

Oct. 12 1909 At the First Committee Meeting after the opening of the new Village Hall held on Tuesday Oct. 12 1909 in the Billiard Room at 6.30.

Present: Mrs Hine in the chair

Rev. E Sant, Messrs Burls, Wright, Butters, Starling, W. Dixon, S. Dixon, H. Dixon, Thorn, Berridge, J. Smith & R. Screen (Hon Sec.)

Mrs Hine gave a detailed account of the Donations and Expenses connected with the building.

The Committee was decided as follows:

Mrs Hine Chairman

Mr Burls Vice-Chairman

Mr. R. Screen Hon. Sec.

Rev. E. Sant, Messrs C. E. Robson, G. Wright, H. C. Pulham, W. Dixon, S. Dixon, H. Starling, H. M. Butters, E. Barrett, W. Patmore, J. Berridge, J. Smith, T. Thorn, H. Dixon, J Aylett, E. Dixon, E. Smith, J. Bourne.

It was agreed:-

- (i) That Mrs Hine was the owner of the building, fittings and furniture.
- (ii) She would let the Hall and its contents to the Club for 5 nights per week at the peppercorn rent of 1/- per annum.
- (iii) She reserved the right to use the Hall on any one night in every week, but when the Hall was not required it could be used for Club purposes.
- (iv) When the Hall could not be used by the Club 5 days notice would be given.
- (v) Mrs Hine has the right to let the Hall on either of her reserved nights, making her own terms for the hire.
- (vi) The Club shall pay for gas & coal and for the upkeep of the Furniture and Billiard Table.
- (vii) The Chairman shall appoint Vice-Chairman, Secretary and six other members of the Committee. The remaining 12 members of the Committee shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting in October of each year, six to retire annually but they shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual Meeting in October 1910 the six to withdraw shall be decided by lot.

Maud E Hine

January 18 1910

Jan. 18 1910 At a Meeting of the Committee held in the Billiard Room of the Club on
Tuesday Jan. 18. 1910

Present: Mrs Hine in the Chair

Rev. E. Sant, Messrs Wright, Pulham, W. Dixon, S. Dixon, Starling,
Butters, Burls, Baret, Patmore, Berridge, Thorn, Aylett, E. Dixon, E.
Smith, & Screen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the Balance Sheet for the quarter showing balance
in hand at Dec. 31. 1909 of £16.3.3.

The Rules were amended as that boys between the ages of 14 & 16
could join the Club but they would not be allowed to use the Billiard
Table or smoke.

The Chairman promised to provide matting for the floor round the
Billiard Table and also a clock.

The Stewards were requested to report any contravention of the Billiard
Rule concerning smoking while playing.

On the proposition of Mr Burls a vote of thanks was passed to the
Chairman.

Maud E. Hine

October 14th 1910

Oct.14.1910 At a Meeting of the Committee Held in the Billiard Room on Friday
Oct.14th 1910

Present: Mrs Hine in the chair

Rev. E Sant, Messrs Burls, Berridge, Bourne, Barrett, Butters, Aylett, E. Dixon, H. Dixon, S. Dixon, W. Dixon, Patmore, Screen, E. Smith, Wright & Thorn.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary produced the balance sheet of the Club showing a balance in hand on Oct. 1. 1910 of £14.0.1 This was considered very satisfactory and the balance sheet was read, accepted and passed.

It was agreed to continue the Club on the same lines and the Chairman re-appointed Messrs Burls & R. Screen as Vice-Chairman & Hon. Sec. respectively. The salary of Emily Powel for fetching the morning and evening papers from the station was increased from 2/- to 3/- per month.

The following members of the Committee were appointed by the Chairman:- Rev. E. Sant, Messrs E. Barrett, F Berridge, D. Patmore, H. Starling & G. Wright.

Mr. H.M. Butters resigned as a member of the Committee and Mr. C.E, Robson having left the district, the remaining ten members drew lots as to which four should retire. The following members, as the result remain on the Committee till the Annual Meeting in Oct. 1911:- Messrs J Aylett, W. Dixon, E. Dixon, S.Dixon, H. C. Pulham & E. Smith.

It was considered necessary that the Billiard Table should be ironed at least twice a week. It was resolved that the wages of Mrs Watson should be increased to £1 per month upon her undertaking the extra work of ironing the table every Monday and Thursday. Mr. G. Wright agreed to arrange with Mrs Powell to iron the table with Mrs Watson present 3 times before the end of the month, payment being made at the rate of ? each time.

Mr. Starling proposed that the Stewards should be provided with books in which to enter the Billiard Accounts. The Secretary agreed to provide 8 note books for the purpose.

Maud E. Hine

February 9.1911

The fine for damage to the cloth of the Billiard Table was reduced from 5/- to a minimum of 2/6 plus any extra expense in repairs.

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**VILLAGE HALL CLUB,
ELSENHAM.**

President:—SIR WALTER GILBEY, BART.

Chairman of Committee:—Mrs. HINE.

Vice-Chairman:—MARTIN BURLS, Esq.

Hon. Secretary:—Mr. R. SCREEN.

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VILLAGE HALL CLUB, ELSENHAM.

BALANCE SHEET,

October 1st, 1909—September 30th, 1910.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Hine	Hon. Member	1	0	0
Guy Gilbey, Esq.	"	1	0	0
D. Hine, Esq.	"	10	0	0
M. Burls, Esq.	"	10	0	0
Mrs. Durward	"	10	0	0
Members' Subscriptions	17	19	6
By Sale of Refreshments	11	3	6
" Use of Billiard Table	20	9	2½
" Visitors	14	3	0
" Charges for Gas	1	15	6
" " Coal	9	6	0
" " Special Cleaning	6	0	0
" Sale of Waste Paper	7	4	0
		<u>£56</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9½</u>

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
W. H. Smith and Son, Newspapers	5	12	6
Delivery of Newspapers	1	4	0
Acetylene Illuminating Co., 16 Cwt. Carbide	10	9	3
G.E.R., Carriage of Carbide	17	10	0
Licence for Storing Carbide	5	0	0
The Allen Co., Gas Purifier and Burners	19	2	0
Coal, 3 Tons	3	9	6
Cost of Refreshments	6	18	8
Billiard Expenses	14	10½	0
Wages of Caretaker	10	16	0
Cleaning Materials	10	11	0
Printing Refreshment Tickets	8	6	0
Mrs. Hine, Peppercorn Rent of Premises	1	0	0
Sundries	7	6	0
Balance in hand	14	0	1
		<u>£56</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9½</u>

M. F. HINE, Chairman.
R. SCREEN, Hon. Secretary.

H. M. BUTTERS, }
GEO. WRIGHT, } Auditors.

October 14th, 1910.

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held in the Reading Room on Oct 14th 1910 at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Hine took the chair and there was a large attendance of members.

The Balance Sheet was read by the Secretary.

The following members of the Committee were re-elected:- Messrs J Bourne, M Dixon, T. Thorn and the following were elected new members of the Committee: Messrs G. Franklin, V Smith & A. White.

The following new Billiard Rule was passed:- "No member may write any name on the slate except his own and one other."

On the motion of Mr G. Franklin it was decided that the Books in the Library Case should be lent to members at a charge of ½^d per week. Messrs H.H. Dyrrel & E. Ward were appointed librarians, and it was decided to open the Library on Monday evenings between the hours of 7 & 9.

Mrs Hine proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary & Stewards for the interest they had taken in the Club during year. On the proposition of the Vicar three hearty cheers were given for Mrs Hine.

Maud E. Hine

October 9 1911

Village Hall Club.

The first annual meeting of the Committee of the Village Hall Club was held at 7 p.m., on Friday, 14th October. The Chair was taken by Mrs. Hine, who presided over a largely attended meeting of the Committee. The balance sheet from 1st October, 1909, to 30th September, 1910, was read by Mr. Screen, Hon. Sec., of the Club. In this very carefully prepared balance sheet, the particulars for which must have entailed a great deal of work and expenditure of time, Mr. Screen had kindly set out all the details of the receipts, which amounted to £56 14s. 9½d., and the payments with a balance in hand of £14 0s. 1d. The subscriptions of the members came to £17 19s. 6d., and the use of the billiard table to £20 9s. 2½d. On the proposal of Mr. Burls, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Screen for all the interest he had taken in the Club. The work of the stewards in looking after the Club was duly recognized and it was felt that the success of the Club's first year was in a great measure due to the regular attendance of the stewards on their evenings. Mrs. Hine expressed herself as highly delighted with the success of the Club, which greatly exceeded all she had ventured to hope for at the starting. She felt well rewarded for all her efforts to erect the building and only hoped that the Club would long continue to keep up this high standard of excellence. A general meeting of all the members of the Club was afterwards held, when it was decided to lend out the books for reading at home. At the close of the meeting all stood up and accorded Mrs. Hine three hearty cheers for all she had done for the Club. This expression of good-will brought a very successful meeting to a close.

Feb 9th 1911 At a meeting of the Committee held in the Billiard Room on Thursday
Feb. 9th 1911 at 7p.m.

Present:- Mrs Hine in the chair

Rev. E. Sant, Messrs. Aylett, Barrett, Bourne, N. Dixon, Franklin,
Patmore, Pulham, Screen, Starling, E. Smith V. Smith
Thorn, White & Wright

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary read the Balance Sheet for the quarter ending Dec.
31 1910 showing a balance in hand of £21.7.9

It was resolved to enforce the rule that "no member shall smoke while
playing billiards" and in the absence of the Steward any member of the
Committee is empowered to act if the rule is broken.

It was decided to obtain new pockets for the Billiard Table and Mr. E.
Smith volunteered to do the fixing.

It was resolved that the Books in the Library Case could be used by
Members in the Reading Room. Any member wishing to read a book in
the Club to apply to the Steward who will unlock the case and deliver
the book to the member. Such book to be returned to the Steward that
same evening.

Maud E. Hine

April 27.1911

Apr.27.1911 At a Meeting of the Committee held in the Billiard Room on Thursday
April 27th 1911 at 7.p.m.

Present:- Mrs Hine (Chair)
R. Screen (Hon Sec.)

Rev. E. Sant, Messrs Aylett, Barrett, Bourne, N. Dixon, E. Dixon, S. Dixon, Franklin, Patmore, Pulham, Starling, E. Smith, V. Smith, Thorn, White, Wright & Berridge.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. N. Tyrrell, Librarian sent in his report for the six months, stating that 1/8½ had been received for the loan of books.

It was decided to continue the present arrangement regarding the books in the Library.

A discussion arose concerning the arrangement of playing the games of Billiards and it was decided that the rule made at the Annual General Meeting in Oct. last should stand but that the Steward be empowered to change the names on the slate if he considered it necessary in order to ensure fairness to all members.

It was decided that the charge for Billiards should remain as it stands but on the proposition of Mr. Patmore it was carried that a Box should be fixed in the Billiard Room for Voluntary Contributions towards the upkeep of the Billiard table.

The question of providing a new cloth for the Billiard Table was adjourned for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee.

The Chairman suggested that a small Billiard Table should be provided chiefly for the use of younger members of the Club and beginners and the Secretary was requested to obtain prices for same.

Maud E. Hine

October 9.1911

Oct. 9 1911 At a Meeting of the Committee held in the Billiard Room Oct. 9 1911 at 7 p.m.

Present:- Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon Secretary and 16 members of Committee

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was decided to obtain a new cloth for the Billiard Table and the Chairman announced the following subscriptions towards it.

Mrs Hine Part proceeds of Concert	£4.0.0.
Coronation Committee	£1.1.10
Secretary of Tennis Club	<u>£1.0.0</u>
	<u>£6.1.10</u>

Mr. D. Patmore undertook to collect subscriptions from the Members of the Club. It was decided to obtain a small portable Billiard Table for the use of the younger members of the Club and beginners. Towards this Mrs Hine promised £5 and the net proceeds of the Social on Oct 19th.

The Secretary produced the Balance Sheet of the year showing a balance in hand on Sept. 30.1911 of £15.13.4½. The Balance Sheet was read, accepted and signed.

The Admission of Ladies to the Club on certain occasions was introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Patmore proposed that Ladies should be admitted to the Club as Members one afternoon & 2 evenings per week on payment of 2/- per year. This was seconded by Mr. Wright. Mr. Screen proosed as an amendment that the matter be adjourned for a week to give members time to consider the matter. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Franklin and carried.

The Chairman nominated Mr. Burls & Mr. Screen as Vice Chairman and Hon. Sec. respectively.

The following were nominated by the Chairman as Members of the Committee for the year:- Rev. E. Sant, Messrs E. Barrett, N. Dixon, W. Patmore, H. Starling, J Aylett.

It was decided that after the General Meeting the new Committee should meet and select a sub-committee of five to act as Billiard committee and arrange matters concerning new cloth, new table, handicaps, matches etc.

The following were afterward chosen (The Chairman, Vice Chairman, & Secretary being ex-officio members) Messrs E. Barrett, E. Foncher, D. Patmore, J. Robinson, N. Smith.

Maud E. Hine

October 16.1911

Oct.9.1911 At the Annual General Meeting held in the Reading Room on Oct. 9th 1911 at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Hine took the chair and there was a large attendance of members. The Balance Sheet was read by the Secretary.

Messrs E. Dixon, S. Dixon, H.C. Pulham & E. Smith were re-elected and Messrs E. Foucher and J. Robinson were elected to serve on the Committee for 2 years. Mr Geo. Powell was elected to serve on the Committee for 1 year in place of Mr. N. Dixon who resigned.

Mr. Starling proposed & Mr. G. Franklin seconded that visitors to the Club should pay 3^d for half hour game of Billiards. Mr Patmore, seconded by Mr. Bourne proposed as an amendment that the rule now in force should stand. The amendment was carried by 22 votes to 14, several not voting.

It was decided that the same price should be charged for Biliards on the small new table as on the full size one viz. 1^d per half hour each player.

Mr. Pulham proposed that the Club should hold a whist drive in the Reading Room of the Club on the last Saturday in each month. This was seconded & unanimously carried. The stewards on duty on that evening were empowered to make all the arrangements. Mr Patmore proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman & Hon. Sec. for the services they had rendered to the Club during the year. This was carried with loud applause.

Mrs Hine suitably responded and thanked the stewards for the good work they had done.

Maud E. Hine

October 17.1912

Settled at The Annual Meeting Oct. 9. 1911

Chairman Mrs Hine

Vice Chairman Mr. N Burls

Hon Sec Mr R. Screen

Committee

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| 1. Rev. E Sant | | 7. Mr J. Bourne |
| 2. Mr E. Barrett | | 8. Mr G Franklin |
| 3. Mr. N Dixon | Nominated by Chairman | 9 Mr V. Smith To Retire Oct 1912 |
| 4. Mr D. Patmore | | 10 Mr A. White |
| 5. Mr H. Starling | | 11. Mr T. Thorn |
| 6. Mr J. Aylett | | 12. Mr G. Powell |

13 Mr. E. Smith

14. Mr. H. C. Pulham

15 Mr E. Dixon To Retire Oct 1913

16 E. H. Sant

17 Mr. E. Foucher

18 Mr J. Robinson

Oct.16.1911 At a meeting of the Committee held in the Reading Room Oct.16.1911 at 7 p.m.

Present:- The Chairman, Secretary and 15 members of the Committee.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Admission of Ladies to the Club was discussed at some length but the matter was allowed to drop nothing being settled except that ladies should be admitted to the monthly whist drives.

The Billiard Committee recommended that the price of Billiards on the full size table should be increased from 1^d to 1½^d each player per half hour. This was confirmed by the General Committee.

The Billiard Committee reported that they had chosen and ordered from Burroughs & Watts a new cloth for the Table at an inclusive cost of £6.19.6 The funds for that purpose amounts to £6.1.10 and Mrs Hine kindly offered to pay the balance of 17/8 to make up the amount. The Sub Committee reported that they had chosen a 7ft. Billiard Table costing £14.14.0. Towards this Mrs Hine has promised £5 and since the last meeting Mr. Patmore had collected £3.10.6 leaving a further sum of £6.3.6 to be raised. Mrs Hine kindly said that Sir Walter Gilbey would come to the assistance of the Club and it was decided to order the table without delay.

Maud E. Hine

January 26 1912

For New Cloth

Mrs Hine Proceeds of Concert	£4.0.0
Coronation Committee	£1.1.10
Tennis Club	<u>£1.0.0</u>
	£6.1.10
Mrs Hine	<u>17.8</u>
	£6.19.6

Collected by Mr. Patmore towards New table

E. Ward Sen	5.0	H. Starling	5.0
D. Patmore	5.0	C. Palmer	1.0
H. Hensby	5.0	G. Franklin	1.0
G. Wright	5.0	F. Franklin	1.0
E. Barrett	5.0	N.N. Newport	1.0
E. Foucher	5.0	J. Aylett	1.0
B.J.Hood	5.0	N. Wilson	2.0
R. Screen	5.0	J. Robinson	<u>1.0</u>
E. Smith	2.6		<u>£3.10.6</u>
J.H. Patmore	2.6		
J.S. Nelson	2.6		
J. Bourne	2.6		
H.C. Pulham	2.6		
H.H. Tyrell	5.0		

Jan 26 1912 At a meeting of the Committee held on Jan 26th 1912 at 7 p.m.

Present Mrs Hine Chair

13 Members

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Sec. reported that Mr S. Dixon had resigned his membership of the Club and Committee and it was necessary for the Committee to co-opt a new member. Mr E. N. Sant was proposed by Mr. H. C. Pulham seconded by Mr. D. Patmore. This was carried unanimously and Mr Sant was declared duly elected. The action of the Billiard Social sub-committee in adding two members to their number was confirmed. The Chairman undertook to supply felt for the floor round the small Billiard Table. The question of cleaning the inside of the Hall was deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Maud E. Hine

May 13th 1912

May 13.1912 At a meeting of the Committee held in the Village Hall on Monday May 13th 1912

Present Mrs Hine Chair

12 members

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Hon. Sec. read the Balance Sheet for the quarter ending March 31st 1912 showing a balance in hand of £24.5.8.

It was deemed advisable to protect the floor between the Billiard Table and the marker and Mr. H.C. Pulham's offer to supply a piece of bitumen for that purpose was gratefully accepted.

Messrs D. Patmore & E. Smith were deputed to make arrangements for the stove chimneys. It was considered necessary for the inside of the Hall to be cleaned and repainted in the Autumn months, apple green being deemed the most suitable colour for the walls.

Mr. D Patmore suggested that a Chair Rail should be placed round the room. This suggestion was left open till the next meeting.

On the suggestion of the Billiard Sub-Committee it was resolved to ask Mr. H. Watson to keep the cues in good order at a charge of 2/6 per quarter. It was decided that he should be allowed to re-tip members private cues at a charge of 2^d each. It was decided that Mr. Barrett be asked to obtain a supply of notepaper with printed heading and envelopes.

Maud E. Hine

October 17.1912

Settled at Annual Meeting Oct 17.1912

Chairman:- Mrs Hine

Vice-Chairman:- Rev. E. Sant

Hon Sec & Treas:- Mr Screen

Committee

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| 1. Mr. J. Aylett | | 8. Mr. G. Powell | |
| 2. Mr. E. Barrett | | 9. Mr. H.C. Pulham | |
| 3. Mr W. Dixon | | 10. Mr E. Foucher | To Retire Oct.13 |
| 4. Mr. D. Patmore | Nominated by Chairman | 11. Mr. J. Robinson | |
| 5. Mr. H. Starling | | Mr. H. Hensby | |
| 6. Mr. V. Smith | | 12 Mr. E H Sant | |
| 7. Mr. T. Thorn | | 13. Mr E. Smith | |
| 14. Mr. C. Franklin | | | |
| 15. Mr. G Franklin | | | |
| 16. Mr. C. Palmer | | | |
| 17. Mr. H.H. Tyrrell | To Retire Oct. 1914 | | |
| 18. Mr. A. White | | | |
| 19. Mr. G. Woodley | | | |

17 Oct 1912 At a meeting of the Committee held in the Billiard Room on Thursday
Oct 17. 1912

Present Mrs Hine in the Chair

Hon. Sec. and 15 members of the Committee

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. E. Smith reported that new stove chimneys had been fixed

Mr H.C. Pulham reported that he had not supplied the bitumen for the Billiard Room as he was unable to straighten it.

The Chair Rail suggested at the last meeting was deemed unnecessary.

It was decided that the cleaning should commence as soon as possible after Oct. 23rd. This would necessitate the closing of one room at a time during the cleaning.

It was decided that from Jan. 1 1913 the morning papers should be obtained from Chas. Goss and the evening papers from W.H. Smith & Son. W. Powell to have 2/- instead of 3/- per month.

The Hon. Sec. produced the Balance Sheet for the year ending Sept. 30. 1912 showing a balance in hand of £18.15.0. The Balance Sheet was passed and signed.

The Chairman nominated the Rev. E. Sant as Vice-Chairman and Mr. R. Screen as Hon. Sec. & Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The following were nominated by Chairman as Members of the Committee:- Messrs Aylett, Barrett, W. Dixon, Patmore, Starling, V. Smith & Thorn.

The Chairman reported that she had expended about £11 on painting the exterior of the Hall and sundry repairs.

The Chairman volunteered to supply a copper to the Village Hall for the purpose of boiling water when required.

The Rev. E. Sant proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Hine for all that she had done for the Club and the interest she has taken in it and to the Hon. Sec. for his work during the year. This was carried with applause. Mrs Hine Suitably responded and thanked the Stewards for the help they had given. At the close of the Annual General Meeting the new Committee met and elected the following of their number to form the Social and Games Sub-Committee:- Messrs E. Barrett, W. Dixon, E. Foucher, G. Franklin, C. Palmer, H.C. Pulham, V. Smith & T. Thorn.

Maud E. Hine

January 14th 1913

Oct. 17.1912 The Annual General Meeting was held in the Reading Room on Oct.17.1912 when there was a good attendance of members
Mrs Hine took the Chair.
The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and confirmed.
It was decided that the present fixed charges for Billiards should continue.
The Hon. Sec. read the Balance Sheet for the year showing a balance in hand of £18.15.0.
Mr. G. Franklin proposed that Club Members should be admitted half price to Whist Drives, Social, Dances etc got up by the Social and Games Sub-Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Starling and the proposition in which was included one lady friend for each member was carried.
Mr. G.Powell was elected on the Committee to fill the place of Mr. E. Dixon.
Messrs G. Franklin, & A. White were re-elected and Messrs C. Franklin, C. Palmer, H.H. Tyrrell & G. Woodley were elected on the Committee for 2 years.
Messrs E. Barrett, & H.C. Pulham were elected Auditors of Accounts for the ensuing year.
Mr. N.N. Newport proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Hine for her donations and for the great interest she had taken in the welfare of the Club. This was carried with loud applause.

Maud E. Hine

December 13th 1912

Dec.13.1912 A Special General Meeting was held in the Reading Room of the Club on Friday Dec.13th 1912 at 7 p.m.
Present:- Mrs Hine in the Chair
The minutes of the Annual Meeting held in Oct. last were read and signed.
Mr. H.C. Pulham, as chairman of the Social and Games Sub-Committee, explained that the Sub-Committee could not see their way to carry out profitably the resolution carried at the last Annual Meeting re the admission of members at half price to Whist Drives, Dances etc arranged by them.
On the proposition of Mr. W Patmore, sec. by Mr. H. C. Pulham the resolution was rescinded, leaving the Sub.Com. to make their own arrangements with the suggestion that they should use their best endeavours to grant, if possible, special privileges to members.
A Hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Hine for presiding.

Signed, Edward Sant Chairman

27th October 1913

Jan.14.1913 At a Meeting of the Committee held in the Reading Room on Tuesday
Jan.14.1913

Present:- Mrs Hine Chairman
Rev. E. Sant Vice Chairman
Mr R. Screen Hon. Sec.

And nearly all the members of the Committee

The minutes of the meeting of Oct. 17.1912 were read and signed.

A discussion took place on the diminished receipts for Billiards. Mr. H. Starling proposed the charge for Billiards should be amended as follows:-

Large Table 1^d per half hour per player

Small –“- 1^d per 40 min. per player

The new scale to commence on Monday Jan 20th 1913. This was seconded by Mr. H.C. Pulham.

Mr D Patmore proposed as an amendment that a new scale of chrges should be made as follows:

Large Table Each Player 1^d for 50 Max time 25 min

Large Table Each Player 2^d for 100 Max time 45 min

The amendment was not seconded & the original proposition was put to the meeting & carrie 23 voting for and none against.

It was decided to re-consider the motion at the next quarterly Committee meeting.

Maud E. Hine

March 6th 1913

March 6.1913 At a Meeting of the Committee held in the Reading Room on Thursday March 6.1913 at 7 p.m.

Present:- Mrs Hine in the Chair

Mr. R Screen Hon.Sec.

And 16 members of the Committee

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was decided that the charge for Billiards should remain as settled at the last Committee meeting.

Mr. V. Smith Hon. Sec. of the Sub-Committee introduced the following resolution for confirmation:-

“That the Sub-Committee have the power to see that the rules for playing billiards be strictly adhered to by the members.”

Mr G. Powell proposed & Mr. E. N. Sant seconded that the general committee confirm the above. On being put to the meeting 15 votes for, none against.

The Sub-Committee also recommended that Rule 1 should be revised so that an intending billiard player may write his own name only on the slate.

After much discussion the Sub-Committee withdrew their recommendation in favour of the following:-

Billiard Rule 1 “The names of all intending players shall be placed on the slate provided in the room. A member may write his own name and that of his partner in the game.”

This was proposed by Mr. Geo. Franklin seconded by Mr. T. Thorn and carried unanimously.

The Chairman undertook to supply copies of the Billiard Rules for placing in the Room.

Mr T. Thorn kindly undertook to sweep the chimneys when required.

Edward Sant Chairman

27th October 1913

Oct 27.1913 At the Annual General Meeting held on Monday Oct 27.1913

Rev. E. Sant in the Chair

The Hon. Sec. & 31 Members

The Chairman opened the meeting expressed his regret at the illness of Mrs Hine which prevented her from taking the chair as usual and the meeting passed a vote of sympathy and expressed the hope that she would soon recover.

The minutes of the last General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Sec. produced the Balance Sheet showing a balance in hand of £18.2.0. On the proposition of Mr. B.J. Hood sec. by Mr G. Franklin the Balance Sheet was adopted and passed unanimously.

The Annual Nominations by Mrs Hine of Vice Chairman, Hon Sec. and members of the Committee were postponed the present nominees holding office in the meantime.

The following were elected members of the Committee:- Messrs E. Smith, H.H. Hensby, G. Powell, E. N. Sant, A. Powter & H. Dixon, such members to hold office till Oct. 1915

The outgoing auditors were thanked by the meeting for their services and on the proposition of Mr. D. Patmore seconded by Mr. H.H. Tyrrell, messrs H.C. Pulham & H. Starling were appointed Auditors of Accounts for the ensuing year.

Mr. B. J. Hood proposed a vote of thanks to the HON. Sec. and Stewards for their services during the year. This was seconded by Mr. Chas. Dixon and carried unanimously, the Chairman remarking that the success of the Club was chiefly owing to the regular attendance and devotion to duty of the Stewards,

Mr. C.R. Gray suggested that the Games & Social Sub-Committee should arrange more Billiard matches with other clubs during the Winter.

Mr Hood proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Hine for the interest she always took in the welfare of the Club and for the expense she had borne in the repairs and painting of the building which amounted to nearly £15. This was seconded by Mr. Starling & carried unanimously. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. Sant for presiding at the meeting to which the Vice Chairman suitably replied.

Edward Sant Chairman

27th Oct. 1914

Oct.27.1913 A Committee meeting was held after the Annual General Meeting on Oct 27.1913

Rev. E. Sant in the chair

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed

The following were elected to the Billiards, Games, & Social Sub-Committee for the year, with power to add to their number:- Messrs H. Hensby, T. Thorn, E. Barrett, C. Franklin, G. Woodley, A. Powter

R Screen

Nov. 11.1913

Nov 11.1913 An Emergency Meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday Nov. 11th at 7.30 p.m.

In the absence of the Chairman & Vice-Chairman the chair was taken by the Hon. Secretary.

The Sub-Committee elected at the last Committee having resigned it was necessary to elect a new Sub-Committee.

Mr. E. N. Sant proposed that the Sub-Committee of last year be re-elected with the exception of Mr. H.C. Pulham who not being a member of the main Committee was ineligible to serve, This was seconded by Mr. G. Powell and carried nem. con.

Mr E.N. Sant proposed that the new Sub-Committee be empowered to add to their number by co-option if they thought fit. This was seconded by Mr. A. Powter and carried nem.con.

Edward Sant Chairman

29th October 1914

Oct.27.1914 At The Annual General Meeting held in the Reading Room on Tuesday
Oct. 27.1914 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Rev. E. Sant (Chair)

The Hon. Sec. and 23 members

The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read & confirmed.

The Chairman in opening the meeting expressed his regret that Mrs. Hine was unable to be present owing to a serious motor accident, and on the proposition of Mr. B.J. Hood seconded by Mr. G. Powell the meeting unanimously passed a vote of sympathy & expressed the hope that she would make a speedy recovery.

The Balance Sheet was produced and read by the Hon. Sec., showing a balance in hand of £13.4.6 a decrease of £4.17.6 on the year's working.

On the proposition of Mr. E. Ward seconded by Mr. A. Dixon the Balance Sheet was adopted & passed.

Suggestions were made by members present as to the improvement of the financial status of the Club. Mr. E. Ward proposed that the Club be closed during 3 Summer months. This proposition did not receive favour by the members. The suggestions as to lowering the wages of the Caretaker owing to her having to do considerably less work, and to increase the price of Billiards were left to be dealt with at the next Committee meeting.

Messrs G. Franklin, H.H. Tyrrell, G. Woodley were re-elected on the Committee and Messrs A. Dixon, C. Smith & H. Childs were elected to fill vacancies.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Patmore sec. by Mrs E. Ward, the auditors, Messrs H. Starling & H.C. Pulham were thanked for their services and re-elected.

Mr. H.C. Pulham proposed a vote of thanks to the Sub-Committee for their work during the year. This was seconded by Mr. W. Dixon & carried unanimously.

The Chairman in the name of the meeting thanked the Stewards & Hon. Sec. for their services during the past year.

Edward Sant Chairman

5th October 1915

Oct.29.1914 At a meeting of the Committee held on Thursday Oct.29 1914
at 7.30 p.m.

Rev. E. Sant in the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Mr. D. Patmore proposed the Sub.Com. be re-elected. This was seconded by Mr. G. Woodley and carried unanimously. After considerable discussion on the Caretaker wages Mr. E. Barrett proposed that Mrs Watson be paid 15/- a month instead of £1 owing to the fact that her work is now considerably less than formerly. Mr. G. Franklin seconded and the proposition was carried unanimously. The charge for playing billiards now came under discussion and ultimately it was decided on the prop. Of Mr. D. Patmore sec. by Mr V. Smith that the experiment be tried of charging

4^d per 100 (i.e. 2^d each player)

2^d per 50 (i.e. 1^d each player)

To commence Nov.2.1914

It was decided to compare results at the next Committee meeting.

Edward Sant Chairman 15th March 1915

Mar.15.1915 At a meeting of the Committee held in the Village Hall on Monday
March 15.1915 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Rev. E. Sant in the chair

The Hon. Sec and 15 members

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Hon. Sec. gave a report of the working of the Club during the visit of the military forces.

It was decided:-

- (1) That the charge for Billiards should be 1½ each player per half hour on the large table and 1^d per player per half hour on the small table
- (2) That Mrs Watson be granted an honorarium of 30/- for her extra work during the 10 weeks visit of the military.
- (3) The Mr. A. Dixon be paid the sum of 15/- per qr. For his work in connection with the gas.
- (4) That the Boy Scouts should have the use of the Reading Room on alternate Saturday evenings from 7 – 8.15 p.m. at a charge of 6^d per evening.

Edward Sant 22nd April 1915

Apr.22.1915 At a meeting of the Committee held in the Reading Room on April 22nd
1915

Present :- Rev. E. Sant (Chair
Mr. R. Screen (Hon. Sec.)
11 members of the Committee

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

~~There was no other business~~

The Hon. Sec. reported a balance in hand on 31 March 1915 of £23.18.6 as against a balance of £17.0.11 on the corresponding date last year.

Edward Sant Chairman 14th Oct. 1915

Oct.5.1915 At the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday Oct. 5 1915
at 7.30 p.m.
Present. Rev. E. Sant (Chair
The Hon. Sec. and a good attendance of members
The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and confirmed
The Hon. Sec. (Mr. R Screen) produced the Balance Sheet for the year
showing a balance in hand of £19.0.9
On the proposition of Mr. E. Ward seconded by Mr. G. Franklin the
balance sheet was adopted and passed.
The Chairman's nominations were then announced by the Secretary.
Viz. Vice-Chairman:- Rev. E. Sant
Hon. Secretary: Mr. V. Smith
Treasurer:- Mr R. Screen
The Rev. E. Sant read an extract from a letter he had received from
Mrs Hine stating that she had again nominated Mr. Screen as Hon.
Secretary & Treasurer but she was sorry he was unable to re-consider
his decision not to accept the office of Secretary. She was however
glad to know that he would still retain the office of Treasurer and she
much appreciated the solid work he had done for the Club during the
six years of its existence. This was endorsed by the Vicar as Chairman
of the meeting.
Mr. D. Patmore proposed and Mr. E. Ward seconded that the best
thanks of this meeting be accorded to Mr. Screen for his past services.
This was supported by Mr. Hood and carried unanimously.
Messrs E. Smith & A. Powter were re-elected and Messrs E. Bergh, E.
Ward, W. Livings & J. Powell were elected members of the Committee
for two years.
Mr. E. Butters was elected a member of the Com. For one year to fill
the vacancy by the appointment of Mr. V. Smith as Hon. Secretary.
On the proposition of Mr. D. Patmore seconded by Mr. T. Thorn the
auditors were thanked for their services and re-elected.
It was decided that the question of Newspapers for the Club should be
re-considered by the Committee at their next meeting which was fixed
for Thursday Oct. 14th 1915. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote
of thanks to the Chairman.

Edward Sant Chairman 9th October 1916

Oct 14.1915 At a meeting of the Committee held on Thursday Oct.14th at 7.30 p.m.

Rev. E. Sant in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The question of newspapers then came under discussion. Mr. Patmore then suggested & gave reasons that all Harwsworth ? papers be abolished from the Club. Mr. E. Ward said he fully agreed with Mr. Patmore. After considerable discussion Mr. Screen proposed seconded by Mr. G. Franklin that papers should be considered from an economical and utility point of view, also that the morning papers be considered first. Mr. D. Patmore then proposed as an amendment sec. by Mr. H. Starling that morning papers & evening news be abolished. The amendment was then put to the meeting.

For the amendment 6 Against 6.

Mr Screen proposed & seconded by Mr. A. Dixon that the morning papers should be the Daily Mirror & Essex Weekly news. Mr Patmore proposed as an amendment Sec. by Mr. E. Ward that the morning papers should be The Sketch & Essex Weekly News.

For the amendment 3 Against 6.

Therefore the original proposition came in force.

Mr. Screen then proposed seconded by Mr. V. Smith that the evening papers as at present (Evening News & Star). Mr Patmore proposed as an amendment Sec. by Mr. E. Ward that evening papers should be The Evening Standard & The Star, the amendment was then put to the meeting and carried For 8 Against 2

Mr. Screen proposed two evening papers at ½^d each, which nobody seconded.

Mr. Ward then proposed & seconded by Mr. Starling that Goss deliver evening papers which was carried unanimously. Mr. Starling proposed seconded by Mr. E. Sewell that Punch be taken put to meeting and carried. Mr Screen offered to buy Punch from the Club every week at 1½^d which was accepted.

Repairs to the chimney was then brought forward. Mr. Screen proposed, seconded by Mr. Ward that repairs to chimney be left in the hands of Mr. E. Sewell and Mr. A. Dixon & carried.

Mr. Patmore then kindly undertook to clean up the garden for the Winter months.

The Sports Sub Committee were then re-elected as before proposed by Mr. Screen seconded by Mr. Ward. Mr. G. Franklin retired so Mr. Starling proposed, seconded by Mr. E. Smith that Mr. E. Ward be elected which was carried.

Edward Sant Chairman

15th Nov.1915

Sub Committee

Mr. E. Barrett	Mr. E. Smith
Mr. T. Thorn	Mr. W. Dixon
Mr. A. Dixon	Mr. E. Ward

Nov.15.1915 At a meeting of the Committee held on Monday Nov 15th 1915
at 7.30 p.m.

Rev. E. Sant in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr. W. Dixon proposed sec. by Mr. E Bergh that the action of the Sec. be confirmed in raising the price of billiards during the stay of the soldiers to 2^d each player per half hour which was carried. Mr Bergh proposed sec. by Mr. Starling that the price of Billiards on the small table should be three half pence each player per half hour during the stay of the soldiers which was put to the meeting and carried.

The Sec. then stated owing to Mr. E. Ward leaving the village the club required another steward. Mr. Barrett proposed sec. by Mr. Starling that Mr. A. Jeffery be elected to fill the vacancy which was accepted.

The question of refreshments then came under discussion. Mr. Thorne? Proposed sec. by Mr. Patmore that the refreshments be reviewed as before. The Secretary was empowered to assure Mrs. Watson that she would be suitably remunerated. Mr. W. Dixon proposed sec. by Mr. Thorne that the Stewards on duty should help Mrs. Watson in the kitchen. The Committee promising to help with refreshments in the rooms. Mr. Screen proposed sec. by Mr. Aylett as the hours of refreshment should be from 7.30 to 9 o'clock.

The Secretary then stated that Mr. A. Dixon was unable to carry on the work of the gas plant. Mr. Screen proposed sec. by Mr. Patmore that Mr. D. Smith should carry on the work at the same remuneration which was accepted. The secretary stated that Mr. H. C. Pulham had offered to give to the club the paper John Bull every week. Mr. Screen proposed sec. by Mr. Bergh that the offer be accepted which was carried. Mr. E. Smith proposed sec. by Mr. Patmore that the morning Chronical be taken which was carried unanimously. Mr. Patmore proposed seconded by Mr. Thorne that the Hall be opened to the soldiers on Sunday evenings. No games to be allowed but used as a writing & reading room.

It was then suggested that the Secretary should write to Mrs. Hine the owner of the club and ask for permission to do so. Which was carried unanimously.

Edward Sant Chairman 10th January 1916

Jan.17th1916 At a meeting of the Committee held in the school room on
Monday Jan 17th. 1916

Rev. E. Sant in the chair

12 members being present

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

The question then arose concerning games to be played in the club on Sundays during the stay of troops in the village. Mr. Screen proposed seconded by Mr. Bergh that both rooms should be opened & the usual club games be played excepting cards. This being put to the meeting was carried

For the prop, 8 Against 2

Mr. Patmore then kindly offered to supply the club during the stay of troops with the paper London Opinion. Mr. Screen proposed that this offer be accepted which was put to the meeting & carried unanimously. The Sec. then stated that the major of the R.G.A. had offered to supply the club with six daily newspapers. Mr. Patmore proposed seconded by Mr. W. Dixon that the major's offer be accepted & carried unanimously. The Committee expressing a wish that the secretary should write & thank the major. The question of a canteen being run at the Village Hall for the use of troops was then discussed. Mr. Patmore proposed sec by Mr. E. Smith that V. Smith be allowed to carry it on in the kitchen and that a small rent be charged. Mr. Screen proposed that the kitchen should be rent free but a charge be made for gas. Mr. Patmore withdrew his proposition. Mr. Screen's being carried unanimously. Mr. E. Smith proposed sec. by Mr. G. Franklin that a 1/- a week be charged for gas & carried. Mr. A. Dixon suggested that stewards on duty should have a badge so that the troops should know who were in charge the meeting approving of this.

Edward Sant Chairman 17th April 1916

Apr.17.1916 At a meeting of the Committee held in the Reading Room on Monday
April 17th 1916

Present:- Rev. E. Sant (chair)

 C. Smith (Hon. Sec)

 9 members of the committee

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

Mr. Barrett proposed sec. by Mr. Jeffery that the remuneration for Mrs Watson during the stay of troops should be £1.10.0 & carried.

Mr. Starling proposed sec. by Mr. Bergh that Mr. Watson should be paid 10/- for extra work to cubs & W.C. caused by the use of troops.

Edward Sant Chairman 16th Oct. 1916

Oct.9.1916 At the Annual General Meeting held in the reading room on Monday Oct.9th at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Rev. E. Sant (Chair)

Hon. Sec. and 13 members

The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and passed. The Hon. Sec. then read the receipts & payments of the Balance Sheet showing a balance in hand of £17.19.2½ against £19.0.9. of the previous year.

Mr. Screen proposed seconded by Mr. Starling that the balance sheet be passed in being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

Mr. Butters proposed sec. by Mr. Pulham a vote of thanks to the Hon. Sec for the work he had done during the last year & carried unanimously. The Chairman asked the Hon. Sec. to read a letter he (the Sec.) had received from Mrs Hine nominating the Rev. E. Sant as Vice Chairmen.

Election of Honorary Secretary

V. Smith being unable to accept the office as Hon. Sec. the chairman called upon the aid of the meeting in appointing the Hon. Sec. Mr. Patmore proposed sec. by Mr. Pulham that Mr. J Aylett be asked to accept the office which he did for three months, the meeting crying this proposal unanimously.

Election of Treasurer

Mr. Starling prop. Sec. by Mr. Pulham that Mr. Screen be asked to still carry on the work as Treasurer & carried unanimously. Mr. V. Smith prop, sec. by Mr. W. Dixon a vote of thanks to Mr. Screen & carried.

Election of Committee

Mr. Screen Prop sec. by Mr. W. Dixon that all retiring members of the Committee be asked to serve again for one year being put to the meeting & carried. Mr. Patmore proposed seconded by Mr. V. Smith that for the purpose of election all members available be considered members of the Club which was carried.

Mr. Screen proposed sec. by Mr. Starling that no member be elected on the committee unless he becomes a yearly member, this proposition being carried unanimously.

Mr. Tyrrell was then elected by the chair on the chairman's committee members elected to serve for one year.

Mr. A. White proposed by Mr. W. Dixon seconded by Mr. J. Aylett. Mr. Jeffery prop. By Mr. Patmore sec. Mr. Starling.

Chairman prop Mr. E. Hensby these names being put to the meeting and carried.

The auditors Mr. Pulham & Mr. Starling were then re-elected & a vote of thanks accorded to them for their work.

It was then prop by Mr. Patmore sec. by Mr. W. Dixon that a meeting be held on Monday Oct. 16th at 7 p.m. to consider the general business of the Club.

Edward Sant Chairman 22nd Oct 1917

Mrs Hine

Chairman

Oct.16.1916 At a meeting of the Committee held on Monday Oct. 16th at 7 p.m.
Rev. E. Sant in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Business

Mr. V. A. Smith unable to do gas owing to leaving Elsenham for the army. Proposed by Mr. D. Patmore secd. By Mr. Screen that Mr. Fred Dixon be asked to take on the work of gas attendant & if Mr. F. Dixon declined that Geo. Powell be asked to do it. Mr Fred Dixon was asked if he would take on the gas attendant – declined. Mr. Ge. Powell agreed to take on the gas & Ect.

Gas Business Mr. E. Smith agreed to see to gas business. Secty to find out what parts are wanted & Ect. & that Secty to see Mr. Arthur Dixon about gas plant to see what parts were wanted.

Jack ? Repairs

Mr. E. Smith agreed to see to this & to see to the repairs.

W.C. Bucket

Mr. E. Smith agreed to get one.

Stationery & Etc

Suggested by Mr. Screen that Secty. To get stationery

Sub- Committee

Proposed by Mr. Screen seconded by Mr. H.H. Tyrrell that the sub committee be re-elected Mr. Berge to be on the Committee in the place of the Late Mr. T. Thorn Carried.

Signed Edward Sant Chairman 29th October 1917

Oct.29.1917 At a meeting of the Committee held on October 29th 1917 at 7.30.

Rev. E. Sant in the chair the hon secretary and twelve members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Arising out of the minutes the question was raised as to the use of the W.C. which was eventually left to the secretary to deal with.

It was proposed by Mr. Patmore & seconded by Mr. Bergh that Mr. Tyrell be authorised to repair the stove in the billiard room.

It was decided on the proposal of Mr. Starling seconded by Mr. Aylett to pay Mr. H. Hensby £1 per year for making the gas and looking after the gas plant.

It was decided to darken the large window in billiard room with paper blinds which Mr. Starling kindly agreed to pay for up to 3/- and Mr. Smith agreed to fix same.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr. Starling seconded by Mr. W Livings that the caretakers wages be reduced to 10/- per month during the 3 months the club was closed in the Summer a retaining wage of 10/- be paid her for the 3 months making a total of £5.

It was proposed seconded and carried unanimously that Mr. H. Hensby be co-opted on the subcommittee.

It was decided the subcommittee remain in office for the ensuing year.

The secretary was authorised to get what stationery was necessary.

After discussion it was decided to keep on with the old scheme of stewards.

A Vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

D. Patmore Jan 7th 1918

Oct.19.1917 At the Annual General Meeting held in the Reading Room on Monday Oct 19th 1917 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Revd. Edw. Sant in the chair

Hon.Secty. & 10 members

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and passed. The receipts and payments of the Balance Sheet showing a Balance in hand of £7.11.3½ against £17.19.2½ of the previous year.

Mr. Screen proposed seconded by Mr. Berg(sic) that the Balance Sheet be passed put to the meeting & carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Screen Sec. by Mr Patmore a vote of thanks to Hon Secty. for the work he had done during the last year & carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. H.H. Tyrrell that the subscription be raised, yearly members to pay 4/- yearly & Qu. Members to pay ¼ per qu. Seconded by Mr. Patmore & carried.

Proposed by Mr. Wm. Livings? That the reading room be closed & only Billiard Room be open . Seconded by Mr. Berg & carried.

Election of Hon. Secty. Proposed by Mr. J. Aylett sec. by Mr. Screen that Mr. Pulham be elected Hon. Secty. Put to the meeting & carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Berg. Seconded by Mr. Starling that Mr. Screen be asked to still carry on the work of Treasurer & carried unanimously

Suggested by Mr. Patmore that only an evening paper to be taken instead of 4 papers & that the Club be closed in June July & August.

Proposed by Mr. Starling that Mr. Wm. Livings be on the Committee seconded by Mr Tyrrell carried.

Proposed by Mr. Patmore seconded by Mr. Screen that Mr. Wm. Childs be on the Committee carried.

Proposed by Mr. Berg seconded by Mr. Starling that Mr. Jas. Powell be on the Committee Carried

Proposed by Mr. Screen seconded by Mr. Pulham that J. Aylett be on the Committee carried.

Election of auditors, proposed by Mr. Patmore, seconded by Mr. Pulham that Mr. Starling & Mr. Tyrrell be elected auditors for the coming year agreed and carried.

A Committee meeting to be held on Monday Oct 29 at 7.30. p.m.

Edward Sant Chairman 5th October 1918

Jan.7.1918 At a meeting of the Committee held on January 7th 1918 at 7.15.
10 members were present. In the absence of the Rev. E. Sant
Chairman of the Club Mr. D. Patmore was voted to the chair.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
The caretaker having applied for an increase of salary it was proposed
by Mr. Bergh and seconded by Mr. H. Hensby that her salary remain
10/- per month as at present. Mr. E. Smith moved an amendment that
the caretaker be paid 2// per month extra for ironing the billiard table
during the months the club was opened; this was seconded by Mr.
Aylett and carried 6 voting in favour.
It was decided to charge the Mothers meeting 8^d per week for firing?
Mr. Patmore offered 10/- per cwt. For the old periodicals and papers
which was accepted.
It was agreed to take up 12 war savings certificates at 15/6 each and
Mr. Barrett was appointed trustee.
The consideration of Mrs Hines letter re opening the club during the
summer months to women and girls was deferred to the next meeting.
Mr. W. Dixon proposed that the ¼ ton best coal be purchased and that
the caretaker be instructed to keep a scuttle of this coal in the room
each evening together with a scuttle of ordinary fuel.

Robt. Screen March 22.1918

Mar.22.1918 A meeting of the Committee was held on Friday March 22nd when 12
members were present. In the absence of the Re. E. Sant Mr. Screen
was voted chairman.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
After discussing Mrs Hine latter re opening the club in the summer for
women and girls it was decided it was impracticable.
It was proposed by Mr. Tyrell seconded by Mr. Smith and carried that
the club be closed at dusk each evening till the end of May.
The use of the piece of ground at the back of the Hall was left to Mr.
Starling to deal with. The chairman proposed that the subcommittee be
empowered to go into the question of lighting.
It was agree to purchase a new lock with two keys for the outer door.
During June July & August it was proposed by Mr. Tyrell that the price
of billiard games should be 2½ each player per game 1^d of this amount
to be paid to Mrs. Watson.
It was left to Mr. Patmore and Mr. Hensby to do what was necessary to
repair the stoves.

Edward Sant Chairman 2nd May 1918

May.2.1918 A meeting of the Committee was held in the Reading Room on May 2nd 1918. Rev.E. Sant in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Hon. Sec. asked to be allowed to resign owing to having to take up munition work. After discussion it was agreed to appoint a deputy secretary to carry on till the annual meeting.

It was decided to ask Mr. Hood to act, if he was unable to accept Mr. Patmore agreed to act.

D. Patmore December 13th 1918

Oct.5.1918 The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday October 5th 1918 the Rev. E. Sant in the chair.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Sec. presented the balance sheet showing a balance in hand of £14.12.8½ (including £9.6.0 in War Savings certificates) which was passed.

It was proposed by Mr. Patmore and seconded by Mr. Screen that the officers and committee be re-elected for the ensuing year. This proposition was carried unanimously.

Messrs R. Powter and W. Powell were elected to fill two vacancies on the committee.

On the proposition of Mr. Screen the social & sports sub committee were re-elected.

It was decided that the Club be open from 6.p.m. to 9. P.m. on week days except Saturdays when the hours would be 4.30 to 9 p.m.

Mr Screen proposed and Mr. W. Dixon seconded that quarterly members subscriptions be raised from 1/- and 4^d to 1/- and 6^d except for members under 16 who would still pay 1/- and 4^d. This was carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

Edward Sant Chairman 30th Sept 1919

Chairman	Rev.E.Sant
Secretary	Mr. H.C. Pulham
Treasurer	Mr. R. Screen

Committee

Mr J Aylett
Mr. E. Barrett
Mr. E. Berg
Mr. W. Childs
Mr. W. Dixon
Mr. H. Hensby
Mr. W. Livings
Mr. D. Patmore
Mr. J. Powell
Mr. W. Powell
Mr. R. Powter
Mr. E. Smith
Mr. H. Tyrell
Mr. A. White
Mr. H. Starling

Dec.13.1918 A meeting of the Committee was held in the Reading Room on December 13th 1918 at 7.45 p.m.

In the absence of the Rev. E. Sant Mr. Patmore was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Screen seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously that Messrs Allen Liversidge Ltd. Of Victoria Street London be instructed to send a man down to overhaul the acetylene gas plant and carry out what repairs were necessary.

The question of the noisy behaviour of certain members was raised, and it was decided to strictly enforce the existing rules bearing on the subject.

It was decided to enforce the rule that residents should not use the Club as visitors more than four times per year.

The action of the secretary in arranging for an evening paper was confirmed.

Edward Sant Chairman 3rd April 1919

Apr.7.1919 A meeting of the Committee was held on April 7th 1919.

The Rev. E. Sant in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from Messrs Burroughs & Watts re new cloth for billiard table was considered on the proposition of Mr Patmore seconded by Mr. Berg. The question of the cloth was deferred till August the Sec. to obtain a further quotation from Burroughs & Watts.

Mr. Berg proposed & Mr. W. Livings seconded that the Sec. write to Mrs. Hine pointing out that the two stoves were worn out and also mention that a sum of £8 odd had been spent on overhauling the gas plant.

It was proposed by Mr. Screen and carried that no residents should be able to join the Club as monthly members and the subscription for boys under 16 should be 1/- per quarter.

Mr. Patmore proposed and Mr. Starling seconded that the club should be closed during June, July & August as last Summer.

Edmund Sant Chairman 11th September 1919

Sep.11.1919 A meeting of the Committee was held on September 11th 12919 at 7.30.p.m. The Rev. E. Sant in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Berg proposed and Mr. Starling seconded that Mr. Pole be paid 15/- per quarter for gas making for three quarters. Four voted in favour.

The action of the sports sub-committee in ordering the new billiard cloth was confirmed on the proposition of Mr. Screen seconded by Mr. W. Powell.

Mr. Patmore proposed that Mrs Hine be written to and asked if there was a balance left over from the original building fund that could be drawn on to replace the stoves . This proposal was seconded by Mr. Tyrrell and carried.

Edward Sant Chairman 2nd Oct. 1919

Sep.30.1919 The Annual General meeting of members was held on September 30th 1919 the Rev. E. Sant in the chair.
 The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
 The balance sheet was presented which was passed.
 The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected.
 On the proposition of Mr. Patmore the 15 members of the Committee were re-elected with the addition of Messrs. Peachey, Jennings, G. Franklin and Harling. Mr. Starling resigned from the Committee.
 Messrs Starling and Tyrrell were re-elected auditors.

Rules It was proposed by Mr. Patmore seconded by Mr. Colman that a committee of five be appointed to revise the rules of the Club: the Secretary & Messrs Aylett, Berg, Patmore and Screen were elected.

Stoves Mr. Patmore proposed that Mr. Jennings be asked to repair the stoves if possible to; if too far gone to repair to obtain a new stove for the Billiard Room. This was seconded by Mr. Barrett & carried.

Paper On the proposition of Mr. Berg seconded by Mr. W. Dixon it was decided to take in an evening paper.
 Mr. Screen proposed & Mr. Berg seconded that the Reading Room be opened & the small billiard table be put up. Carried unanimously.
 The report of the sports sub-committee was presented; on the proposition of Mr. Screen seconded by Mr. Franklin a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the sub-committee.
 A discussion took place as to the letting of the Village Hall.
 Mr. Starling raised the question of increasing members' subscriptions; the matter was left to the committee to deal with.

Edward Sant Chairman 2nd Oct. 1920

Jan.6.1920 A Meeting of the Committee was held on January 6th 1920 at 7 p.m.
The Rev. E. Sant in the chair
12 members present
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
Mr. Patmore proposed and Mr. W. Dixon seconded that 5/- per quarter be paid for fetching the evening paper from the station which was carried.
Mr. Patmore proposed and Mr. Tyrell seconded that 6^d a night might be charged for the use of the Reading Room by the boy scouts. Carried unanimously
On the proposition of Mr. Jennings seconded by Mr. Tyrell a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr. E. Smith for the concert he arranged on December 27th 1919 by which the Club realised £4-1-0
Mr. Jennings proposed and Mr. W. Sewell seconded that a dart board be obtained not exceeding about a £1 in price, the secretary to purchase it carried unanimously.

Edward Sant Chairman 8th March 1920

Mar.8.1920 A committee meeting was held on March 8th 1920 at 7.0 p.m.
The Chairman Rev. E. Sant presiding
11 members present
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
The caretaker (Mrs. Watson) applied for an increase of wages. Mr. W. Livings proposed and Mr. Patmore seconded that the question be deferred till the annual meeting but that Mrs. Watson be paid £1 for the 3 months the club is shut in the Summer instead of 10/- carried unanimously.
A discussion took place as to the work of the sports sub-committee.

R. Screen 7th Oct. 1920

Oct.2.1920 The Annual meeting was held on Saturday October 2nd 1920
The Rev. E. Sant in the chair
The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed
The Balance Sheet was presented and passed.
Mr. Screen made a statement as to the handing over of the Village Hall to the Elsenham Parish Council.
Mr. Patmore proposed and Mr. Berg seconded that the Hall be taken over from the Council at a rental of £5 per year on the same conditions as previously in force. Carried
Mr. Screen proposed and Mr. Powell the re-election of Rev. E. Sant as Chairman.
Mr. Starling proposed and Mr. Barrett seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring secretary.
Mr. Pulham proposed and Mr. Starling seconded that Mr. G. Franklin be elected Hon. Secretary. Carried unanimously.
Mr. Screen was re-elected Treasurer on the proposition of Mr. Starling seconded by Mr. S. Pole.
Mr. S. Pole and Mr. Berg seconded that the Committee consist of 12 members. 3 voted in favour and 4 against.
Mr. A. White proposed and Mr. E. Smith seconded that the committee consist of 15 members to be elected annually. Carried.
A discussion then ensued as to the duties of stewards and Mr. G. Powell eventually offered to undertake the duties of steward the wages to be fixed by the Committee.
Mr. White withdrew his proposition of 18 committee and Mr. A. Smith proposed and Mr. Jennings seconded a committee of 9 to be elected annually by ballot.
The following were nominated
Messrs A. Smith, J. Aylett, E. Barrett, E. Smith, C. Jennings, E. Bergh, S. Pole, D. Patmore, W. Dixon, W. Childs, L. Peachey, R. Powter, C. Gray. A ballot was taken which resulted in Messrs A. Smith, E. Smith, C. W. Jennings, Bergh, S. Pole, J. Aylett, D. Patmore, E. Barrett & W. Childs being elected.
Mr. Bergh proposed and Mr. Barrett seconded that there should be no quarterly members. Carried. Mr. Bergh proposed and Mr. A. Smith seconded that the subscription be 6/- yearly. Mr. Screen proposed and Mr. Jennings seconded the subscription be 7/6 yearly; this was put to the meeting and only 3 voted in favour. Mr. Bergh proposal was carried. Mr. Pulham proposed and Mr. Pole seconded that boys under 16 should pay 4/- per year. Carried
It was decided to continue the evening paper as last year.

R. O. Screen 5th Oct.1921

Oct.9.1920 A Committee was held in the reading room on Thursday Oct. 9th at 7 p.m. Mr. Screen in the chair. 8 members of the Committee present The minutes of the last meeting was (sic) read and confirmed. Mr. G. Powell refusing to act as Steward it was proposed by Mr. Patmore that the secty. & Mr. Barrett see Mr. & Mrs Watson and ask them if they will act as Stewards and and to take over the whole duties of the club including the Gas plant at a salary of £20 per year. Agreed. It was proposed that the committee take over the duties of the sub-committee.

The repairs to the Gas plant was discussed It was proposed by Mr. Patmore sec by Mr. A. Smith that the Parish Council as Landlords of the Club be asked to put the Gas plant in order, the Secty. was asked to get an estimate as to the cost of repairs and ask Mr. A. Dixon to have a look at it.

It was proposed by Mr. Patmore sec by Mr. Jennings that the price of Billiards be deferred till next committee meeting. Carried

It was proposed by Mr. Jennings sec by Mr. Barrett that 2 shillings per hour be charged for gas & coal when both rooms are used and 1 shilling per hour when only 1 room is used for all socials whist drives dances not connected with the club.

E. Barrett Temp. Chairman

Oct.21.1920 A Committee meeting held Oct. 21st 1920

Mr. D. Patmore in the chair 8 members of the committee present

It was proposed by Mr. E. Smith sec by J. Aylett that a whist drive be held instead of a social on Nov. 9th or 10th it was left with the secty to arrange which date.

Proposed by Mr. Screen sec by Mr. Barrett that the charge be 1/6 including refreshments.

Proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Aylett that the Parish Council be asked for permission to cut 3 of the large table into small ones.

Mr. Patmore kindly offered to supply a set of Ping pong rackets and balls and Mr. Screen kindly offered to supply the stand for the net. Mr. E. Smith asked to borrow a table for same.

Mr. Bergh proposed and Mr. Jennings sec that the Secty get 2 new sets of Darts.

Proposed by Mr. Patmore sec by Mr. Screen that the offer of Mr. Pole be accepted to assist Mr. Dixon to overhaul the Gas Plant.

Proposed by Mr. Jennings sec by Mr. Childs that quarterly members be allowed to join at 2 shillings per quarter. Not carried.

E. Barrett Temp. Chairman

Dec.4.1920 A Committee meeting was held on Dec. 4th 1920
Mr. Barrett in the chair 6 members of the committee present
It was proposed by Mr. Barrett sec by Mr. Screen that the price of a new purifier be obtained.
The following players was (sic) selected to play in the Billiard match at Stansted on Tuesday Dec 10th for Mr. Harrison Cup.
W. Childs, E. Bergh, E. Harrman, C. Palmer, B.Smith, R. Screen. C. R. Gray & S. Pole reserves.
Proposed by Mr. Jennings sec by Mr. Pole that the small Billiard Table be sold. It was decided to advertise it in the local paper for one week.
The question of buying a piano for the club was discussed. It was proposed by Mr. Pole sec by Mr. A. Smith that Mrs. Barrett be asked to view the piano to see if it was suitable for the club.
It was proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Pole that a Social be held on Jan 12th 1921.

D. Patmore Dec. 30th 1920

Dec.18.1920 A Committee meeting held on Dec 18th 1920
Mr. Screen in the chair the Secty and 6 members of the committee present
The Balance Sheet of the Village Hall slate club was read and passed.
It was proposed by Mr. Patmore sec by Mr. E. Smith that 10 shillings be given to the funds of the Village Hall Club out of the Balance of 18^s11^d and the remainder carried forward to next year.
Proposed by Mr. Patmore sec by Mr. Bergh that Mr. Screen be asked to assist Mr. Hood to audit the accounts of the Slate Club.

Unsigned

Dec.30 1920 A Committee meeting was held on Thursday Dec.30th 1930

Mr. Patmore in the chair 7 members of the committee present

Proposed by Mr. Pole sec by Mr. Aylett that the price of 3 new cues be obtained from Burroughs & Watts and the secty to purchased (sic) same if the price be reasonable.

Proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. A. Smith that Mr. E. Smith be asked to paint the shades over the lights on the Billiard table.

Proposed by Mr. Barrett sec by Mr. Bergh that 15lbs of purifying compound be ordered. Proposed by Mr. Pole sec by Mr. Barrett that the secretary ascertain the price of the piano for sale in the village.

Proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Aylett that Mr. Barrett be asked to provide refreshments for the social on Jan 12th.

Proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Barrett that the secretary be M.C. at the Social.

D. Patmore Jan 25th 1921

Jan.25.1921 A Committee meeting held on Tuesday Jan 25th 1921

Mr. Patmore in the Chair. 4 members of the Committee present.

Proposed by Mr. Pole sec by Mr. barrett that the first prize for the Billiard Handicap be a tobacco pouch value 10s sec prize 7/6, third cig case 5/0 the final to be played on Sat Jan 29 at 6.30 p.m.

Proposed by Mr. Patmore sec by Mr. Pole that the Secty. write to the Parish Council asking for a refund of the money paid to them of the hire of the Village Hall for Whist Drive on Nov. 9th 1920 and Social held on Jan 12 1921.

Proposed by Mr. barrett sec by Mr. C. Childs that a club Whist Drive be held on Feb 9th at 7 p.m. each member of the club to invite 2 friends price 1s each.

Proposed by Mr. Barrett sec by Mr. Childs that the question of a Piano be left over till end of season.

Proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Barrett that the Hall be booked for a dance on April 6th.

Proposed by Mr. Pole sec by Mr, Bergh that Mr. E. Smith be asked to paint the shades over the Billiard Table again.

Mr. Barrett agreed to buy the old mag in Book Case for Waste paper

E. Barrett Mr. 9th 1921

Mar 9.1921 A Committee meeting held on March 9th 1921
Mr. Barrett in the chair 4 members of the Committee present.
The minutes of the last meeting was (sic) read and confirmed
The question of the refund of the money paid to the Parish Council for
Social and Whist Drive was discussed but nothing definite was arrived
at. It was agree to hold the dance on April 6th. The Sec to get some
Bills printed.

Unsigned

Oct.5.1921 The Annual general Meeting was held on Oct.5th 1921 at 7 p.m.
Mr. Screen in the chair
The minutes of the last meeting was (sic) read and confirmed.
The Balance Sheet for the year was read by the Secty and Passed.
Mr. A. Smith proposed and Mr. Ripley seconded the re-election of Rev. E. Sant as Chairman. Mr. Hood proposed and Mr. Bergh seconded the re-election of Mr. Screen as Treasurer. Mr. Hood proposed and Mr. Barrett seconded that G. Franklin be re-elected Hon. Secretary. A vote of thanks was passed to him for his services during the past year and carried.
The question of hiring the Hall from the Parish Council was raised by Mr. Patmore but was left till the Parish council had had a meeting to consider the matter.
The question of buying a piano was brought forward Mr. Patmore proposed and Mr. Bergh seconded that the committee have power to purchase a piano should a reasonable opportunity occur.
The following names was (sic) proposed to act on the committee;
Mr. L. Dixon, E. Butters, R. Ripley, E. Bergh, S. Pole, E. Smith, E. Barrett, J. Aylett, C. Gray, W. Childs, H. Gibson. It was proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Smith that the whole of the above names be appointed. Carried.
Mr. Hood proposed Mr. Bergh sec that the yearly sub be reduced to five shillings for the year and the boys sub under 16 be reduced to 3/6 carried
A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Screen to the Auditors and carried.
Mr. A. Smith proposed and Mr. Gray sec that Mr. Hood and Mr. Barrett be appointed Auditors for next year.
A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Screen for acting as Chairman and carried.
It was agreed to have the evening paper as usual during the Winter months.
The following questions was (sic) raised to be dealt with at the first committee meeting. Proposed by Mr. Screen that the front door be opened each night and the gas lit in porch.
Proposed by Mr. Patmore that the Small Billiard Table be repaired.
Mr. Hood proposed that the shades on the Billiard Table be made lower. Mr. A. Smith proposed that the Club should buy some monthly magazines.

Edward Sant Chairman 4th October 1922

Oct.11.1921 A Committee meeting was held on Tuesday Oct. 11th 1921

Mr. Ripley in the chair 8 Committee was (sic) present

It was proposed by Mr. Pole sec Mr. Bergh that the front door be opened and the gas lit each night.

Mr. Gibson agreed to lower the shades over the Billiard Table.

Proposed by Mr. Barrett sec by Mr. Aylett that the small Billiard Table be left to Mr. Gibson to do necessary repairs.

Proposed by Mr. E. Smith sec by Mr. Pole that the Smallholder be bought each week.

Proposed by Mr. Pole sec by Mr. Childs that the Strand and Pearsons magazine be purchased each month.

Proposed by Mr. Barrett sec by J. Aylett that the Secty purchased a quantity of old magazines.

Proposed by Mr. Pole sec by Mr. Childs that the Parish Council be asked to fix some shelves in the recess to put books papers etc on.

Proposed by Mr. Barrett sec by Mr. Pole that Mr. Harvey be asked to move the red carbide at the back of the hal

Proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Childs that Mr. Smith apply to the Parish Council to repair the Gas Plant.

Mr. Gibson proposed and Mr. Pole sec that the Crockery belonging to the Club shall not be let out to anybody without the Secty permission and that 2/- be charged each time they are let out.

Mr. Bergh proposed Mr Gibson sec that the Secty write and see if a new set of Balls can be obtained for the 2 old sets or how much they will allow for them towards a new set.

Proposed by Mr. Barrett sec by Mr. Gibson that all members playing Billiards should put their names in a book each time they play with the amount paid and the score made.

Robt. Screen Nov. 7th 1921

Nov.9.1921 A Committee meeting held on Monday Nov. 9th 1921
Mr. Screen in the chair 9 committee present.
The minutes of the last meeting was (sic) read and confirmed.
The question of buying a piano was discussed.
Mr. Gibson proposed and Mr. Barrett sec that 3 members of the committee go over and see Mr. Archer of Stansted and ask the lowest price he will take for the one he has for sale. The Secty , Mr. Gibson and Mr. Ripley was asked to go and see him on the matter.
Mr. Ripley proposed and Mr. Pole sec that 1^d per week be charged for each magazine taken out and that no member take more than two at a time and that they are in the club a month before they are taken out.
Proposed by Mr. Barrett sec by Mr. Gibson that all young members of the club shall play for 1 year on the small Billiard Table before they can play on the large Table and that they are passed as proficient by the committee.
The secretary was asked to put up a notice to that effect.
It was suggested that the question of the Billiard Balls be left in abeyance.

R.O. Screen Nov. 21.1921

Nov.21.1921 A committee meeting was held on Monday Nov.21 1921
Mr. Screen in the chair 6 Committee present
The minutes of the last meeting was (sic) read and confirmed
The Secty and Mr. Ripley reported as to buying the Piano for £48 and it was confirmed by the committee.
Propose by Mr. Barrett sec by Mr. Pole that £35 be paid to Mr. Archer as part payment for the piano.
The question of letting the hall to Miss Graham for a concert for 2 nights in one week was discussed. Mr. Ripley proposed Mr. Barrett sec that as the proceeds of the concert is for the piano that the 2 nights be allowed.
The refreshments for the Social on Nov 30th was left to Mr. Barrett and the Secty it was agreed to buy a dozen new tea spoons
Proposed by Mr. Pole sec by Mr. Ripley that the Club be open 5.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Monday to Friday and on Sat 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Carried.

R.O. Screen 5th Dec. 1921

Dec.5.1921 A committee meeting held Monday Dec. 5th 1921
Mr. Screen in the chair 5 Committee present
A letter was read from the Secty of the Liberal Club Thaxted asking for a Billiard and Draughts match. It was decided to arrange to go to Thaxted on Wed. Dec 14th. The Secty to make all arrangements.
Mr. Ripley proposed and Mr. Pole sec that the Cricket Club and the Village Hall buy six packs of playing cards each and that the Nursing Assc be asked if they will do the same.
It was decided to have a Billiards match between members Entrance 6^d 100 up

R. Screen 9th Jan 1922

Jan.9.1922 A Committee meeting held on Jan 9 1922
Mr. Screen in the chair 9 of the committee present.
The Secty was asked to write to Stansted and Thaxted Clubs asking them when they will be able to come over and play the return Billiard Matches.
It was decided to close the Billiard match and to arrange another one.
Mr. E. Butters and Mr. L. Dixon was (sic) elected Captains.
Proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Bergh that the Secretary be given £2.10.0 from the Club Funds as a present for his work as Secty of the Club. Carried.
It was decided to hold a Whist Drive and dance on Jan 18th the following prizes to be given; Ham, Bottle Whiskey, Port, Sherry and Fowl. Tickets 2/-

E. Barrett

Feb.6.1922 Committee meeting held on Feb. 6th 1922
Mr. Barrett in the chair 6 members of the committee present.
The minutes of the last meeting was (sic) read and confirmed
The question of the Billiard Match was raised as 2 of the players was (sic) ill. It was decided to extend the match to Feb. 13th.
Proposed by Mr. Gibson sec by Mr. Butters that a Whist Drive be held on Feb. 22nd

E. Barrett March 6 1922

Mar.6.1922 A Committee was held on Monday March 6th 1922
Mr. Barrett in the chair 8 members of the Committee present
The minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed.
The question of presenting a present to Miss Butters on her
approaching marriage was discussed.
Mr. Gibson proposed Mr. Pole sec that £5 be given from the Clubs
funds to buy a present for her. Mr. Gibson offered to write and obtained
a price list for the same.
Mr. Pole proposed Mr. Smith seconded that a Social be held on Sat
April 1st at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 1/3 including Tay?

R. Screen Oct. 11 1922

Oct.4.1922 The Annual General Meeting was held on Wed Oct 4th 1922 at 7.30 p.m. Rev E. Sant in the chair
 The minutes of the last General meeting was (sic) read and confirmed
 The Balance Sheet for the year was read and passed.
 Mr. Screen proposed that the Re. E. Sant be re-elected Chairman. Carried.
 Proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Barrett that Mr. Screen be re-elected Treasurer carried.
 Mr. Screen Pro. Sec by Mr. Barrett that Mr. Franklin be re-elected Secty and that a vote of thanks for his services for the past year carried.
 Mr. Screen pro. The election of the committee en bloc. No sec.
 The following were elected on the Committee for the year

Mr. Aylett	Mr. B. Dixon
Mr. Ripley	Mr. E. Butters
Mr. W. Dixon	Mr. E. Smith
Mr. E. Bergh	Mr. H. Gibson
Mr. W. Childs	Mr. C. R. Gray
Mr. S. Pole	Mr. L. Dixon
Mr. E. Barrett	

Mr. Screen proposed Mr. Barrett sec that the sub for the year should be 5/- over 16 3/- under and that all ex-service men should pay 2/6
 Mr. Gibson raised the question of visitors and a proposed that all visitors should pay 1^s if stopping in the village over a week up to a month or 1^d a night Mr. Barrett sec
 Mr. Ripley pro Mr. Pole sec that the secty write to the Parish Council asking them not to charge the club for dances whist drives etc held by them
 Mr. Bergh proposed that the matter be left for the committee to decide what should be done
 Mr. Gibson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding. Carried

Edward Sant Chairman 3rd October 1923

The following questions was (sic) left for the Committee to decide at the first committee meeting
 Stowage of Platforms
 Matting round small Billiard Table
 Fetching evening papers from Station

Oct.11.1922 A Committee meeting was held on Oct. 11th 1922

Mr. Screen in the chair The following members of the committee present, Messrs Gibson, Childs, W. Dixon, L. Dixon, Barrett, Bergh, Aylett

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The question of putting some cork lino was discussed and Mr. Barrett was asked if he would obtain prices and patterns for same.

The Secty was asked to arrange Billiard matches with the following clubs, Takeley, Thaxted, Stansted and Widdington. A Billiard match was arranged 100 up 6^d Entrance fee Mr. Gibson and Mr. Bergh was (sic) appointed captains

The Secty was asked to write for Prices of 3 new cues from Gamage & Co 14½ 15½ 16

F. Barker was given permission to play on large Billiard Table

The Secty was asked to make arrangements to fetch the evening paper from station

Mr. Gibson proposed Mr. Barrett sec that the 2 monthly magazines and Smallholders be discontinued and that the Secty buy some second hand magazines

It was proposed to arrange a dance on Nov. 11th at 7.30 p.m. 1/- and a Social on Dec. 21 1/3

It was proposed that the caretaker be asked if he would clear the drain at the back of the Hall

The committee decided not to accept Cecil ??? as a member of the club owing to his bad behaviour during the past year.

The following Ruile was proposed and Passed

"That no member will be admitted to the Club after Sat Oct 14th unless his subscription has been paid."

R. Screen Oct 25 1922

Oct.25.1922 A Committee meeting was held on Wednesday Oct. 25th 1922

Mr. Screen in the chair. The following members of the committee present Messrs Ripley, H. Gibson, E. Bergh, J. Aylett, E. Smith

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

It was proposed that Mr. Barrett should get 12 yards of cork lino for small Billiard Table at 5/6 per yard

Letters were read from the Sectys of the following club as to billiards matches, Stansted, Thaxted and Takeley. The following members were selected to play in Billiards match at Stansted on Nov. 1st at 7 p.m. Messrs H. Gibson, E. Bergh, R. Screen, C. Palmer, S. Pole, W. Childs, L. Dixon

Mr. Gibson proposed Mr. Bergh sec that 3 new cues and a new set of Billiard Balls for the large table be purchased from Messrs Gamage

Mr. Gibson pro Mr. Barrett sec that 3 shillings be charged for Hire of Piano at Whist Drive and Dance on Oct 31st by the Womens Institute

H. Gibson

Dec.5.1922 A Committee meeting was held on Dec.5th 1922

Mr. Gibson in the chair. The following members of the committee present L. Dixon, W. Dixon, R. Ripley, S Pole, E. Bergh W. Childs, J. Aylett, E. Barrett, R. Screen

Proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Pole that T. Pearce & H. Moss be allowed to play on Large Table. Mr. Gibson, Pole & Childs to watch first game.

It was proposed to hold fortnightly Whist Drives after Christmas Proposed by Mr. Pole sec by Mr. Bergh that all members going to away Billiard Matches should pay 1^s towards the cost of motor the club to pay remainder.

Proposed by Mr. Barrett sec by Mr. Screen that a Billiard Handicap be arranged to include all playing members. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Bergh, Pole, Ripley, Childs & Franklin to be handicappers

Prop by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Barrett that a 2^d a dozen be charged for the cups etc if had out in small lots

Proposed by Mr. Pole sec by Mr. Bergh that the Womens Institute and Mothers meeting pay 5 shillings per year for use of the Piano.

A. W. Ripley

Jan.12.1923 A Committee meeting held on Jan 12th 1923

Mr. Ripley in the chair. The following members of the committee present; Messrs Pole, Aylett, Childs, Bergh, Dixon, Mr. Screen.

Proposed by Mr Screen sec by Mr. Aylett that the resolution passed at the previous meeing regarding the Piano be rescinded. 4 voted for 2 against.

It was proposed by Mr. Dixon sec by Mr. Childs that the value of the prizes for the Billiard handicap be 1st 9^s, 2nd 7^s, 3rd 4^s The winners to select

12 Aug 1923 E. Bergh

Aug.12.1923 A Committee meeting held on Aug.12th 1923

Mr. Bergh in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The following members of the committee were present Messrs Ripley, Barrett, Aylett, Childs & W. Dixon present

The caretaker reported that he considered that the gas plant wanted cleaning out. It was proposed that A. Dixon be asked to see if he could do what was necessary

It was proposed to purchase 20 Whist Drive tables Mr. Barrett was asked if he would get prices of same

W. Dixon October 11th 1923

Oct.3.1923 The Annual General Meeting was held on Oct. 3rd 1923 at 7.15 p.m.
Rev. E. Sant in the chair.
The minutes of the last Annual meeting was read and confirmed
The Balance Sheet for year was read and passed.
Rev.E. Sant was re-elected Chairman, Mr. Screen was re-elected
Treasurer.
It was proposed by Mr. Screen sec by Mr. Smith that the committee be
re-elected en bloc with the addition of Mr. Pearce. Mr. Barrett & Mr.
Butters was elected Auditors for the year.
Mr. Screen proposed sec by Mr. Bergh that the secretary be given 5
pounds out of the Balance for his services to the club. Carried
The secretary thanked the members for their kind gift.
It was proposed that the sub to the club for the year be; 18 and over 4^s
and under 18 2/6
The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for
presiding.

Committee

Mr. Aylett
Mr. R. Ripley
Mr. W. Dixon
Mr, E. Bergh
Mr. W. Childs
Mr. E. Barrett
Mr. E. Butters
Mr. E. Smith
Mr. C.R. Gray
Mr. L. Dixon
Mr. D.Pearce

*For some reason these minutes were struck out in the minute book and
were unsigned however they re-appeared in the minute book after the
Feb 9th 1924 minutes and were duly signed by Robt. Screen on Oct.2.
1924*

Oct.11.1923 A Committee Meeting held on Thursday Oct. 11th at 7.45 p.m.
Mr. W. Dixon in the chair. The following members of the committee present; Mssrs. Ripley D. Pearce, E. Bergh, J. Aylett, L. Dixon, E. Smith, R. Screen.
A complaint was received from a member of the club as to the caretaker refusing to light the gas when asked to do so.it wqas decided that the door of the room be left unlocked and that the players should light the gas when it was wanted and also that one gas jet should be lit as soon as the hall is opened.
It was decided to start a Billiard Handicap The Secty, Mr. Ripley, Mr. Bergh was elected to arrange details of same.
Proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr.Pearce that prices be obtained from Burroughs & Watts and Rileys for a new cloth for small Billiard Table and that the Ping Pong Table be made larger and painted green so that the game could be played. Mr. Smith was asked to do same.

*The Secty having obtained samples of cloth and prices it was decided that Riley & Co. recover the small table at £8.0.0. *

**This final paragraph was struck out of the record book.*

E. Bergh 9.1.1924

Oct.11.1923 A Committee meeting held on Oct. 11 1923.
W. Dixon in the Chair 7 members of the committee present
The question of having a new cloth on the small Billiard Table was discussed. It was decided that the Secty write to Burroughs & Watts and Riley & Co. for samples of cloth and prices for doing same.
It was decided to hold a Billiard Handicap

This minute was unsigned

Feb.9.1924 A Committee meeting held on Feb. 9th at 7.30 p.m.
Mr. Bergh in the chair. The following members of the committee was present; Mssrs. Screen, Childs, Aylett, L. Dixon, W. Dixon, Butters, Gray, Ripley, Pearce, Smith.
The Secty reported that the small Billiard Table had been recovered and the old set of Ivory Balls had been turned by Riley & Co. at a cost of £8.3.3. and that the Ping Pong Table had been made larger and painted by Mr. Smith 14^s 0^d
It was decided to hold a Social on Feb 20th at 7 p.m. Mr. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert kindly consented to play the music for the dances. The Secty, Mr. Butters and L. Dixon was appointed to arrange the programme.
The conduct of J. Palmer W. Moss and L. Dixon was reported to the committee and it was decided that the Secty write to them and warn them that if it happens again they would be expelled from the club and their subscription forfeited.
C. Franklin asked permission to play on Large Table this was granted on condition that he played first game with Mr. Ripley.
The fourth round of the Billiards Hcap was drawn to be played by Jan 19th.
It was proposed to play a Table Tennis match with a team from Bps Stortford. The following was elected to Play; Mr. Berridge, Mr. Ripley, Mr. Smith, Franklin, Margetson and Mr. Routledge C. Franklin res.

Robt. Screen Oct. 1 1924

Oct.1.1924 A Committee meeting was held on Wed. Oct. 1st 1924
Mr. Screen in the chair
Members of the Committee present; Mssrs E. Butters, W. Dixon, E. Bergh, R. Ripley, J. Aylett, E. Barrett, D. Pearce, L. Dixon
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
The question of electing a new chairman* for the Club and also other officers and subscriptions for next year was discussed in readiness for the annual meeting on Oct. 2nd.
The Chairman explained the terms of the Parish Council in letting the hall to the club and said that the club would have to keep the Gas Plant in repair in addition to the rent of £5.0.0.

W L May Oct. 9.1924

**Rev Edward Sant M.A. died March 30th 1924, he was succeeded by Re. William Lupton May A.K.C. as vicar until 1926*

Oct.2.1924 The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday Oct 2nd 1924
 Mr. Screen in the chair. There was a good attendance of members present
 The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.
 The Balance Sheet for the past year was read by the Secty and passed.
 It was proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. W. Dixon that the Rev. W.L. May be elected Chairman of the Club. Rev. May then took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.
 Mr. Screen was re-elected Treasurer.
 It was proposed that the Secty be re-elected and a hearty vote of thanks was given him for his services during the year.
 The Committee was elected en bloc with the addition of F. Franklin.
 Mr. Ripley proposed and Mr. Bergh sec that the subscription to the Club be 2s 14 to 16. 4s over 16.
 It was proposed by Mr. Screen sec by Mr. Bergh that the Secty be given the same as last year as soon as the funds of the Club would allow. The Secty thanked the members for their kind gift and said he would endeavour to do his best for the Club.
 The question of continuousy the evening paper was discussed and it was decided to continue it at present and that the committee have power to stop it at any time if necessary.
 The behaviour of some of the younger members of the club was spoken of by some of the members and they were told that if they did not behave themselves they would be turned out.
 The Secty was asked if he would try and purchase some old magazines for the Club.
 It was proposed to let the Library books out to members at a ½ per week on each Saturday from 7 to 8.
 Mr. Barrett & Mr. E. Butters were elected Auditors.
 It was decided to hold a Committee meeting the second Thursday in each month during the Winter month. The first meeting to be held on Thursday Oct at 7.15 p.m.
 The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

Chairman	Rev. W. L. May		
Treasurer	Mr. R. Screen		
Secty	Mr. G. Franklin		
Committee			
Mr. J. Aylett	Mr. E. Butters	Mr. E. Smith	Mr. W. Dixon
Mr. R. Ripley	Mr. W. Childs	Mr. C. R. Gray	Mr. E. Bergh
Mr. D. Pearce	Mr. E. Barrett	Mr. L. Dixon	Mr. F. Franklin

W.L. May Oct. 7.1925

Oct.9.1924 A Committee Meeting was held on Oct. 9th 1924
Rev. W. L. May in the chair
Following members of the Committee present; Messrs. J. Aylett,
R. Ripley, L. Dixon, E. Bergh, D. Pearce, W. Dixon, R. Screen, E.
Barrett
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
The question of repairing the Gas Plant was discussed.
Mr. Barrett proposed Mr. Screen sec that A. Dixon be asked to inspect
the Gas Plant and report to the Secty as to its condition and whether
he could repair it or not.
It was proposed that the Secty ask Mr. Smith to fix new fire bricks in
the stove in the Billiard Room.
It was decided on the proposal of Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Bergh that
J. Palmer and L. Dixon shall not be admitted this year as members of
the club owing to their bad behaviour last year.
It was arranged to have a Billiard match on similar terms as last year.
Mr. Ripley and Mr. Bergh to arrange teams.
Mr. Bergh proposed Mr. Ripley sec that the Secty purchase a new
Table Tennis set.

R. Screen Nov.13.1924

Nov.13.1924 A Committee held on Thursday Nov. 13th 1924
Mr. Screen in the chair.
The following members of the Committee present; Messrs Bergh,
D. Pearce, W. Dixon, F. Franklin, W. Childs, J. Aylett, W. E. Butters
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
The question of the Gas Plant was again discussed and the Secty was
asked if he would see A. Dixon and find out if there was anything with
it.
It was decided to let Leslie Dixon join the club on condition that he
behaves himself if not he will be turned out and forfeit his subscription.
A letter was read from the Widdington Working Mens Club asking for a
Billiard Match and it was arranged to play same on Wed Nov 19th with
refreshments as before.
It was proposed to hold a Social about the third week in January details
of same to be arranged at next meeting.
It was arranged to have a Billiard Hcap after the match was finished.

R. O. Screen Dec. 13 1924

Dec.13.1924 A Committee Meeting held on Sat Dec 13th

Mr. Screen in the chair. The following members of the committee present: Messrs Smith, Butters, Bergh, Ripley, Pearce, Aylett

A letter was read from the Parish Council as to the conditions of letting the hall to the Club.

It was proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Ripley that the secty write to the Parish Council stating that the club cannot accept the resolution passed by them as to the upkeep of the gas plant in addition to the rent of £5 as they consider that the gas plant is the property of the Parish Council.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas asking the Club to give the Gas Coal etc for the fancy dress dance on Dec 29. It was decided that the Piano and Crockery be given free but that a charge of 7/6 be mad for the gas & coal.

A application was made by the Vicar asking the Club if they would be kind enough to grant a night for the Sunday School treat. As the hall was booked already for one night that week it was proposed that Tuesday Dec. 30 the night after the Fancy Dress Dance be let for the treat.

A letter was read from the Secty of the Stansted Club asking for a match for Harrison Cup. It was proposed that the Secty write asking them to come over here to play first match. The following players were selected to Play same on Thursday Dec 18th Mr. Bergh, Mr. Ripley, Mr. Childs, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Matchams, Mr. Franklin

R.O. Screen Feb, 12.1925

Feb.12.1925 A Committee Meeting held on Thursday Feb 12th

Mr. Screen in the chair. Members of the Committee present: Messrs Barrett, L. Dixon, W. Dixon, W. Childs, J. Aylett

An application was made by the Vicar asking permission to have the hall from 3 to 4 on Saturday afternoons for a Girls class.

It was decided that the Secty write to him stating that the Committee cannot give consent to his application without the consent of a General Meeting of the members but suggest that he should have it some other afternoon in the week from 4 to 5 before the club hours start

Permission to play on large table was made by H. Harrey and this was given on condition that first game was played with Mr. Pearce.

E. Barrett April 30/25

Apr.30.1925 A Committee Meeting held on April 30th 1925

Mr. Barrett in the chair. The following members of the committee present Messrs L. Dixon, W. Dixon, D. Pearce, E. Bergh, R. Ripley, W. Childs, J. Aylett, W.E. Butters.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and signed.

A letter was read from the Parish Council which they had received from Miss Graham asking for permission the (to?) fix a cupboard in the Hall for a Library for the Women's Institute and Men's Club and if possible the Parish after a long discussion it was proposed that Miss Graham be asked how much space would be required for the cupboard and that the committee cannot agree to the Parish being included in the Library only the Men's Club and Women's Institute as they consider it would interfere with the clubs hours if the Parish was included.

R.W. Ripley

Oct.7.1925 The Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday Oct 7th at 7.30. p.m.
Rev. W. L. May in the chair
The minutes of the last General Meeting were read and confirmed
The Balance Sheet was read by the Secretary and passed
Rev. W.L. May was re-elected Chairman for the year.
It was proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Bergh that the Secretary be re-elected and that he also be treasurer
The following members were elected on the Committee; ~~W. Moss~~, ~~E. Ward~~, ~~G. Franklin~~, R. Butters, J. Aylett, W. Childs, R. Ripley, D. Pearce, E. Butters, E. Barrett, L. Dixon, W. Dixon, E. Bergh
It was proposed that the subscription be the same as last year under 14 to 16 2^s over 16 4^s
Mr. Screen proposed and Mr. Ripley sec that the Secretary be granted the same amount as last year out of the Club's Balance
The Secretary thanked the members for their gift.
It was proposed that the Secretary get some slips printed so that he could let each member of the Committee have one reminding them of the date of each meeting.
Mr. Barrett & Mr. E. Butters was elected Auditors for the year
It was suggested by Mr. Bergh that a Dart Board be purchased for use of the members of the club
A hearty vote of thanks was passed thanking the Chairman, Secretary, Auditors and Committee for their services to the Club during the past year.
Mr. Ripley proposed and Mr. Bergh sec that Mr. Screen be elected Vice. Chairman of the club.
It was proposed to hold a Committee meeting the second Wednesday in each month during the Winter Months.
The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

R.O. Screen Oct. 6. 1926

Oct.14.1925 A Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday Oct. 14 1925
Mr. Ripley in the Chair. The following members of the Committee present: Messrs W. Dixon, L. Dixon, W. Childs, J. Aylett, E. Butters, R. Butters
The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed
A letter was read from the Parish Council re cupboard for Library for Women's Institute. It was proposed by W. Dixon sec by W. Childs that the committee have no objection to the cupboard being fixed in the Hall but under the following conditions;
That no one is allowed in the Village Hall unless he is a member of the Club
And that they will accept no responsibility whatsoever as to Book or cupboard.
It was left to the Secretary to do his best as to buying a Dart Board for the hall. The charge was fixed as follows 1^d for 3 games. All wilfully damaged dart to be paid for dart to be in the care of caretaker
The stove pipe in Billiard Room was reported to be unsafe and it was proposed to ask the Parish Council to have a band put round pipe and fixed to wall.
It was proposed to hold a Whist Drive and Dance on Sat Oct.31
Charge for Whist Drive and Dance 1/6 Dance only 6^d
Reggie Dixon asked for permission to play on large table and this was granted on condition that he play first game with a committeeman
It was proposed to have a Billiard handicap Mr. Bergh Mr. Childs and Mr. Ripley to arrange details of same.
It was agreed to hold a Domino Tournament Entrance fee 3^d
J.Goss having given up having the Evening Paper it was agreed to have them from the Bookstall at Stansted and to have them fetched up from Station at 2^d per quarter

A.W. Ripley

Nov.11.1925 A Committee Meeting held on Nov 11th 1925

Mr. Ripley in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

It was agreed to give 2 prizes for Billiard H'cap 10^s first prize 7/6^d second

It was proposed to hold a nomination H'cap 100 up Mr. Ripley Mr. Bergh & Mr. R. Butters to arrange same.

Proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. R. Butters that the Parish Council be approached to see if a Dressing Room for Gentlemen could be built in yard adjoining porch and that a door be made inside the Hall for same and that the Committee offer them the wood belonging to the platform towards building of it.

Hugh Dixon & Bernard Dixon asked for permission to pky on large table this was granted on condition that they play first game with one of the committee.

R.O. Screen Jan 13.1926

Jan.13.1926 A Committee Meeting held on Wed. Jan 13th 1926

Mr. Screen in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

The following members of the Committee Present;

Messrs R.W. Ripley, E. Bergh, J. Aylett, E. & R. Butters, L. Dixon, W. Childs

A letter was read from the Widdington Club asking for a Billiard match.

It was decided to write and give them 2 dates Jan 27th and Jan 30th

It was decided to lay the Bill for repairs to Copper before the Parish Council at their next meeting.

The Secty was asked to write to the Stansted Club asking them whether it would be convenient for them to play a match for the cup on Wed Jan 20

It was proposed that the Secty purchased 6 cues from Burroughs & Watts at 38/- per ½ dozen also one doz cue clips

L. Harling asked permission to play on large table this was granted on condition that he play first game with one of the committee

R.O. Screen Oct.13.1926

Oct.6.1926 The Annual Meeting was held on Wed. Oct 6 at 7.30. p.m.
Mr. R. Screen in the chair
The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and passed
The Balance Sheet for year ending Sept. 30th was read by the Secretary and Passed
Mr. R. Screen was elected Chairman for the year*
The Secretary and Treasurer was re-elected
The Committee following members of the Committee was re-elected
Mr. R. Ripley, ~~W.C. Childs~~, J. Aylett, L. Dixon, E. Barrett, J.E. Bergh, R. Butters, E. Butters, W. Dixon, ~~D. Pearee~~ with the addition of Mr. P. Margetson and Mr. Haylock
It was proposed that the subscription for the year be the same as previous year 14 to 16, 2^s over 16 4^s
Mr. Bergh proposed that the Large Billiard Table be re-covered and new cushions be got for same. After a long discussion it was decided that the Secretary write for samples of Cloth and price of same in time if possible for the first committee meeting to be held on Wed Oct 13th
Proposed by Mr. R. Butters sec by Mr. J. Aylett that the Secretary be granted £5.0.0. from the Club Funds for his services to the Club in the past year for which he thanked the members for their kind grant
Mr. E. Barrett and Mr. E. Butters was re-elected Auditors for the year.
The Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Committee, Secretary and Auditors for their services to the club during the past year
The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

R.O. Screen Nov.10.1926

*Rev. May was succeeded as Vicar in 1926 by Rev. Frank Harold Surridge and he was Vicar until 1932

Oct.13.1926 A Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday Oct. 13th Mr. Screen in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and Passed

The following members of the Committee were present;

Mr. E. Bergh, E. Butters, E. Barrett, R.G. Butters, W. Childs, J. Aylett, P. Margetson, W. Dixon, L. Dixon, Mr. Haylock

It was decided to have the Large Table re-covered at a cost of £13.10..0. also to have new Pockets and Leathers for same.

It was proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Butters that the 12 War Savings Certificates be cashed to Pay for same.

The Secty was asked to write to the Royal Air Force Jazz Band at Duxford asking them for their terms for a dance on New Year's Eve.

It was decided to hold a Billiard Match 100 up Entrance Fee 6^d

Also a Dart Tournament 301 up Entrance Fee 3^d

It was proposed to hold a Dance on Dec 4th for the Club Funds

R.O. Screen Nov. 10.1926

Nov.10.1926 A Committee Meeting was held on Wed Nov. 10th 1926 at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Screen in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed

The following members of the Committee was present; Mr. Barrett, W. Dixon, L. Dixon, J. Aylett, W. Childs, D. Pearce, R. W. Ripley, E. Bergh, R.G. Butters , E. Butters

A letter was read by the secty from the Air Force Jazz Band stating their terms for Dances. The secty was asked to reply stating that as the Hall was booked one night already that week they was unable to hold Dance on New Year's Eve as proposed.

A Application was received from the Girl Guides for use of the Hall for one hour from 4 to 4 on Saturdays once a fortnight . It was proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Pearce that the Club allow the Guides to use the hall when the Hall is not booked for Dances on Saturday

It was decided to run Dance on Dec 4th for Slate Club instead of the Village Hall funds as the one held on Nov 6th for the Slate Club only just paid expenses owing to it being a very wet night.

A application was re from the Marquis D'Oisy asking the Committee if they would grant him the Hall on Dec 17th to get ready for a play to be held on Dec 18th as he would not be able to do all in one day.

After discussion the Secty was asked to write and tell him that the Committee are sorry but they are unable to grant his request as they do not consider it would be fair to the members in granting this extra night as the hall is booked up so much this season.

R.O. Screen Jan.12.1927

Nov.10.1926 A Special General Meeting was also held on Wednesday Nov. 10th 1926

As the Secretary reported that he expected to move from the village at any time and he thought it would be best if a new secretary was elected but that he would still act as secretary till he was sure that he was going

The Chairman said he was sure that the Committee would like to express their appreciation for what the secretary and his wife had done for the club and hoped that when they went that they would be happy in their new home and also wished them their best wishes for the future.

Mr. Bergh proposed and Mr. Childs sec that Mr. R.G. Butters be appointed Secty and Treasurer which was carried unanimously
The minutes of the last General Meeting was read and passed

Unsigned

JAN.12.1927 Committee Meeting held Jan 12th 1927 at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Screen in the chair Following members of the Committee present;
E. Bergh, E. Barrett, R. G. Butters, J. Aylett,
D. Pearce, W. Dixon, L. Dixon

The minutes of the last meeting was read and Passed

The question was asked whether Mr. B. Harling be allowed to join the Slate Club after discussion it was decided that he be allowed to join if he made application to do so

The question of New Rules for non-members of the Club belonging to the Slate Club was raised

It was proposed that they should not be allowed in the Billiard Room on Slate Club nights and that if they wished to stay in the Club after the Slate Club hours they should be charged 1^d as a visitor

The Rules of Visitors coming into the Club was also discussed

It was proposed that no non-members be allowed in the Club unless brought in by a member of the Club when both must sign the visitors book and no visitor be allowed in the Club more than 4 times a year if resident in the village

Non-residents can become members on payment of 6^d for one week or 1 shilling for a month

The question of putting up the partition and taking it down was left to the Parish Council as to whom was responsible for doing same

Mr. Butters was asked to arrange a smoking concert for members of the Club at a date suitable to himself

It was decided that any member of the club wishing to Play the Piano could do so Key of same to be obtained from the caretaker

The Committee was asked to agree to the Lights etc for the childres treat held on Dec 23rd 1926 to be given free this was agreed to

A Billiards Handicap was arranged 150 up Entrance Fee 6^d

Mr. Ripley Bergh R. Butters Childs was asked to arrange same

R. O. Screen June 21.1927

June 21. 1927 A Committee Meeting held on June 21st 1927

Mr. Screen in the chair

Following members of the Committee present;

Mr. Haylock, Mr. W. Dixon, Mr. Ripley, Mr. Aylett

The minutes of the last meeting was read and passed

A Complaint from the Parish Council re boards etc. lying against the Hall was discussed

On the proposal of Mr. Aylett sec by Mr. Dixon it was decided to sell same Proposed by Mr. Ripley that it should be advertised in the Village Hall window for a week

The question of hiring the Piano was also discussed

It was decided that if any one wishing to hire same the charge to be 7/6 the hirer to arrange carting from and back to the Hall and also to make good any damage done to it.

R.O. Screen Oct. 12. 1927

Oct.5.1927 The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday Oct.5th 1927 at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Screen in the chair

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and passed

The Balance Sheet for the year was read by the Secty and passed

On the proposal of Mr. Ripley Mr. Screen was re-elected Chairman

Mr. Bergh proposed the re-election of Mr. Franklin as secretary and treasurer

Mr. G. Palmer and Mr. A Francis was elected to fill two vacancies on the committee the remaining members being re-elected en bloc.

Mr. Barrett, Mr. W. Dixon, Mr. L. Dixon, Mr. Aylett. Mr. E. & R. Butters, Mr. Haylock, Mr. Bergh, Mr. Ripley and Mr. P. Margetson

Mr. Ripley proposed and Mr. Bergh sec that the charge for the use of the Piano at Dances Socials Concerts etc. should be 5/-

The Auditors Mr. Barrett & Mr. E. Butters were re-elected and a hearty vote of thanks to them was proposed to them by the chairman for their services

It was proposed that the subscription be the same over 16 4/- from 14 to 16 2/- and that any one residing at 1 and a half miles from the Hall could become a member for 2/6

On the proposal of Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Francis the secretary was granted a honorarium of £5.0.0. for his services to the Club for the year.

A letter was read from the Secty of the Cawkell Cup Billiard League inviting the Club to join the League after discussion it was decided to join same and Mr. Bergh and the Secretary was elected the 2 representatives for the club as asked for by the rules of the League

The Secretary was authorised to pay the entrance fee to the League of 5/-

It was proposed to have the six old Billiard Balls coloured so that a snooker set could be made.

The question of the charge for gas etc. was deferred to the first committee meeting on Oct. 12th for Dances etc.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Committee and Secretary for the services to the Club during the past year

Mr. Ripley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding and also for his services to the Club.

R.O. Screen Oct.10.1928

Oct.12.1927 A Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday Oct 12th 1927
at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Screen in the chair

The Minutes of the last committee meeting was read and passed

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Billiards League stating that
12 players could be registered to play in same.

The question of the charge for gas etc. for Dances and Whist Drives
was discussed when it was decided to charge 5/- for gas and coal in
addition to 5/- for use of Piano

Leslie Dixon and A. Lodge asked for permission to play on Large Table
this was granted on condition they play first game with one of the
committee

R.O. Screen Nov.9.1927

Nov.9.1927 A Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday Nov. 9th 1927
at 7.30. p.m.

Mr. Screen in the chair

The minutes of last meeting was read and signed

The Secty reported result of visit to Stansted re meeting of Billiards League

A letter was read from the Secty of the Nursing Assoc. asking if the club would let them have the Hall on Nov. 30th for a Whist Drive as the Hall was already booked one night that week.

It was decided that the Secty write to the Secty Miss Graham stating that the Club was unable to grant this request for Nov. 30th as they considered that it would not be fair to the members of the club and also that they were unable to close the Hall only one night per week

A application was made by the Vicar on behalf of the sports club asking if the Committee would let them have one room for Boxing for a hour on one night per week

After discussing same it was decided to grant same for one hour on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 or 7.30. to 8.30 p.m. on the following conditions.

That some one should be put in charge to see that the room was left the same as it was found also to see that all behaved themselves and that all taking part in the Boxing to wear slippers and that any member of the club could go and watch the boxing if they wanted to.

The following players was selected to play first match with Birchanger on Nov. 23rd for the Cawkell Billiards Cup

Mr. Ripley

Mr. E. Bergh

Mr. G. Palmer

Mr. C. Hawkin

Mr. H. Dixon

Mr. C. Letts

R.O. Screen Jan.10.1928

Jan.10.1928 A Committee Meeting was held on Thursday Jan 10th 1928

Mr. Screen in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed

The question of the store in the Billiards room was discussed.

It was proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Barrett that the repairs of the store be referred to the Parish Council for their consideration and immediate attention

It was decided to let the Vicar have the gas etc. for the Sunday school treat free

The Secretary was asked to write to the Secretary of the Stansted Working Mens Club asking if they would arrange a date to play for the Cup and that the committee hoped that they would give the Village Hall team a sporting chance and not play their best team

It was decided to write to the following gentlemen asking them if they had any pictures etc. they could present to the hall as the Committee were desirous of improving the interior of the hall.

Sir W. Gilbey, Mr. Batho, Mr. Thresham Gilbey, Mr. E. T. Dodd, Mr. D. Wilson, Mr. Smallwood

It was arranged to hold a Dance on Saturday Feb 18th in aid of the Village Hall Club Funds

R.O. Screen May 23.1928

May.23.1928 A Committee was held on May 23rd 1928

Mr. Screen in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed

The Secty reported that the funds of the Club was very short and he did not think that they could carry on as the receipts from the Billiard Tables was only about one shilling per week

After a long discussion it was decided to ask the caretaker if they would accept the receipts of the Billiards table for 3 months June July & August in place of wages if they did not accept this the Committee was afraid they would have to close the club entirely and also that they would have to get some one cheaper to be caretaker as the Committee are of opinion that the funds of the club would not allow the payment of their wages for the Summer months.

The question of repairs to gas plant was also discussed

It was proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Bergh that the Parish Council be asked to have the Gas Plant overhauled and repaired if necessary during the time the Club is closed

And also to call the attention of the council as to the partition being taken down and put back again when the hall is hired for a dance whist drive etc. As it is not being done now and that when the hall is hired the attention of those hiring same should be drawn that they are responsible for doing same and also if those hiring hall was unable to do same the Committee would be prepared to do it for 2/6 each time the Hall is hired

R.O. Screen Oct.17.1928

Oct10.1928 The Annual Meeting of the Club was held on Wed Oct 10th 1928 at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Screen in the chair

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting was read and passed

The Balance Sheet for the year was read by the Secty and passed on the proposal of the Rev. Surrige sec by Mr. Bergh

Mr Screen was re-elected Chairman on the proposal of the Secty sec by Mr. Barrett

Mr. G. Franklin was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Butters & Mr. Barrett were re-elected Auditors

The Committee was re-elected en bloc with the addition of Mr. Allen and the Rev. Surrige in place of two vacancies

Mr. Butters proposed sec by the Vicar that the Secretary be granted the same £5.0.0. for his services to the club. The Secretary thanked the members for this kind offer but said that he did not consider the Club could afford it this year but has (as) it has been carried he would take half of it £2.10.0.

The question of subscriptions for the year was raised and it was decided that it should remain the same as last year 14 to 16 2/- 16 and over 4/-

The question of raising the price of Billiards was also brought up as there had been a big decrease as compared with the previous year when it was proposed to leave it till the end of the year and see if there was any improvement.

The Rev. Surrige proposed that the members should be able to het a cup of Coffee or Cocoa and Biscuits during Club hours. This was left for the Committee to deal with at their first meeting also Billiards Handicap

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman Secretary Auditors and Committee for their services to the Club during the year

The Secretary reported that he had been told by the police that no Whist Drives could be held this Winter he said that he had written to the Chief Constable asking his advice on same.

It was proposed by Mr. Ripley that the Parish Council be asked to provide shades for the gas burners in the hall as he considered that it would improve the light at a small outlay

The Vicar kindly offered 10/6 for a new dart board which the Secretary promised to get as soon as possible

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

R.O. Screen Oct.9.1929

Oct.17.1928 A Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday Oct.17th 1928
at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Screen in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting was read and passed

The Secretary read a letter from the Chief Constable saying that there was no objection to Whist Drives being held and that we could still hold them

It was decided to hold a Billiard Handicap 150 up no entrance fee. All members of the club to be included. The Vicar kindly offered to give one prize and also said that he would try and get another one from somebody

It was left to the Secty Mr. Bergh and Mr. Butters to arrange same

The question of obtaining a set of snooker balls was raised. The Vicar kindly offered to write and see if he could get one for the club

The Secretary was asked to see the Caretaker to see if she would supply Cocoa and Biscuits to the members on cold nights if they wanted any.

It was arranged to hold Fortnightly Whist Drives the first one to be held on Wednesday Oct. 31st Entrance 6^d

On the proposal of Mr. Bergh it was decided to ask H. Dixon T Pearce and F. Barker to be members of the Committee as it was thought that some of the younger members ought to be on

R.O. Screen Nov.21.1928

Nov.21.1928 A Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday Nov.21st 1928
at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Screen in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed

A letter was read from Me. Kohn enclosing a donation of 5 shillings towards the funds of the club. The Secty was asked to acknowledge same

It was arranged to hold a Billiard match when the Handicap was finished

Boys on small table to play as well

It was left to the Secty to arrange Billiard match with Thaxted Club

R. O. Screen Jan.16.1929

Jan.16.1929 A Committee Meeting was held on Jan. 16th 1929

Mr. Screen in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting was read and passed

It was proposed to give light refreshments to the Thaxted Billiard players on Jan 23rd. Mr. Barrett kindly offered to provide same.

The following members of the committee were elected to form a Billiard Sub Committee to select the teams for the Billiard matches etc. Messrs Ripley Butters Bergh and F. Barker

It was decided to give Prizes for the Billiard H.cap 10^s 6^s 4^s

Permission to play on Large Table was given to G. Dixon on condition that he play the first game with one of the committee

Application was made by Miss Graham for use of the big room on 2 Saturdays a Month for Folk Dancing from 3 to 4 p.m. On the proposal of Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Butters that this was granted and that a charge of 2 shillings be charged to include piano coal etc each time Hall is used

It was decided to allow smoking while playing on Large Table but members not to use gas burners over table to light matches etc.

R.W. Ripley March 27th .29

Mar.27.1929 A Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday March 27th at 8 p.m.

Mr. Ripley in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed

The question of letting the hall on Saturday afternoons was discussed as it appears that there has been a mis-understanding between the parish council and the Village Hall Committee

Mr. Butters proposed and Mr. J. Pearce sec that a letter be written to the clerk of the Parish Council stating that he is letting the hall during club hours when he has already let the hall once during the same week and also that he should notify the Secty what dates the hall is let for any purpose.

Permission was given to F. Rogers and R. Dixon to play on Large Table to play first game with one of the committee

R.O. Screen Apr.3.1929

Apr.3.1929 A Committee Meeting was held on Apr 3rd 1929
Mr. Screen in the chair
The minutes of the last meeting was read and passed
A letter from the Parish Council was read explaining the terms of letting the Hall and stating that they considered that they were right in letting it one night per week in addition to afternoons On Saturday if no other bookings
A letter was read from Miss Graham asking the Club if they would let them have the Hall on Friday Apr 12th for a social as the Hall was already book one night that week
It was proposed that the Club waive their right as a special favour and that 15^s be charged for same

R.G. Butters 23/10/29

Oct.10.1929 The Annual Meeting of the Club was held on Wednesday Oct 10th 1929 at 7.30 p.m.
Mr. Screen in the chair
The Minutes of last Annual Meeting was read and passed
The Balance Sheet for the year showing a balance of £12.4.2½ was passed
Propose by Mr. J. Pearce sec by Mr. G. Palmer that the Rev. F. Surridge be elected Chairman of the Club via Mr. Screen who has left the Village
Proposed by Mr.R.G. Butters sec by Mr. Barrett that the thanks of this meeting be accorded to Mr. Screen for his long services and chairmanship of the Club
Mr. G. Franklin was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer
On the proposal of Mr. Screen the following were elected en bloc on the Committee
Mr. E. Barrett, A. Francis, R.W. Ripley, R.G. Butters, ~~E. Butters~~, G. Palmer, E. Bergh, ~~T. Pearce~~, ~~H. Dixon~~ ~~F. Barker~~
The Auditors Mr. Barrett and Mr. E. Butters were re-elected
Mr. Screen proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Secty Committee for their services to the Club during the past year
Mr. T. Pearce proposed sec by J. Pearce that the subscription to the club remain the same as last year , 14 to 16 2/- over 16 4/-
The question of the Gas Plant was discussed when it was proposed to ask the Chairman of the Parish Council to call a special meeting of the Council to discuss the question
It was decided to hold the fortnightly whist drives again this winter The first to be held on Tuesday Oct. 22nd at 7 p.m. admission 6^d
The Chairman kindly offered 10^s for a new dart board
It was proposed that the charges for Darts should be that each player should pay ½ each for 3 games and that the caretaker be asked to take more care of the board
It was decided that the club should remain open till 10 p.m. each night and that no game of Billiards should start after 9.30 p.m. so that the club could be closed at 10 p.m.
It was proposed by Mr. Screen sec by Mr. Butters that the Secty be given £5 for his services to the club the Secty thanked the members for their kind gift and said he would continue to do his best for the club
The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding which was carried unanimously

F. H. Surridge Oct.8th 1930

Oct.23.1929 A Committee meeting was held on Oct.23rd 1929
Mr. R.G. Butters in the chair
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Passed
The Secretary reported that he had not got a new dart board as the old one could be repaired
Proposed by G. Palmer sec by T. Pearce that the Secty write and get a estimate for tightening the cloth on Large Table
It was proposed that the time of starting a game of Billiards should be put on the slate when the names are put down
L. Watts asked for permission to play on Large Table this was given on condition that he play first game with one of the committee
It was proposed to ask S.M. Jack Esq to join the Committee
It was decided that a notice should be put up in the Club warning members that they would be suspended if caught whistling shouting etc
It was decided to hold a Billiard Handicap 150 up entrance fee 6^d
F. Barker G. Palmer H. Dixon F. Pearce to arrange same

R. W. Ripley Dec. 5th 29
Dec.5.1929 A Committee meeting was held on Dec 5th 1929 at 7.30 p.m.
Mr. Ripley in the chair
The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed
A letter was read from Burroughs & Watts stating that the price for stretching the cloth on the Billiard Table would be £1.10.0.
After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Francis that the Secty write to them again stating that the Committee consider that the cost of stretching the cloth was too high and they hoped that they would reduce it and also they considered that they ought to have done it shortly after the new cloth was put on
It was decided to give 3 prizes for Billiard handicap
First Prize 10/- Second 6/- Third 4/-
It was proposed that Mr. H. Dixon and Mr. G. Palmer attend the meeting on Dec. 17th at Stoney Common Club as representatives of the Village Hall Club
Mr. T. Pearce kindly offered to paint the shades over the Billiard Table
The Committee gave him permission for purchase the necessary materials to do same
The Secretary was asked to warn R. Dixon as to his play on the Billiard Table as it was considered that his play was too rough
It was proposed to hold a Ladder Billiard Handicap Mr. T. Pearce to arrange same
It was proposed by Mr. Bergh that a dance be held in the Gig room every fortnight the charge to be 6^d and that the Secty write to Mr. Gane asking him if he would be kind enough to lend his gramophone for same.
It was proposed that Sir Walter Gilbey be asked if he would be President of the Club and that Mr. Smallwood Mr. Jack Mr Butler Mr. Wilson and Mr. Doad if they would be Vice Presidents

Chairman E. Barrett Jany 1/30

Jan.1.1930 A Committee meeting was held on Jan. 1st 1930 at 7.30 p.m.
Mr. Barrett in the chair
The minutes of the last meeting was read and passed
A letter was read from Burroughs & Watts stating that they could not reduce their price of £1.10.0. for stretching the cloth on Large Billiard Table
It was proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Butters that the cloth should be done as soon as possible at price stated in letter and also that the pockets on small table should be renewed and also brasses done same time and also to have set of Billiard Balls turned
It was agreed that the Secretary should pay the Billiard League fee of 5/-
The Clock was reported to have stopped. It was proposed to have it put right and to send the bill to the Parish Council when repaired
The question of the sixpenny dances was left over until next meeting
The Secretary was asked to write to the Parish Council stating that they were letting the Hall on Saturday afternoons to the Girl Guides when the Hall has already been let for a dance
And also that the Hall would be glad to have an agreement in writing as to what terms the Hall is let to them and whether they are able to sublet the Hall at any time if they wish

F H Surridge Chairman Feb20/30

This to be read at first committee meeting

20.Feb.1930 A Committee was held on Feb 20th 1930 at 8 p.m.
The Rev Surridge in the chair
The minutes of previous meeting were read and passed
The question of the sixpenny dances was discussed when it was proposed to leave the matter to Mr. G. Palmer. T. Pearce and H. Dixon and to report to the Secretary when ready to start same
A Application was received from Mr. T. Pearce asking if the Club would be kind enough to let the Hall for a dance on March 1st for the Repairs to the Church Roof as the Parish Council had already let it for one night that week. It was agreed to let them have it free of charge
The Vicar thanked the Committee very much for their kindness in letting them have the Hall and also for letting it free of charge
The Secretary was asked to write to the Working Mens Club asking them for a date to play for the Cup
A invitation was received from Mr. Guile of Newport asking if the Club could go there to play Billiards darts etc it was decided to accept. The Secretary to write and arrange same
It was proposed to send an account to the Parish Council of 5^s for putting the Hall right for dances held on Feb 8 and for Social on Feb 12th

F H Surridge Oct.29/30

Oct.8.1930 The Annual General meeting of the Village Hall Club was held on Wednesday Oct. 8th at 8 p.m.
The Rev Surridge in the chair
The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and passed
The Balance Sheet for the year ending Sept. 30 was read and passed.
Proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Bergh
A letter was read from the Parish Council as to new terms of letting the hall and asking for 2 members of the committee to attend with 2 members of the Council to discuss same Mr. Ripley and Mr. Butters reported have met same and that the terms were that the Hall pay £8 a year rent instead of £5 and also that the Council wanted to claim the Hall 2 nights per week instead of one night
After a long discussion it was proposed by Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Aylett that it be referred back to Parish Council as their proposal would not be acceptable to the Club
It was also proposed to adjourn the meeting until something further was heard from the Parish Council

The Adjourned General Meeting was held on Oct. 23rd at 7.45 p.m.
Rev F Surridge in the chair
A letter was read from the Parish Council stating the new terms for letting the Hall to the Club
After a discussion it was proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. H. Dixon that the first clause of £8 rent for one year be accepted Carried
Proposed by Mr Ripley sec by Mr. R. Butters that second clause of sub letting the Hall be accepted Carried
Proposed by Mr. R. Butters sec by Mr. G. Palmer that the third clause of letting the Hall have the Club for 2 nights a year for a dance etc without charge be accepted Carried
Proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Pearce that the late Secretary be granted a honourarium of £5 for the services to the club during the year.
The Chairman said he was sure that the members of the club would like to express their appreciation of the services of the late Secretary to the club and hoped that he would still do his best for it and that it should be recorded in the minutes
On the Proposal of Mr. Ripley the Vicar was re-elected Chairman for the year Carried
Proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Butters that Mr. T Pearce and Mr. H. Dixon be appointed joint Secretaries and Treasurers for the year Carried
The following were proposed and elected on the Committee
Mr. C. Franklin Mr. A Francis Mr. G. Franklin
Mr. G. Haylock Mr. R. W. Ripley Mr. G. Reynolds
Mr. E. Barrett Mr. H. Harvey Mr. G. Palmer
Mr. L. Harling Mr. E. Bergh Mr. R.G. Butters
Mr. J. Aylett
With Power to add
Mr. E. Barrett and Mr. Allen were appointed Auditors for the year

Oct.29.1930 A Committee was held on Wed. Oct 29th 1930

The Rev. Surridge in the chair

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and passed

The Balance Sheet was brought up concerning the Rent and Honourarium After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Mr. Ripley and Sec by Mr. Haylock that after the accounts were made the Rent and Honourarium should be shown at end of same before forwarding to the subscribers so as it would be seen what the club actually had to commence the coming season. This was put to the meeting and carried

Concerning wages of Mr. Watson he said he would accept the £17 per annum

The team proposed for Billiard League is as follows:-

Mr. E. Bergh	Mr. H. Dixon	Mr. G. Palmer
Mr. W. Barker	Mr. C. Franklin	Mr. F. Barker
Mr. G. Reynolds	Mr. R. Dixon	Mr. C. Gent
Mr. C. Sandford	Mr. L. Harling	Mr. L. Dixon

It was proposed by Mr. Barrett sec: by Mr. H. Dixon that the charge for Billiards should remain as they are at present

It was proposed by Mr. Bergh Sec: by Mr. Dixon that the Ping Pong Table should be re-started and that the sum of 5/- should be spent on same, Mr. Barrett to get necessary equipment on the secretary letting him know what would be required. This was carried

Mr. Surridge kindly promised 10/- for a new dart board this being warmly thanked by the committee

Concerning the Ping Pong the Sec. was ask to approach Mr. Robinson to see if he would repair table and also if he would be kind enough to undertake this free of charge

It was pro: that sec: should write asking the opposing billiard League team if they could also bring a dart and ping pong team to make the evening more interesting. This was carried

It was also proposed that a dart tournament should be held amongst the members of the club. Mr. Haylock kindly offering a prize for same. To be arrange by the secs:

It was pro: by Mr Ripley sec: by Mr. Haylock that a carnival dance should be held in aid of the club on Wed: Dec 10th from 8 – 1 The charge should be 2/- including refreshment the committee to do their best to supply the refreshment: and Mr. Dodd to be ask to get 30/- worth of novelties this was carried

The Vicar consented to approach Mr. Somerville to supply the music It was proposed that Mr. Ripley should officiate as M.C.

It was proposed that Mr. Wilson Mr. Jack Mr. Smallwood Mr. Thomas and the Misses Thawley and Haden should be approached for prizes. Mr. Surridge also kindly consenting to give a prize

It was proposed that Mrs & Miss Jacks should be ask to judge the dance contests This was carried

It was prop: by Mr. Ripley Sec: by Mr. Bergh that the sixpenny whist Drives should be carried on as usual Carried

Dec.5.1930 A committee meeting was held on Friday Dec 5th 1930
The Rev. Surridge in the chair
The minutes of the previous meeting was read and passed as correct
Concerning the dance the committee kindly promised to assist with refreshments also the Vicar kindly consented to give a lucky Spot Prize
It was pro by Mr. Butters Sec Mr. Haylock that the Flower Show and Sports Club be asked to subscribe to the Village Hall for use of same
Carried
It was proposed by Mr. Butters Sec by Mr. Barrett that for use of Hall by Mothers Union and Womens Institute a charge of sixpence should be made if fire or lighting were used in addition to present charge
Carried
Mr. Butters pro: and Mr. Barrett sec: that post cards be printed as it was much cheaper Carried unanimously
The meeting closed with a vote of thanks for the chairman for presiding

G Franklin Jan 9th 1931

Jan.9.1931 A committee meeting was held on Friday Jan 9th 1931
Mr. Franklin in the chair
The minutes of the previous meeting was read and passed
It was pro Mr. Bergh sec by Mr. Francis that Alfred Sandford should be asked to fetch evening paper at two shillings per quarter
It was proposed by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Aylett that Newport should be asked to play at Elsenham first and that members should be asked to subscribe for refreshments secretary to arrange dates for same Friday or Saturday if convenient
Pro by Mr. Francis Sec by Mr. Harvey that permission be granted to Womens Institute to hang notice board inside the Hall
It was proposed Mr. Ripley sec Mr. Bergh that a vote of thanks be given to secretary concerning draw in aid of the Hall
Concerning Table Tennis and Darts competition, it was pro by Mr. Ripley sec by Mr. Francis that threepence be charged for entrance fee in both cases, usual fee being charged for every game afterwards, Prizes for same being five and three shillings in case of darts
A pair of rabbits kindly offered, being given in lieu of second prize.
Carried
Pro Mr. Ripley sec Mr. Francis that 10/- be charged for hire of Hall by Ese service mens guild for fancy dress dance Carried Unanimously
The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks for the chairman for presiding

G Franklin Feb 5th 1931

Feb.5.1931 A Committee meeting was held on Feb. 5th 1931
Mr. Franklin in the chair
The minutes of the previous meeting was read and passed as correct
Regarding the League Billiard match (Elsenham V Thaxted) it was pro
by Mr. Barrett sec by Mr. Haylock that owing to lights failing half way
through the match it should be replayed at Thaxted as proposed by
them Carried unanimously
It was proposed by Mr. Barrett sec by Mr. Reynolds that ten shillings
divided be given in small table handicap, First prize 5/- second prize 3/-
third prize 2/- this being carried unanimously
It was pro by Mr. Francis sec by Mr. Barrett that 15/- should be spent
on dance in aid of the club as it was thought well worth the spending of
same Carried
It was pro by Mr. Aylett sec by Mr. Barrett that owing to present state of
Ping Pong table being in bad condition for play, it should be properly
repaired and repainted with a dull paint, sec authorised to get it done
Carried
The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks for the chairman for
presiding

R G Butters 26/2/31

Mar 26.1931 A committee meeting was held on Mar. 26th 1931
Mr. Butters in the chair
The minutes of the previous meeting was read and passed as correct
It was pro Mr. Franklin sec by Mr. Aylett that C Jennings be allowed to
play on large table providing he played with committee man as per
present rules
Owing to trouble with gas plant at last dance it was pro by Mr. Harvey
sec by Mr. Harling that caretaker be paid 7/6 Carried
It was pro by Mr. Franklin sec by Mr. Reynolds that the Lightning
Handicap should be started on both tables on Monday nights abiding
by rules as previous seasons Carried
It was pro by Mr. Harvey sec by Mr. Franklin that boxing be allowed
this to take place on Wednesday evenings hours being from eight to
nine thirty. Mr. A Dixon was asked to supervise which he kindly
consented to do. Slippers should be worn whilst boxing Carried
It was pro by Mr. Aylett sec by Mr. Reynolds that another dance be
held in aid of the club a masked dance being suggested to be arranged
by joint secretaries this dance to be held on April 4th Carried
New shades for large table to be brought up at meeting early next
season
The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks for Chairman

H Dixon April 17th 1931

Apr 17.1931 A Committee meeting was held on Friday April 17th 1931
Mr. Dixon in the chair
The minutes of the previous meeting was read and passed as correct
It was proposed by Mr. Aylett sec: by Mr. G. Reynolds that sec: write to Parish Council concerning hire of hall for dance held on April 11th to ask them if they would be kind enough let the hall free of charge as the first dance was a failure
Concerning Ese service mens dance for which 10/- was charged for use of light A complaint was received from same regarding charge as to high from their point of view. It was pro: by Mr. Aylett sec: by Mr. Reynolds after reconsideration that 7/6 be charged and that 2/6 kindly offered should be accepted as a donation towards the funds Carried unanimously
It was pro by Mr. Aylett sec by Mr. Harling that a handicap should be run during the summer months on the same lines as the winter (large table only) Prizes would be given according to the number of contestants The sec was also authorised to get some proper handicap forms being much more convenient Carried
The meeting close with a vote of thanks for chairman for presiding

G Franklin Chairman Oct 28th 1931

Oct.14.1931 The Annual General meeting of the Village Hall Club was held on Wednesday Oct. 14th 1931 at 8 p.m.
The Rev Surridge in the chair
The minutes of the last Annual Meeting was read and passed as correct
It was proposed by Mr. Bergh seconded by Mr. Haylock that the Vicar be re-elected as President for the coming year this being carried unanimously
The next item on the agenda was the election of secretary or secretaries in place of present secretaries who did not wish to be re-elected After several propositions of various members neither of whom wished to be elected it was proposed to adjourn the meeting for one week in the hope that the members would do their uttermost in bringing forward someone to fill the vacancy as the club could not continue without a secretary
The secretary was asked to write the Vice Presidents of the Village Hall Club expressing the desire of the members for their attendance at the meeting which would be most appreciated the being carried unanimously

F H Surridge Oct.21/31

Oct.21.1931 Minutes of Second General Meeting held in the Village Hall on October 21st 1931 at 7 O'clock p.m.

The Rev Surridge was in the chair

There was a poor attendance of some fifteen members.

As no one else was willing to take on the secretaryship and the club was in danger of closing down, Mr. R. Sage & Mr. E.G.S. Smallwood said that they would be willing to undertake the task this was proposed by F. Sandford and seconded by J. Pearce and carried

A vote of thanks to the late secretaries was carried unanimously. The late secretaries should receive the same honourarium of 50/- each as was the custom. Both secretaries offered to forego this, however on being pressed to accept it by Mr. G. Smallwood & Mr. G. Franklin and the whole meeting they agreed to accept it.

The Late Committee was re-elected:-

Mr. C. Franklin	Mr. R.G. Butters	Mr. G. Franklin
Mr. J. Aylett	Mr. R.W. Ripley	Mr. A Francis Senior
Mr. E. Barrett	Mr. G. Haylock	Mr. G. Palmer
Mr. G. Reynolds	Mr. L. Harling	Mr. H. Harvey
Mr. E. Bergh		

New members elected were:-

Merrs H. Dixon	Proposed J. Pearce	Secd. G. Smallwood
G. Dixon	Proposed T. Pearce	Secd H. Dixon
W. Allen	Proposed E. Bergh	Secd T. Pearce
E. Sandford	Proposed E. Bergh	Secd T. Pearce

The Auditors were re-elected

Prop E. Bergh secd T. Pearce

A suggestion to increase the elder members subscriptions to 4/6 did not find favour

The subscription to be the same for 1931-2 as in the previous year:-

16 years & over4/-

14 years to 16 years.2/-

For anyone residing over one & a half miles from the Hall to be 2/6

It was decided to join the Billiard League Prop T Pearce secd F.

Sandford

It was decided that Mr. Watson's remuneration as caretaker should be increased to £20 which it used to be Prop G. Haylock Secd E. Bergh

A committee meeting was fixed for 7.0 p.m. Wednesday October 28th

Unsigned

Oct.28.1931 A Committee meeting was held on Wednesday October 28th 1931 at 7.p.m.
Mr. Franklin in the chair
Ten members of the committee were present
The minutes of the last meeting were read & passed correct
It was stated that the summer billiard handicap was a failure
It was decided to hold another billiard handicap beginning in a fortnight's time
It was also decided that whist drives should be held once a fortnight beginning on Wednesday November 11th. The entrance fee to be sixpence per head
Prop G. Franklin Sec E. Sandford
Mr. H. Dixon proposed that the Club should hold an Xmas Draw this year. This was carried unanimously and was left in the hands of Messrs Allen, H. Dixon & the secretaries. The price of the tickets was fixed at 3^d each
It was decided that a dance should be held on December 12th. It was suggested that the "Mascot Dance Band" should provide the music for £2.10.0. The price of tickets should be 1/6 each.
Prop E. Bergh Sec H. Dixon
November 27th was suggested as the date for the first of two social evenings with the mens club Newport. Sixpence a head would be the charge for members. Mr. R. Sage agreed to make the necessary arrangements
With regard to the Billiard League the names of players suggested for registration were :-
Messrs E. Bergh, W. Barker, H. Dixon, E. Sandford, G. Reynolds, C. Franklin, R. Dixon, L. Harling, A. Dixon, L. Dixon.
(Two more players to be chosen later)
It was left to the Secs to make arrangements about motors

W. Allen 12/11/31

Nov.12.1931 A Committee meeting was held on Thursday Nov 12th 1931 at 7 p.m. Mr, Allen was in the chair. There were ten members present Messrs W. Reynolds & Hodgkiss were added to the list of Players to be registered for the Billiard League

It was decided that the return date for a social evening with Newport should be fixed when they come to Elsenham on the 27th November Mr. Allen agreed to see Mr. Byford again about the Dance Band. Mr. Ripley kindly accepted the job of M.C. for the evening. A Dancing Competition was timed to be held at 10.30 Mr. Sage agreed to ask Mr. & Mrs Jack to judge.

Messrs R. Sage , G. Reynolds and Dixon offered their services at Doorkeepers. Mr. Allen said he would see about getting a roll of tickets and also 25 copies of Bills for the dance. Mr. Sage would arrange about the Floor Polish.

The secretaries were left to get four 2/6 prizes for the competition to be presented free if possible.

It was proposed by Mr. E. Bergh and seconded by Mr. Ripley that there should be one glass for the Ladies Cloakroom

Mr. Allen agreed to get some Bills made for the Whist Drives

It was suggested that Mrs. Jack as President of the Women's Institute should be approached by Mr. Smallwood about a new dust sheet for the Big Billiard Table.

Mr. Sage said he would get some forms for the Billiard Handicap

It was decided to order 6 selected Ash Cues from Messrs Burroughs & Watts Ltd. 2-18oz – 2 -17oz – and 2-16oz at 38/- per ½ dozen

It was suggested that the Pictures should be put up in the Hall again

The question of the Dangerous and unhomely lighting of th Village Hall was discussed. It was decided to approach the Parish Council again about it. The Secretaries were asked to write to the Council to suggest that glass globes should be put over the unprotected flares. This would mean buying new fittings for the jets. It was suggested that the cost should be met out of the rent which is paid for the Hall

F. H. Surridge Dec 16/31

Dec. ? 1931 A Committee meeting of the Village Hall Club was held on
 Tues ? Dec 1931
 14 members were present
 At the Rev F Surridges's request Mr. T. Smallwood took the chair
 The question of the Xmas Draw was discussed. It was stated that one
 thousand tickets had been sold.
 The secretaries were authorised to spen £5 on expenses and prizes
 This was proposed by G. Franklin and seconded by H. Dixon.
 The expenses were estimated at £1. The remaining £4, it was decided
 were to be divided as follows:-
 Mr. R. Sage was authorised to spend up to 25/-^s on a turkey
 2 half bottles of whiskey at 13/-
 Prop. G. Franklin sec W. Allen
 2 boxes of chocolates at 3/6 each
 Prop W. Allen
 2 Bottles of Port at 3/6 each
 Prop R. Butters
 4 Boxes of 50 cigarettes at 2/6 each
 Prop G. Franklin
 1 Xmas cake at 4/-
 Prop W. Allen
 Mr. E. Barrett agreed to get seven 2/- prizes
 It was proposed by G. Franklin and seconded by H. Dixon that all
 books of tickets should be given in by 10 p.m. on Saturday Dec 19th
 It was decided that the Draw should be held in the village hall on
 Tuesay Dec 22nd beginning at 7 p.m. in the presence of anyone who
 cares to come
 It was proposed by H. Dixon and seconded by E. Bergh that the Draw
 should be made by means of two buckets or tins. In the one there
 would be 1000 numbered tickets and in the other 1000 plain tickets
 with the exception of the few marked with winning prizes.
 The following kindly offered to make plain tickets:-
 Messrs E. Bergh 500 H. Dixon 200 R. Sage 100 G. Franklin 100
 E. Sandford 100
 The following kindly gave prizes:-
 Miss Claden & Miss Hawley 1 chicken
 Mr. Dan Wilson 1 bottle whiskey 1 bottle port
 Mr. W. Mumford brace of rabbits
 Mr. Guy Smallwood 1 Pheasant 1 Hare Brace rabbits
 Mr. E. Barrett Cheeses
 Mrs Segar 1 box 50 cigarettes
 Mrs Jack China Vase
 Mr. H. Thomas 1 box of chocolates

F H Surridge Jan 8/32

Jan.8.1932 A Committee meeting of the Village hall Club was held at 7.pm. on Friday January 8th 1932
The Rev, F.H. Surridge was in the chair
Fourteen members including the secretaries were present
A vote of thanks to those who gave prizes for the Xmas Draw was proposed by Mr. Butters and sec by Mr. Aylett and carried unanimously
After considerable discussion it was proposed the Mr. Butters & Sec by Mr. Bergh that the secretaries should arrange about the fee which Mrs Watson (the caretaker) must pay Messrs Barker and Pearce for seeing to the lighting during Mr Watson's illness. It was pointed out that it was really the caretakers business to arrange for the lighting in the event of their illness. The fee suggested was to be in the neighbourhood of five shillings.
Mr. E. Bergh proposed and Mr. G. Franklin secd that a new set of light shades should be purchased for the Billiard Table at 30/- per set of six
A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Butters and secd by Mr. C. Franklin to Miss Orger and Mrs Smallwood for making and giving the cloth of the new cover for the Billiard Table
With regard to the condition of the Hall it was suggested that Green's Stansted Furnishing Company should be approached about the cost of cleaning the interior and also about the cost of curtains for the windows
The question of the Billiard Handicap was discussed. It was proposed that Messrs H. Dixon C. Franklin, T. Pearce and the secretaries should arrange the Handicap. The entrance fee was fixed at sixpence and fourpence per hour of playing would be the charges. A time limit of three weeks was decided. It would be run strictly in accordance with the rules of the Billiard handicap, the present rles were allowed to stand. Prizes were fixed at first prize 10/- second 6/- and third 4/-
Mr. C. Franklin proposed that another dance should be held as the last was so successful . This was carried unanimously and it was left to the secretaries to fix a suitable date.

Unsigned

Oct.17.1932 Elsenham Village Hall Club

The Annual General Meeting for the year commencing in Oct was held on Monday Oct. 17 1932

Mr. Allen in the chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and it was proposed by G Haylock and Seconded Mr. J. Aylett that they be passed as correct

The balance sheet was then read and it was proposed E. Bergh and seconded H. Dixon it be signed as correct

Here the two joint secretaries Mr. E. G. S. Smallwood and Mr. R. Sage said they wished to resign their posts and after considerable discussion H. Dixon was proposed by Mr. G. Haylock and Seconded by Mr. J. Aylett.

Mr. Allen said he would help the new secretary all he could and said he thought the method of keeping the accounts needed reorganising and that he and the Secretary would try to do this.

It was proposed Mr. E. Bergh and Sec Mr. E. Sandford that the present auditors be re-elected and a vote of thanks be recorded for their previous good work.

The committee being next on the agenda it was generally thought that this should be voluntary the volunteers being

Messrs	G. Reynolds	G. Haylock	U Hodgekiss
	L. Harling	J. Aylett	G. Dixon
	G. Franklin	E. Bergh	F. Harling
	C. Sandford	E. Sandford	M. Dixon
	W. Reynolds	J. Sandford	R. Dixon
	H. Harvey	R. W. Ripley	

(Though absent R.R. Butters & H. Butters J. Pearce were added)

It was proposed Mr. Bergh that a souvenir be given to Mr. Smallwood in recognition of the good work he rendered the club during the previous year and in coming forward as he did when no other Secretary was forthcoming and also the Mr. Sage's honourarium be made up to 50/- as it had been before. This was Seconded by M. Dixon and carried unanimously

It was proposed by G. Reynolds and Seconded by R. Dixon that all subscriptions remain as previous.

It was decided that the club should again enter the billiard tournament for the Cawkell Cup the Secretary was asked to arrange this

Mr. Haylock proposed and was seconded by Mr. Aylett that the Parish Council be approached with the view of repairing the Hall as the roof leaked rather badly in places and a number of windows were cracked or broken.

In being proposed Mr. M. Dixon agreed to deliver the evening paper at the same rate 2/- per quarter

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting

Frank W. Cobb Chairman 21.10.1932

Oct.21.1932 A Committee meeting was held on Friday Oct. 26 1932
 On being proposed by Mr. Haylock and Seconded by Mr. Allen the new
 vicar the Rev. F. Cobb consented to take the chair. He pointed out that
 as he was unfamiliar with the Hall and its affairs he must be forgiven in
 asking for occasional explanation.
 First on the agenda being sixpenny whist drives it was proposed by Mr.
 Bergh and Seconded by Mr. R. Butters that they should again be given
 a trial the date for the first one to be arranged later.
 It was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and Seconded by Mr. G. Reynolds
 The Billiard handicap be again run under the usual rules and that the
 entrance fee be as previously 6^d. It was proposed by Mr. Haylock and
 seconded by Mr. H. Butters that a committee of three be formed to run
 the handicap Mr. Hodgekiss Mr. G. Reynolds & Mr. C. Sandford being
 elected and carried unanimously
 Regarding the Social evenings with Newport It was proposed by
 Mr. H. Butters and Seconded by Mr. G. Reynolds as they seemed to
 have been much appreciated during past years they should again be
 arranged. It was considered that the dates for same should be left to
 the Secretary
 It was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and Seconded by Mr. Sandford that
 a working committee be formed. This was duly elected in following
 order

Mr. G. Reynolds	Pro Mr. R Dixon	Sec Mr. M Dixon
Mr. E. Bergh	Pro Mr. R. Butters	Sec U Butters
Mr. H. Harvey	Pro Mr. H. Dixon	Sec Mr. R. Dixon
Mr. J. Pearce	Pro Mr. R. Butters	Sec Mr. U. Butters
Mr. R. Butters	Pro Mr. Bergh	Sec Mr. U. Butters
Mr. A. Allen	Pro Mr. U. Butters	Sec Mr. Haylock
Mr. G. Franklin	Pro Mr. Ripley	Sec Mr. R. Butters

Carried unanimously
 It was left to the Secretary to see Mr. Barker about terms for
 conveyance to away Billiard matches
 It was proposed by Mr. Bergh and Seconded by Mr. R. Butters that a
 table which had become broken while lent to the Flower Show should
 be repaired the expense to be sent to the Flower Show Sec.
 The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding
 this terminating the meeting.

(Signed) F. W. Cobb 4 April 1933

Apr.4.1933 A Committee meeting was held on April 4 with the Rev. Cobb in the chair
Arrangement for a dance being first on the agenda and after considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr. Haylock and Seconded by Mr. G. Reynolds that Whit Monday seemed about the only good date left as this was also the day of the fete however the secretary was advised to see Mr. Wilson so as to avoid any inconvenience that might be caused by arranging for the dance with the nursing association committee in ignorance.
A letter from the British Oxygen Co. being read it was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and Seconded by Mr. Haylock that the letter which dealt with question of having the lighting system overhauled be forwarded to the Parish Council
An invitation to affiliate to Essex Rural Community Council was then read and it was finally Pro. By Mr. Haylock and Sec. by Mr. Allen that the club affiliate itself to it, as to them it seemed that the Council could advise and help in almost any difficulty. The fee for affiliation was 10/6 per Annum
As it had not been possible to arrange for dances conveniently on account of the dates being booked so early by others It was suggested a meeting should be held in September for the purpose of arranging the winter program. The secretary was asked to settle an account which was still owing from previous season for a motor conveyance to Newport
A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Hodgekiss for giving a fourth prize to the billiards handicap.
Mr. Haylock proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding this terminating the meeting.

F.W.Cobb Chairman 21 Apr. 1933

Apr.21.1933 Minutes of a meeting held April 21 1933 with the Rev. F.W. Cobb in the chair

It was proposed that the suggested dance for Whit Monday be cancelled as the Secretary has= seen Mr, Wilson and found that the nursing association committee considered it unwise to run the dance for the evenings at that time of the year were light until ten o'clock and with the dance starting about eight it was almost sure that it would effect their takings considerably.

The selection of a member to represent the club at a meeting of Essex Rural Community Council was next on the agenda

On being proposed the vicar said he would do this willingly but the one difficulty was getting to Chelmsford where the meeting was to be held.

After considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr. Haylock and Seconded by Mr. R. Butters that the Secretary should approach Mr. Hodgkiss and inquire if it would be possible for him to take the vicar over in his car the club of course would be pleased to meet expenses. The Chairman was thanked for presiding and the meeting here concluded.

F. W. Cobb 5 May 1933

May.25.1933 A Committee meeting was held on May 25th with the Rev. F.W. Cobb presiding.

The meeting was called to discuss the question of allowing the use of hall for cricket Club teas. It was proposed by Mr. U. Butters and Seconded by Mr. G. Reynolds that the Cricket Club be allowed use of same providing they were prepared to meet all breakages and to leave Hall in good order. Carried unanimously

It was proposed by Mr. R, Butters and Seconded by Mr. J. Pearce that the annual donation of 10/- received from the Cricket Club should raised to £1 as it was in there opinion offering them considerable advantage over their old system Carried Unanimously

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and seconded by Mr. U. Butters to Mr. Hodgkiss for very kindly offering to convey the Vicar to the meeting of Essex Rural Community Council which was being held at Chelmsford.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding ended a successful meeting

F.W. Cobb 12 Oct. 1933

Oct.12.1933 The General Meeting ending Season 1933 was held on Thursday Oct 12th 1933

The balance sheet showed a credit balance £29 and was considered very satisfactory by all present

A Honourarium of £5 pounds was made to the Secretary and he was also thanked for the service he had rendered the Club.

The secretary then said that he wished to resign as he lived rather a long way from the Hall it made it awkward for him to keep in as close a touch as he would like to. However as no one was forthcoming he under pressure again consented to act for the Coming Season.

It was proposed Mr. E. Bergh & Sec Mr. J. Pearce that the Chairman again continue his services and a vote of thanks was cordially given him for the past.

Pro Sec. H. Starling that the working committee be re-elected en block. Carr. Unan

It was also pro R. Butters Seconded H. Starling that the full committee be re-elected en block Carr. Unan.

It was also agreed that same auditors Mr. E. Barrett and Mr. W. Allen though they were not there be re-elected this being also carried unanimously

When the question of the condition of the Hall and lighting plant came it was Pr. E. Bergh Sen. And Sec. E. Bergh Jun. that a number of the Hall committee should attend a Parish Council meeting and endeavour to find some solution with them. It was proposed that the following should attend this meeting.

Messrs H. Dixon, E. Bergh, R.W. Ripley, R. Butters, & H. Hodhkiss they agreeing carried unanimously

It was pro. Mr. J. Pearce Sec Mr. R.W. Ripley that an estimate should be obtained from the Electricity Co. stating about how much it would cost to have the electric lighting laid on the hall. Carr.

Mr. Ripley pointed out however that if we had this done at our expense we should have to make an alteration in the charge for lighting at dances and that it would probably effect the Council's charges as well

It was decided that no dances should be arranged for at the present for the hall seemed to be booked for several dances before Xmas.

Mr. Dixon kindly offered to deliver the Evening paper at the same rate for the coming year as previously

It was pro R. Butters & Sec G. Reynolds that members subscriptions should continue at the rate Carr. Unan.

The Secretary thanked all members for assisting the Club as they had in disposing of the football competition cards a scheme which had so far made the handsome profit of £5.10.0.

It was proposed R. Butters and Seconded J. Pearce that the sixpenny Whist Drives be again held the starting date being fixed for Wednesday Oct. 25th It was pro J Pearce and Sec. G. Haylock that a first prize of 10/- be offered and that this should be shown on especially printed posters

It was pro R. W. Ripley & Sec R. Butters that an estimate be obtained for the price of having the small billiard table fitted with new cushions and cloth.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the Meeting.

F.W. Cobb 18 Oct. 1933

Oct.18.1933 Minutes of Committee meeting held Oct.18 1933

First on the agenda was a suggestion from the Mothers Union that the charge of 8^d per hour made by the Club for fires at their meetings should be reduced if possible

After discussion it was Pro R. Butters & Sec H. Butters that the charge should remain at 8^d for Mr. Butters pointed that it was not one hours fire that had to be considered for the fire was lighted a considerable time in advance of their meeting to warm the room the 8^d also included the use of both lights and piano

The Secretary said he thought a 10/- prize was rather too much for a sixpenny Whist Drive and as Mr. Pearce was quite willing to recind his proposition which he made at the previous meeting, he Pro that the drives should commence as last year and if it was thought fit they could make any alteration later this was Sec Mr. R. Butters and carried Unan. Regarding a suggested free night to non-members Mr. Ripley Pro. That all amusements should be brought up to date first and then this could be given a fair trial this was Se. R. Butters and carried Unanimously It was Pro. E. Bergh Sec. R. W. Ripley that a new dart board be obtained also that the Ping Pong set be renovated

It was Pro. J. Pearce Sec G. Reynolds that a guard of some sort should be placed in front of the fire while ping pong was being played as a number of balls had been lost that way in previous years Carr. Unan.

F.W. Cobb 1 Nov. 1933

Nov.15.1933 A Committee meeting was held on Nov.15 with the Rev Cobb in the chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed as correct

- (1) First on the agenda was the repairing of the small billiard table and after considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr. E. Bergh and Seconded by Mr. R. Butters that as this seemed to be such an expensive undertaking it was in their opinion the wisest course to concentrate on the large table and have this properly repaired first.
- (2) The Secretary then asked what he was to charge for tables and cards used at Whist Drives held in the Hall and it was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and Seconded Mr. Pearce that a charge of 2^d per table and 1^d per pack of cards used. Carr. Unan.

Next was the question of a Xmas Draw here the chairman said he could not see his way to support this movement as he so far had never upheld any game of chance. With a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding the meeting ended.

R. G. Butters 18/12/33

18.Dec.1933 A Committee meeting was held on Dec. 18th 1933

In the absence of the Rev. Cobb Mr. R. Butters was elected as chairman

- (1) The estimate for installation of electric lighting was first on the agenda and on being read it was generally thought that it was too expensive and it was Pro. Mr. Bergh and sec. Mr. H. Butters a further estimate from Johnson of Stansted be obtained. Carr.
- (2) As the lighting plant did not seem to be working at all well it was Pro. Mr. H. Butters and Sec. Mr. Bergh that Mr. A. Dixon be asked to inspect same and pass his views on the matter.

Next came the question of the Xmas Draw and it was Pro. Mr. H. Butters and sec. Mr. Pearce that it should be arranged along the same lines as the Club's previous Draws (Carr. Unanimously)
The Sec thanked the Chairman for presiding terminating the meeting

(Signed) F.W. Cobb 23 Feby. 1934

Feb.23.1934 A Committee meeting was held on Friday Feb. 23 1934 with the Rev. Cobb presiding

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed as correct

First on the agenda was the question of electricity the secretary laid three estimates before the meeting and after considerable discussion it was Pro. R. Butters and sec. Mr. Bergh that it would in their opinion be better if the matter was held over for the time being as the Parish Council was on the point of being re-elected Carr. Unan.

Regarding renovating of large billiard the secretary showed an estimate from Riley Co. and it was Pro. H. Butters and Sec. Mr. Hodgkiss it would be as well to get another from Burroughs and Watts so as to get a comparison Carr. Unan.

The secretary then asked what was to be charged for light and firing used during services held in the hall while the church was under repair and it was Pro. Mr. Bergh Sec. Mr. R. Butters that they would be pleased if the Vicar would except this as the Clubs donation to the church roof fund Carr. Unan.

It was pointed out that the crockery owned by the was gradually diminishing owing to breakages &c. and it was Pro. Mr. H. Butters and Sec. Mr. G. Reynolds that the secretary and caretaker get what they thought was necessary Carr. Unanimously

With a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting closed

F.W. Cobb 3 May 1934

May 3 1934 A committee meeting was held on the 3rd May 1934
The Rev. F.W. Cobb presiding
This meeting was called today for the purpose of arranging for the
repairing of the large billiard table
After considerable discussion it was Pro R.W. Ripley and Sec R
Butters that the table should be fitted with a Burroughs & Watts Eureka
cloth, and that the cushions be completely renovated by the same firm
their estimate for this work being about £25. After that ½ dozen plain
ash cues be obtained the secretary being asked to get a price list of
same. Carr. Unanimously
A vote of thanks to the chairman ended the meeting

R.W. Ripley Oct 11th 1934

Oct.11.1934 The Annual General Meeting of the Club for the year 1933-4 was held on Wednesday Oct. 11th at 7.30 p.m. Mr. R.W. Ripley occupying the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman the Rev. F. W. Cobb who arrived later and expressed his regret at being absent earlier The minutes of the last committee meeting were read and passed as correct

The balance sheet for the year 1933-4 was then read approved and signed as correct.

It was proposed by Mr. H. Butters and seconded by Mr. R. Butters that the Rev. F.W. Cobb be re-elected to continue his services as chairman of the Club Carried Unanimously

On the proposition of Mr. G. Haylock seconded by Mr. E. Bergh, Mr. R.W. Ripley was appointed vice-chairman

A cordial vote of thanks to the secretary Mr. H. Dixon was carried unanimously on his intimating his wish to resign and an honourarium of £5 was also voted him unanimously

Mr. H. Hodgkiss was then proposed by Mr. G. Haylock as secretary. Responding Mr. H. Hodgkiss stated that though he could hardly accept this proposal he was quite willing to help subject to reservations. Mr. E. Bergh Jnr. Was then nominated as joint secretary and mutual agreement being reached after Mr. Hodgkiss had stated that his reservations included the Christmas Draw and soliciting patronage , a proposition that Mr. H. Hodgkiss and Mr. E. Bergh Jnr. Be appointed honorary joint secretaries made by Mr. R. Dixon was seconded by Mr. J. Pearce and carried

It was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and seconded by Mr. J. Pearce that Messrs E.Bergh, R. Butters, J. Aylett, H. Butters, H. Dixon, C. Sandford, M. Dixon, G. Reynolds, A. Sandford, W.Reynolds, J. Robinson Jnr, J. Bergh, Herbert Dixon, W. Allen, J. Harvey, & E., Barrett be elected to form a committee.

With the exception of Mr. J. Franklin and Mr. J. Pearce the working committee of the previous year was elected en bloc on the proposition of the Rev. F.W. Cobb seconded by Mr. R. Butters

It was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and seconded by Mr. G. Reynolds that the subscription remain as previously to be paid within one month of the date of the Annual General Meeting

It was proposed by Mr. J. Peace and seconded by Mr. E. Sandford that the caretaker continue to be employed at the same rate

It was proposed that the club enter the Billiards League for the Cawkell cup. Carried unanimously

A vote of thanks to Mr. R.W. Ripley proposed by the Rev. F.W. Cobb for presiding in his absence terminated the meeting

F.W. Cobb Chairman 17.10.1935

Oct.18.1934 A committee meeting was held on Thursday Oct. 18th Mr. R.W. Ripley presiding
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed as correct
First on the agenda came the evening paper. Mr. A. Sandford agreed to deliver this in place of Mr. M. Dixon who was unable to continue
The two honorary secretaries Mr. H. Dixon Mr. C. Sandford and Mr. A Sandford were unanimously elected to form a Billiards committee, to which committee it was decided to leave the selection and registration of players for the Billiards League
It was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and seconded by Mr. A. Sandford to have a billiards ladder. Carried
It was decided to give the same prizes in the Billiards Handicap as in the previous year
Mr. W. Reynolds proposed and Mr. R. Butters seconded that the service of Mr. W. Barker be continued re conveyance for matches. Carried unanimously
Regarding dances the hon secretaries were asked to enquire if these could be booked and if so to arrange one before Christmas and one after, Mr. E. Bergh Senr. To be M.C. and Mr. R. W. Ripley also to assist
A Dance Committee was elected as follows:- the two hon secretaries, Mr. H. Dixon, Mr. E. Bergh Senr., Mr. M. Dixon, and Mr. J. Harvey
It was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and seconded by Mr. I. Bergh that a Ping Pong tournament be held, the entrance fee to be 3^d and the money thus raised to form the prizes. Carried
It was decided that the hon. Secretaries write to Messrs Burroughs & Watts, Riley and Jelks with a view to purchasing a small second-hand billiards table.
By the proposition of Mr. R. Butters seconded by Mr. E. Bergh Senr. It was decided that letters be written to R.S. Tosworthy ? Esq and Commander Carr inviting them to become Vice Presidents of the club and to Messrs L.C. Foster, W. Tee, G. Wilson, Britten H. Thomas, Knappett G. Waterman, P. Robinson J. Bourne and H. Bailey inviting them to join and patronise the club
It was decided that the whole committee should hold itself responsible for the successful working of the whist drives to be held fortnightly commencing Oct. 31st.

Unsigned

Nov. 2.1934 A General Meeting of the club was held on Friday the 2nd November 1934, the Rev. F.W. Cobb presiding, for the purpose of electing an honorary joint-secretary on the resignation of Mr. E. Bergh Jnr. It was proposed by Mr. E. Bergh Jnr and seconded by Mr. H. Dixon that Mr. C. Sandford be appointed. This was carried unanimously and Mr. H. Hodgkiss expressed his warm appreciation of Mr. C. Sandford's having come forward, following a vote of thanks to the retiring hon. Secretary. A vote of thanks to the Rev. F.W. Cobb for presiding was proposed by the same speaker and terminated the meeting

H. Dixon Dec. 14/34

Dec.14.1934 A General meeting was held Dec. 14 1934, the meeting was called to find a successor to Mr. Hodgkiss as assistant secretary. The meeting was very poorly attended and in the absence of the chairman the Rev. F. W. Cobb it was proposed by Mr. Hodgkiss and Seconded by Mr. A. Sandford that H. Dixon should take the chair
After considerable discussion and several propositions, it was Pro by Mr. G. Haylock and Sec. by Mr. G. Reynolds that A. Dixon should carry on the assistant Secretaryship indefinitely he agreeing to do so until another could be found was carried unanimously
Mr. C. Sandford here thanked H. Dixon for agreeing to become his assistant and said he thought they would be able to carry on as before
It was proposed by Mr. A. Sandford and Seconded by Mr. H. Hodgkiss that Mr. E. Bergh (Junior) should be elected on the committee this was carried unanimously
The secretary said that he had not had sufficient help with the refreshments at the 6^d Whist Drives held to date Mr. A. Sandford and Mr. E. Bergh Jun. volunteered to help and it was proposed by Mr. Hodgkiss and Seconded by Mr. A. Sandford that the committee should make definite arrangements for assistance at each whist drive regarding refreshments
A vote of thanks Proposed by H. Dixon to the retiring secretary terminated the meeting

F.W. Cobb Chairman 23 May 1935

May 23.1935 A Committee meeting was held May 23 1935 with the Rev. Cobb in the chair

The minutes of the previous General Meeting were read and confirmed as correct

Mr. R. Butters said he wished to propose a vote of thanks to H. Dixon for carrying on the assistant secretaryship after the unavoidable resignation of Mr. Hodgkiss Mr. H. Butters seconded this.

The question of the installation of electric lighting in the hall was first on the agenda and this was carefully discussed and it was finally proposed by Mr. R. Butters and Seconded by Mr. A. Sandford the estimate submitted by the North Met. Electric Power Co. be excepted on being put the meeting this was carried unanimously

As the estimate did not include the lighting of kitchen coal place E.T.C. it was proposed by Mr. H. Butters and Seconded by Mr. A. Sandford that all additional lamps should be fitted at the time of the main installation so as to avoid any further bother this was carried unan.

The secretary then asked if it was the committee's wish that the Club remain a member of Essex Rural Community Council. Mr. R. Butters said that as it was only a matter of 10/6 a year and that membership to the said Council might prove both useful and helpful he would like to propose that the Club remain a member to it this was seconded by W. Reynolds and carried unan.

Regarding the condition of the small billiard table it was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and seconded by Mr. M. Dixon that the secretaries should write to various firms for prices of second hand tables of that size this was carried unan.

The secretary thanked Mr. Lodge who had come to the meeting to assist and advise in the discussion of the Electricity estimates and with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding a successful meeting closed.

R. G. Butters Oct. 21st 1935

Oct.17.1935 The General Meeting for the year 1935-36 was held on Oct.17 1935 with a good attendance the Rev. F.W. Cobb occupying the chair The minutes of the previous General Meeting were read and confirmed as correct

The reading of the Balancing sheet followed and it was Pro Mr. R. Butters and Seconded Mr. G. Haylock that this should be passed as showing a correct record of the Clubs finance this was carried unanimously

It was also Pro by Mr. R. Butters and Seconded by Mr. G. Haylock that the honorarium of £5 should be made to the Secretaries as had been the custom in many years previous. Carr. Unan.

With the election of officers next on the agenda it was Pro Mr. R. Butters and Seconded Mr. J. Haylock that the Rev. F.W. Cobb should continue as chairman of the Club he agreeing was Carried Unanimously

It was Pro. Mr. T. Pearce and Seconded Mr. A. Sandford that the auditors Mr. Allen and Mr. Barrett be re-elected and thanked for their services during past year Carr. Unan.

It was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and Seconded by Mr. G. Reynolds that the joint Secretaries Mr. H. Dixon and Mr. C. Sandford continued their services and also thanked for their work for the Club in the past. Carr. Unan.

It was pointed out that a Vice Chairman was also needed as there were times when the Chairman was unable to attend, and it was Proposed by Mr. J. Haylock and Seconded by Mr. G, Reynolds that Mr. R. Butters be asked he accepting was Carried Unanimously.

It was Pro. By Mr. R. Butters and Seconded by Mr. T. Pearce that the old committee be re-elected en block this was Carried Unan.

It was pointed out that as several members of the old committee had left the neighbourhood it would be necessary to elect some fresh ones to make the committee the same strength as before.

It was Pro. Mr. J. Haylock and Seconded by Mr. G. Reynolds that Mr. P. Herrington

Pro. Mr. R. Butters and Seconded Mr. W. Reynolds Mr. R. Robinson and Proposed by Mr. H. Dixon and Seconded by Mr. A. Sandford that Mr. T. Pearce become members of the committee agreeing they were carried unanimously

It was Proposed by Mr. R. Butters and Seconded by Mr. T. Pearce that the committee members attendances at meetings should be recorded as it had been known in the past for many meetings to be very poorly attended.

It was Proposed by Mr. R. Butters and seconded by Mr. G. Reynolds that the members scriptions remain at 4/- 2/6 and 2/- as they had for several years previous and to be paid not later than Nov. 30 Carried Unan.

It was Proposed by Mr. R. Robinson and Seconded by Mr. P. Herrington that it should be made possible for a would be member to pay two half yearly payments of 2/6 as this would not only help those who could not afford 4/- by Nov. 30 but would be much more fair to a new ? who might wish to join during the summer. Carr. Unan.

Oct.21. 1935 The First committee meeting of the 1935-6 was held on Monday Oct. 21 1935 and in the absence of the Rev. F. W. Cobb Mr. Butters took the chair

The question of additional electric lights which were still needed came first, and after some discussion it was Proposed by Mr. H. Butters and Seconded by T. Pearce the required lamps be fitted as it would be very inconvenient to run a dance or anything else without them. Carr. Unan. Next the question of shades for the lights already installed it was Proposed by Mr. R. Butters and Seconded by Mr. R. Robinson that as Mr. Barrett had already given a donation towards these it was in their opinion that the shades be purchased as suggested by him. Carried Unanimously

Then came the estimates for the purchase of a small billiard table, and it was proposed by Mr. H. Butters and Seconded by Mr. G. Reynolds that the Secretary write and inquire of the tables No. 6 and No. 7 in the estimate supplied by W. Jelks & Son and ascertain whether they would allow anything on the old table which in any case would have to be got out of the way so as to make room for the next. Carried Unanimously

It was Proposed by Mr. P. Herrington and Seconded by Mr. A. Sandford that a Xmas Draw should be arranged for. Carr. Unan.

It was Proposed by Mr. T. Pearce and Seconded by Mr. M. Dixon that the Parish Council be approached with the object of having the three gas brackets removed which were now useless and in the way. Carried Unanimously

Next came the question of the sixpenny Whist Drives and after considerable discussion it was Pro by P. Herrington and Sec by T. Pearce to have them not on a Thursday as decided at the general meeting but on Tuesdays fortnightly commencing Oct 29 at 7.45 p.m. Carr. Unan.

It was Proposed by Mr. R. Robinson and Seconded by Mr. P. Herrington that as a certain person caused some unpleasantness at the sixpenny Drives during the past he should if he still persisted in this behaviour be asked to stay away. Carried Unanimously

It was Proposed by Mr. P. Herrington and seconded Mr. J. Robinson a guessing competition in the way of cutting the cards on ten tables a the 6^d Drives be given a trial Carr. Unan.

It was Proposed by Mr. H. Butters and Seconded by Mr. G. Reynolds that a dance should be arranged for, for the benefit of the Club, and the date of November 16th was suggested for this. Mr. J. Robinson said he would approach the Don Barry Dance Band in connection with this a Dance Committee was drawn up comprising R. Robinson, J. Robinson, W. Reynolds, G. Reynolds, M. Dixon and the two Secretaries. It was also suggested that Mr. E.T. Dodd be approached with the view of arranging for him to be Master of ceremonies at the said dance. Thanks to the Chairman for presiding terminated the meeting.

F.W. Cobb Chairman 30 Oct.1935

Oct.30.1935 A Committee meeting was held on Oct 30 1935 with the Rev. Cobb in the chair
The chief item on the agenda being the purchase of a small billiard table. The Secretary showed a letter from W. Jilks and Sons showing that the tables of which inquiries had been made were sold and it was suggested by the said firm that it was in their opinion that the tables applied for would not suit our purpose so well as an 8ft table and they recommended No. 3 on their specification. As this specification had been sent back to the firm with the inquiries for the tables mentioned it was decided that the Secretary must write and ask for its return so that the price and other details might be known.
It was Pro by Mr. R. Butters and seconded by Mr. T. Pearce that a billiard Handicap should be arranged along the same lines as previous years a sub committee comprising Mr. G. Reynolds Mr. A. Sandford and the two secretaries were selected to arrange this. As there seemed some difficulty in getting a date on which to arrange for a dance it was Pro by Mr. R. Butters and Sec. by Mr. H. Butters that it should be left to the Secretaries to book a convenient date as soon as one was going so as to save time as this was how dances in aid of the club had been lost in the past.
Thanks were recorded to the chairman for attending as it was only at the last moment that he knew of the meeting

F.W. Cobb 5. Nov. 1935

Nov.5.1935 A Committee meeting was held on Nov. 5th 1935 the Rev. Cobb presiding
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed as correct
The question of a small billiard table being again the main item for discussion The Secretary showed the returned specification from W. Jilks & Sons showing that the table suggested by them was an 8ft long by 4ft wide and priced at £21.10.0. It was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and Seconded by Mr. P. Herrington that this table be bought in part exchange for the Club old one. Carried Unanimously
Also that an order be placed with the same firm for the stretching of the cloth on the large billiard table so that this might be done at the same time as the delivery of the new table.
As there seemed to be no dances booked by neighbouring halls on December 21 it was decided to arrange for one in aid of the club on that date
The charge for lights and fires at Political meetings was fixed at two shillings an hour

F.W. Cobb 29 Jan.1936

Jan.29.1936 A Committee meeting was held on January 29th 1936 with the Rev, F. Cobb presiding
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed as correct
First came the question of whether a reduction could be made in the charge for lights and fires used at the Horticultural Whist Drive, and after considerable discussion it was Pro P. Herrington and seconded R. Butters that they considered it only fair to all other users of the lights and fires that no reduction should be made and that they thought that a charge off 10/- for same was quite reasonable considering that it included the use of both tables and cards
The secretary said as there seemed to be a good deal of play on the small billiard table he would like to ask the meeting if they would consider running a handicap on same. It was pro by Mr. R. Butters and seconded by Mr. T. Pearce that a handicap should be arranged this was unanimously carried there should be an entry fee of 3^d and that the prizes should be 5/- 3/- 2/- with the score of 150 up was also agreed to
The Chairman very kindly offered to give the first prize of 5/- for this which was accepted with the thanks of all present
Having lost over 4/- on the last dance it was put to the meeting whether it would be worth while arranging for another, all present seemed to think that it would and it was left to the secretaries to arrange for one, if they could find a convenient date and to hire the same band if possible, a committee consisting of the two secretaries, T. Pearce, M. Dixon, R. Robinson and W. Reynolds, were selected to manage this. It was also decided to advertise same in the local paper.
It was propose by Mr. T. Pearce and seconded by Mr. R. Butters that a lamp should be fitted so that the yard of the Hall could be illuminated on dance nights or on any other special occasions also that the copper place? should be fitted with electric light. Carr. Unan
Proposed R. Butters and seconded Mr. R. Robinson that a complaint be sent to the Parish Council regarding the step to the back door of the Hall.
It was proposed Mr. P. Herrington and seconded H. Butters that Frank Robinson should be paid 2/6 for fitting the small billiard table up with a proper lighting outfit. Carr. Unan.
It was proposed Mr. R. Butters and seconded Mr. H. Butters the committee's thanks should be sent to Mr. J. Robinson for having the lamp shades over the large table painted free of charge
It was decided to record in the minutes that the cancellation of the sixpenny whist drive booked for Tuesday January 21 was in respect of the death of King George V.
It was proposed by Mr. P. Herrington and seconded Mr. T. Pearce that four new cues should be bought for use on the large billiard table Carr. Unan.

F. W. Cobb 6.Nov.1936

Oct.9.1936 The Annual General meeting was held on Friday October 9 1936 with the Rev. F.W. Cobb in the chair
The minutes of the previous year's general meeting were read and unanimously passed as correct
The balance sheet being read showed an increase of £9 which was considered very satisfactory by all in view of the heavy expenditure of the last year. It was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and seconded by Mr. T. Pearce that an honorarium of £5 should be made to the two secretaries who were thanked for their services to the Club during the last year. Carr. Unan.
It was proposed by Mr. H. Dixon and Seconded by Mr. T. Pearce that the Rev. F.W. Cobb should continue as chairman of the Club . Carr. Unan.
It was Pro by the chairman and seconded by Mr. T. Pearce that Mr. R. Butters should continue as Vice Chairman. Carr. Unan.
It was Pro. Mr. R. Butters and Seconded Mr. J. Buttle that Mr. H. Dixon and Mr. C. Sandford carry on as joint secretaries. Carr. Unan.
The Old Committee it was agreed should be re-elected en block as follows: R. Butters, J. Aylett, H. Butters, M. Dixon, G. Reynolds, A. Sandford, W. Reynolds, J. Robinson, Herbert Dixon, H. Harvey, P. Herrington, T. Pearce. To this F. Robinson Pro. T. Pearce Seconded R. Butters was added.
A vote of thanks was given to the auditors Mr. Allen and Mr. Barrett and though they were absent it was hoped that they would be able to continue their services.
It was Pro. Mr. R. Butters and Sec. Mr. A. Sandford that half yearly payments of subscriptions should be discontinued as the secretary said he had one or two members pay only one half, and there seemed to be no hope now of the other half being paid; apart from this alteration it was generally agreed that subscriptions to the Club remain as before
It was proposed Mr. R. Butters and Seconded Mr. T. Pearce that the caretakers' salary remain at £20 per annum. Carr. Unan.
Pro. Mr. Butters and seconded by Mr. W. Reynolds that the sixpenny whist drives be continued on the same lines as before and it was agreed that the date for the first one should be held on Tuesday Oct. 13.
Pro Mr. T. Pearce and seconded Mr. J. Buttle that three electric lights one over the dart board one in the yard and one in the coal place should be installed Carr. Unan.
It was proposed by Mr. M. Dixon and Seconded by Mr. J. Buttle that boxing for Club Members should be revised and this being agreed it was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and seconded by Mr. T. Pearce that a punch ball should be purchased. Carr. Unan.
It was also decided that if there were not at least two committee members present no boxing should take place.
A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a successful though poorly attended meeting.

R G. Butters Oct. 15th 1937

Nov.6.1936 A Committee meeting was held on Nov. 6th 1936 with the Rev. F.W. Cobb in the chair.
The minutes of the committee meeting held on Jan. 29th were read and confirmed
The question was raised of whether a dance could be run to make a profit, in aid of club, and after some discussion H. Butters proposed and T. Pearce seconded that they considered that a dance should be arranged for and that the secretaries should be left to find a suitable date for same and it was decided that a reduction in the admittance charge usually 1/6 should be cut to 1/- . Carr. Unan.
It was generally agreed that a billiard handicap should be held on the large table with prizes of 10/- 6/- 4/- to these Mr. R. Butters very kindly offered a fourth prize of 2/6 for the highest break which was accepted with thanks. It was thought that a change in the scoring might add to the interest of the handicap and it was agreed that the early rounds should remain as in previous years 150 but that semi final rounds should be 200 and the final 300.
It was also decided that a handicap should be arranged for the small table to be run under the same rules with prizes of 5/- 3/- 2/-
The Rev. Cob very kindly giving as last year the first prize of 5/-
It was proposed by Mr. R. Butters and seconded by Mr. H. Butters that as the Flower Show committee were not running their usual Xmas Whist Drive that they thought that rather than let the event die out it would be a good idea to run a Drive in conjunction with the Football Club to be run equally by both committees so that any profit could be then divided between the two clubs. Carr. Unanimously
It was proposed by Mr. T. Pearce and seconded by Mr. H. Butters that they thought a dart tournament should be arranged for and it was decided to give prizes of 5/- 3/- 2/- Mr. H. Butters very kindly making a fourth prize of 2/6 for top score. It was decided to leave the fixing of the date for the Xmas Whist Drive until a better knowledge of similar events in the neighbourhood could be obtained

R.G. Butters Sept 10/37

Sept.1937 A committee meeting was held September 1937 to select a member to represent the Club at a meeting to be called to discuss the renovation of the interior of the Village Hall. It was Pro. By H. Dixon and Seconded by H. Butters that Mr. R. Butters should be this representative he agreeing was carried unanimously
A letter from Mr. Cawkell regarding the billiard league and another from the North Met. Regarding the additional lighting in the Hall were read both meeting with approval.
It was pointed out that as Mr. Allen had left the neighbourhood a fresh auditor of the Club's books would have to be found. It was proposed by Mr. H. Butters and seconded by Mr. C. Sandford that Mr. E. Hensby should be approached to fill this vacancy this was carried unan.

H. R. Butters Oct. 22nd 1937

Oct.9.1937 The general meeting ending 1937 season was held on Oct. 9th 1937 with a good attendance
The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and found correct
A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Hensby for filling the vacancy as an auditor of the club in the place of Mr. Allen the later having left the neighbourhood
The balance sheet being read showed a credit balance of £54.17.8. an increase of £2.0.0. over last year this was considered very satisfactory by all present and a vote of thanks was heartily given to the joint secretaries for their good work during the year. It was Pro. Mr. H. Butters and seconded by Mr. A. Sandford that the usual honorarium of £5 should be made to the two secretaries this was carried unan.
The election of officers being next on the agenda it was proposed by H. Dixon and seconded by Mr. H. Butters that Mr. R. Butters should be chairman of the Club. Carr. Unan.
Mr. C. Sandford said he wished to resign from being joint secretary as he said he found he had not the time to do it as well as he would like living as he did some mile and a half from the hall. Several proposals were made to members present and it was under considerable pressure that Mr. T.Pearce said he would undertake to fill the vacancy. A vote of thanks was given to the retiring secretary for the good work he had rendered the club during his term of office. It was proposed by Mr. H. Butters and Seconded by Mr. G. Reynolds that the committee should be re-elected en block and that four additions should be made to fill the places of four members who had since become non members of the Club these were elected as follows:
(C. Sandford) Pro G. Reynolds Seconded H. Butters
(W. Prior) Pro. E. Robinson Seconded W. Reynolds
(E. Robinson) Pro. P. Harrington seconded W. Reynolds
(R. Dixon) Pro. G. Reynolds Seconded H. Butters
It was proposed by Mr. P. herrington and Seconded by Mr. A. Sandford that the caretakers' salary remain at £20 per annum Carr. Unan.
It was proposed P. Herrington and Seconded F. Robinson that members subscription fee should remain as before. Carr. Unan.
It was proposed Mr. H. butters and seconded Mr. A. Sandford that the sixpenny Whist Drives run in aid of the Club should be carried on, on the same basis as during previous seasons and Tuesday October 26 was the date fixed for their commencement
For convenience the following comprise the full committee:- J. Aylett, H. Butters, M. Dixon, G. Reynolds, A. Sandford, W. Reynolds, P. Herrington, F. Robinson, C. Sandford, W. Prior, E. Robinson, R. Dixon

R. G. Butters Oct. 14th 1938

Oct.22.1937 A Committee meeting was held on Oct. 22nd 1937 with Mr. R. Butters presiding
First on the agenda was the appointment of a member to represent the club at a meeting to be held in the near future of the various organisations using the Hall It was proposed Mr. G. Reynolds and seconded Mr. A Sandford that Mr. R. Butters should be the Club's representative this was carried unanimously
It was proposed by Mr. T. Pearce and seconded by Mr. G. Reynolds that a billiard handicap on the large table should be arranged for on the same lines as last season at 150 up for all rounds before the semi final but the semi final to be 200 up and the final 300. The secretary asked if it would induce more interest if the prizes were made better, and if it was decided to grant an extra 5/- from the funds making the prizes 12/6 7/6 and 5/- To this was added as last year a prize of 2/6 for the highest break from Mr. R. Butters
Then followed considerable discussion on darts and it was finally decided to arrange for three separate tournaments with 21/- as prize money between the three, making three prizes for each of 4/- 2/- 1/- to this Mr. H. Butters kindly adding a 2/6 prize for the highest score in the 301 up.

The second book of minutes ends at this point and as the last page was unsigned it is not known if any further pages existed originally

The General Meeting ending Season Sep 31 1937 to Oct 1st 1938 was held on October 14th (1938) with a fair attendance

The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and confirmed as correct. The Balance Sheet being read showed a decrease of some four or five £s on that of last season this being largely due to considerable falling off of the Football subscription scheme still with a balance of £48 the Club was considered to be in quite a strong position.

It was Proposed by Mr H Butters and seconded by Mr P Herrington that the Secretaries should be given the usual honorarium of £5 in appreciation of their good work during the past year.

Mr H Butters Proposed and Mr G Reynolds Seconded, that a vote of thanks should be given to the Secretaries.

It was Proposed H Butters and seconded T Pearce that a note expressing the committee's thanks should be sent to the two auditors Mr E Hensby and Mr E Barrett.

It was Proposed by Mr A Sandford and seconded by Mr H Dixon that a vote of thanks be given to the Chairman.

The Sec. here thanked the committee who he said had worked with real interest especially in the running of the Football Scheme and the sixpenny whist drives Next on the agenda was the appointment of officers for the coming season.

It was proposed by Mr A Sandford and seconded by Mr P Herrington that the Chairman Mr R Butters be re-elected this was carried unanimously

Mr P Herrington Proposed and Mr H Butters Seconded that the auditors should be asked to continue their services Carr. Unan.

Here T W Pearce Joint Sec. said he regretted to say that he was unable to carry on as there was a possibility of him leaving the district all present agreed that the Club had had in him a very hardworking servant and one who would be greatly missed H Dixon also said that he really had not had the time to run the Club as it should be and he would be much relieved if someone would come forward and take over in his stead

On this there was considerable discussion but as there was no one forth coming he said he would do his best to carry on though he would certainly welcome a change. C Layden here offered his services in the running of the Football Subscription Scheme which were very gratefully accepted by the Sec. as this was one thing that took quite a considerable amount of time during the football season.

It was Proposed by Mr T Pearce and Seconded by Mr H Butters that the committee be re-elected en bloc. The following comprising same

J Aylett. H Butters. M Dixon. R Dixon. P Herrington. W Prior. F Robinson. E Robinson. G Reynolds. W Reynolds. C Sandford. A Sandford.

It was Proposed by H Butters and seconded T Pearce that the Sec. should be given power to add any likely worker to this committee Carr. Unanimously.

Mr T Pearce and Seconded G Reynolds that the subscription fee to the club remain as usual if under sixteen years of age 4/- over.

Signed R G Butters 13/Oct/1939

A Committee meeting was held on Nov 29 (1938) to decide on the most suitable date, and to make the usual necessary arrangements for the Xmas Whist Drive run in aid of the Club.

After running through dates already fixed by neighbouring Clubs it was found that the most likely one left was Dec 23rd and it was finally agreed that it was on this date that the drive should be held.

It was thought that another meeting should be held to make the final arrangements the date being Dec 15.

It was thought that a small advertisement should be put in the Herts & Essex Observer for the two week ends preceding the drive the Sec. being left to see to this. The Secretary said that the members were asking for a billiard handicap to be arranged and it was unanimously agreed that one should be started.

It was pointed out however that the scoring of this should be altered and played 150 up right through, and not as had been the case in the two past years to alter the number up to two hundred in the semi finals, and to three hundred up in the final, as this it was pointed out gave the better player a most decided advantage. Prizes for the \handicap being as last year 12/6 7/6 5/-; and 2/6 for highest break this being kindly given by Mr R Butters.

It was Pro by Mr P Herrington and Seconded by Mr H Butters that the piano should be fitted with a new set of castors as it was almost impossible to move it on the present ones without damage to the floor. At the same time the Sec. said that it had been brought to his notice that the lock on the piano had been wilfully broken by George Harman, the meeting decided that it should be mended and that a separate account should be asked for, and that this should be forwarded to George Harman.

Signed: R G Butters Jan 9/1939

A Committee meeting was held January 9th (1939) with Mr R Butters presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed as correct.

The result of the Xmas Whist being read showed a credit balance of £4-0-4½ this was considered by all to be very satisfactory when the very adverse weather conditions prevailing at that time were taken into account.

It was suggested that a committee for arranging the tournaments etc should be appointed the following being selected and in turn agreeing.

A Sandford. P Herrington. G Reynolds. W Prior. C Sandford. F Robinson. E Robinson.

The behaviour of some of the Cub's younger members came next and after some discussion it was generally agreed that John Harling Junior and R Hinks were the worst offenders; and it was Proposed by E Robinson and seconded by W Prior that they should be expelled from the Club for fourteen days, and if their behaviour did not improve after that they should be expelled for the rest of the season. This was carried by five votes to one.

It was also pointed out that the behaviour of J & P Claydon was but very little better, and it was agreed that the secretary should write to them telling them that their names had been before the committee and to take note as a warning because if their manners did not improve while they were in the Club the committee would be forced to act accordingly.

Signed R G Butters Oct 16 1939

The General Meeting ending season Oct 1st 1938 to September 30th 1939 was held on Friday October 13th 1939

The minutes of previous General meeting were read and confirmed.

The Balance Sheet being read showed a credit balance of some £61, and was thought to be most satisfactory by all present

It was Proposed by Mr H Butters and Seconded by Mr P Herrington that the usual honorarium of £5 should be made to the secretaries Carr. Unan.

It was Proposed by Mr M Dixon and Seconded by Mr C Sandford that a letter of thanks should be sent to the Club auditors Mr E Hensby & Mr E Barrett for their good work rendered.

Mr R Butters Proposed and Mr A Sandford Seconded that the thanks of the committee should be recorded to Mr T Pearce who had for many years been a very hard worker in the interests of the Club both in the capacity of Joint Sec. and member of the committee.

Here came the election of officers for the coming year and it was Proposed by Mr. M Dixon and Seconded by Mr C Sandford that Mr R Butters should continue as the chairman of the Club he agreeing to do so was carried unanimously.

The Joint Sec H Dixon here said that though he had enjoyed working for the Club for a good number of years he was afraid that the time had really come for a change as he had not the time and that it would not be fair to the Club for him to continue. After some discussion on this point it was put to Mr G Powell to fill the vacancy he accepting was carried unanimously.

It was Proposed by the Rev. J Wilmot Brooke and Seconded by Mr H Butters that the Council should be approached with regards to the blinding of the two large end windows of the hall as at present it was only a temporary affair the Club having already seen to the side windows this being generally considered to be as much as could be expected considering the hall was not their property.

It was proposed by Mr H Dixon and Seconded by Mr H Butters that something should be given to Mr G and M Powell for their good work in making the shutters for the side windows. After some talk it was unanimously decided that they should be given 50 cigarettes each.

Here it was pointed out that though they had been warned and even suspended in some cases some of the members still badly misbehaved while in the Club; and it was Proposed by Mr P Herrington and Seconded by Mr H Butters that any member rightfully accused of unruly behaviour should be suspended from the Club for the remainder of the season pending as usual the committee decision.

It was Proposed by Mr P Herrington and Seconded by Mr M Dixon that members must be sixteen years old or more before being allowed to play on the large billiard table. It was also pointed out that any member inviting a visitor into the Club would be held responsible for any damage done by the visitor while playing billiards or in any other way.

It was Proposed by Mr H Butters and Seconded by Mr P Herrington that Mr C Blowes be added to the committee

It was Proposed by Mr H Dixon and seconded by Mr M Dixon that The Rev J M W Brooke be also added to the committee the rest of the committee it was decided to re-elect en bloc. It was Proposed Mr P Herrington and Seconded Mr H Butters that members subscription to the club remain as in previous years 2/- under sixteen 4/- over,

A Committee Meeting was held on Oct. 16th 1939 with Mr R Butters Presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed as correct.

It was suggested that the Fortnightly Whist Drives should be held as in previous years but with a difference in the prize giving. It was proposed by The Rev. Brooke and seconded by H Dixon that Voucher prizes should be given a trial.

This was carried by all the Committee.

It was also proposed by the Rev. Brooke and seconded by H Butters that the profits from alternate Whist Drives should be given to a fund for providing a parcel for Xmas gifts to each man from the Village serving in H.M. Forces.

There was an Amendment to this Proposal by C Sandford and Seconded by E Robinson, that half the Profits of every Whist Drive should be given to this fund.

This was carried by all.

It was decided to have a Working Committee as in previous years. The same Committee were elected en.Bloc with the addition of C Blowes, W Reynolds, and H Dixon.

It was decided to run the Billiards Handicap or Darts Tournament as in previous years.

A Vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman Mr. R Butters for the 2/6 prize which he gave for the Highest Break in the Billiards Handicap.

Another vote of thanks was given, this to Mr H Butters for his 2/6 prize for the Highest Score in the Darts Tournament.

Signed: R G Butters Nov. 17 1939

A Committee Meeting was held on Nov. 17th 1939 with Mr R Butters Presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed as Correct.

It was proposed by E Robinson and seconded by A Sandford that the Parish Council should be informed that if at any time they let the Hall They must not expect the front windows to be blackened out, as the cloth which now covered the windows was used for covering our large Billiards table when not in play.

It was proposed by P Herrington that Thurs. Dec. 21st should be the date for the Xmas Whist Drive. This was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by M Dixon that the 6^d Whist Drive should be held every week instead of once a fortnight. There being some discussion on this, it was proposed to ask the people at the next Whist Drive if they were in favour or not.

Signed: R G Butters Dec. 4th 1939

A Committee Meeting was held on Dec. 4th 1939 with Mr R Butters Presiding

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed as correct. It was proposed by A Sandford that a piece of cloth should be bought for use to hang over the recess to protect the large Billiard table when not in play this was carried unanimously.

The letter from the Rev. Brooke re the charges we were to make for the lighting of the Hall when used as a School Room. It was proposed by P Herrington that 1/- per week be charged. There was an Amendment to this. Proposed by H Dixon that the teacher in charge of the children using the Hall should check the lights used over one week. This was seconded by C Sandford & carried unanimously. Proposed by H Dixon & Seconded by H Butters, that C Sandford should be M.C. at the Xmas Whist Drive. There was some discussion as to the prizes given at the 6^d Whist Drives. Proposed by P Herington that 6^d from each table should be profit. There was an Amendment to this, Proposed by C Sandford & seconded by W Reynolds that the profits & prizes giving should be as in the past, left to the discretion of the M.C. & a Committee man.

It was proposed by P Herrington that an Electric Iron should be bought for the use on the Billiard Table, after some discussion on this it was decided to find out the prices.

Signed: J M Wilmot Brooke 11 Dec.39
R G Butters 23 Feb 40

A Committee Meeting was held on Feb. 25th 1940 with Mr R Butters Presiding

The minutes of the Previous Meeting were read & confirmed as correct.

It was proposed by H Butters that a charge of 10/- be made for light supplied to the Council for the period when the Hall was used as a School Room. This being seconded by G Reynolds & carried.

The purchase of an Electric Iron was then discussed, it was proposed by P Herrington & Seconded by C Sandford & carried unanimously, that the Sec. should get one. Having had a complaint from the Caretaker about the locking of the front door of the Hall, it was Proposed by C Sandford & seconded by G Reynolds & Carried Unanimously that the Sec. should ask Mr Robinson to put a substantial lock on the door, the Club to bear the cost of same. It was decided that the fuel & light used at the School treat should be given & Mr Chalk to be notified.

Signed J M Wilmot Brooke 8 Novem: 40

A Committee Meeting was held on Friday July 19th 1940 With a good attendance. The main thing to be decided, Whether the 6^d Whist Drives should be continued. It was proposed by the Rev. Brooke & seconded by H Butters and carried that they should be continued.

The next thing to be discussed was the charge the Club were to make for the light, etc. used by the Soldiers Canteen.

It was proposed by the Rev. Brooke, Seconded by H Dixon & Carried that the Charge of 4/- per week be made, this to be in force up to the end of Sept 1940. This charge to be reconsidered after the General meeting

Signed J M Wilmot Brooke 8 Nov 1940

A Committee Meeting was held on Friday Nov. 8th 1940 with Re. Brooke presiding. The Committee present were; A Sandford, C Sandford, C Blowes, F Camerford, R Dixon, J Clayden, E Robinson.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed as correct. It was proposed by C Sandford and seconded by A Sandford that R Butters be added to the committee this was carried by all present.

The next thing to be discussed was could the soldiers have their dance on Saturday or Wednesday, every week and it was decided that they were to give the Secretary 48 hours notice before the dance night.

Then came the question of the lights & firing for the canteen and it was left for the Rev. Brooke to see the soldiers about it.

It was suggested by the Rev. Brooke that if anybody was waiting to go on the small billiard table they should only play for twenty minutes and so get three games in the hour. This was agreed to by all.

It was suggested by C Sandford that a lightning handicap be played every so often and it was left to the Secretary and the committee to arrange these.

It was proposed C Sandford and Seconded C Blowes that a 1/- extra be given to Mrs Watson each week This was carried unanimously.

Signed J M Wilmot Brooke 6 Jan 1941

The General Meeting was held on Monday 4th Nov. 1940 with a good attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed as correct. The Balance Sheet being read showed a balance of £81.18.11 and was thought to be most satisfactory by all present.

It was Pro. By H Dixon and Sec. F Camerford that the usual honorarium of 5£ be given to the Secretaries Carr. Unan.

It was proposed by P Herrington and Seconded by R Dixon that a letter of thanks be sent to the club's auditors Mr E Hensby & Mr E Barrett for their good work rendered. Mr C Blowes proposed and Mr H Dixon seconded that the thanks of the committee to the secretaries for their good work, throughout the previous season.

Here came the election of officers for the coming season. It was pointed out by the secretary that Mr R Butters would not be able to carry on as Chairman because of his war work.

It was then Proposed by E Robinson and seconded by H Dixon that the Rev. Brooke should be chairman he agreeing to do so was carried unanimously..

It was then proposed by H Dixon and seconded A Sandford that G Powell should carry on as secretary.

He then said he would like somebody else to take it on as he didn't get a lot of time. After some discussion he said he would carry on with the help of the Rev. Brooke as there wasn't anybody else who would do it.

The same committee were elected as before which were J Aylett, H Butters, R Dixon, P Herrington, E Robinson, W Reynolds, C Sandford, A Sandford, C Blowes.

It was proposed A Sandford and seconded P Herrington that F Camerford and J Clayden be added to the committee this being carried by all.

It was then brought up about the money in the bank and it was proposed by Rev. Brooke and seconded by C Sandford that £60 be taken out of the bank and put in the Post Office Savings this being carried unanimously/

The Secretary then spoke about the members using the hall on Sundays and it was pro. C Sandford and seconded C Blowes that the council be approached to let the members in on Sundays.

It was proposed P Herrington and Sec E Robinson that somebody be asked to patch up the large billiard table and was left to Secretary t get in touch with somebody.

It was proposed H Dixon and seconded E Robinson that a extra 1/- per week be given to Mrs Watson but after some discussion on this it was left to the committee to decide.

It was suggested by Rev. Brooke that a committee be formed between the club and the women who run the canteen and it was proposed by H Dixon and seconded P Herrington that E Robinson and the Chairman and the Secretary should represent the hall. This was carried unan. It was proposed by P Herrington and seconded C Sandford that the members subscription should remain as previous years 4/- sixteen and over and 2/- under sixteen.

It was suggested that a paper be put up with the charges for billiards etc on it as there had been some misunderstanding of it and the Secretary said he would see it was done.

All the other small things were left for the committee meeting as arranged for Friday Nov 8 1940.

Thanks to the Chairman here closed a successful meeting.

Signed J M Wilmot Brooke 14 Novem: 1941

A Committee Meeting was held on Monday January 6th 1941 at 8 p.m. with Rev Brookes Presiding.

The committee present were A Sandford, P Herrington, W Reynolds, F Camerford, J Clayden, R Dixon, C Blowes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed a(s) correct.

The first thing on the agenda was the subscription to those who were waiting to be called to H.M. Forces, and it was suggested that they should pay the 4/- and then when they were called up they should get some back if they wanted it.

The secretary the asked the committee if the lightning handicap could be played. It was Pro:- A Sandford and Sec:- C Blowes that they should try one on Monday next Jan 10th and the Vicar offered to make the money up if we lost on it.

It was Pro:- A Sandford and Sec:- P Herrington that a present be given to Mrs Watson for the good work done for the Club.

It was Pro:- P herrington and Sec:- C Blowes that a present of 5£ be given to her and it was left to the Chairman to see her and ask her how she would like it in a present or cash.

The Secretary then asked the committee what he was to do with the Harrison Billiard Cup and it was Pro:- W Reynolds and Sec:- A Sandford that the Secretary should write to Mr Gawthroe to ask him if it could be played for again and it so fix a date on which to play.

The Secretary then told the committee that in future Mr G Powell would be taking the Billiard money etc.

Thank (s) to the Chairman here ended a successful meeting.

Signed: J M Wilmot Brooke 28 February 1941

A Committee Meeting was held on Friday 28 February 1941 with the Rev Brooke Presiding.

The Committee present were W Reynolds, C Blowes, F Camerford, E Robinson, J Clayden, R Dixon, C Sandford.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed as correct.

The Secretary then spoke about the money to be given to Mrs Watson and it was decided to let the caretaker give her 2/6 per week and more if she wanted it.

The Chairman then told the committee that they would have to appoint a new secretary as Mr G Powell the present secretary was joining the R.A.F.

After some discussion Mr E Robinson Pro:- and Mr C Blowes Sec: that Mr Tee should be asked to take it over, and he agreed to do so.

The(n) arose the question of Iron Fittings for the partition and it was agreed for Mr Robinson to get some made and fixed.

The Secretary then asked if they could get somebody to mend the legs of the small billiard table and Mr Robinson said he would see to it and get it mended.

The next thing to be discussed was the Harrison Billiard Cup and the secretary told the committee that he had written to Mr Gawthroe and had not received a reply.

So Mr F Camerford was asked to see Mr Gawthroe and ask him if he wanted the cup back.

Signed: J M Wilmot Brooke 9 May '41

A Committee Meeting was held on Friday evening May 9th (1941). Those present being Messrs Sandford, Dixon, Camerford, Robinson & Herrington with Rev. Brooke in the Chair, & Hon. Secty.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

After receiving a report by Mr Robinson re small Billiard Table & the partition fittings, the secretary read correspondence from Messrs Burroughs & Watts re repairs to the Large Billiard Table.

A motion by Mr Herrington seconded by Mr Robinson "that the quotation of £5-10-0 Nett by Messrs Burroughs & Watts for repairs to table be accepted" was carried unanimously, & the Secty. was instructed to have the work carried out as soon as possible. In reply to a question by Mr Robinson re Hall not being cleared up after a recent Dance, the Secty. explained the circumstances, & stated that the Club would be reimbursed for loss of Revenue on Billiard Table.

Regarding a request made by the R.A.S.C, stationed in the Village, for permission to use the Hall for a Dance in aid of their Sports fund, considerable discussion ensued & finally an amendment proposal by Rev Brooke (to a motion by Mr Herrington) was carried "that the Club agree to let the Hall for this purpose at a Rent of 12/6 – the Dance to be held from 7.30 – 11 o'clock p.m.

This concluded the Business of the evening.

Signed: J M Wilmot Brooke 30 May '41

A committee meeting was held on Friday evening May 30th (1941) members present being Messrs. Harrington, Clayden, Blowes, Camerford, & Dixon with the Chairman & Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

After the Chairman had explained his attitude regarding the charge made to R.A.S.C. for use of the Hall the Secretary stated the reason for calling the present meeting, viz:- future lettings of the Hall to R.A.S.C. on Wednesday evenings when required.

After considerable discussion a motion made by the Secretary & seconded by Mr Blowes "that we let the Hall to R.A.S.C. on Wednesday nights when required at a charge of 6/- per night, with the understanding that Hall is properly cleared up on following morning, & also that Secretary is notified on previous Saturday when Hall will not be required on following Wednesday.

This motion was put & carried 5-2. A further motion made by the Chairman & agreed to by all present "That this committee wish to put on record an expression of good will to the late Secretary – Mr G Powell on his joining the R.A.F. & wishing him all the best

The meeting then closed

Signed J M Wilmot Brooke 17 Nov '41

The General Meeting of the Club was held at the school on Friday Nov. 14th 1941 with an attendance of 8 in addition to the President & Secretary.

The minutes of the previous General Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Balance Sheet for the year being handed round there was some general discussion & on the whole the Balance Sheet shown viz. £76 -11-4½ was thought to be satisfactory considering War conditions.

The matter of comparison between this & last year's income & expenditure was left to the committee meeting to be held on the following Monday.

On a proposal by H Dixon Sec. by P Herrington the Balance Sheet was accepted, & it was also proposed by P Herrington & sec. by E Robinson that a vote of thanks be sent to the Auditors for their work with a request that they act again for the ensuing year. Carried Unan.

The Chairman then proposed & H Dixon sec a vote of thanks to the Secy. This was also carried unan. As was a proposal by E Robinson, sec by H Dixon that M. Brooke continue to act as Chairman.

The matter of usual honorarium to the Secretary being raised, the Secretary stated that he would prefer that the £5 involved should be used for Club purposes.

R Dixon proposed & C Blowes sec that present Secretary carry on for ensuing year & as no one appeared to be willing to take over the position he consented.

It was then pro. By P Herrington Sec. by H Dixon & carried unan. That Messrs, Herrington, H Dixon, Camerford, J Clayden, R Dixon, E Robinson, W Reynolds, C Blowes, C Sandford, & E Powell be committee for season.

After some discussion regarding membership fees a motion by P Herrington Sec. Blowes was carried that the present charge of 4/- be continued.

On the Secretary reporting that the Canteen had donated a set of snooker balls to the club, C Sandford moved & F Camerford recorded a motion that the Club very much appreciate the gift & the Sec. was instructed to thank the Canteen for their gift. After arranging for a committee meeting to be held on Monday Nov 17th (1941) the Annual Meeting then closed.

Signed: M Rowland 22/10/42

A committee meeting of the Club was held in the Hall on Monday evening November 18th (1941)

All members of the committee were present with exceptions of Messrs Clayden & Reynolds

The Chairman called the meeting to order & the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the queries of the Balance Sheet at the Annual Meeting, the Secretary provided comparative figures of income & expenditure of the Club, & the general conclusion was that the financial position of the Club was quite satisfactory under the circumstances.

It was left to Secretary to see that the Caretaker obtains insurance card & stamps same regularly.

A discussion then ensued regarding Whist Drives for the season, & a motion by Secty. Sec by H Dixon was passed that " Messrs Blowes, Clayden , C Sandford & E Powell" be the committee to run the Drives.

It was also decided on a proposal by Herrington , sec by H Dixon that prices at Whist Drives remain as last season.

Regarding a Xmas Whist Drive, a provisional date of Friday Dec 19th was fixed, it was left to Messrs Dixon, Sandford, the Chairman & Secty to solicit prizes & go fully into the matter.

On a motion by P Herrington sec by Robinson, which was carried the charges on Billiard Tables were changed to 2½^d per player per ½ hour. These new charges to start on 24th inst.

Mr Sandford then proposed, sec by Dixon " that any Club member called to the Forces before Jan 1st should have his membership fee 4/- refunded. Carried

It was aslo agreed that 3 sets of darts be obtained on a proposal by P Herrington sec by Dixon & carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

Signed J M Wilmot Brooke 10 Decem: 1941

A Committee Meeting was held on Dec 10th (1941) at the Hall.

Those present were the Chairman, Secty, & Messrs Reynolds, Robinson, Sandford, Herrington, R Dixon, Clayden, Camerford & Blowes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

After some discussion re letting of Hall to the Ministry of Information for Film Show, it was proposed by Secy Seconded by P Herrington that "We let the Hall for Jan 21st at rental of 5/- subject to we being able to obtain necessary seating & arrange for transport of same, or alternatively give Hall free, with permission to take a collection to cover expenses – Carried

The Secretary then reported progress re Xmas Whist Drive & after lengthy discussion it was agreed to leave the final arrangements to the Whist Drive Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

Signed: C T Sandford 27/2/42

A Committee Meeting was held in the Hall on February 27th 1942

Those present were Messrs Blowes, Herrington, E Powell, R Dixon, C T Sandford & F Comerford with the Hon Sec (W W Tee).

Owing to the absence of Rev. Brooke (who is leaving the District) it was proposed by Mr Herrington, sec Mr Blowes that Mr Sandford take the chair – Carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting being read & confirmed, the Secretary reported that the cheque received from M.O.I. was sufficient to pay for hire of chairs for Film Show given on Jan 21st & sum of 5/- for rent of the Hall.

On a motion by Mr Herrington, Sec Blowes, it was decided to forward the Annual Subscription of 10/6 to the Rural Community Council.

After some discussion it was proposed by the Secy & seconded by Mr Herrington that Mr S Rowland be asked to become the Club new President & a similar motion seconded by Mr Sandford that Mr Hensby be appointed vice-chairman. Bothy motions carried unanimously.

The Secretary, & Whist Drive Committee were then thanked by the committee on behalf of the Club for their successful efforts in making a financial success of the Xmas Whist Drive.

The Question of Charge of 8^d per meeting made by the Club to the Mothers Union, & Women's Institute was then fully discussed.

Finally it was proposed by Mr Herrington, Seconded by E Powell that the charge for heating & light be increased to 2/- per meeting. This was carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned.

Signed: W Rowland 27.5.42

A Committee Meeting of the Club was held in the Hall at 8 p.m. on May 29th 1942, those attending being the President (Mr Rowland)., Vice Pres (Mr Hensby), Hon Sec (Mr Tee), & Messrs W Reynolds, R Dixon, C Sandford, P Herrington, & F Camerford. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read & confirmed, the matter of an Agreement as between the Club & the Rural District Council came up for discussion, and the following points to be suggested to the Council were agree on by all present:-

1. Charges to be made to outsiders when letting Hall to be:- For stoking up + 1st hour including light 2/-, each additional hour 9^d.
2. Club to have use of Hall for 5 nights per week (Monday to Friday inclusive) but if Council exercise their rights to use Hall on any one of these nights then the Club to have use of Hall on Saturday night in same week without charge.
3. Club to have option of using Hall on any 6 of their own nights during year for purposes of raising funds for Club's benefit, without any liability to make any payment ex profits to Council.
4. Club agrees that when letting Hall to "outsiders" on any of their own nights (except the 6 nights mentioned in clause 3) that the proceeds, after paying all expenses, shall be shared 50-50 with Council.
5. Club to notify Council (giving 7 days notice) of each letting to "Outsiders", & Council to give Club Secretary similar notice when "letting".
6. Club agrees to Annual Rent of £8

The Hon. Sec then reported outcome of Red Cross whist drive held Apl 1st as follows:-

Total Receipts	4-16-0
Hire of Tables & cartage	<u>6-0</u>
Nett Proceeds	<u>£4-10-0 forwarded to Red X</u>

Mr Hensby proposed & Mr Herrington seconded that Bank be notified that Mr Rowland will in future sign cheques as well as Hon Sec.

O hearing from the Hon Sec that the President had presented the Club with a Billiard cue, & the Canteen was presenting 2 cues & cases, all present agreed to the acknowledgement of the gifts with grateful thanks.

This concluded the business of the Committee for the evening.

Signed: W Rowland

The general meeting of the Club for Season 1941-2 was held in the Village Hall on Thursday evening Oct 22nd /42 with Mr S Rowland in the Chair, Vice President Mr Hensby, the Secretary Mr Tee & an attendance of 14 members.

The minutes of the previous General Meeting having been read & confirmed, the Secretary read & explained the Balance Sheet showing a credit of £111.2.10½, which, after a little favourable discussion, was accepted on a proposal by Mr Rowland sec. Herrington. Mr Tee then proposed, & E Powell seconded that Auditors be thanked for their efforts, & they be asked to continue as Auditors for the ensuing year. Carried.

It was then proposed by E Hensby – Sec. G Powell & carried unanimously that Messrs Herrington, ~~H Dixon, R Dixon,~~ W Reynolds, C Blowes, C Sandford & E Powell be the committee for the season

Mr Herrington then proposed, Mr Blowes seconded & it was carried that Mr Rowland, Mr Hensby & Mr Tee carry on in their positions as President, Vice President & Secretary respectively.

A discussion then ensued regarding the charge made at Committee meeting Feb 27th/42 for heating Hall. This closed when Mr Tee Pro. Vaughan sec.” that the Club sees no reason for reducing the charge to w. Institute & Mothers Union.”

The Secretary then reported that the Council proposed to be responsible for paying of caretaker’s wages etc. instead of the Club as at present. All present agreed.

The matter of renting the Hall to H.M. Forces was then discussed & finally it was pro. By Herrington, sec, by G Powell & carried unan. That this be left to the discretion of the Secretary.

A very hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the management & Helpers of the Canteen for their much appreciated gift to the Club of 3 Billiard cues & cases, & also a piano. Secy. Was instructed to write accordingly.

The President & Secy. Then proposed that the Club’s thanks be tendered to the Whist Drive Committee for their noble efforts during the past season. Carried.

Mr C Sandford proposed, & Mr Reynolds seconded that Secretary be paid the customary honorarium of £5 for his services during the past season, but the Secy. stated that he wished this amount to be considered as his contribution towards the Club’s finances.

The meeting then closed.

Signed : S Rowland

A Committee Meeting of the Club was held in the Hall at 8. p.m. on November 16th 1942 all Committee Members being present.

The minutes of the last Committee meeting having been read & confirmed , the matter of holding a Xmas whist drive was fully discussed & it was decided to hold same on a motion by Messrs Blowes & Sandford.

Messrs Hensby, Sandford, Powell, Blowes, Reynolds & the Secretary were appointed to make all arrangements.

All present agreed to leave the matter of investing £50 of Club Funds to the discretion of the President & Secretary.

The matter of repairs to roof of the Hall was left to the President who undertook to get in touch with the Chairman of the Parish Council.

This concluded the business for the evening.

Signed: S Rowland Chairman

A Committee Meeting of the Club was held in the Hall on Friday evening August 6th 1943, the President Mr. S J Rowland in the Chair.

Committee Members present were Messrs. Herrington, E Powell, R Dixon, & C Blowes, with the Secretary Mr. Tee.

The 1st question discussed was the matter of unruly behaviour of some of the "under 16" members. As a result, Mr Herrington moved , and Mr Blowes seconded that for the Summer months of May to August inclusive, the Club should not open in the evenings until 7 p.m.. It was also left to the discretion of the President, Secretary & Mr Powell to change the time of opening to 7.30 p.m. if they saw fit. Carried unanimously.

The Secretary then stated that eleven card tables, a Bagatelle Board, and a Corinthian Board had been purchased from Mr Thomas of the Robin Hood and the Canteen had very kindly paid for same & presented to the Club – all present agreed that the Canteen management be sincerely thanked for their gift.

After the Secretary had pointed ou the small amount of wages being paid to the Caretaker of the Hall, the Secretary proposed & Mr Blowes seconded & it was agreed that the Caretaker be paid a bonus of £5 at the end of the present financial year.

A discussion then ensued regarding the income derived by the Parish Council from the Hall & as a result Messrs Herrington & Blowes proposed & seconded that the Council be notified that "It is the opinion of this Club that, in view of the terms of the Trust deed, all income derived from the Village Hall & the cottages (included in the deed) should be held in a separate account by the Council for the upkeep of the Hall & Cottages, & not mixed with the general finances of the Village." Also – "The Club would like to be advised by the Council, of the date when the new arrangement (re payment of Caretaker's wages direct to Council, instead of to Caretaker) will start operating." Carried Unan.

The meeting then closed.

Signed: Chairman C. T Sandford Feb 2/44

The Annual general Meeting of the Club for 1942-3 Season was held at the village hall on October 13th 1943 at 8 p.m.

12 members being present, including President Mr Rowland, Vice president Mr Hensby & the Secretary Mr Tee.

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting having been read & confirmed, the Secretary read out & explained the Balance Sheet which showed a Credit Balance of £138-10-4½ which was agreed by all present to be highly Satisfactory & on a motion by Mr Rowland & seconded by Mr G Powell it was accepted.

The Auditors were then thanked for their services & asked to "carry-on". Mr Herrington proposed & Mr Blowes seconded & it was carried unanimously that Messers Rowland, Hensby & Tee continue in their present offices for the ensuing year.

Messrs Herrington, H Dixon, W Reynolds, Blowes, C Sandford, E Powell & H Vaughan were elected members of the committee on the proposal by Mr Herrington seconded by Mr Blowes.

The matter of holding a Xmas whist drive was brought up by the Secretary, and all present agreed to run same as last year.

It was also agreed that 3 of the billiard cues & cases donated by the Canteen should be put into use at.....*At this point the notes terminated, there is no sign that any page has been removed from the minute book*

Unsigned

A Committee Meeting of the Club was held in the Hall on Wednesday Feb 2nd 1944

Those attending were Messrs C Sandford, C Blowes, P Herrington, H Vaughan, & the Hon Secretary.

In the absence of both Chairman & Vice Chairman, Mr C Sandford was elected to fill the chair.

After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read & confirmed, the Secretary read a report of the Xmas Whist Drive, & the net results (over £23) were agreed to be very satisfactory.

A discussion then ensued regarding the interpretation of the Trust deed of the Village Hall property & all present agreed that, as the Club's version did not agree with that of the Parish Council, Mr Rowland be asked to obtain an official opinion on the matter before anything further was done. Pro. Vaughan Sec. Herrington.

It was agreed to waive charges for heat & light at a dance in aid of "Prisoners of War Fund" to be held on 5th inst.

The matter of Caretaker's duties were then discussed & secretary was instructed to obtain information re same from Parish Council

This concluded the Business for the evening.

Signed : E Hensby Chairman 28/12/44

The Annual general meeting of the Club for 1943-4 Season was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday evening October 11th at 8 p.m. – a good attendance of members were present including the President – Mr Rowland.

The Minutes of the previous annual general meeting having been read & confirmed, the Secretary was called on to present the Balance Sheet for the year & all present agreed that the Credit balance of £169 – 10-11 was very satisfactory & the rest of the Balance Sheet called for practically no comment.

On a motion by Mr Rowland, seconded by G Powell the Balance Sheet was accepted.

A vote of thanks to the Auditors proposed by Mr Herrington, seconded by Mr Vaughan was carried unanimously, with the request that they carry on the good work for another year.

Messrs Herrington & Vaughan then proposed that the present President, Vice President, & Secretary should continue in office for another year – carried

On a motion by Mr C Sandford, seconded by Mr Herrington the following Committee Members were re-elected:- Messrs Herrington, W Reynolds, C Blowes, C Sandford, E Powell & H Vaughan.

It was also agreed that the Club run a Xmas Whist Drive as usual.

A discussion the ensued regarding the unruly behaviour of some junior members & after some rather pointed remarks to the juniors had been directed to them by the Chairman, Secretary & others, it was agreed that, for the time being, the Junior Room in the Hall would be in charge of Mr Philip Luce who was thanked for offering his services on a motion by Mr Vaughan seconded by Mr C Sandford.

Mr Truswell then suggested that, if possible some non-alcoholic drink & eatables should be served in the Club for the special benefit of Junior members & it was left to Messrs Luce, Truswell, Rowland & Tee to try & arrange for same.

The meeting ended with the usual vote of thanks to the Secretary, which was acknowledged by him.

Signed: S Rowland Chairman 3/8/45

At a Committee Meeting of the Club held at the Hall on Thursday evening Dec 28th 1944. There were present Messrs. Herrington, Vaughan, Sandford, & Reynolds together with Mr Hensby (who took the chair in the absence of Mr Rowland) & the Hon Secretary. Mr Rowland arrived later.

After reading of the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, there was a discussion re the Trust deed of the Hall held by the Parish Council; It was finally decided to leave it in the hands of Mr Rowland to obtain further opinion in the matter & report back to committee.

The minutes were then confirmed.

The Hon Sec. then reported on result of the Xmas Whist Drive – approx. £26 profit & all present agreed that same was highly satisfactory.

There then ensued discussion by all present on the subject of unruly behaviour of some of the junior members & finally it was proposed by Mr C Sandford & sec. by Mr B Vaughan “That any Junior Member creating a disturbance or disobeying Club rules shall be immediately suspended by any Committeeman present & the matter reported to Hon Sec. who in turn would obtain opinion of full Committee as to final action in the matter. “ Carried Unanimously,

The matter of repair to leg of small billiard table was then mentioned by Secretary & it was agreed that as damage occurred through constant moving (due to school dinners being served in that part of hall) the damage should be reported to the Parish Council & they be asked to get the table repaired with as little delay as possible.

The meeting then closed

Signed: S Rowland Chairman

A Committee meeting of the Club was held in the Hall on evening of January 27 1945 all committee members being present with exception of Mr H Vaughan

The minutes of previous committee meeting were read & confirmed after the chairman (Mr Rowland) had stated that he had been unable yet to do anything in the matter of trust deed.

The Secretary then reported on the action he had taken with reference to the suspension for the balance of the season of Junior members Young, Mintz, Nunn & R Purcell. On a motion by Mr Hensby, seconded by Mr C Sandford the suspension was confirmed.

Secretary stated that he had had the small Billiards table repaired & as cost was only 6/- all agreed to pay same & take no further action re same with the Council. Mr Rowland offering to notify the Council of further possible damage due to constant moving of the table.

After some discussion re Club opening time during Spring & Summer it was decided that Club be not opened until at least one adult member arrives. On a suggestion by Secretary Junior members must enter their names , also start & finish times for Billiards games & amount paid in a book provided for that purpose by the Club.

No further business being brought up the meeting then closed.

Signed: S Rowland Chairman

The Annual General Meeting of the Club for 1944-5 Season took place at the Village hall on Wednesday Oct 3rd at 8 p.m..

The President (Mr Rowland) was in the chair, the Vice President (Mr Hensby), Secretary (Mr Tee) & a good attendance of members were present.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, & after a few comments they were adopted.

Next on the Agenda was the Balance Sheet which was read by the Secretary who showed comparisons of present Balance of £195-9-6 with the previous 4 years in the first of these (1941) the Balance was £76 odd.

Favourable comments having been expressed by several members, it was proposed by Mr Herrington, seconded by Mr C Sandford that the accounts be passed & the motion was carried unanimously.

The following proposals were also carried unanimously:-

By Messrs Herrington & Vaughan- Hearty vote of thanks to Auditors

“ “ Tee & Herrington – Mr Rowland as President

“ “ Rowland & Service- Mr Hensby as Vice President

On the Secretary tendering his resignation, & after some discussion, it was proposed by Mr Hensby, seconded by Mr Sandford, that Mr Service take over the office. Carried.

Mr Vaughan proposed & Mr Hensby seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered to resigning secretary. This was also carried unanimously.

Last Year's committeemen Messrs. Herrington, Reynolds, Blowes, C Sandford, E Powell & H Vaughan, together with Messrs Hugh Dixon & W W Tee were elected on a motion by Messrs Herrington & Vaughan.

The Secretary then reported that Coal & Coke bins were full to overflowing – a good thing in these days of shortage. – He also tendered his thanks to Messrs Herrington & C Sandford for the assistance they had rendered him. – He wished it to go on record that the following had been presented to the Club on various occasions by the late Canteen Management:- Piano. Set of Snooker Balls, 3 Cues & Cases, 1 doz. cups & saucers, 2 doz. Handle-less cups, 3 doz. tumblers & various games.

He also reported that of the 13 Junior Members, it had been found necessary to suspend no less than 8 for offences against the rules of the Club.

Finally he reported that he had arranged for a Committeeman to be on duty each night of the week, Messrs. Reynolds, Sandford, Vaughan, Service, Blowes & Herrington taking a night in that order. The meeting then closed.

Signed: S Rowland Chairman

A Committee Meeting was held at the Village Hall at 8.30 Oct 19th (1945)

The attendance being very poor, the only members being present were Messrs. Hensby, Herrington, Blowes, Service and Mr Rowland, who took the chair. The minutes of the previous Committee meeting were read and after a short discussion (Mr Rowland stating there being no further development re Deeds Trust), were adopted. The first item to come up for discussion was more games for the Juniors. Mr Service proposed they should have another dart board, also a ring board (Quoits). Mr Herrington thought the Council might object to another dart board, on account of having to nail a backboard to the building, also there wasn't a convenient place to put it, so this proposal was dropped. Mr Rowland seconded the ring board proposal and it was generally agreed. The next item to come up for discussion was to determine a date for our Xmas Drive.. Mr Herrington proposed that the date should be Dec 21st, seconded by Mr Hensby it was carried. Mr Herrington suggested informing Ugly- Henham Clubs so that their dates did not clash with ours, also to advertise in local paper about 3 weeks beforehand. The next item was the piano, which was presented to the Club recently by the Canteen. Mr Herrington proposed it should be housed in the Hall, the dressing room was suggested, Mr Rowland seconded this, and it was generally agreed.

The next item was the old piano, what shall we do with it? After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr Rowland, sec by Mr Hensby, to have it repaired and tuned, then sell it, calling on the services of Mr Millbank for advice. Mr Herrington adding that the proceeds minus repair expenses should go to Welcome House Fund, this was carried.

Mr Service said that although Mrs Stocks would shortly be moving either her or Mr Stocks would open up the Club each night at 7 O'Clock app. But should a Committeeman come for the key before that time, she would let him have it.

This being all for discussion, the meeting closed.

Signed: E Hensby 14/12/45

A Committee Meeting was held at the Village Hall on Friday Dec 14th (1945) the members being present were Mr Herrington, Mr Hensby, Mr Tee, Mr C Sandford, and Mr Service. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a discussion came up regarding the old piano, finally it was proposed that there was no reason why it should not be sold. Mr Herrington suggested that a new set of crystallite Billiard balls should be bought. Then reference was brought up about the two lads who were just recently suspended, their names were Mr R Purcell and Mr J Ratty.

It was proposed and finally agreed that they be suspended for one month. Reference was then made regarding the Xmas Drive, all arrangements were then made for refreshments, accommodations, card and tickets Etc. being short of chairs and cards it was proposed to borrow them from Henham. Mr Herrington proposed that the Club should have more papers to read, suggesting the Picture Post and the Daily Mirror, this was seconded by Mr Sandford and generally agreed. Mr Tee suggested that there should be more heat in the small Hall, Mr Stocks instead of letting the stove go out when the children have finished their dinner, putting more fuel on to keep it going for the evening.

This being all the business for discussion the meeting then closed.

Signed: S Rowland

List of Furniture, Crockery etc in charge of Caretaker - Mrs. Stock

w. l. m. g. m. M.

- 7 Arm Chairs,
- 58 Small Chairs,
- 6 Large Tables,
- 3 Small Tables,

- 1 doz. Cups & Sancers,
- 2 doz. Handleless Cups,
- 3 doz. Tumblers,
- 1 Tray,
- 1 Dish.

- 1 Full size Billiards Table,
- 1 Small ditto.
- 29 Billiard Cues,
- 6 Cue Rests,
- 28 Snooker, & Billiard Balls,
- 4 Cue Presses,
- 1 Electric Iron,
- 1 Billiard Table brush,
- 1 Dart Board,
- 28 Card Tables,
- 26 Packs of Cards.

Dixon ✓
Herrington ✓
Lee ✓
Clayden ✓
Robinson ✓
Sandford ✓
Reynolds ✓

J. Stock

Mr. Clayton
Len Herrington that Mr. Lee
be chairman
Minutes read and confirmed
Mr Dixon
Again be let to council.
O.K. Oneho - as m.w.
What Privileges into council.
Large billiard table question to be
left.
Blame of other org.
want two nights all the hall.
but not willing to let
the point for Perry see Clayton
carried.

A Committee Meeting was held at the Village Hall on Friday Feb 8th (1946) the members being present were Messrs. Herrington, Hensby, Mr Sandford, Mr Tee, Mr Service, and Mr Rowland who took the chair. It was generally agreed that Mr Service could buy old piano. The next item to come up for discussion was, a proposal by Mr Herrington seconded by Mr Service that a presentation should be made to Mr Tee, in appreciation of his very good work during his long term in office. This was carried unanimously. It was then asked "What shall the present be?", and after a short discussion it was agreed that a silver cigarette case would be quite suitable. Mr Rowland suggesting leaving him to purchase it. The next for discussion was a presentation to Mr Sandford in appreciation for all he has done in keeping the weekly Whist Drive going. After short discussion a fountain pen was agreed upon, Mr Service agreeing to get same. Next the matter came up re signature on P.O. book, which has to be changed. The next thing for discussion was regarding members failing in their duty at the club at night, it was to be hoped that the members would in future, do their best to do their duty on nights in Club as pre arranged. It was brought up by Mr Sandford re prizes of Xmas Whist Drive, namely coal not yet received, Mr Service to look into the matter. It was next suggested by Mr Herrington that the club should have a set of Rules, Mr Service agreeing to draw up a set for approval. There being no more business, the meeting was then closed.

Signed: W W Tee Deputy Chairman

A Committee Meeting was held at the Village hall on Friday April 5th (1946) The members being present were Messrs. Tee, Sandford, Vaughan, Blowes, Reynolds, and Mr Service. Mr Rowland and Mr Hensby came along later, Mr Tee deputised as Chairman. A presentation was made to Mr C Sandford in the shape of a Fountain Pen, in recognition of his past services for the club. Mr Sandford thanked the committee for their kind thoughts towards him, and he mentioned he gave his services purely for the welfare of the club without any thought of reward. The next thing to come up for discussion was Rules for the Club. A set was drawn up by Mr Service for approval. These were read and re read and after a lengthy discussion and amendments made they were finally agreed upon. The next item for discussion was the repairing of the large billiard table. An estimate was sent for and received from J Riley, but after a short discussion on the subject, it was proposed by Mr Rowland that he get in touch with another firm. Mr Rowland duly received an estimate from these people, they were very favourable and accepted. The matter is in hand. The next business was the change of signatures for the P.O. Bank. The forms were produced, and after the necessary signatures were made. Later Mr Rowland suggested that a try out should be made, of the club opening on Saturday afternoons, providing that a committee member be present and that the council should be paid the nominal letting charge, this was agreed upon. That being the finish of business for the night, the meeting then closed.

Signed: S Rowland 5/7/46

A Committee Meeting was held at the Village Hall on Friday July 5 (1946). Members being present were Mr Vaughan, Mr Tee, Herrington, Hensby, Sandford, Mr Service and Mr Rowland who took the chair. The First business to come up for discussion was the opening of the club on Saturday afternoons, after a short debate, it was decided that the Council and Club should divide the takings equally at 2/-per hour. The letting of the Piano was next discussed, eventually it was proposed by Mr Rowland, seconded by Mr Tee that the ordinary letting fee shall be 2/6, and Dance Bands should be charged 5/-, this was generally agreed upon. The next matter was concerning the collecting of all charges by Miss Bourne, it being suggested that Miss Bourne should collect all charges for the letting of Hall and Heating – Lighting etc., this matter is being seen into. The Billiard Table came up for discussion next, Mr Rowland tried the old cushions, and found that they were quite as good as new ones we should get at these times, as rubber now is much inferior. Mr Tee proposed and Mr Hensby seconded that the table be done, at the price of £25, this was generally agreed upon. Mr Herrington then pointed out that it was time the club had some new cues. Mr Tee said that 2 new cues were recently given, Mr Herrington said that there wasn't half a dozen decent cues in the club, and suggested that most of these should be scrapped. After a little discussion Mr Rowland suggested leaving the matter to him. The next thing discussed was the rules of the club, Mr Tee proposed that they should be printed in book form, Mr Hensby seconded, all agreed. Mr Tee also suggested that the old cloth from the big table, should be put on the small table, this was generally agreed upon, this being all the business for the night the meeting was closed.

Signed: S Rowland

A Committee Meeting was held at the Village Hall on September 7th (1946) Members being present were Mr Herrington, Mr Tee, Mr Hensby, Mr Reynolds, Mr Service and Mr Rowland who took the chair. The first thing to come up for business was new cues, after a short discussion, it was decided that four new cues be ordered, at a price of 30/- each. Mr Herrington then suggested that a new billiard table brush was needed, this was generally agreed upon, and Mr Rowland said he would see about getting one. The new rule books were then shown, and were approved of. The next business was regarding Billiard-Snooker matches, it was suggested by Mr Herrington, that a sub-committee be appointed to arrange matches and players. After a short discussion the committee chosen were:- Mr Siney, Mr Tee, Mr Herrington, Mr Reynolds and Mr Service, Mr Tee and Mr Service being left to arrange matches. The next thing to be discussed was the condition of the Hall, Mr Tee said it was in a very bad state of repair, that being generally agreed upon, Mr Tee suggested that the Council should be reminded of the fact. Mr Rowland suggested writing to Miss Bourne. The condition of the Small Billiard Table was then debated, after a short discussion, and a look over the said table, it was decided to have it repaired, asking Mr Jennings to do the work. This being all the business for the night the meeting closed.

Signed: P Herrington

The Annual General Meeting for year 1945-6 was held at the Village Hall on Oct 21st (1946) The President Mr Rowland being in the chair. The attendance was rather poor. The minutes of the previous general meeting were read, and after a few comments were adopted. The Balance sheet was then read, and copies passed round for members to see, there was an increase of about £32 on last year's balance, no comments were made upon that. Mr Herrington then commented upon the presentation that should have been made to Mr Tee. Mr Rowland, not being able to purchase the required article namely, a silver cigarette case, said it did not seem sensible to pay £10 for an article worth about £2. Mr Service suggested a cheque instead all agreed. Mr Tee moved to congratulate the boys on their very much improved behaviour. Mr Hensby was thanked as Auditor, and was kindly asked to continue as auditor for the coming season, which he agreed to do. Mr Rowland then suggested that he should resign Chairmanship, owing to the fact that he, now being on the Parish Council, could not serve two masters. Mr Tee proposed, seconded by Mr Clayden, it was agreed that Mr Rowland should resign. Here, Mr Rowland retired from the meeting room. Mr C Clayden the proposed, seconded by Mr Herrington, that Mr Tee should take over chairmanship, but this was declined, and after several proposals, no new chairman was chosen, so Mr Sandford proposed that Mr Rowland continue, sec by Mr Blowes, it was generally agreed. Mr Rowland thanked all saying he would always do his best for the club. Then came the choosing of officers.

Vice president. Proposed Mr Hensby, Sec Mr Tee. Mr Herrington.

Then came a proposal from Mr Tee regarding the Secretaryship, he proposed that it should be taken over by a younger member, and after a deal of proposals and argument, no one seemed to want the office, then Mr Rowland proposed that Mr Service carry on provisionally until someone could be found to fulfil the office, this was generally agreed upon, and Mr Service accepted on those terms. The committee men were then chosen. Mr Tee proposed by Mr Herrington Sec by C Clayden: Mr Blowes proposed by H Dixon sec by Mr Tee: Mr Siney pro by C Clayden Sec Mr Herrington: C Clayden Prop by C Sandford, Sec Hensby : S Morton. Prop by Mr Blowes sec Sandford: Mr Hensby Prop by Mr Blowes sec C Clayden: F Robinson Prop Mr Herrington sec Mr Caton: R Percel Prop by Mr Herrington Sec Mr C Sandford: Mr H Dixon proposed Mr Blowes seconded by Mr Hensby: Mr C Sandford prop by Mr Tee, sec by Mr C Clayden: Mr Rowland moved a vote of thanks to Mr C Sandford for his good work for the club, in running of the weekly whist drives, this was given heartily. This being all the business for the night the meeting broke up. The Committee reaining behind, to arrange the next meeting also to choose a representative of the club, for a coming meeting. Mr Tee was eventually chosen.

The Officers and Committee for the years 1946-7 being as follows:-

President:: Mr S J Rowland

Vice President: Mr P Herrington. Temporary Sec A Service

Committee:- Mr Siney. C Clayden. F Robinson. S Morton. R Purcell. C Blowes. C Sandford. H Dixon. W Tee

Signed: M Mordaunt?

A Committee meeting of the club was held in the Hall on evening of Monday November 4th 1946 with Mr Herrington (Vice Chairman) in the chair.

Committeemen present were Messrs ~~H Dixon~~, C Sandford Clayden, Morton, Blowes & Tee.

After a slight argument by the Secretary, the Chairman called for the minutes of last meeting to be read. This was done & minutes were duly confirmed.

The Secretary then stated that he was resigning his position at once, & (after a pointed remark to Mr Tee which was refuted & confirmed by Messrs Clayden, Morton & the Chairman), Mr Tee asked the Secretary if his resignation was final. On stating this was so Mr Tee proposed, seconded by Mr Clayden that the resignation be accepted & he be thanked for his efforts while holding the office. Mr Tee was asked to be Secretary temporarily, after Mr Services withdrawal, & the Committee discussed a successor & were still discussing when a Committee of the Social & Athletic Club arrived to discuss a possible fusion of the two clubs.

A long & at times heated discussion then ensued but no conclusion was arrived at, & the meeting was adjourned.

Signed: S Rowland Chairman

The Adjourned Committee meeting of the club was held in the Village Hall on Friday November 8th (1946) at 8p.m.

Present:- Messrs Blowes, Morton, C Clayden, with Mr Rowland in the chair & Mr Tee as Secy. Pro tem.

The minutes of the preceding Committee meeting were read & Confirmed.

It was proposed by Mr Tee Seconded by Mr Clayden that honorarium of £5 be paid to Mr Service the late Secy. A proposal by Mr Herrington seconded by Messrs. Blowes & Siney "That Messrs Ambrose, Brooker, G Palmer & Ryder be elected as new members" was carried unan.

Mr Blowes agreed to take over the duties as Games Secretary, in order to relieve the Secretary.

Mr Tee Prop Mr Blowes sec "That the Council be notified that before the end of this year, our Committee would like to meet the Council to discuss "twice a week lettings" of the Hall which may be required next year" and "also discuss payment to be made for shifting Billiards Table & partitions." Carried unan.

The Secretary agreed to see Mr Ryder with a view of his accepting Secretaryship.

The meeting then adjourned to meet again on Thur Nov 14

Signed: S Rowland Chairman

The Adjourned Committee of the Club was held in the Hall on Monday evening November 18th (1946) at 8 p.m.

Present:- Messrs Sandford, Blowes, Clayden, Morton, with Mr Rowland in the chair & Mr Tee as Secty pro. Tem.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & confirmed after the Secretary had stated that his interview with Mr Ryder did not accomplish anything.

It was agreed that the Xmas Whist Drive should be held on Friday Dec 20th & that the Secretary obtain 20 Posters to advertise the event, & Mr Rowland obtain 6 packs of cards. The rota for committeemen to be in charge at the Hall was fixed as follows:-

<u>Monday.</u>	S Morton	<u>Thursday</u>	C Clayden
<u>Tuesday</u>	C Sandford	<u>Friday</u>	C Blowes
<u>Wednesday</u>	T Siney	<u>Saturday</u>	P Herrington

After general discussion on the matter of a Secretary it was agreed that the matter be left in abeyance for a week or two in an effort to persuade a local man to take over.

The meeting was then adjourned until Tuesday 26th inst at 7.15 pm

Signed: S Rowland Chairman

At a Committee Meeting of the Club held on Tuesday November 26th 1946 there were present:- Messrs Blowes, Morton, Clayden, Siney & C Sandford, with Mr Rowland in the chair & Mr Tee as Sec. pro. tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. The Secretary reported that he had been unable to find anyone to take over the duties of Secretary Treasurer & was asked to see Mr Ambrose re this. It was proposed by Mr Blowes, seconded by Mr Claydon that H Vaughan be co-opted to the Committee vice T Robinson Carried unan.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Signed: S Rowland 2/12/46

Another Committee Meeting took place on December 2nd (1946)

Present:- Messrs Siney, Clayden, Morton, & Blowes with Mr Rowland in the chair & Mr Tee still secretary pro tem.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read & confirmed, Mr Tee reported that Messrs C Sandford & C Blowes had agreed to act as joint secretaries. On the motion of Mr C Clayden, seconded T Siney, they were thanked for accepting the position & thanked for taking on the work. Carried Unan.

Mr Tee stated that he had seen Mr Jennings re repairs to small Billiard Table, which Mr Jennings had agreed to brace at cost of about 50/-

Messrs Tee & Siney then pro & seconded a motion that considering the very small use of the piano by the Women's Institute & Mothers' Union, this club will in future make no charge for the use provided the Piano is not moved from present position – Carried.

Signed: S Rowland Chairman 3/1/47

A Committee Meeting was held on Friday Jan 3rd 1947 with Mr Rowland in the chair, the Committee present being Messrs Tee, Vaughan, Clayden, Dixon, Reynolds & Morton. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Discussion opened by Mr Tee pressing for the club's attitude as to the Parish Council's letting of the Hall on two nights per week and after considerable comment on this matter it was pro. Mr Tee Sec. Mr Vaughan that the following letter of protest be sent to the Parish Council.

After a lengthy discussion on the attitude of the Parish Council in continuing to make twice weekly letting of the hall in Jan & Feb against the terms of the agreement made, whereby this club hires the hall. Mr Tee proposed & Mr Vaughan Sec. that a strongly worded protest be sent to the P. Council pointing out to them that the bookings by them of Jan 11 & 25 & Feb 8 & 22 to the Ath. Soc. Club must be cancelled by the Council as these are definitely Club night. But wishing to avoid any animosity between this club & the Ath Soc. Club, we propose allowing the latter club to hold their dances on the nights as planned, but that they will be treated as Village hall Clubs Lettings, ex their quota of 6 nights per year as per our agreement.

The next item was the question of changing signatures for the bank & P.O. savings bank, and from a proposal by C Clayden, Sec by H Dixon it was decided that the signatures of the two joint Secs be those adopted. Carried Unan. Next was the resignation of Mr Rowland as Chairman of the Club, who regretted having to do so, but owing to his position on the P. Council, thought that this was the best solution, the resignation was accepted with very much regret, and appreciation recorded for his past services to the club. Mr Tee then moved & Mr Vaughan Sec. that Mr Rowland accept the post as hon vice-president of the club. Carried Unan. It was then proposed Mr Tee Sec Mr Reynolds that the club elect Sir N Mordaunt as the new president & chairman and a letter to this effect be sent to Sir Nigel. Carried Unan. At this point there was some discussion with regard to making the present lighting of the hall more efficient if possible, and Mr Tee stated he would enquire as to how much the new fluorescent lighting would cost. This being all the business for the evening the meeting then closed.

Signed: N Mordaunt Chairman 19/2/47

Committee Meeting was held on Wed Feb 19th (1947) with Sir Nigel Mordaunt in the chair. The committee present being Messrs Tee, Herrington, Claydon, Dixon, Siney, Vaughan and the Jt Secs. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed. The first item to be discussed were the club's fires which since the resignation of the caretaker had only been lit on & off by club members. After some discussion Mr Tee pro. Messrs Blowes, Dixon & Vaughan, be appointed to try and find a suitable person to light the fires each evening. Next was whether to resume the weekly whist drives which had been postponed for the time being, owing to the inclement weather & no fires. It was decided to leave this matter to the discretion of the Sec. It was pro. Mr Herrington Sec Mr Tee that several billiards accessories firms be approached as to the cost of a new one piece shade for the large billiard table.

Sir Nigel then expressed his desire for a further meeting between this club & the Ath. Soc. Club with a view to coming to more friendly terms than those that at present existed. All the committee with the exception of one member, were in favour of Sir Nigel's suggestion and Mr Blowes pro. That the club send three members to meet three from the Soc. Ath. Club to talk things over, The meeting was arranged for Mar 4th at Elsenham Place at the kind invitation of Sir Nigel.

Mr Vaughan raised the matter of a member being picked to play at a Billiard Match, and who eventually did not get a game at all. It was pointed out that this was due to an oversight by the games committee. Mr Claydon thought that only 1 frame should be played at Snoker instead of two. The matter was left for the games com. To decide.

At this meeting the Chairman Sir Nigel presented a mantel clock to Mr Tee in recognition of his services as Sec. during the war years. Mr Tee replying thanked the Club very sincerely and said how much he appreciated their gift. This concluded the business for the evening and the meeting then closed.

Signed: N Mordaunt Chairman

The committee meeting was held on Friday May 2nd (1947) with Sir Nigel Mordant in the chair the committee present being Messrs Herrington, Tee, Vaghan, Claydon, Dixon, Morton and Blowes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The first item to be discussed was the Billiard Shade and it was decided to wait until the next Parish Council Meeting before anything else was decided. Next was what attitude the club should take if the parish Council should let the Hall to the Athletic Club, and it was left to Mr Tee to see a Solicitor and report at next committee Meeting. Next was about three missing electric light bulbs after last dance and it was pro. Mr Tee that the Bill for same should be sent to the Athletic Club. Next came the letting of the Hall to the G.F.S. and it was pro. Mr Tee seconded Mr Herrington that the Sec. should write to Mrs Lloyd to notify her that the meeting of the G.F.S. must terminate by 6 p.m. or obtain permission from our committee for extension of this time. It was pro. Mr Herrington that a donation of £5 be divided between the N.F.U. and the Lord Mayor Flood Fund*. Carried unanimously. This concluded the business for the evening and the meeting then closed.

Signed: N Mordaunt 19/5/47

*See Example letter attached

A Short Committee Meeting was held on Monday May 19th 1947 with Sir Nigel in the chair, committee present being Messrs Tee, Clayden, Morton, Herrington and Sandford.

The only subject for discussion was the attitude the club should adopt, should the Parish Council decide to let part or all of the hall to the Ath. Soc. Club. The whole matter was widely discussed, and after each member had expressed his opinion, it was finally decided that should it be necessary, the club would be prepared to let the Soc. Ath. Club have the larger section of the hall for not more than three evenings per week. Mr Tee & Mr Dixon were elected to represent the club at the invitation of the Parish Council the meeting to take place the following evening.

The meeting then closed.

Signed: N Mordaunt

A Committee Meeting was held on Friday Sept 12th (1847) with Sir Nigel in the chair. Committee members present, Messrs Dixon, Herrington, Clayden, Vaughan, Tee & Sandford. Mr Sandford raised the matter of the newspapers purchased by the club, and it was agreed to discontinue with the daily paper and periodical, but to continue with the evening paper. A short discussion followed as to what charge should be made to the Parish Council for lights and fires for all the film shows held during the previous winter, and Mr Vaughan pro. Mr Clayden Sec. that a charge of 30/- be made for the whole period.

Next Mr Tee reported that at Mr Rowland's request he had made enquiries with regard to purchasing a new stove for the hall, and had been successful in obtaining one from Messrs Sparrows, the cost to be borne by the Parish Council, or in the event of their unwillingness to pay, Mr Rowlands had kindly offered to do so. It was next stated that, owing to the state of the floor, the Parish Council were agreed to let the hall to the club, for a further 12 months, on a monthly basis, the rent to be as at present £8 per year. Sir Nigel expressed the view that it would be better on a yearly basis, with the proviso that we were prepared to close the club completely if and when the Council requested us to do so. Mr Tee agreed to approach Mr Rowland on this point.

Next there was some comment as to a covering letter, that was supposed to exist, with regard to the letting of the hall to the club, by the Parish Council. Mr Herrington thought that an endeavour should be made to find Mrs Hind's solicitors with the hope of tracing the missing letter. Sir Nigel kindly offered to approach Mr Routledge on this matter, whom it was thought would know the name and address of the solicitors concerned. Next the possibility of a Christmas Whist Drive was discussed, as it was not possible to hold one in the Village hall in its present state. Here Sir Nigel kindly offered a large room in his residence for this purpose, but said he thought it unsuitable, owing to the fact that there was no heating available, so it was finally left to Mr Vaughan to approach the Henham Village Hall committee, with a view to holding a Xmas Whist Drive there.

With regard to lighting the fire in the hall during the coming winter Mr Vaughan agreed to ask a certain person whom he thought might be willing to do this. This concluded the business for the evening and the meeting then closed.

Signed: N Mordaunt

The Annual General Meeting of the Club for 1946-47 was held on Oct. 23rd (1947) with Sir Nigel Mordaunt in the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous year and after a few comments on one or two items they were adopted.

Next was the presentation of the balance sheet which showed a balance in hand of £197 -0 -2. This was considered to be quite satisfactory in view of the falling off of several members, which was considered due in some part to having no caretaker. Mr Tee moved that the balance sheet be passed as correct, and also that Sir Nigel be elected as chairman for the ensuing year. Carried Unan. It was proposed by Mr Hensby, Seconded H Dixon that Mr P Herrington be re-elected Vice- President. Next came the election of the Secretary, Mr Blowes not being present at the meeting it was assumed he had resigned. Mr Sandford was asked if he would continue on his own, but said he did not feel he could find the time necessary to carry out the work, as it should be done, and he would rather see someone else appointed Secretary. After a somewhat lengthy discussion Mr Tee proposed & Mr Clayden seconded that E Smith be appointed Secretary. This he accepted on the understanding that he received any help he might require from various members of the committee.

Mr Tee then moved that the Committee for the ensuing year be as follows: Messrs Dixon, Reynolds, Tee, Clayden, Vaughan, Robinson, Ambrose & Sandford. Mr Herrington raised the matter of the Sec Honorarium and from a proposal by Mr Tee Sec Mr Herrington Mr Sandford was asked to accept 50/- as his share. He thanked the committee for their proposal, but declined the offer, it being his wish the club should benefit by any work he had done during the year. Mr Tee also moved that Mr Blowes be offered 50/- for his services. The Secretary next remarked on the work Mr Herrington had done in ironing the Billiards Table and repairing cues etc. Mr Tee proposed and Mr Sandford Seconded this be recorded in the minutes. Finally a vote of thanks was accorded Mr Hensby for his work in auditing the books. This concluded the meeting.

Signed : N Mordaunt

A Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday Nov 4th (1947) with Sir Nigel chairman. Committee present being Messrs Robinson, Herrington, Clayden, Dixon, Vaughan and Sandford. The minutes of the previous committee meeting were read and passed as correct. The first item for discussion was the election of a games committee and from a proposal by C Sandford Seconded H Vaughan Messrs Herrington, Tee and Dixon were chosen.

It was next proposed C Clayden Seconded H Dixon that a new Dart Board be purchased, and that the charge remain as at present i.e. 1d per game. A Small committee to organise the Christmas Whist Drive was elected as follows Messrs Vaughan, Sandford, Tee.

Mr Herrington next mentioned that the billiard table needed a brush, also he thought it would be advisable for the club to have a rubber stamp for marking Whist Cards etc.

This concluded the business for the evening.

Signed: W W Tee

A committee Meeting was held on Thursday Nov 27th 1947 with Sir Nigel Mordaunt in the chair and the following committee men present: Messrs H Dixon, P Herrington, C Clayden, Tee, and H Vaughan with the sec E Smith. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The first item for discussion was the view of the club were to take at the parish meeting called by the council for Tuesday Dec 2nd, after much discussion on this it was decided that Mr Tee should speak for and on behalf of the club and that no decision of any important nature should be made.

Mr Tee now resigned from the games and Christmas Whist Drive Committee, Sir Nigel then offered to replace him on the first, and C Clayden was asked by Mr Vaughan to serve on the second, to which he agreed.

It was proposed by Mr Tee that the takings of cash each evening should be handed over to Mrs Parish with the keys, this being carried by the meeting. Also proposed by Mr Tee that any club member should be allowed to collect the keys to open the hall in the absence of the committee man of the evening, this was carried.

Next came the list of names of new members for election

G Harman	Pro P Herrington Sec W Tee
T Irons	Pro T Siney Sec C Sandford
A Chapman	Pro W Tee Sec E Smith
K Dixon	Pro P Herrington Sec W Tee
R Reynolds	Pro H Dixon Sec C Clayden
W Barker	Pro P Herrington Sec E Smith

All the above were elected members with the exception of T Irons, and after some discussion on this pro. Member it was decided to postpone his election as a member until the next committee meeting.

This concluded the business of the evening and the meeting then closed.

Signed: W W Tee 2/12/47

A Committee Meeting was held on Friday Dec 5 1947 with Mr Tee in the chair, and the following committee men present Messrs Dixon, Robinson, Herrington, Vaughan, Sandford and Clayden with the sec E Smith. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

In the absence of Sir Nigel it was pro P Herrington and sec C Clayden that Mr Tee should take the chair, this being carried, next item for discussion was the election of T Irons for membership, after much discussion it was pro C Clayden sec E Smith that he be elected a member, this was carried except for one abstention.

Mr P Herrington asked the committee if he could buy the blackouts at 3/- each, this was agreed by all.

Mr H Dixon was pro by W Tee sec C Clayden to represent the club at the meeting to be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, it was agreed by all that he should ask for the use of the back room for 5 evenings per week and the whole hall for at least one night per week, this was carried.

Pro Mr Tee Sec C Clayden that the refreshment for the Xmas Whist Drive be left to the Henham people to do, and that we thank the Henham Village Hall Committee for the reasonable charge for the loan of their hall to us for the Xmas Whist Drive.

It was pro W Tee that the club insure its property, after some discussion on this it was decided to leave it until the next committee meeting, which was fixed for Wednesday Dec 10th 1947.

This concluded the business of the evening and the meeting then closed.

Signed: W W Tee 10/12/47

A Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday Dec 10th (1947) with Mr Tee in the chair, and the following committee men present Messrs Dixon, Herrington, Robinson, Sandford, Reynolds & Clayden. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The first item for discussion was the result of the meeting held the previous evening, by the persons who were representing the other users of the village hall including ourselves. Mr Dixon then read out the various proposals as follows,

- (1) That we let the piano to the Council
- (2) The Crockery be left as now
- (3) The Whist Tables be let to the council
- (4) Question of large billiard table be left over for time being
- (5) E.A. & S. Club require the use of the whole hall on 2 nights per week namely Tuesday and Thursday

These suggestions then came up for discussion and it was pro P Herrington sec C Clayden that we should not lend the piano to the council, carried by all.

Pro W Tee sec P Herrington that we sell the whist tables to the council on condition we use them free when required, carried

Pro W Tee sec C Sandford that we lease the large billiard table to no other club, as any male person over 14 years of age can join our club. Carried.

Pro P Herrington Sec C Sandford That we were not in agreement with the request of other club for there pro 2 nights, and that we stand by our request for 5 nights per week for back half of hall and one night per week for whole hall, carried.

All these points were made clear to this club's representative, who will make them known at the next meeting of users of the hall.

Next item for discussion was as to who should look after the cash for the Xmas Whist Drive, C Clayden then offered to do this, to which all agreed.

Pro W tee sec P Herrington that we insure our property if it was to cost us up to £3, carried. Pro W Reynolds sec H Dixon that in view of the hall being repaired, the Xmas Whist Drive be held here and not at Henham as org intended, carried. Pro W Tee sec C Clayden that the 10/- which Henham were going to charge us for the use of their hall still be given to them, carried, also a letter of thanks to be sent.

Pro C Sandford sec C Clayden that W Tee represent this club if H Dixon should be unable to, at the next representative meeting. Carried.

This concluded the business of the evening and the meeting then closed.

Signed : W W Tee 19/12/47

A Committee Meeting of the club was held in the Hall on Friday Jan 2nd 1948, those present being :- Sir N Mordaunt in the chair, & Messrs Herrington, Tee, Dixon, Sandford & Clayden.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read & confirmed a discussion ensued regarding the unsatisfactory method of letting the Hall by the Council, & it was proposed by Mr Herrington seconded by Mr Dixon & carried "that the Council be asked to take over from this club at once the responsibility of Hetaing & Light of the Hall. And also to adhere to the old agreement under which the Council shall notify the Club 7 days in advance of any letting of the Hall."

Mr Herrington then proposed & Mr Dixon seconded that a vote of thanks be rendered to all those who assisted in making such a success of the Xmas Whist drive held on Dec 23rd as a result of which a profit of over £32 was made, Carried.

The next proposal was made by The Chairman & seconded by Mr Vaughan that "We notify the Council that, until the allocation for the use of the Hall is officially sanctioned & a new set of rules & regulations for control of the Hall & property is issued officially by the Council, this Club will not lend any of its property to any other organisation." Carried unanimously

The Meeting then adjourned after passing for payment and a/c of £6 for cues from Messr W J Riley.

Signed : N Mordaunt Chairman

Another Committee Meeting was held in the Village hall on Friday evening Jan 23rd 1948 with Sir N Mordaunt in the chair – Committeemen present being Messrs H Dixon, P Herrington, J Robinson, C Clayden & W Reynolds with W W Tee as temporary secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

The Secretary then read a letter received from the Parish Council re the new allocation of the Village Hall, rent etc, & also read a copy of the newly-issued regulations for use of Hall.

After considerable discussion these were generally agreed with the following exceptions:-

1. That this club can be opened at 6 p.m. when required
2. That the Partitions be removed & replaced by the party renting the whole Hall
3. That the possible use of the whole hall by the club on the 1st & 3rd Fridays, & the 4th Saturday shall be regarded as being in the new inclusive rent of £1 per week – payable quarterly in advance.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Parish Council by letter of these exceptions.

Mr Herrington then proposed & Mr H Dixon seconded “That Club’s property be only hired to outside parties through the Secretary.” Carried

Sir Nigel proposed & Mr J Robinson seconded a motion “That our Piano be first offered for sale to the Parish Council. If they would not purchase same, it should be advertised for sale to the highest bidder.” Carried

All present were unanimously in favour of appointing Mr H Vaughan as Secretary.

The Charge fixed for renting the Club’s Whist Tables to Athletic Club if required was 10/- per night.

After a general discussion, it was decided to start the weekly whist drives as soon as possible preferably on Friday 30th January, & it was left to Messrs C Sandford, C Clayden & H Dixon to arrange same.

Signed: N Mordaunt Chairman 22/3/48

Club’s Property offered for sale to Parish Council

1. 6 light shades @ 2/6 ea.
2. 18 “ Bulbs @ 1/6 ea.
3. 1 Chopper @ 9/6
4. Mr A Lodge’s estimate of
12 cwt. Coke @ 4/11 ---- £2.19.0
3 cwt Coal @ 4/2½ ---- 12.7½
5. Clock ?

At a Committee Meeting of the Club held on March 22nd there were present:- Sir N Mordaunt in the chair, Messrs Herrington, J Robinson, C Clayden & H Dixon with Mr Tee deputising for the Secretary who was unavoidably absent.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read & confirmed, the Secretary's action in applying for membership in the Stortford & District Snooker League was endorsed by all present with exception of C Clayden.

The Chairman was asked to bring to the attention of the Parish Council at their next meeting, the fact that this club had not yet received any acknowledgement of the Secretary's letter witten Jan 25th, & action was asked on the following points:-

1. Re offer of Piano
2. Reply to the points raised Jan 25th Letter
3. Payment for Club's property as shown at the end of the previous minutes
4. Payment of £2 rental owing for Jan & Feb 1947
5. " " 10/- light & heat for Cinema held 1946/7
6. Notify Council that 3 cues had been broken & several light bulbs after recent dances.

It was generally agree that we approach the Athletic Club & ask them to change their Friday night use of the Hall to Monday night, thus obviating the necessity of moving Partitions more than once weekly.

The Secretary was asked to write Messrs Riley for quotation for new rubber cushions & stretching bed cloth & recovering & when this could be done; also for cost & delivery of "Ray-lite" Table Shade.

The Chairman was also requested to ask Council for a guarantee that this club will always have the sole use of the Billiards Table, & also a statement in writing from them to the effect that ownership of this table is this club.

A report of the success of the weekly whist drives was made, & it was decided to continue same until the attendance dropped enough to make the Drives unprofitable. The meeting then adjourned.

Signed: N Mordaunt Chairman 13.5.48

A Committee Meeting held on Thursday evening 13th of May (1948) Sir N Mordaunt in the chair, also present were Messrs:- Tee, Herrington, Clayden, Robinson & Hon Sec. The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed & signed after which Mr Tee gave the report from the Parish Council concerning the Club the list reading as follows:-

1. That the rent of £1 commencing Jan 19.1948 excluding the additional Saturday
2. That the school furniture must not be used, without permission
3. Dance hours to be 12 o'clock provided reasonable quiet
4. That a Club Committee man be present at all Dances and Whist Drives
5. The Council proposes to continue the present arrangements with regard the sole use of Billiard Table by the Village hall Club but should this arrangement cease within the next two years the Council will refund any expenses in the next six months
6. The Council agreed to purchase certain fitting belonging to the Club
7. After a discussion of these rullings (sic) it was quite clear that the Billiard Table was presented by Sir Walter Gilbey as shown on the plate. Mr Herrington moved that a letter be sent to the Council for the following particulars be handed to this Club in writing to save any further misunderstanding regarding the Partitions, the changing of Tuesday nights to Monday for the Athletic Club.
8. That the fourth Saturday night means no extra charge to this Club and that seven days' notice be given to this Club if this Saturday is let by the Council

Mr Tee second (sic) it and was carried unanimously

Mr Tee moved that the Secretary pay the outstanding rent balance due to the council from 19th Jan to May8th 1948 Sec Mr C Clayden

The Secretary brought to the notice a letter from Rileys Ltd \re the recovering cushions and stretching bedcloth and thr Raylite Shade. This was agreed the work go on.

A letter also from the Bishops Stortford & District Snooker League proved not very satisfactory owing to transport to and from Bishops Stortford.

The form for Redemption of the 3% Defence Bonds of £50 was filled in and agreed that that (sic) the said amount be handed into the Post Office Savings account.

This concluded the Business and the Meeting closed.

Signed: N Mordaunt 19.7.48

A Committee Meeting held on Monday 19th July (1948) Sir Nigel Mordaunt in the Chair also present were Messrs Herrington, Dixon, Robinson, Clayden & Hon Sec. This meeting being called to give the final rulling (sic) of the Snooker league.

It was pro by P Herrington and sec by C Clayden that a letter be sent to Rileys Ltd for the fixing of new leathers on the pockets while the work is in progress this being unanimously carried.

It was then brought to notice by H Dixon regarding the interest of Old members of this Club should have for invitation this was left over to the General Meeting. It was then discussed weather (sic) or not we should go in The People Darts Tournament this was left to see if enough players could be got together by Mr Siney if we could proceed in this matter of sport.

Football Tickets was the next item to help the Club so Mr C Clayden offered to make the necessary information from another firm.

The games committee then sat inside to select a Captain & Vice-Captain for the team result was Mr Tee Mr Herrington any absent Mr Siney and also to be the Committee to choose the Team on Friday nights.

Mr herrington Propose and sec by Mr C Clayden that the Parish Council be notified about the number of light bulbs unfit for use. This was unanimously carried

This concluded the business and the meeting closed.

Signed: H Dixon 6/9/48

A Committee Meeting held in the village Hall on Sep 6th (1948) in absence of the Chairman Mr H Dixon was called upon to preside, also present were:- Messrs Tee, Herrington, Clayden, Robinson and the Hon Sec.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed, after a discussion of the things arising from the minutes the letters were read from Rileys Ltd including the item of re-doweling the table leg that was agreed by all present.

Mr C Clayden suggested that friendly matches be fixed such as Hallingbury, Quendon, Newport and others for the purpose of giving members a game who are not playing in the team this was agreed that the Sec write for fixtures.

The requirements of the Hall was brought up for discussion such as windows & bulbs that are a necessity for the coming winter in the interest of those who come to our weekly whist drives. Mr Tee proposed, seconded by Mr Herrington that a letter be sent to the Council on this matter. For the benefit of the club it was agreed that Mr Tee represent it at the parish council meetings.

It was decided that refreshments be provided for the visitors and members at home matches and a vote of thanks to Mrs Vaughan for her attention on these occasions. This concluded the business for the evening.

Signed: W W Tee 8.11.48

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Village hall on Oct 15th 1948.

Sir Nigel Mordaunt in the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting was (sic) read confirmed and signed. The balance Sheet was passed round which showed a successful year of a balance in hand £259 – 4 6½ which brought a vote of thanks to Mr Hensby for Auditing the Books. Mr Rawlings moved to congratulate the committee for the splendid effort during the year and the smooth working of the weekly whist drives by Mr Clayden and helpers seconded by Mr Herrington.

Mr Tee proposed that Sir Nigel to be Chairman for the coming year seconded by Mr Herrington. Mr Hensby proposed Mr Tee Vice President Sec C Clayden.

Committee

Mr Tee	proposed	J Robinson	Seconded	
Mr Herrington	“	C Clayden	“	
Chapman	“	T Siney	“	
Mr Clayden	“	K Dixon	“	
Mr Siney	“	C Blowes	“	
Mr Rawlings	“	H Dixon	“	
Mr J Robinson	“	Herrington	“	Carried Unanimously

A long discussion about the ownership of Billiard Table and that a misunderstanding had led the committee of the Club up against the Parish Council in the past and the Club agreed to get this matter settled as soon as possible if a small sum would settle it. The Secretary was offered the Honorarium but wished the Club success on his behalf and to carry on with the help of the committee. Carried Unan.

The Christmas Whist Drive was discussed and to let other Villages know the date being fixed for Dec 22nd

Signed : W W Tee Oct 21st 1949

A Committee Meeting held in the Village Hall on Nov 8th (1948) with Mr Tee in the Chair, also present were Messrs:- P Herrington, T Siney, C Clayden, J Robinson, K Dixon, & the Hon Sec.

The minutes of the last committee meeting were read confirmed and signed. There were a few comments on these minutes and the report from Mr Tee at the Parish Meeting provided the required information regarding the Windows, Lights, floor, etc. and Billiard Table to which all agreed.

The matter concerning the renovation of the Hall by the Council was brought up by Mr Tee and Mr Vaughan representing the Club at a previous meeting and after a long discussion Mr C Clayden moved and Mr Tee seconded that this Club be in agreement to help the council at Whist Drive one Tuesday a month in this effort all present agreed provided that the Council provide its own requirements. Items regarding the Christmas Whist Drive was brought up for discussion and it was well covered in detail and that it was necessary to get 12 packs of cards this being left to C Clayden.

Mr Herrington proposed that a presentation be made to Mr Hensby for his kind services in Auditing the Books for many years as and appreciation from the club, this was seconded by Mr Tee all present agree. A rota was then drawn up for nightly duty. Mon. Mr Siney Tues. Mr Clayden Wed. J Robinson Thurs. C Blowes & K Dixon Fri. H Dixon & H Vaughan Sat. Mr P Herrington.

This concluded the Business

Signed: W W Tee 17/12/48

A Committee Meeting held on Dec 17th (1948) when Mr Tee presided also present were Messrs J Robinson, H Dixon, P Herrington, T Siney, E Hensby and Hon Sec.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed after which a presentation was made to Mr Hensby for his willing services in auditing the books for the past years which Mr Tee expressed the committee thanks from the chair whereupon Mr Hensby returned with appreciation the gift very much welcomed for the services, he had rendered and would continue with the aid of the pen.

A matter of expenses on Hire Car was brought up regarding the heavy outlay for members who went away with vacant seats of members not able to attend so it was proposed by Mr Tee Sec Mr Herrington that the differences come from Club funds. Car Unan.

After a few final arrangements for the annual whist drive the meeting closed.

Signed : W W Tee Chairman 21/1/49

A Committee Meeting held on Jan 21st (1949) with Mr Tee in the Chair also present were Messrs Herrington, Clayden, Robinson, Siney and Hon Sec.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed after which the Annual Whist Drive Balance Sheet was discussed and passed to be satisfactory showing a reasonable profit.

The discussion led to the Billiard Table cover which was badly needed for which Mr Herrington proposed and seconded by Mr Clayden that the Secretary write at once to Rileys for same.

Then the matter arose concerning the Time Clock which was found sometimes not in use so the secretary was asked to put a notice up to this effect and was left to members of the committee to see that it was kept in a prominent place.

Owing to the absence of some of the committee the secretary was instructed to notify in future by card.

This concluded the business

Signed: N Mordaunt 2 May/ 1949

A Committee Meeting held on May 2nd 1949 Sir Nigel Mordaunt Chairman also present were Messrs Tee, Herrington, Clayden, K Dixon and Hon Sec. The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed.

First for discussion was the Billiard table. As the result of talks with the Parish Council re the Ownership of the Billiard Table this Club has now received a letter dated April 26th 1949 and signed by Mr Rowland (Chairman of the Council) confirming an offer by the Council to sell the Table and Accessories to the Club for the sum of £5 subject to the Council having the right to purchase same should this Club cease to exist at any time.

Mr Herrington proposed and Mr Clayden seconded that the council's offer be accepted and the Council be asked to put particulars of the transfer of ownership in writing to the Club for their records. Mr Herrington proposed to withdraw his statement made at a previous meeting and that Mr E Powell be co-opted on the committee this was seconded by Mr Tee. Carr. Unan.

There was a long discussion regarding the Hall and the new Caretaker's duties to this Club and that the Council be approached on this matter.

Owing to the difficulty of Mr Clayden carrying on the weekly whist drives and was it worth continuing during the Summer months. It was unanimously carried that as they were a great help to the finance of the club the Secretary said he would carry on with the help of Mr Clayden when possible.

This concluded the business.

Signed : W W Tee July 1st 1949

P.S. The letters herewith mention in these minutes are to be kept in the secretaries (sic) case for safe keeping.

A Committee Meeting held on July 1st 1949 with Mr Tee in the Chair and also present were Messrs Clayden, Robinson, Herrington, Siney, H Dixon and the Hon Sec.

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed.

After a long discussion arising from the minutes concerning the new Caretaker and Duties it was proposed by C Clayden and Sec by E Powell that Mr Tee represent the Club at the next Council meeting.

The report of the Snooker Leagues opening meeting was read and discussed which led to the list of players being chosen from which Mr Tee was selected as Captain proposed H Dixon and seconded by J Robinson.

This concluded the Business

Signed: W W Tee 24/8/49

A Committee Meeting held on Aug 28th 1949 with Mr Tee in the Chair also present were Messrs:- Clayden, Herrington, Siney, H Dixon, E Powell and Hon Sec. The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed. Mr tee and myself represented the club at the last council meeting as the result to the main item was the rent to which the secretary was instructed to write to the council informing them that after a long discussion the club cannot see its way clear to pay any increase in rent and were it not for our Christmas whist drives we should not be able to pay our way and we are still anxious to get an agreement in writing from the council as regards the nights on which the club shall have the use of the Hall or part of, proposed H Dixon seconded P Herrington. Carr Unan.

Mr P Herrington proposed and Mr Siney seconded that the secretary write for the claim of 27/6 due to this club for the rent charged on one of the club nights without a notification. Carr. Unan.

Mr Tee wish to resign as Captain owing to health reasons therefore Mr Tee proposed Mr Siney this was carried.

Mr Herrington proposed W Barker as Vic President seconded by E Powell Carried Unan.

The secretary was asked to write for price list of cues & rests. After a long debate as to the selection committee it was proposed by Mr Herrington that a third man be added to the captain and Vice Cap naming C Clayden to select the snooker league teams and games in general selection committee for the snooker league and the games committee be a separate one – seconded Mr Siney. This amendment was put to the meeting on which Mr Herrington and Mr Clayden got up and resigned from the committee this made the meeting unable to carry on owing to not being the number required so Mr Dixon proposed and seconded Mr Siney that the meeting be adjourned till next Wednesday Aug 31st.

Signed: W W Tee 31/8/49

A Committee Meeting held on Aug 31st 1949 with Mr Tee in the Chair also present were Messrs:- Robinson, Siney, H Dixon and the Hon Sec

It was commented on the use of the Hall by this club and was found that by verbal arrangement of Mr Rowland (Chairman Council) and Mr Tee that the club use the Hall when not in use by any other organisation but the matter has arisen by the the new council that they meet this club for new arrangements it was proposed by J Robinson and seconded by T siney that Mr Tee and the Sec represent the Club to the Council. It was found that the two long butts were needed so Mr H Dixon proposed Sec by T Siney that the secretary send for these.

It was proposed by J Robinson sec by H Dixon that G Barker be co-opted on to the committee for the Lads section. It was then proposed by H Dixon and Sec by J Robinson that the Cap and Vice Cap and C Blowes should consist of the selection of the snooker league games Carr.

Signed: W W Tee 23/9/49

A Committee Meeting held Oct 23rd 1949 with Mr Tee in the Chair also present were Messrs Siney, Dixon, Powell, Barker and the Hon Sec

This meeting being called to discuss the new proposed agreement by the council for the coming year commencing Oct 1st so after being well debated on it was agreed that the following letter be sent to the council. "We agree that under the circumstances the rent proposed by the council from Mon till Friday night shall be £1 per week with the exception that when the Whole or part if booked by the Music Society the Club will not of course be able to use it on those nights. As far as Sat nights are concerned when the Hall is not let by the council to any other party the Club is to have the right to use the Hall when required @ 5/- per night."

Propose E Powell seconded T Siney Carried Unanimously

Charges for the small table was brought up so if there was a set of snooker balls this would improve the game for the Lads. Prop H Dixon Sec E Powell

Signed: H Dixon 14/11/49

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Oct 21st 1949

Sir Nigel Mordaunt in the chair also present were messrs:- Tee, Dixon, Powell, Herrington, Siney, Clayden, W Barker, G Barker, A Vaughan, Haylett, Sewell and the Hon Sec.

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed.

The Balance Sheet for the past year was handed round for inspection and criticism to which Mr Tee moved that it showed a good result for the past year seconded by E Powell Mr Tee proposed a vote of thanks for Mr Hensby the Auditor of the Books seconded by P Herrington. Mr H Dixon passed a vote of thanks to the Secretary seconded by Mr Tee with an addition that the Honorarium be accepted for the large amount of work put in in the past year. Sec E Powell.

The secretary in return said he would be quite satisfied with a good fountain pen as a reward for his services in place of the money. This was agreed.

The meeting continued with the election of Officers

Chairman	Sir Nigel Mordaunt	Proposed P Herrington	Seconded H Dixon carr
Vice Chairman	H Dixon	Proposed P Herrington	Seconded C Clayden
Secretary	H Vaughan	“ W Tee	Seconded H Dixon

Committee	Proposed	Seconded
W Barker	P Herrington	C Clayden
E Powell	W Tee	H Dixon
T Siney	W Tee	A Vaughan
B Caton	H Dixon	A Vaughan
A Vaughan	W Tee	W Barker
C Blowes	W Tee	H Dixon
G Barker	C Clayden	W Tee

The topic was discussed was the way in which the Clerk of the Council had let the hall on the Thursday nights to the Film Show after making an agreement that Monday Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday nights were reserved for the Village hall Club commencing as from the 1st of October @ £1 per week and Saturday nights when not let at a fee of 5/- so Mr P Herrington proposed that a letter be sent to the Council informing them of the underhanded way in which the Hall had be let away from the Club without notice and that no further bookings to be made without the seven days notice as agreed, furthermore that the Club claim the Saturday night in place of Thursdays and when this is not possible the 50% of the letting revenue from the Thursday night be handed over to the Club in replacement Seconded H Dixon

Signed H Dixon 30/10/50

A Committee Meeting held on Nov 14th 1949 with Mr H Dixon in the chair also present were Messrs:- T Siney, W Barker, E Powell, A Vaughan, G Barker and Hon Sec.

A Long discussion re the Council and Film Show, and was decided that three members be elected to meet them and come to some agreement

H Vaughan Proposed E Powell seconded T Siney

A Vaughan W Barker E Powell

H Dixon H Vaughan E Powell

This was agreed and carried to meet the council on Thursday 17th Nov @ 7 o'clock It was then agreed that all Junior members spent one year on the small table and to pay full subscription when they reached working age of 15 and could play on Large Table if passed by one of Committee.

The Christmas Whist Drive was next item when a change was made this year to include refreshment. Tickets at 2/6 and the advert to go into press on Friday before. This concluded the Business

Signed: N Mordaunt

A Committee Meeting held on Jan 6th (1950) with Sir Nigel Mordaunt in the Chair also present were Messrs T Siney, E Powell, G Barker, A Vaughan, H Dixon, W Barker and the Hon Sec

This meeting being called to settle a complaint from the council concerning the junior members behaviour so after a long discussion it was decided that any committee man should report any member committing an offence the H Dixon proposed that any such member be suspended for one month seconded by E Powell. Carried Unan.

A Report from W Barker and the secretary with their meeting with members of the council where it was agreed to work on friendly terms and keep the nights fixed for the Club being Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays and Fridays the Billiard sec when not used by the musical society and Saturdays when not hired by any other organisation.

The remainder of the meeting was a discussion on the addition to the Hall.

This concluded the Business

Signed : H Dixon 13/3/50

A Committee Meeting held on March 13th 1950 with Mr H Dixon in the chair also present were Messrs T Siney, E Powell, A Vaughan & Hon Sec

A Report from the secretary concerning a committee to be formed for the Village Hall Repair fund of which the Club should have three representatives which was agreed to E Powell, A Vaughan & Hon Sec these volunteered for the benefit of the Club.

It was reported that on some occasions gambling had come to be notice and must be put a stop to leaving full powers to any member of the committee and a notice to this effect.

The coming handicap to continue with closing dates to each round and any further ones it was agreed that E Powell would take the entrance fees.

This concluded the business

Signed: S Rowland

A General Meeting held in the Village hall on July 5th 1950 was called by a small committee to discuss an annexe to the Hall.

Sir Nigel Mordaunt presided and pointed out that the committee had thoroughly gone into this business and had agreed it best to put it to a general meeting to get the general feeling, he then called on the secretary for the reports as follows 1st That the Club was declining in funds owing to the Club being open only three days a week and was losing the interest of its members, therefore an Annexe with another Billiard table would be to the benefit to the Club.

2nd That Mr Little of Stansted had viewed the site and approved to give all in his power and even to assist in the erection of the said place.

3rd The 25th inst. was read from the council reviewing the matter "That the Village Hall Club be responsible for the maintenance of the annexe Heating, Lighting & Rates etc."

But after a long discussion it was the general feeling that the matter be left over till a later date but to continue with the plans.

The secretary was asked to write to the council about partitions and that they be replaced every Friday night and see if this would improve matters for the club.

This concluded the business.

Not signed or dated

The Annual General Meeting held on Oct 30th 1950 in the Village hall when the minutes of the last Annual were read confirmed and signed. Moved by Mr Tee seconded by C Clayden.

The Balance Sheet was handed round which showed a good result of £47.0.0. profit showing a Balance in hand £286-17-7. Moved by Mr Rowland sec by Mr Tee. Mr Herrington passed a vote of thanks to Mr Hensby for Auditing the Books seconded by Mr Rowland.

Mr Clayden proposed H Vaughan to continue Secretary sec Mr Tee. After a long discussion for a Chairman to continue the meeting it was agreed as there was no rule that the President and Chairman should be one member Thus pending that Sir Nigel Mordaunt still be President proposed H Dixon seconded P Herrington.

Chairman	Mr Rowland	Proposed	C Clayden	Seconded	Mr Tee
Vice Chair	H Dixon		E Hensby		E Powell
Committee	E Powell		E Hensby		Mr Tee
	W Barker		Mr Tee		G Barker
	G Barker		P Herrington		H Dixon
	A Vaughan		H Dixon		G Barker
	G Haylett		H Dixon		G Barker
	C Sandford		C Clayden		G Haylett

With two more to be co-opted

It was moved that a letter be sent to the council for part of the Hall on Friday nights. Mr Rowland passed a vote of thanks for the secretaries (sic) great effort during the past year and that the Honorarium due was worthy for the work put in. Sec Mr Tee
A discussion about the snooker league which was taking one night out of six every two weeks so owing to the shortage of Club nights Mr Herrington proposed that a General Meeting be called before joining next season. Seconded by C Clayden.

This concluded the Business

Signed: N Mordaunt 5 November 1951

A Committee Meeting held on Nov 7th 1950 with Mr Rowland in the Chair, also present were E Powell, H Dixon, G Barker, G Haylett, A Vaughan and the Hon Sec
The meeting being called to elect Captain of Snooker Team & selection committee it was agreed that Mr Rowland Captain, W Barker, E Powell & secretary to select teams. Carried

The notice was brought to the committee that a General Meeting would be called before the commencement of the next snooker league.

The letter was read from the council concerning a number of lad's misbehaviour and would be expelled from the hall if they had any more complaints.

After a discussion as to what steps to take the secretary brought forward the subs card and suggested that Rule 9 be carried out more efficient in the future would be a great help to mend matters and a small charge be made for the small table this was agreed and carried.

This concluded the Business.

Signed: S Rowland

A Committee Meeting held on April 30th (1951) with Mr Rowland in the Chair. Also present were H Dixon, E Powell, G Barker, A Vaughan, and Hon sec.

The Whist Drive Balance Sheet was passed round after comparing with other years was moved to be very satisfactory.

A Letter from the Musical Society regarding three Club nights 21 -22 &23 of May was discussed and came to agree that we work on friendly terms and that the secretary let these nights on conditions that the Club again have the Billiard section on Friday nights when the Musical Society do not require it on winter nights this we feel a most friendly way to take.

The minutes of the snooker league was read which invited members of this Club to the final night at Bps Stortford Working Mens Club on May 2nd. Followed by a discussion for a ?? a new hall.

This concluded the Business.

Signed : H Dixon 3/9/51

A Special General Meeting was held in the Village hall on June 11th (1951) with Mr Rowland in the Chair, also present were G Barker, P Carter, H Dixon, C Blowes, A Van Booker, G Haylett and the Hon Sec.

The Secretary gave the particulars of this meeting being called also that his reply from the Musical Society on the matter of Friday nights when they did not require the Billiard and we could use it.

Mr Rowland from the Chair, that from all angles it seemed clear that the League Team should continue as there was now Fridays and a good many Saturdays and that it would not be much chance of getting in again once we come out as it gives a good amount of interest to the club. Proposed by A Vaughan Seconded by G Barker.

Signed : N Mordaunt 5 Nov 1951

A Committee Meeting held on Sep 3rd (1951) Mr Rowland in the Chair also present were W Barker, G Barker, H Vaughan, G Haylett, C Blowes, & Hon Sec
This meeting being called at the commencement of the Snooker League to select Captain & selection committee. After a long discussion it was agreed that W Barker be Captain, Mr Rawling Vice Captain, and H Vaughan, these three to select team when alterations are necessary but to commence with same team and see results this was agreed.
The Table Tennis was discussed and that games should be fixed up with other clubs and that a full size table be bought if possible.
This concluded the Business

Signed: S Rowland

The Annual General Meeting held in the Village Hall on Nov 5th 1951.

Sir Nigel Mordaunt in the Chair when the minutes of the last meeting and special meeting were read confirmed and signed.

The Balance Sheet was read and examined showed a profit of £20 and to the grand Total £306-7-6 in hand.

Moved by Mr S Rowland seconded by Mr C Clayden with a vote of thanks to Mr Hensby for Auditing the Books.

Arising from the Balance Sheet was that the Billiard Table was showing less than the previous year from E Powell sec C Clayden.

Proposed that with the approval of the council that a time clock be installed into the lighting circuit sec Mr Rowland carr Unan.

Then the election of officers continued with

Sir Nigel Mordaunt	President	Proposed	S Rowland	Seconded	H Dixon
S Rowland	Chairman		G Haylett		W Ambrose
H Vaughan	Secretary		C Clayden		W Barker
C Clayden	Vice Chairman		S Rowland		W Barker

Committee

W Barker, G Barker, A Vaughan & G Haylett were elected en bloc

		C Clayden	C Blowes
W Ambrose		A Vaughan	G Haylett
H Dixon		A Vaughan	S Rowland

Carried Unan.

And this committee to arrange a rota for club nights.

Mr Rowland explained that the Club was having difficulty in coming to terms about the Monday night & Friday so he had seen Mr Sell and said the matters before him at the Club were willing to come to terms with the Musical Society when it was agreed that Mr Rowland & the Secretary meet the Council with the Musical Society on Monday night and also when the Council allocate the letting of the Hall the Chairman and secretary should attend. Proposed H Dixon seconded by C Clayden. Carr Unan.

A letter was read re the extra charge of 5/- on Whist Drive nights which on the summer nights did not show this profit so Mr Rowland proposed that a letter be sent to the council for an adjustment on this matter and the approval of the Time Clock seconded by H Dixon. Carr Unan.

A Full size Table Tennis was discussed and Mr Rowland proposed if the one mentioned could be obtained for £5 to get it. Seconded by A Vaughan.

It was agreed that all subscriptions be paid from one month of this meeting and a full list be posted on the notice board. Letters were read re the arrangement that the Secretary had made toward the new Hut and Ground this was left over owing to the extra nights about the Club Mr Rowland passed a vote of thanks to the Secretary seconded by H Dixon.

Signed: S Rowland 3/11/52

A Committee Meeting was held on Dec 11th 1951 Mr Rowland in the Chair also present were H Dixon, C Clayden, A Vaughan, G Barker, G Haylett and Hon Sec. The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed. Arising from the General meeting that a time clock be installed this was agreed that Mr Rowland would call on Mr Maslins for one to be installed with a sixpenny meter. All Agreed. We then decided the best way to arrange the final pairs & singles for the snooker league. This was agreed that the pairs play off and that the singles be drawn from the hat. Proposed Mr Rowland sec Mr H Dixon. The Annual Whist Drive was discussed and all the necessities were arranged including the tables, cards and adverts posters and tickets at 2/- ea. Mr Rowland then explained the small billiard table on sale at Watsons sale yard and it was agreed that Mr a Vaughan and W Barker view the same for their opinion before we decided to buy it. The secretary read a letter from the council re the extra charge for Tuesday Whist Drive so the secretary should write and have it reconsidered. This concluded the business.

Signed: S Rowland 15/2/53

A Committee Meeting held on March 17th 1952.

Mr Rowland in the Chair also present were Messrs H Dixon, W Barker, C Clayden, A Vaughan, G Barker, E Powell, W Ambrose, and Hon Sec.

The meeting being called to arrange for the Snooker League cup final night to be held at the Golf Club Bps Stortford and all members interested could come and transport to be arranged this was done.

TEAM: W BARKER, G HAYLETT, H VAUGHAN, C BLOWES, A VAUGHAN, G BARKER.

Again the question of the Musical Society and Friday nights was still on the Agenda and had not come to a settlement of agreement of sharing Friday nights as they were only paying back the three nights in return for those they have had previously.

It was hoped that Table Tennis would give more interest in the coming season this would mean a full size table at a great expense out of the Secretary's working.

C Clayden moved that it be left to him to do his best.

The card tables and cues were brought to notice of their need of repair and would be looked into.

Signed C J Clayden 1/9/52

PLEASE POST EARLY IN THE DAY

Stortford

District League

Results: Police B 2, Elsenham 4—
Stansted B 3, Police A 3—Conserva-
tive Club B 1, Stansted A 5—Saw-
bridgeworth B 4, Conservative Club
A 2—Working Men's Club B 3, Saw-
bridgeworth A 3—Millars B 2, Work-
ing Men's Club A 4—Harlow 5.
Millars A 1—Golf Club 1, Burnt
Mill 5.

Table to date

Teams	Pts.
Elsenham	134
Stansted A	126
Working Men's Club B	118
Conservative Club A	106
Working Men's Club A	101
Sawbridgeworth A	100
Police A	92
Conservative Club B	90
Sawbridgeworth B	90
Millars B	88
Stansted B	86
Burnt Mill	84
Millars A	72
Harlow	54
Police B	50
Golf Club	48

A Committee Meeting held on Sep 1st 1952

W C Clayden in the Chair also present were Messrs W Barker, H Dixon, A Vaughan, G Barker, W Ambrose, E Powell, and hon sec.

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed.

For the coming snooker season it was proposed by W Ambrose and sec by E Powell that W Barker be Captain and Propose by C Clayden sec by G Barker that H Vaughan be Vice Capt. And that G barker be the other to select team every wek proposed W Ambrose sec H Dixon.

A Letter was read concerning the Musical Society regarding three nights which they required to arrange for the show on Oct 4th. H Dixon proposed sec by W barker that agreement be accepted.

A discussion on the Annexe brought a good outlook as things were beginning to move and it was hoped that all would do their best get things running.

C Clayden proposed sec by W Ambrose that the Representatives attend the next meeting being Mr S Rowland & Secretary.

This concluded the business

Signed : C J Clayden 1-12-52

Annual General meeting Nov 3rd 1952

Represented by Mr Rowland, C Clayden, E Powell, G Barker, W Ambrose, H Dixon, R Ambrose, R Blackwell, C Sandford, D Dixon, R Service, B Davis, R Trigg and Hon Sec
The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed. With the adoption of the Balance Sheet proposed by C Clayden seconded by E Powell. Carr. Unan.

Mr h Dixon moved that the Secretary accept the usual Honorarium for his services in the past year sec C Clayden.

A Vote of thanks from the Chair for Mr Hensby the Auditor.

It was proposed by Mr Rowland seconded by E Powell that Sir Nigel Mordaunt remain President of the Club. Carr Unan.

Chairman	Mr Rowland	Proposed	H Dixon	Seconded	G Barker
Vice Chairman	C Clayden		E Powell		C Sandford
Secretary	H Vaughan		S Rowland		C Clayden

It was moved from the Chair that the seven Committee stand and be voted in Block which was agreed to.

W Barker, G Barker, H Dixon, E Powell, A Vaughan, R Ambrose, C Sandford. Proposed C Clayden seconded H Dixon . Carr Unan.

R Blackwell was selected for the Junior Section. Proposed R Ambrose seconded by Mr Rowland

The Secretary brought to notice that junior members wish to join and would the committee approve of the signing these in with two committee approval say himself and Mr Rowland this was agreed.

The Club Representatives were to be Mr Rowland and the Secretary to any meetings when so called if and unable H Dixon to stand in their place.

Proposed by C Clayden seconded H Dixon that the membership fee still stand at 5/- and 2/6 Juniors.

This concluded the Business

Signed: C J Clayden 23/11/53

A Committee Meeting held on Monday Dec 1st (1952)

In the Chair Mr C Clayden also present were E Powell, A Vaughan, G Barker, R Blackwell, R Ambrose and Hon Sec

This meeting being called to arrange the Christmas Whist Drive which was agreed to be held on Tuesday 23rd if this did not clash with other Village arrangements, this was left to the Secretary.

Tickets to be 2/- and E Powell would get these 150. Advert to be in the Local Paper C Clayden would see to this. Posters to be put up in other villages this was arranged

It was then hoped that all would do their part in getting the prizes. The Musical Society has asked for Mon Tues and Wednesday 14-15-16 to arrange their Nativity Play these nights to be repaid as soon as possible this was agreed to.

This concluded the Business

Signed: S Rowland 20/4/53

Committee Meeting held on Monday April 20th (1953)

Mr Rowland in the Chair. Also present were H Dixon, E Powell, A Vaughan, G Barker, R Ambrose, and Hon Sec

The Balance Sheet of the Christmas Whist Drive was handed round for inspection and passed as correct.

The Snooker Final night was discussed and arrangements to be made for any who wished to go to be held at the Police Club.

A Report from the secretary concerning the Musical Society and the nights to be repaid for the Tuesday which were being overlooked on their behalf.

A report on the Parish Council raising the rent to cover the cost of Electric light charges.

The extension of the Hall was still a problem and further steps would be taken to see what could be done about it after our representatives had met with Parish Council.

Signed: S Rowland 7/9/53

A Committee Meeting held on Sep 7th (1953)

In the Chair Mr Rowland H Dixon, G Barker, C Clayden, A Vaughan, R Ambrose and the Hon Sec

The commencement of the Snooker League needed the selection of Captain.

Captain W Barker proposed by H Dixon sec C Clayden

Vic cap. H Vaughan H Dixon C Clayden

Mr Rowland to help to select team Unan Carr.

Mr Rowland Report from the Parish Council meeting and Musical Society who were making plans to construct a stage at the front end of Hall but were not allowed to put the Club in any obligation regarding the small Billiard Table.

The letter was read concerning the Caretaker Cottage for repairs which may raise the rent another £20 per annum. This was strongly objected to.

It was proposed to alter the time clock to 20 min if possible.

This concluded the Business

Signed: S Rowland 4/8

Annual General Meeting held in the hall Nov 23rd 1953

Chairman Mr Rowland also present were H Vaughan, H Dixon, C Clayden, E Powell, W Ambrose, A Vaughan, R Ambrose, R Blackwell and Junior members. W Barker and G Barker were unable to attend owing to them playing the League Competition. The secretary apologised for the meeting being so late this year owing to the misfortune in home affairs.

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed with the adoption of the Balance Sheet which proved very satisfactory of the sum £354.18.5 in hand this year's profit being £20. A Vote of thanks from the Chair for the secretary work and that the usual Honorarium be accepted. This was moved by H Dixon sec C Clayden. Next came the election of Officers were as follows.

President	Sir Nigel Mordaunt	Proposed	Mr Rowland	Sec	C Clayden
Chairman	Mr S Rowland		C Clayden		H Dixon
Vice Chair	Mr C Clayden		Mr Rowland		A Vaughan
Secretary	Mr H Vaughan		C Clayden		Mr Rowland

Committee: Mr Rowland moved that the seven committee stand and be voted by block. H Dixon, E Powell, W Barker, G Barker, R Ambrose, A Vaughan, C Sandford and R Blackwell this was carried unan.

The secretary requested that Junior members could join by His and another approval instead of waiting for committee meetings. Annual fee still to be 5/- and 2/6.

It was then decided to discuss the Christmas Whist Drive. The most convenient date would be Tuesday 22nd.

C Clayden offered to arrange for adverts in the Herts & Essex 150 tickets and 12 packs of playing cards. Prizes were left for the secretary to get in the usual way.

This concluded the Business

Signed C J Clayden 1-11-54

A Committee Meeting held on Sep 1st (1954) with Mr Rowland in the Chair. Also present were G Barker, R Ambrose, R Blackwell and the hon sec.

The commencement of the Snooker League need the election of Captain W Barker propose Mr Rowland sec G Barker, Vice Capt. H Vaughan propose Mr Rowland sec R Blackwell Mr Rowland would help to select team Carried unan.

The Billiard Cloth was brought to notice of its condition and was decided that estimates be sent for and handed round for the decision to be made this was agreed. Propose by Mr Rowland seconded by G Barker the Table Tennis League had been formed and secretary had signed a team in which was favoured by all. The Table needed repairing and it was left to the secretary to see to it and to get requirement for match games.

The secretary suggested that a small charge be made for table Tennis games and was agreed that 2d for 3 games.

This concluded the business

Signed : C J Clayden 18/10/54

A Committee Meeting held on Oct 18 1954.

In the Chair Mr C Clayden also present were Messrs E Powell, W Ambrose, R Blackwell, H Dixon, R Ambrose, A Vaughan and Hon Sec.

Mr Rowlands being absent owing to ill health.

The meeting was called to decide on the letting of nights to the Musical Society for Nov 8th-9th and 10th. This was discussed from all points and came to an agreement as wished by our absent Chairman on Friendly Terms. But a letter be sent to Mr Frecknall that Monday and Wednesday was agreed and that owing to the stage being in its present position the club would ask them to be as quiet as possible while the whist drive was in progress. Proposed by C Clayden seconded by W Ambrose

A discussion on the Annexe was of no result yet the general feeling was in the remark of W Ambrose that it was more needed now than ever before now that the stage had been erected.

It was moved that a small charge be made for the table tennis games and the book be at hand for players to sign.

This concluded business

Signed: S Rowland

The Annual General Meeting held on Nov 1st 1954

Represented by Mr C Clayden in the Chair also present were :- E Powell, W Ambrose, R Ambrose, C Blowes, E Rickeson?, G Barker, R Blackwell, R Trigg, C Blowes, B Davis, and Junior members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed.

The Balance Sheet was read and showed a level balance on the year still standing at £354.1.0 owing to the recovering of table being £32 to which the comment from the was a very good achievement in such times this adoption being seconded by W Ambrose.

Mr E Powell proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Hensby for auditing the books and the secretary for his work and that the usual Honorarium be accepted. Seconded by C Clayden

Next was the election of Officers which was as follows.

President	Sir Nigel Mordaunt	Proposed	W Ambrose	Seconded	E Richeson
Chairman	Mr Rowland		C Clayden		B Davis
Vic Chair	Mr Clayden		E Richeson		R Blackwell
Secretary	H Vaughan		C Clayden		G Barker
Auditor	E Hensby		E Powell		W Ambrose

It was then moved from the Chair that the Committee be voted in Block being; H Dixon, E Powell, W Barker, G Barker, W Ambrose, R Ambrose, A Vaughan, R Blackwell seconded E Powell.

E Richeson was proposed by C Clayden seconded by E Powell

Annual subscriptions to be 5/- and 2/6 Pro. E Richeson sec. Barker

A discussion about the condition of the small billiard table and the secretary reported that one was advertised and would see if it was still available if not something must be done to put a stop to this complaint.

It was then brought to notice of the shortness of good cues and was proposed by E Powell seconded by B Davis that new cues and cases be hung in the Hall and that the best of the old cues be rectified. The secretary was advised for same and new darts.

This concluded the business.

Signed: S Rowland.

A Committee Meeting held on Dec 6th 1954

Mr Rowland in the Chair also present were Messrs C Chapman, E Powell, E Richardson, H Dixon, G Barker, Ambrose

This meeting being called to arrange the Christmas Whist Drive which was to be on Dec 22nd to fit in with the other Villages Whist Drives. It was decided that there would be no club on Tuesday so that the tables could be arranged.

C Clayden would see about the advert in the local press. E Powell would get Door Tickets & Raffle Tickets. Bills were approved to be posted at local places and it was hoped that all would do their best to get prizes.

A discussion about the condition of the small billiard table and would it be possible to have it repaired and it was agreed that the cloth from the large table be used if possible. The secretary said he would see what could be done in this matter.

This concluded business.

Signed: S Rowland

A Committee Meeting held on May 9th 1955

Mr Rowland in the Chair. Also present were Messrs C Clayden, E Powell, W Ambrose, G Barker, H Dixon and hon sec

The Whist Drive Balance Sheet was handed round and approved of being a success.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and signed. From which Mr Rowland passed a vote of thanks for the recovering of the small billiard table which was done by Mr h Vaughan Hon Sec.

The secretary made a suggestion of holding a celebration night on winning the Snooker Cup and it was proposed by C Clayden seconded by E Powell that it be held at the commencement of the next season when the interest would be greater.

Junior Members and the Hut reports were not settled.

This concluded the meeting

Signed: C J Clayden 18/6/56

A General Meeting held on March 19th 1956

Mr Rowland Presided in the Chair also present were Messrs:- E Hensby, H Dixon, E Powell, C Clayden, G Haylett, A Vaughan, W Ambrose, R Twigg, J Blackwell, C Blowes, J Ireland, H Vaughan and Hon Sec

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed.

The Balance sheet was well discussed and explained by Mr Hensby the Auditor that everything was in order and correct with an outstanding Quarterly Rent of £9.15.0 but was showing a totl of £381 against £354 last year. This was a poor return compared with other years owing to the lack of interest and the continuous moving of the billiard table.

Mr C Clayden moved the sdoption of the balance Sheet and Mr H Dixon seconded carr unan.

Mr Rowland passed a vote of thanks for the Auditor Mr Hensby and that the secretary receiving the usual Honorarium

The discussion of the election of Officers but to a motion from the Chairman that the existing committee remain in office till the end of Serptember to see if the Club remains in the Hall or take steps to have a place of their own. Seconded G Haylett.

Committee to report next meeting May 28th.

A Committee Meeting held on June 18 1956

Mr C Clayden in the Chair also present were Messrs W Ambrose, H Dixon, G Barker, and Hon Sec

Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed .

The secretary reported that an offer had been made by the Landlord of the Crown for the use of his garage for billiards. This had been measured which meant an adjustment would have to be made.

So discussion on this matter led to many points such as Landlord moving, cost of alteration, Benskin's agreement, voluntary labour etc.

It was agreed that this offer would be a great help at this time and all possibilities should be made to except

Close of meeting

Signed: S Rowland 12/9/56

Members were turned out of Hall by order from Mr Jones for misbehaviour.

A Committee Meeting held on Oct 12th 1956

Mr Rowland in the Chair also present were Messrs:- C Clayden, W Ambrose, A Vaughan, G Barker

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed . This meeting being called for a discussion of the continuousness of the Club and the Snooker League owing to the inconvenience of the conditions laid down by the Parish Council when hiring the hall, also the lack of interest shown by the Members, as the secretary wished to resign.

After taking all points into consideration it was agreed that the secretary write to the council to hire the hall for the six winter months if possible.

Also the Snooker League be continued and that other members be selected in the team to give them more interest this was agreed and carried.

Signed : C J Clayden 23/8/57

A Committee Meeting held on 23rd. 8.1957 in the Village Hall Cottage with

Mr C Clayden in the chair, also present were Messrs Ambrose, Vaughan, G Barker, and the Hon Sec.

Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed.

This meeting was called for the Hiring of the Village hall before 2nd of September Council Meeting. And to decide about continuing the Club.

The secretary pointed out that owing to other users of the Hall we had very little choice and that we should keep the Books open by hiring the Hall one night per week otherwise we might have to pay storage fees.

So it was agreed that we hire the hall one night per week for the purpose of a small whist drive if possible.

Re the small billiard table which has got to be moved. G Barker made an offer of £1 this was agreed. The secretary had Balance the Books which were in order and that the outstanding items which were overdue should be cleared up, Re Cup Final Night and Billiard Cue propose W Ambrose sec C Clayden

This conclude the Business

Signed: S Rowland 5/2/58

A Committee Meeting held on Feb 5th 1958 in the Village Hall Cottage with Mr Rowland in the chair, also present were Messrs H Dixon, C Clayden, W Ambrose, W Barker, A Vaughan, and Hon Sec

The secretary called this meeting as his investigation to the sale of the Friends Mission Room which was in the hands of Sworder & Sons who had forwarded on the full particulars with the price of £900.

After a long discussion taking all things into account. Firstly that it was useless to try and carry on in the Village Hall Secondly that this building was a suitable place for the Club Thirdly that it was a good investment for the money in hand and that we make an offer of £50 to £700 and to spread the remaining mortgage for the period of 5 years. It was left to the secretary to carry on with any other correspondence on this matter.

That another meeting be called after results were known.

Signed: S Rowland 11/3/58

A Committee Meeting held on March 11th 1958 in the Village Hall
Mr Rowland in the Chair also present were Messrs. W Barker, H Dixon, W Ambrose, C Blowes and Hon Sec

The Letters were read Sworders Estate Agents concerning the Mission Room given the figures and conditions.

This was debated upon from all angles how to raise the money. It was agreed that a larger meeting be called so that others interested could voice their views.

So Mr Rowland would see Mr Godfree to hold the Agreement over and also to see Mr Bannar our Solicitor for these agreements.

A Special Meeting held in the Village Hall on March 24th (1958)

Mr Rowland presided to a large number of interested existing members

The Chairman opened the meeting with the outline of the clubs past activities and the obstacles which stood in the way by continuing in the Hall so that few past members has proposed buying the mlsion Room which was for sale.

Then left the meeting for discussion

Mr Barry gave particulars of the lettings

Mr Nappett also gave very helpful remarks in the co-option of the other users.

The meeting came to the conclusion that it would be a very good thing to carry on with the proposal.

Signed: S Rowland 20/8/58

A Special Meeting held in the Mission Room on Aug 20th (1958)

Mr Rowland in the Chair, also present were Messrs W Barker, T Siney, H Dixon, C Clayden, A Vaughan, W Ambrose, G Palmer, K Moll, J Harvey, R Ambrose, A Lodge, & Hon Sec

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed & signed.

Mr Rowland made a few remarks to the Club's new start and hoped that it would meet with every success.

The Club's new name shall be

Elsenham Working Men's Club Proposed C Clayden Sec A Lodge

Carried Unanimously

Committee being the next item

Mr Rowland moved that the old committee carry on till the full membership is known and the rates would carry on the same. Prop A Vaughan sec C Clayden

The age of joining shall be 15 Prop W Ambrose Sec H Dixon

Subscriptions to be 7/6 prop D Hester sec W Barker

Subscriptions for member under 18 to be 5/- Prop C Clayden sec K Moll

Then the snooker league was discussed and it was decided that we enter two teams in the league. The secretary's list was handed round and was agreed that this would be submitted to the league.

C Clayden proposed and sec by W Barker that D Hester, A Lodge and A Vaughan be the management committee for the social side.

Weekly whist drives would commence this coming season and a Christmas whist drive if possible

Subscriptions to be paid before the end of October

Next Meeting Sep 3rd

Signed: S Rowland

Selection Cttee: G Barker, Tom Siney, Bert

A Meeting held in the Hall on Sep 4th (1958)

Mr Rowland in the chair also present were Messrs C Clayden, W Ambrose, W Barker, A Lodge, D Hester, T Siney, H Dixon

The snooker Fixture lists were handed around and discussed. It was agreed that Mr Gilder be asked to make the light shade for the billiard table.

It was discussed if the spare forms were able to be disposed of and how many were required for the Small Room it was left for W Barker to deal with the matter as soon as Sworders had stated the price.

It was proposed from the chair that the Trustees for the Hall should be Sir Nigel Mordaunt, W Barker, H Dixon, C Clayden and after a full explanation they all agreed.

It was brought to notice that a clock for the other table was needed to help raise the funds.

The embers present left it for Mr Rowland to hurry Sworder & Sons in the particulars of agreement of purchase.

Signed: C J Clayden 30/10/58

A General Meeting held in the Club Room on Oct 30th 1958

Mr C Clayden in the chair, also present were Messrs:- W Barker, G Barker, H Dixon, T Siney, A Vaughan, W Ambrose, C Blowes, G Jaggard, K Mole, F Robinson, H Payne, A Cracknell, S Rowland, A Lodge, J Gilder, J Blackwell, R Blackwell and the Hon Sec

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed. Arising from the minutes was Light Shade, Forms and Trustees then were dealt with in order and Mr Rowland said that the particulars of Agreement of Purchase were on the move.

The Balance Sheet was read by the secretary and handed round for comment.

K Mole proposed A Lodge seconded that Mr F Robinson stand in for a Trustee if Sir Nigel Mordaunt will not stand.

The secretary pointed out that Mr T Siney had been good enough to retip all the cues and that he get the necessary supplies to carry on he said that he would. All agreed carried.

A Discussion on Weekly Whist Drives in the side Hall but it was proposed by C Blowes seconded by A Vaughan that they be held in the Main Hall for the time being on Tuesdays as a try out. Carr. Unan.

The secretary pointed out that Mr Nappett would agree to pay extra Rent if the Small Hall could be kept for meetings this was agreed subject to the club arrangements.

The Club was now under the new name and officers were elected as follows:-

Chairman	Mr Rowland	Prop.	A Vaughan	Sec	H Dixon	Carr Unan
Vice Chair	C Clayden		Mr Rowland		G Barker	Carr Unan
Secretary	H Payne		W Barker		C Blowes	Carr Unan
Ass Sec	G Jaggard		C Clayden		A Vaughan	Carr Unan
Committee						
	H Vaughan		H Payne		G Barker	Carr Unan
	K Mole		W Barker		G Jaggard	Carr Unan
	H Dixon		C Clayden		G Barker	Carr Unan
	W Barker		R Blackwell		H Dixon	Carr Unan
	C Blowes		W Barker		F Robinson	Carr Unan
	G Barker		G Jaggard		H Dixon	Carr Unan
	W Ambrose		A Lodge		W Barker	Carr Unan
	A Vaughan		C Clayden		G Barker	carr Unan
	T Siney		G Barker		W Barker	Carr Unan
	J Gilder		W Barker		K Mole	Carr Unan

Proposed by C Clayden seconded G Barker that the full committee stand as no one wished to withdraw. Carr Unan.

It was agreed that letters be sent to promising Vice Presidents.

The Chairman passed a vote of thanks for H Vaughan as secretary for the past years services of hard work. The secretary replied that he had always acted to his best ability and was satisfied now that he had left the district and that the club was established in the new Hall where he hoped it would meet with success.

Proposed by C Clayden seconded K Mole that Mr Vaughan become a life member Carried Unanimously.

It was brought to notice that Mr W Barker was undertaking the outstanding accounts for the time being Carr Unan

R F Robinson said he would like it recorded of the good work that Mr W Barker and Mr G Gilder had done.

R Blackwell proposed that the club hold a dance this was left over for the committee.

Mr Payne said he could get football card to help the club funds proposed C Clayden sec G Jaggard. That these be got going at once and W Ambrose proposed that all members take some.

The caretaker was left for G Barker to see to

This concluded Business

Signed: S Rowland 16/8/59

RECEIPTS.

Balance as at 31.10.58.			
	£275	15	6
Less paid to H.Vaughan	£5	1	-
			£270 14 6
Canteen			
Sales at cost	£28	11	4
Profit on sales.	£8	16	1
			£37 7 5
Letting of Small Hall.			
To Chapel	£21	2	6
To Library	£9	2	-
			£30 4 6
Subscriptions.			£20 12 -
Football & sweepstakes			
Derby sweepstake	£12	17	6
Football Cards	£22	2	5
			£34 19 11
General			
Donation Mrs. Tee	£139	-	1
Donation Mr. Ryalls	£3	3	-
Interest P.O.Savings	£8	5	2
General	£20	10	8
			£170 18 11
Meters.			£144 19 1
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			£709 16 4

EXPENSES.

Caretakers Wages.			£23	2	6
Canteen.					
Stock at cost sold	£28	11	4		
Stock in hand	£6	8	11	£35	- 3
Football & sweepstake tickets					
Derby sweepstake	£1	3	6		
Fete tickets.	£1	3	6		
Football cards.	£5	9	3	£ 7	16 3
General					
Lighting	£27	12	9-		
Heating.	£18	2	9-		
Table repair	£40	12	3-		
Building	£42	17	8-		
Mortgage	£230	-	-		
Solicitors Fee	£10	-	-		
General	£89	9	5½	£458	14 10½
Postages & stationery.					
Printing	£6	-	-		
Postages, Tele.	£1	8	3½	£7	8 3½
Balance	£4	2	10		
Cash in hand	£4	2	10		
Barclays Bank	£30	14	3		
P.O. Savings	£130	9	11		
Canteen cash	£12	7	2	£177	14 2
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				£709	16 4