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## Horton in Ribblesdale

The statutory meeting for the election of seven Councillors for the above named Parish was held in the school room on December 4<sup>th</sup> 1894 at 7 p.m.

Mr Thomas Redmayne, Overseer, read the notice convening the meeting, whereupon Mr Robert Wilcock was unanimously voted to the chair. The chairman called for nominations for the office of Parish Councillor, and nomination papers were handed in for-

Chamley, John, Newland House, Farmer  
Davie, Alfred E, Station Cottages, Signalman  
Davidson, John E, Low Bithwith, Farmer  
Foster, John, Doughty Hill, Gentleman  
Gornall, John, Sludfold, Farmer  
Hall Jos. Tho?, Beecroft Cottages, Foreman  
Hunt William, Station Cottages, <sup>Line worker</sup> Foreman  
Oldfield Thomas, The Row, <sup>Plate layer</sup> Farmer  
Pitts W.E. School House, Schoolmaster  
Pullan John, Selside, Signalman  
Redmayne Rob!, Row End, Farmer  
Redmayne Rob!, South House, Farmer  
Redmayne Tho?, Foredale, Farmer  
Swinbank John, Beecroft Hall, Farmer

The names of the candidates were read out to the meeting, and after opportunity had been given for asking questions,

show of hands was taken, and these voted for-

Chamley John	-	26
Davie Alfred Ernest	-	19
Davidson John G.	-	29
Foster John	-	40
Gornall John	-	27
Hall Jos. Tho.	-	24
Hunt William	-	20
Oldfield Thomas	-	21
Pitts William E.	-	43
Pullan John	-	19
Redmayne Rob! - Raw End	-	48
Redmayne Rob! - South House	-	20
Redmayne Tho. - Fore Dale	-	32
Swinbank John	-	25

Subject to a poll being demanded the Chairman declared Redmayne, Rob!, Raw End; Pitts, W.E.; Foster, J.; Redmayne Tho.; Davidson, J.G.; Gornall John; and Chamley, John to be elected.

A poll was demanded by Edward Gilbert, of Selside, Plate Layer, a Parochial elector.

Notice of the Poll was forwarded to the candidates.

Ewinbank, John, having been elected District Councillor, withdrew his candidature but the remaining candidates went to the Poll, which was taken on December 15<sup>th</sup> 1894, with the following result:-

Pitts, W.E.	-	67 votes
Foster, John	-	57
Redmayne, Rob! - South House	-	57
Redmayne, Rob! - Raw End	-	57
Redmayne, Tho.	-	49
Chamley, John	-	44
Davidson, J.G.	-	41
Gornall, John	-	40
Hall, Jos. Tho.	-	38
Davie, A.E.	-	33
Hunt, William.	-	33
Pullan John	-	24
Oldfield Thomas	-	22

Met to Pitts, Foster, Redmayne, (South House), Redmayne (Raw End), Redmayne Tho.; Chamley and Davidson were therefore declared by the Returning Officer to be elected.

Confirmed,  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1895.

John Foster  
Chairman.

Annual Parish Meeting held in the school room on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Mr. John Foster, chairman of the Parish Council presided.

After the reading & confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the accounts of the Parochial Charities were presented by Mr. Foster, one of the Trustees.

At the last distribution of the Poor Money on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1894, the sum of £83.14.4 was including a private charity of £34.9.2, was divided amongst the following thirty-five applicants - Mrs. Elsie Downham, Mrs. Procter Redmayne, Ed. Motphel, Tho. Son, John Bentham, Mrs. Jackman, Geo. Vattrell, Jonathan Motphel, John Eastham, J. Clay, Alex. Kilburn, J. Maunders, G. B. Marrett, E. Gilbert, C. Brown, L. Hodgeson, H. W. Milton, Simon Heseltine, J. Richardson, Geo. Musgrove, Harrison Musgrove, Jas. Thistlethwaite, Tho. Heath, Ab. Yates, James Lambeth, Hump. Hannam, Jos. Hannam, Jas. Dixon, H. W. Robinson, Tho. Whittle, Tho. Wilson, J. Milman, H. W. Harhurst, John Brown and John. J. Thistlethwaite.

Confirmed  
Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> 1895

John Foster  
Chairman

Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Business - To consider the Highway question and to pass a resolution thereon.

Mr. J. Foster presided.

After much desultory discussion it was decided to call the attention of the Settle Rural Dis. Council to the unsatisfactory condition of the highways by the following resolution which was proposed by Rob. Redmayne <sup>(RE)</sup> and seconded by Wm Bentham "that the Overseers be instructed not to sign the precept for the next half-year's district rate".

As an amendment J. Swinbank proposed, and <sup>Tho. Redmayne (Foredale)</sup> J. Davidson seconded, "that the Overseers do sign the precept for the next half-year".

On a division there voted for the amendment 3, whilst for the original motion there voted 5, which was therefore declared carried.

Messrs J. Redmayne & R. Redmayne (S.H.) considering that the opinion of the majority of the ratepayers had not been ascertained, requested the Chairman to call another meeting at an early date on the same question.

Parish meeting held in the schoolroom on Friday. Sep. 27<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Mr. John Swinbank presided.  
Business - To further consider the Highway question.

Thomas Redmayne (Foxdale) proposed and Thomas Redmayne (B. B.) seconded and it was duly carried "that the resolution on the Highway question passed on the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. be rescinded".

After much animated discussion W. E. Pitts proposed and R. Redmayne (S. H.) seconded and it was unanimously agreed to "that application be made to the Seddle Rural District Council asking whether that Council are prepared to take over certain of the Highways of Totton in their present state. If unwilling to take the control of them in their present state, will the Council kindly state on what <sup>terms</sup> conditions they will do so; and if thought necessary would they appoint a small sub. com. to meet the P. C. to discuss the H. question in order that an equitable and amicable settlement may be arrived at."

Parish Meeting held in the schoolroom on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 1896 at 7. p. m. for the election of Parish Councillors for the ensuing year.

Mr. John Foster, chairman of the P. C. opened the meeting, but he subsequently withdrew from the chair on being nominated for the P. C. whereupon Mr. D. Wilcock was unanimously voted to the vacancy.

The chairman called for nominations, & papers were handed in for -

Davidson, J. C.	Low Bishwith - Farmer
Foster, John	Doukhyll - Gentleman
Hall, Jos. Thos.	Beecroft Cottages. Foreman of Kind Works.
Hunt, William	Station Cottages. Foreman of Plakings.
Pitts, William E.	School House. S. mask.
Redmayne Rob! (S. H.)	Farmer.
Redmayne Rob!	Raw End - Farmer.
Redmayne Thomas	Foxdale - Farmer.

The names of the candidates were read out to the meeting, and after opportunity had been given for asking questions, a show of hands was taken with the following result -

Redmayne, Rob! (R. E.)	25
Pitts, W. E.	23
Davidson, J. C.	21
Hall, Jos. Thos.	19
Redmayne, Rob! (S. H.)	19

Foster, John - 18  
 Redman, Tho. - 15  
 Hunt, William - 8

Whereupon the chairman <sup>declared</sup> the first seven named above to be elected, subject to a poll being demanded.

No poll was demanded.  
 A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

Confirmed  
 March 31<sup>st</sup>

J. C. Davidson  
 Chairman

Annual Parish Meeting held in the  
 Schoolroom on March 31<sup>st</sup> 1896

Mr. J. C. Davidson presided, and there were three other ratepayers present.  
 The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

The Parish Council <sup>Accounts</sup> were presented as were also those of the charities.

The income of £84. 3. 10 from the latter was distributed last December amongst 39 applicants.

Particulars of Charities

Poor Folks' Close	-	£6. 5. 0
Alms		£34. 7. 8
St. on £415. 18. 6. n. l.		£38. 18. 8
Nanny Foster's		£4. 12. 6 - 3/5 (1894)
		<u>£84. 3. 10</u>

Confirmed  
 18 April 1896

Chairman

Parish meeting held on April 18<sup>th</sup> 1896

Mr. J. Foster in the chair.

This meeting was called to ascertain the views of the ratepayers as to the length of the Highways the Settle R. D. C. should be asked to take over, and the following lengths were unanimously decided upon. —

Hawes + Settle Road. from near Sherwood House to Ashes Gill - 11,696 yards.

Newhouses - from New Inn to Newhouses. 1099<sup>yards</sup> and 146 yards on the Austwick Road.



Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 1894

On the motion of Mr. J. Swinbank, seconded by Mr. R. Redmayne (Rd), Mr. Robt. Wilcock was appointed chairman. There were eleven other ratepayers present.

On the chairman asking for nomination papers for the office of Parish Councillor, nominations were presented on behalf of -

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| 1. Davidson J. G.             | Low Parkwith.     |
| 2. Foster John                | Doukghull.        |
| 3. Hall Jos. Tho <sup>s</sup> | Beesoft.          |
| 4. Hunt William               | Station Cottages. |
| 5. Redmayne Robt.             | Row End.          |
| 6. Redmayne Robt.             | South House.      |
| 7. Redmayne Tho <sup>s</sup>  | Fosedale.         |
| 8. Lowler George              | Selside           |
| 9. Swinbank John              | Beesoft Hall.     |

Messrs Foster and Hall's nominations being withdrawn the ~~at~~ seven other persons were declared by the chairman to be duly elected.

Subsequent to the above proceedings the accounts of the Parochial Charities were presented to the meeting from which it appeared that £44.0.5 was distributed amongst 42 applicants on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1896.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

John Foster  
Chairman

Parish Meeting held in the  
schoolroom on April 30<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Mr. J. Foster was in the chair.  
The minutes of the last meeting were con-  
firmed on the motion of J. Swinbank  
seconded by R. Wilcock: carried nem. con.  
The meeting was called for the purpose of  
considering the best means of celebrating  
in this parish Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

After much desultory discussion  
W.E. Pitts proposed the following resolutions

"It is intended, subject to the necessary  
funds being raised, to provide the children  
attending Horton & Selside schools with  
a free tea: (2) to organize a Fete: (3) and  
to raise some permanent memorials,  
the form of such being dependent  
upon the amount of subscriptions  
collected.

These were seconded by Robt. Wilcock  
and carried unanimously.

The following committee were appointed  
to carry the above resolutions into  
effect - Rev. F. W. Whaley & Messrs J. Foster,  
J. Swinbank, Robt. Wilcock, W. Rodden,  
A. Wight, John Heseltine, Geo. Cooke,  
J. C. Davidson, W. Hunt, Mr. Redman  
and W. E. Pitts. The latter being appointed  
Hon. Secy & Treasurer.

The Hon. Clerk was requested to  
draw up an appeal and invite subs.  
from the landowners of the parish.

Messrs W. Rodden, J. C. Davidson, W. Hunt  
J. Swinbank, A. Wight, J. Heseltine, Mr  
Redman & W. E. Pitts were requested to canvass  
the parishioners  
J. Foster

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Parish Meeting held in the School-  
room on Friday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Mr. J. Foster presided.

After the confirmation of the minutes  
of the previous meeting, the chairman  
explained that the meeting had been  
called to consider the liability <sup>repairing</sup> of the  
several lengths of disputed highway -  
at Selside, Station Brow bottom, New  
Ave (between bridges) and portion of  
road near New Inn leading to ~~Selside~~  
New House.

Alderman Ford read the report of the  
Subcommittee of the Settle Rural D.C.  
who viewed about 8 miles of our road  
preparatory to the said length being  
placed under the control of the  
said District Council.

Each occupier's length was taken  
separately and it was pleasing to note  
that the tenants, liable to repair,  
expressed their willingness to effect  
such alterations and improvements  
as were recommended by the said

sub-committee.

John Foster - Chairman -

23. 11. 97.

Parish meeting held on  
Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov: 1894.

Mr. J. Foster in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed on the motion of Mr. J. Swinbank, seconded by Mr. Robt. Wilcock.

The meeting was called to consider the advisability or otherwise of joining Hornton and several townships in forming an association for the recovery of lost and strayed sheep.

Messrs Wilcock & Sutton strongly supported the idea, and eventually Mr. R. Wilcock proposed and Mr. Tho. Redmayne (R.B.) seconded that it was desirable to join such an association: carried nem. con.

A committee, consisting of Messrs R. Sutton, J.C. Davidson, Tho. Redmayne (R.), J. Swinbank and Tho. Metcalfe, was appointed to enquire at a committee meeting and report 3<sup>rd</sup> prox at 7 o'clock.

John C. Davidson  
Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1898

Annual Parish meeting held on  
Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Mr. J. C. Davidson in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the aforementioned person withdrew from the chair and Mr. Robt. Wilcock was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy.

On calling for nominations, papers were handed in on behalf of.

Sutton Richard  
Hunt William  
Walker Roger  
Redmayne Tho.  
Redmayne Robt.  
Davidson J.C.  
Hall Jos. Tho.  
Redmayne Robt.  
Swinbank John

Gill Garth  
Station Cottages  
Scale.  
Foxdale  
Row End.  
Low Birkwith  
Beecroft Cottages  
South House  
Beecroft Hall

Messrs Sutton & R. Redmayne (R.B.) withdrew their candidature, so the remaining seven were duly elected.

The Charity Accounts were subsequently read. The Income amounted to £84. 7 and after deducting £18. 5. 7 - (W. Newton £7. 11 for cutting stone to Poor Folk's Close & R. Pitcher walling £10. 6) - expenses the remainder was distributed amongst thirty three applicants.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Robt. Wilcock  
Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday  
March 6<sup>th</sup> 1899

On the motion of Rob! Redmayne & seconded  
by John Swinbank, Mr Rob! Wilcock was  
unanimously app<sup>d</sup> chairman.

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

Nominations for the office of Parish Councillors  
were handed in on behalf of -

Jackson William	-	Farmer
Davidson John G	-	"
Redmayne Rob! (S.H)	-	"
Hall Joseph Tho.	-	Foreman: lime works
Walker Roger	-	Farmer
Redmayne Rob! (Rob)	-	"
Hunt William	-	Foreman Plateways
Redmayne Tho. (J)	-	Farmer
Swinbank John	-	"
Davies Richard	-	Stationmaster

Messrs Rob! Redmayne (R.E), W Jackson  
& John Swinbank withdrew their candi-  
dates when the remaining seven were  
declared to be elected.

The charity accounts were afterwards  
placed before the meeting.  
The income amounted to £64. 7 as  
follows:-

- Interest on Consols.	£ 35. 18. 6
Clapham's Charity	34. 7. 8
Mrs Foster's Charity	4. 15. 8
Brown Haw	6. 5.

The expenses were £ 7. 4. 8, leaving  
£ 82. 7. 4 to be divided amongst 41 persons.  
The distribution having taken place on  
Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899

John Swinbank  
13. 5. 99  
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A Parish Meeting was held in  
the school on Thursday, May  
13<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Mr Swinbank was voted to the chair.  
The meeting had been called to  
decide as to the disposal of the  
surplus from the gala held in June  
1898, and on the motion of Geo. Cooke  
seconded by J. Swinbank it was  
agreed that the surplus should form  
the nucleus of a Gala Fund  
a committee, consisting of Messrs  
J.W. Brown, Geo. Cooke; R. Davies, J. Goodwin  
J. Heselbine (H) J. Heselbine (N.S) J. Redmayne  
W. Redmayne, W. Hunt, J. Swinbank &  
A. Wright & the Rev. J. To Whaley with  
W.E. Pitts as Hon Secy & Treasurer, was  
formed to carry the resolution into effect.

Alfred Wright  
27. 3. 1900

Annual Parish Meeting held  
in the School-room on Tuesday  
the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1900.

Mr. A. Wright was voted to the chair &  
there were four other ratepayers present.

The minutes of the last meeting were  
read & confirmed on the motion of  
A. Wright seconded by J. Gornall.

The charity accounts were presented  
from which it appears that the sum of  
£83. 14 was distributed amongst  
thirty-two beneficiaries in Dec. 1899.

On the motion of A. Wright seconded  
by Geo. Cook the clerk was requested  
to bring forward to the Parish Council  
the question of providing a 'tip' under  
some voluntary arrangement: also  
advisability of agitating for improved  
postal facilities for the Township.

Confirmed Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> 1901

W. Wilcock Chairman

Annual Parish Meeting held in  
the School-room on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1901.

On the motion of J. Swinbank seconded  
by J. H. Redmayne (J) Mr. Robt. Wilcock  
was voted to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were  
read & confirmed on the proposition of  
John Swinbank seconded by J. H. Redmayne  
and carried nem. con.

The first business was the election of  
Parish Councillors when nomination  
papers were handed in on behalf of -

Davies Richard	Stationmaster
Gornall John	Farmer
Hunt William	Foreman Plaklan
Hall Jos. J. H.	" Lime works
Redmayne Robt. (J. H.)	Farmer
Walker Roger	"
Wiseman Joseph	"
Redmayne Robt. (R. E.)	"
Redmayne J. H. (J)	"
Davidson John C	"

The last named three (Messrs Redmayne R  
Redmayne J. H. & Davidson) withdrew  
their nominations whereupon the other  
candidates were declared to be duly elected.

The Charity accounts were next presented from which it appears that a sum of £82.18 (£1.8.2 having been incurred in expenses) was divided amongst 28 persons at the last distribution.

The question as to empowering the parish Council to enter into an agreement under guarantee with the postmaster general for the establishment of a postal Telegraph Dept at Horton led to a discussion, which was at times somewhat animated.

W.C. Pitts explained what had been done in the matter.

A. Wright proposed and J.W. Middleton seconded that the parish council should enter into such an agreement.

As an amendment (which was a negative to the proposal) J. Swinbank proposed and J. Davidson seconded that the parish council should not enter into such agreement.

On the latter being put to the meeting 10 voted (ten) for it, whilst four voted for the resolution, whereupon A. Wright demanded a poll on the question; such demand, however, was subsequently withdrawn & no poll was held.

Confirmed -

R.D. Davies  
Chairman March 25<sup>th</sup> 1902

Annual parish meeting held in the School on Tuesday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 1902.

Mr. D. Davies, vice-chairman, of the S.C. presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on the proposition of J. Swinbank, seconded by J. Redmayne (Foredale), they were confirmed.

The parochial charities were presented and showed that a sum of £83.6 was divided amongst thirty applicants at the last distribution.

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On the proposal of J. Swinbank seconded by J. Heseltine it was unanimously decided to organize a Fete, to consist of sports and a tea, free to the inhabitants of the parish, to be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> and that the necessary funds should be raised by voluntary subscriptions.

On the motion of Swinbank, seconded by W.C. Pitts ~~the~~<sup>a</sup> committee, as follows, were nominated - The Parish Council { Messrs nominated - J. Foster (Chairman), R. Davies (vice-ch), J. Gornall, Jos. Wiseman, Roger Walker, Robt. Wilcock, W. Hunt (Sec?), Robt. Redmayne (Sd), + mesrs J. Heseltine, J. Swinbank, J. Redmayne (Foredale) J. Goodwin, W.C. Cooke, J.R. Redmayne, W. Jackson, R. Lambert, J. Heselden & G. Cook with the Rev. J. W. Whaley.