

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 31ST DECEMBER 1894**

The first meeting of the elected Parish Councillors was held on the 31st day of December, 1894 duly convened by the Rev. Dr J Merriman the chairman of the first Parish meeting held on the fourth day of December, 1894.

All the Members being present: Messrs T Cotton, H Dowty, J Gilbert, Dr A Hollis, H Lambert, J B Tucker, B Grist, W T Orchard, Hallam Lord Tennyson, A H Starke

All the Members signed the declaration on accepting office Mr John B Tucker proposed Mr Jacob Lane to take the chair and was seconded by Mr Thomas Cotton and was carried unanimously. The Chairman read the correspondence received from the Clerk to the County Council in reference to the election of Chairman and Treasurer, the Chairman called on the meeting to elect a Chairman. Mr John B Tucker proposed Lord Tennyson as Chairman till the annual meeting to be held in April 1895 and Mr T Cotton seconded. The proposition which was carried unanimously Mr Thomas Cotton was elected Vice-Chairman Mr H S Simpson was elected Treasurer of the Capitol and Counties Bank, Newport, I W subject to giving the required Bond to the Parish Council.

Proposed by Mr Grist seconded by Mr J Gilbert that a committee be formed to carry into effect the Allotment Act, consisting of the following gentlemen. The Chairman with Messrs Tucker, Dowty, Gilbert, Stack, Orchard. To ascertain the wishes of the Parish as to Allotments and to report the result to the Council, and was carried unanimously.

Dr A Hollis proposed and Mr J B Tucker seconded that application be made to the Rev Dr J Merriman for the use of the Parish room for Parish Council purposes with right of free admission at the Parish Council Meetings and was carried.

Mr Dowty proposed that the meetings of the Parish Council should be held at seven O'clock, carried.

Mr J B Tucker proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for so ably presiding, carried unanimously.

*These minutes are signed by Hallam, Lord Tennyson.*