 1s 5 ½ d., but the accounts included £24 12s 9d paid for clerical assistance, which would be refunded from the living. Allowing for that, and a deficit from the previous year, the actual deficit on the year's working was only £4 9s 10d (hear, hear). There had been extra expenses during the year, amounting to £44 16s 9d. The receipts for special objects were £33 11s which included £17 3s 8d for the restoration scheme. Mr West also said that apart from these accounts, they raised by special efforts during the winter for the restoration fund the sum of £103 5s 1d (cheers). He thanked the ladies, and all who had in any way assisted during a busy, sad and perplexing year.

The chairman said it was one of the best records he had heard. They had done splendidly, and he was delighted to meet such loyal members of the English Church. He suggested that the present officials should be asked to continue in office.

Mr Bastard moved that the two churchwardens, Messrs. S. W. West and J. Roulston, be asked to continue in office, and this was carried. Mr Roulston said he had intended resigning, but he would accept office again, and hoped for a brighter future (cheers). Mr West also again accepted office.

The sidesmen were all re-elected, and Messrs. W. Adams, George Underwood, Thos. Belcher, John Pegg, George Causer, and J. H. Robinson, were added. Dr. Burkitt and Mr H. T. Bastard were re-elected as representatives to the Regional Conference, and a vote of condolence with the doctor in his recent bereavement was passed on the motion of Mr Robinson. Mr Foster moved a vote of thanks to the churchwardens, speaking in terms of praise for the way they had done their work. This was seconded by Mr Bastard, and heartily accorded.

The chairman said that if they would rally round him, he was sure the church would go on well. What the future would bring forth he could not say, but he was sure they deserved better things than in the past (cheers). The business of the vestry having been declared closed, Mr Storer West said that as one of the witnesses who gave evidence in the Isle of Man he would like to make a statement. He had not been long on the island before he

found what a great prejudice existed against their vicar. During the time he was on bail, Mr Mackenzie attended church and objection was raised to that by members of the congregation.

Mr Robinson: *Are they Englishmen?*

Mr West said it was bad treatment, and no Englishman would get such treatment in this country. Shortly before the trial he heard a man who had actually been summoned to serve on the jury say that if he had his way he would hang him. (Mr Mackenzie). On the morning of the trial he was in a hairdresser's shop, and heard a man who was to serve on the jury say: "*I believe Mr Mackenzie leant that woman the money, but that forgery will do him.*" He thought that to select presubscribed jurors like that was not fair play to any man.

Mr Robinson: *It is not English?*

Mr West went on to say that the editor of the "Isle of Man Times" was a bright exception. He commenced an article on the case by saying, "*Once more a Manx jury has distinguished itself.*" So it seemed to be no unusual thing. The article proceeded to deal with the evidence, and asserted that the verdict was not justified by that evidence. English law was that if there was any doubt the prisoner should have the benefit of it, and the article concluded by saying that verdict was bad in law, and the sentence was brutal. He (Mr West) was pleased to read that, and was surprised to find it, knowing the prejudice which existed. He was sorry that the trial took place there. He thought it only right to make this statement, which would perhaps help to throw a little fresh light on the matter (hear, hear).

Mr Bastard intimated that he was calling a meeting of the Church Council, having received a bill of solicitor's charges in reference to the Vicar's defence.

Local Elections

Interesting Meeting at Whitwick

Mr Walter Lindley, J.P., presided at a meeting in the Whitwick Church Schools last night in support of the candidature of Mrs J. J. Sharp, for the Ashby Board of Guardians and Messrs. H. T. Bastard, T. Y. Hay, M. McCarthy and George West for the Coalville Urban Council. Supporting the chairman on the platform were the five candidates and Mrs Pratt, a lady Guardian of Ashby. There was a large attendance.

The chairman said he proposed to take the Guardians' business first and went on to speak of the useful work ladies could do in administration of the poor law. Mr M. McCarthy, as a retiring guardian, said he had served on the Board at Ashby on and off for 30 years and claimed to know something about it. He was personally very sorry when Mrs Pratt retired from the Board through her husband's illness and he was delighted when he heard that she was coming forward again, especially when he knew she was elected. There were about half the inmates in the Ashby Union women, and they could talk to women Guardians better than they could to men. Mrs Sharp was well qualified for the post and they would do the right thing in sending her to Ashby. If she was not returned at the head of the poll, he hoped she would be one of the three elected (cheers).

Mrs Sharp, who was well received, said she had been on a public platform in Whitwick many times before, but it was always to ask for something for someone else and she felt

different at asking for something for herself. When she consented to become a candidate, she thought there would be no contest, but as things turned out, and as she belonged to "fighting fifth" she meant to see it through. She agreed that a woman's first consideration was her home, but a little human sympathy should be given by women especially for women. They had heard that a good number of women were in the workhouse and much scope for work by lady guardians. She expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of her husband who was on business in London, and said she had lived in Whitwick now for 25 years, and she hoped the kindness which had always been shown her would be continued. She was rather strong minded (laughter) and would not easily be turned aside from what she believed to be right if she was elected on the Guardians (cheers).

Replying to Mr T. Kelly, Mrs Sharp said she was in favour of boarding out the children in comfortable homes. She wanted the children to be brought up so that they would not regard the workhouse as their home (cheers).

Mr Kelly: *I thank you for that answer.*

Mr McCarthy moved a vote of confidence in Mrs Sharp and said there ought not to have been a contest. It was understood that Mrs Sharp would take his place. He urged them to vote for Mrs Sharp, Father O'Reilly and Mr A. Briers, and leave "bricks and mortar" out (laughter). Mr George West seconded the vote and he urged the need for more lady Guardians on the Ashby Board.

Mrs Pratt said she hoped they would return Mrs Sharp at the head of the poll. Many people did not fully realise the vital for necessity for women on Boards of Guardians. There was work for women to do as well as men, and if there were no women Guardians that work was either not done at all or done not as it should be. They had some idea of what a home would be without a woman, and that being so, how much more must it apply to a large place like the workhouse. Some people had said that lady Guardians were always interfering with the officials, but sometimes such interference was necessary. She had been accused of that, though those who had followed the reports in the paper would have seen that there had been more changes of officials at Ashby since she retired than while she was a member of the Board. She said she wanted a companion on the Board and asked them to be sure and send Mrs Sharp (cheers). The resolution was carried unanimously and Mrs Sharp thanked the meeting urging all to poll on Monday and poll early.

The chairman said they now came to the Urban Council election, stating that they had four excellent candidates before them and the four they would like to see elected. He proceeded to speak of the importance of the urban council work, and said he was sure they would all agree that Mr McCarthy and Mr Hay, the retiring members, had served them well. The young candidates also deserved their support.

Mr George West said he was no stranger to them. He was elected on the Board of Guardians three times successfully and regularly attended to his duties. He thought the future work of the Council would have a good deal to do with housing and few men got about among the houses more than he did. It had been suggested that Coalville should have more members on the Council, but he thought Whitwick also had a good claim to that when they considered its wide area. He thought Whitwick should have two wards. For 27 years he had been caretaker of the cemetery which business was managed by the Council, and he could be of use in that respect. He said few men knew Whitwick through and through more than he did.

Mr H. T. Bastard said that was the first time he had appeared in such a position and they would not expect him to say much when they had such an array of talent before them (laughter). But when they saw all the different posters about Whitwick, or such a eulogistic nature, he thought they would expect him to blow his own trumpet a bit (laughter). As far as the party they represented were concerned, they thought there would be no contest. They were willing for the previous arrangement of two of each party to go in but there was some disagreement among the Liberals, and a third candidate was nominated. They (the Conservatives) therefore, determined to enter the fray. He said that during the 19 years he had lived in the parish he had done a lot of public work for the general good. For many years he acted as secretary to that excellent body – the Whitwick Nursing Association (cheers). He also represented the parish on the Coalville Technical Education Committee which was doing a good work. He acted as secretary for the gymnasium and rifle class, and for 16 or 17 years gave up his Sunday afternoons to conduct a young people's bible class. That might be ridiculed as a qualification for an urban councillor, but it showed that he had been desirous of the welfare of the young men of the parish (cheers). Some people said schoolmasters were not business men, but men engaged in business were not always successful. Moreover, he pointed to what good work had been done on local Councils by schoolmasters, mentioning Mr Fellows and Mr Hubbard on the Coalville and Shepshed bodies respectively. He had in his calling to pay attention to method and detail, and display tact, and those were the qualities which made a good business man (cheers).

Mr T. Y. Hay said he was elected twice unopposed, and when he had to go through a contest three years ago, he was second on the poll, which he much appreciated. For some years he had been chairman of the Highways Committee and had worked amicably with the Whitwick members and also the other ward members. They all had a bit of the devil in them (laughter) but he realised that it was best to work together for the good of the people. They had in the area seven miles of county roads, and 35 miles of other roads. The assessable value was £53, 911 and a penny rate produced £244. The outstanding loans amounted to £111, 525 and the annual repayments on those were over £4,000. The estimated population was close on 19,000. He gave numerous figures dealing with the Council work and alluding to the gasworks, said they had an excellent manager, and the works would soon be relieving the rates (cheers). In regard to the proposal for more councillors, he said 12 members could manage the business better and more efficiently than 18 or 50. He said he should not rest until Pares' Hill improvement was carried out (cheers). The work of the Council involved an expenditure of £36,000 a year, and required business men who could stand on their pins and fearlessly advocate what they believed to be essential for the welfare of the district (cheers).

Mr O. Geary asked whether it was the intention of the Council to make a thorough job of Pares' Hill. Mr Hay said they had brought Mr Hemsley's property, and would make a good improvement. Mr McCarthy said that while he was on the Council he should never favour buying the end of the Baptist Chapel. Mr Geary said he was one of the Baptist Trustees, who had met the surveyor, and he only wanted to know the intention of the Council.

The chairman said that if he had seen the drift of the question, he would not have allowed it, because the Council were not likely to tell everybody what they intended to do. Mr McCarthy said he took that stand in the public interest, and would do the same were it the Catholic Church. He went on to allude to the Trade Extension Society, and the success in the fact that Messrs. R. Walker and Sons had taken the Mosaic Works at Coalville – Mr Hale having given generous terms – and if the venture was a success they would build a large new factory such as Coalville had never seen (cheers). Alluding to the enlargement

proposal, he said he had been accused of putting Whitwick acres before Coalville men and women. They had to have acres before the men and the women. God made the earth first. That was a sufficient answer to the Coalville wiseacre. Whitwick had 3,200 acres which was a thousand more than Hugglescote, and Coalville only had 771 acres, nearly all built on.

Then this man talked about rateable value, though he was the man who did more than anyone to rob Whitwick of its rateable value. They were a little innocent then, but he could not do it now. He had his master. This man raised the rate to 6s in the pound. He went on to a public platform and said the people of Whitwick were wicked. Mrs Haydock paid £6,000 for the Whitwick Catholic Schools, and saved the rates £300 a year, but this man tried to make Whitwick pay for schools. He hoped no self-respecting person would listen to a man who insulted Whitwick like that – one who showed such religious bigotry. Look what the school cost them at Coalville. The passive resisters were nearly dead now, but a few more like that would kill them altogether (laughter) and proceeded to deal with the work of the Council.

Mr S. Perry, junr., alluded to Mr McCarthy's remarks on the development of the Broom Leys estate, and asked whether his efforts in that direction were for the good of the public, as he inferred.

Mr McCarthy said that anybody who thought he was doing it solely for the good of the people must think he was a gigantic fool. But if any of them could offer land cheaper and better for the purpose, he would give £5 to Leicester Infirmary. He would be glad to sell some to the questioner (laughter). Mr Downes moved, and Mr Roulston seconded a vote of confidence in the candidates which was unanimously carried, and a vote of thanks to the chairman closed a successful meeting.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr W. Lindley, Mr H. J. Ford, and Mr B. G. Hale.

Bad Language

Elizabeth Rose, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on March 24th. She did not appear. P.C. Jones said the woman was being taken home by her husband at the time and she caused some disturbance for a considerable time.

Fined 2s 6d and 14s costs, or 7 days.

Drunk and Disorderly

Robert Lee, 30, rag and bone gatherer, of Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on March 19th. Defendant did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant came to him last night and asked him to plead guilty for him.

Fined 5s 6d and costs 12s 6d or 7 days.

Wm. Allen, 35, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on March 22nd. He did not appear. P.S. Betts gave the facts and said the

defendant told him he could bring a summons if he liked, as it was a long time since he had one. (Laughter).

Fined 5s 6d and 14s costs, or 7 days.

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting and the last of the Coalville Urban District Council as at present constituted, was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday night. Mr M. McCarthy, J.P., presided, and there were also present Messrs. R. Blower, W. Sheffield, T. Y. Hay, A. Lockwood, W. Fellows, J. Kirby, S. P. Matterson, T. Kelly, and F. Griffin, with the surveyor, Mr L. L. Baldwin; clerk, Mr T. E. Jesson; and assistant surveyor, Mr G. F. Hurst.

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval: Two houses, Church Lane, Whitwick, for Messrs. H. Webster and J. W. Ward; two houses, Church Lane, Whitwick, for Mr A. B. Moss; two houses, Ashby Road, Coalville, for Messrs. S. Siddon and Son.

Highway Committee's Report

The Highways Committee recommended that a sub-committee of Messrs. McCarthy, Griffin, Sheffield and Matterson, with the surveyor, inspect the Hermitage Road where flooding occurs, and report as to laying a line of pipes to prevent such flooding.

The committee recommend cheque for £150 be drawn and signed in favour of Mr Harrison Hemsley, being the deposit on the purchase of his property in Pares Hill, Whitwick.

Mr G. F. Burton wrote asking the Council to erect a retaining wall for the protection of his fence in Talbot Street, Whitwick, and the committee recommend the work be carried out.

The committee recommend that a fence be erected alongside the brook at Hockley, Whitwick, for a distance of about 80 yards.

The committee recommend the owner of the wall in Hall's Lane be written to, asking for the same to be put in a better order.

Mr Hay moved the adoption of the report and referred to the step towards the Pares' Hill improvement by paying the deposit of £150.

Mr Fellows called attention to the dangerous state of Hall's Lane, through large stones falling out of the wall. It was a serious matter. There was a lot of cycling – free-wheeling – down that hill, and unless it was attended to there might be a fatal accident. He would sooner see the Council do it themselves than let the danger continue. The Chairman said the owner of the wall was responsible. He quoted a similar case in Skinner's Lane some time ago, and the Council narrowly escaped a law suit through one of the Council's men removing one of the stones. He suggested that the clerk communicate with the owner either to attend to the matter, or give the Council authority to remove the stones. Mr Blower said it ought not to be left as it was a day longer than necessary. The report was adopted, and it was understood that the owner would be communicated with.

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that the number of people accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during the month was 928, against 927 last month and 569 last year. The half-yearly lime-washing of the lodging houses was in progress.

Appointment of Overseers

The following were appointed overseers: Coalville – Messrs. J. R. Bennett, J. Starkey and J. Smith; Hugglescote – Messrs. F. Griffin, J. A. Deacon and James Taylor; Whitwick – Messrs. T. Kelly, Geo. West and Jos. Kelly.

Dangerous Stiles

Mr T. Kelly called attention to the dangerous condition of the stiles on the path to Spring Hill Farm and the Monastery.

Sport

Football

Footballer's Benefit

The Hugglescote Baptist F.C. arranged a match with Whitwick Swifts on Saturday for the benefit of W. Gent, one of their players who met with an accident. Unfortunately, rain spoiled the event, but a good number of tickets were sold.

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Situations Vacant

Chevening – Good hands wanted at “Ward’s”, Silver Street, Whitwick. Plenty of work.

For Sale

Eggs for hatching – Barren Rocks, White Wyandottes, Black Leghorns, Blue Andalusians. For prices and strains apply Greasley, Church Lane, Whitwick.

Turn-out, Pony, Tub, and Harness. Sound and reliable. No further use. Cheap. Adams, Saddler, Whitwick.

Pure-bred White Wyandottes, record layers, Black Minorca’s, Indian Game, Cook’s strain, only 2s 6d per hatch. White Aylesbury and Pekin Duck eggs, 1s 6d per hatch. W. Houtt, Warren Farm, Gracedieu, Whitwick.

Coalville Elections

Whitwick (or North) Ward

Bastard, Henry Thomas, Silver Street, Whitwick, school-master.

Bourne, Thomas William, Market Place, Whitwick, draper and clothier.

Hay, Thomas Young, Forest Road, Coalville, colliery manager.

Kelly, Thomas, South Street, Whitwick, licensed victualler.

McCarthy, Michael, New Swannington, surveyor and estate agent.
Perry, Samuel, Silver Street, Whitwick, tailor.
West, George, Church Lane, Whitwick, house agent.

Seven candidates for four seats.

The Counting

Whitwick Ward

S. Perry	368
M. McCarthy	360
T. Y. Hay	295
T. Kelly	259
G. West	204
H. T. Bastard	194
T. W. Bourne	182

The Whitwick ward has remained loyal to the four old members. When some difference occurred in the Liberal camp a short time ago, resulting in the rejection of Mr Perry as one of the Liberal nominees, it had been much talked of, and many had doubts as to Mr Perry's chances of success. Apparently, the Whitwick electors have little regard for politics in local elections, and after the stand taken by Mr Perry, it must have been gratifying to him to be returned at the head of the poll.

For comparison we give the results of the polling three years ago.

1910

M. McCarthy	351
T. Y. Hay	348
T. Kelly	322
S. Perry	285
T. W. Bourne	228
G. West	226

Mr Perry polled 17 more votes on Monday than Mr McCarthy did when he headed the list three years ago, but here again the poll was not so heavy at Whitwick as last time.

WHITWICK WARD.



MR. SAMUEL PERRY, Council.



MR. M. McCARTHY, Council



MR. THOMAS KELLY, Council

Ashby Board of Guardians

Whitwick Candidates

Briers, Albert John, Silver Street, Whitwick, marine store dealer.
O'Reilly, the Rev. M. J., the Presbytery, Parsonwood Hill, Whitwick.
Sharp, Eleanor A. M., the White House, Whitwick.
Ward, John Thomas, Silver Street, Whitwick, builder.

The Counting

The Rev. M. J. O'Reilly	426
Mrs J. J. Sharp	413
A Briers	341
J. T. Ward	153

There was bound to be a new guardian through the retirement of Mr McCarthy, and Mrs Sharp has been elected with the old two. It is the first time that Whitwick has returned a lady Guardian and Mrs Sharp will doubtless make an excellent member. The Guardians election at Whitwick has been contested on the last two occasions and below are the figures.

1910

Rev. M. J. O'Reilly	333
M. McCarthy	294
A Briers	289

1907

O. Watson	253
G. West	249

Rev. M. J. O'Reilly 247
M. McCarthy 238

Whitwick Guardians.



THE REV. M. J. O'REILLY,



MRS. J. J. SHARP.



MR. A. J. BRIERS,

Public Notices

Coalville Urban Council Election, 1913

To the Electors of the Whitwick Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen, I beg to sincerely thank you for again electing me as one of your representatives on the Urban Council. You have shown great confidence in me by electing me at the head of the poll, and I shall do my very best to prove to you that your confidence has not been misplaced. – Again, thanking you. Your obedient servant.

Samuel Perry
Silver Street
Whitwick

To the Electors of the Whitwick (North) Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I beg to tender my best thanks to the 295 voters who supported me at the above election, and you may rest assured I shall look after your interests to the best of my ability during the next term of office. Again thanking you, I remain, yours obediently.

Thomas Young Hay
The Lodge,
Coalville

Board of Guardians Election, 1913

To the Electors of Whitwick

Ladies and Gentlemen, Having elected me as one of your representatives on the Ashby Board of Guardians, I wish to thank you for this evidence of your loyalty and confidence in me. I shall endeavour to carry out the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and your satisfaction. Yours sincerely.

Eleanor A. M. Sharp
White House
Whitwick

Local Chit Chat

We understand that Counsel's opinion on the conviction of the Vicar of Whitwick has been received, and is to the effect that there is good ground for an appeal, on the assumption that the verdict of the jury is bad in law. Whether this advice will be acted upon and the appeal proceeded with, is purely a question of finance. We are informed on reliable authority that it would involve an expenditure probably of between £600 and £700, and at the time of writing there was no indication that the money would be forthcoming. The defence fund amounted to £297, but all this has been expended.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr J. G. Shields and Mr J. Turner.

Transfers

The following transfers of licences were made:

Waggon and Horses, Whitwick, from John A. Moulton to Hy. Ward.

Coalville Police Court

This day (Friday) – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, and Mr B. G. Hale.

Wilful Damage

Frederick William Mason, 20, collier, Whitwick was summoned for damage to a street lamp to the amount of 2s at Whitwick on March 23rd. Mr T. E. Jesson appeared to prosecute for the Urban Council. There was some question as to Mr Hale (newly elected to the Council) adjudicating, and Mr Jesson remarked: *You are not a member yet, sir.*

Proceeding, Mr Jesson said the defendant was seen to deliberately throw at a street lamp on the Leicester Road, Whitwick. Pounds' worth of damage was done every year in this way. John A. Meath, butcher, Whitwick, deposed to seeing the defendant throw at and miss one lamp and then hit another at a second attempt. Leonard L. Baldwin, surveyor, said about 100 lamps were broken in a year, and it was difficult to catch the offenders.

Fined 7s 6d, costs £1 3s 6d and damages 2s, or seven days.

The Drink

John O'Mara, 33, insurance agent, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk at Whitwick, on 4th April. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant was fined 2s 6d and 10s 6d costs, or seven days.

Sport

Football

The Coalville Town Football Club were anxious to play two teams again to-morrow. Having to play Ibstock again for the Senior League Cup semi-final, they would have sent another team to play the Senior League match at Whitwick, as they did to Market Harborough last Saturday, but the Whitwick Committee object on the ground that it would spoil their "gate" and so the league match is postponed.

Whitwick Winding Up Wonderfully

While the display of the Whitwick Imperial team has not been all that could be desired by their supporters during the season they are winding up wonderfully well. Their latest performance was the defeat of Hinckley United at Whitwick on Saturday, which was remarkable chiefly for two things. In the first place, a win for Hinckley was of vital importance to them in view of their fight with Loughborough Corinthians for the championship, and it was realised that they would do their best to bring this about. In the second place, Whitwick had three of their regular forwards out and it would have been no surprise to their supporters had the team gone down. The absence of Brady, Starkey and Roach from the attack compelled a re-arrangement of the forces. The defence was the same, but Joe Moore went to centre forward, being substituted in the half-back line by Frank Smith. Herbert Springthorpe appeared for Brady at inside right with Bradford and Warden, of all men, played outside left. I have seen 'Shinty' play some splendid back games, but was not aware until Saturday that he could distinguish himself as a forward.

The wind interfered a good deal with the play. Whitwick had it in their favour in the first half and crossed over with a lead of two goals to one. Their first goal was obtained by Percy Wright, after which Moore equalised for Hinckley and Whitwick's second goal was the outcome of a beautifully placed corner by Bradford. Though Pick cleared from the ensuing scramble, the ball was held to have been over the line and a goal was awarded.

Hinckley made desperate efforts in the second half, but they were unavailing, the Whitwick defence being splendid. The importance of the match to Loughborough Corinthians from the championship point of view brought over several spectators from Loughborough and they were highly delighted with the result.

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Local News

Mr Thomas Elsdon Ashford, of 3, Skinners Lane, Whitwick, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry before Khandahar in 1880, and who died on February 21st last intestate, aged 54 years, left estate value for probate at £123. Letters of administration of his property have been granted to his widow, and her sureties for the due administration of the estate, as provided by law for the property of persons dying intestate, are Mr Joseph

Ball, of Knighton Fields Road East, Leicester, and Mr Walter Baker, of Brunswick Road, Leicester.

Dance

A dance was held in the Holy Cross School on Saturday night. The Holy Cross Band played for dancing. The proceeds were for the band funds.

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held in the P.M. School, on Tuesday afternoon and was well attended. The tea was given by the ladies and the proceeds were for the chapel debt fund.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Lose to Holywell

Whitwick Imperial went to Melton Mowbray on Monday evening to play the Holwell Works team, the match being robbed of much of its interest owing to rain falling most of the time. At the interval the score was one each, Bestwick scoring for the Works and F. Smith, for Whitwick. The home team had the best of matters in the second half, going ahead through Williamson after five minutes. A penalty to Holwell towards the close, enabled Kirk to score another goal and Works team won by three goals to one.

Friday April 25th 1913 (Issue 1105)

Local News

Whitwick and Coalville Liberal Clubs were to have played a league skittle match on Saturday, but owing to football attractions at London and Derby taking several of the players away, the match was postponed.

Coalville Urban District Council

The first meeting of the newly-elected Urban District Council was held at Coalville, on Tuesday evening, when there were present, Messrs. W. Sheffield, S. Perry, T. Y. Hay, A. Lockwood, F. Griffin, S. Armson, S. P. Matterson, B. G. Hale, R. Blower, T. Kelly and W. Fellows, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst), and a good number of ratepayers, including Mr R. J. Bennett, a member of the old council.

Mr R. Blower was voted to the chair temporarily. The clerk read a letter from Mr M. McCarthy stating that he had an influenza, which prevented him attending the meeting and had caused him to cancel his Leicester and all other engagements. He regretted being unable to attend. The chairman said they all regretted Mr McCarthy's absence and the cause.

Appointment of School Managers

The appointment of school managers was then proceeded with. Mr Hay was the former representative on the managing body at the Whitwick Holy Cross School, and Mr Fellows asked whether he had attended the meetings.

Mr Hay: *I have been a sinner. It is a long way to the Catholic Schools. Open confession is good for the soul* (laughter).

Mr Fellows: *Would you rather not be elected?*

Mr Hay: *I would.*

Mr Blower moved the election of Mr Perry.

Mr Perry: *Not likely. You have all promised your constituents that you are willing to work* (laughter). *I am on for one of the schools.*

Mr Hay: *If the Council re-elect me I will act.*

Mr Hay was re-elected. Replying to Mr Fellows as to whether he had discharged his duties as a manager of the Whitwick Church Schools, Mr Perry said yes. He was again appointed.

Coalville Police Court

This day (Friday) – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr H. J. Ford, Mr W. Lindley, Mr B. G. Hale, and Mr J. W. West.

Licensing

The license of the Forest Rock Hotel, Whitwick, was transferred from Geo. Bramwell to Walter E. James.

Educational

Zachariah Parker, publican, Whitwick, was summoned for not sending his child regularly to school. On the application of Mr T. E. Jesson, Ashby, instructed for the defence, the case was adjourned for a fortnight.

Edward Collier, drayman, Whitwick, was summoned for not sending his child regularly to school. Defendant did not appear – George Gray, school attendance officer, Shepshed, gave the facts and as it was the third offence, a fine of 3s and 3s costs was imposed.

No Control

Arthur Everley, collier, Thringstone, was summoned for not having control of a horse and trap on the highway at Whitwick, on April 13th. P.C. Jelley said he saw the horse and trap outside a public house unattended for over twenty minutes. Fined 2s 6d and costs 4s or seven days.

Bad Language

Mark Bradley, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on April 13th. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said he was on duty in Talbot Street on the 13th (Sunday) and heard the defendant using the language in his house. It went on for half an hour, and witness had several complaints. Fined 2s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

Drunk

Wm. Ward, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on April 19th. In his absence P.C. Jelley stated the facts and defendant was fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

John Baker, rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on April 19th. P.C. Grewcock said he had several complaints from young girls as to the defendant's conduct towards them. Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 10s 6d, and 12s 6d costs, or 14 days, there being previous convictions.

Sport

Football

Shepshed win easily at Whitwick

Whitwick Imperial had Shepshed Albion as visitors on Saturday last and they easily beat the home team. However, Whitwick were without their usual defence, Commons, Waterfield and Croson, whilst Levi Bradford was also missing from the forward line. So with the team thus weakened, it was not thought by many of the home supporters that their favourites would win. "Shinty" Warden was in the Imperial goal and he saved some very good shots indeed. Shepshed had the advantage of a very strong wind in the first half and gave the home defence a very gruelling time indeed, but Alf Springthorpe played a fine game at back and was the saviour of the side on many occasions. Shepshed, however, pierced the defence on two occasions. Simpkin and Moore doing the needful. On the change of ends, the local team pressed strongly and after very good forward play by the left wing, Starkey scored a lovely goal with his head. But this was all the scoring that the home team could manage, whilst Shepshed through Thurman, further increased their team and thus won comfortably by three goals to one.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Donoghue – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Jno. Donoghue, aged 66 years, of North Street.