

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

C.T. July 12, 1902

The monthly meeting of the Town Council was hold on Wednesday, in the Council Chamber, the Mayor (Lieut.-Colonel P. E. Monckton) presided, and the Council present were:—Aldermen J. Druitt, J. Green, G. M. Smooker, and W. Tucker and Councillors E. Davis. G. Davis, F. Dowden, D. Galbraith, F. A. Lane. G. Marshall, W.E. Moorey, S. Newlyn, W. J. Payn and G. Pope. Councillor A. Whaley was the only absentee. The Town-clerk (Mr. John Druitt) and the Surveyor (Mr. E. I. Legg) were also in attendance.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.—A letter was read from the secretary of the Poole and District Electric Supply Company, stating that that Company had purchased a plot of land at Bargates for a generating station, and had commenced building operations. They asked for leave to take water from the mill-stream to be used in the condensers, which would be returned to the stream in a warm state, and whether the Council would agree to the proposal.—It was decided to refer the matter to the Municipal Committee.

COMPLIMENT TO THE FIRE BRIGADE.—The Town-clerk read a letter from Sir George Meyrick's agent acknowledging the account for expenses in connection with a recent fire at Winkton. He paid a high compliment to the Fire Brigade for the efficient and prompt manner in which they had turned out.

HARTLEY INSTITUTE.—The Town-clerk called attention to a lengthy communication from the Board of Education respecting the establishment of a college in connection with this Institute, and asking for the observations of the Council upon the scheme as proposed. The College Board was to be formed by the inclusion upon it of a representative from each municipality in the four counties Hants and Berks, Dorset and Wilts, which were within the scope of its operations.—On the proposal of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Lane, it was agreed to refer the matter to the consideration of the School Attendance Committee, the Council expressing themselves favourable to the proposed presentation.

MAIN ROAD ESTIMATES.—The Town-clerk read a letter from the County Surveyor practically agreeing to the main road estimates—for main roads £266, for footpaths £189, and £22 for establishment charges.—The County Council had offered to pay an interim sum of ninety per cent, at 7, 8 or nine months, and the committee asked for this interim payment to be made in December next, the balance of the estimate to be paid at the end of the year, namely, in March next.

TOWN HALL GATES.—The Municipal Committee recommended that the gates at the Town Hall should be locked at ten o'clock at night on weekdays, and during the whole of Sundays, and that persons having a right of way, could, if they applied, be supplied with a key.—It was unanimously agreed to adopt the committee's recommendation.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL.—The Town clerk read a copy of the memorial to the Local Government Board applying for sanction to a loan of £460 for the enlargement of the Town Hall.—The Municipal Committee recommended that the memorial should be approved and the seal of the Council affixed.—Alderman Tucker proposed the adoption of the recommendation, and Mr. Dowden seconded.—Alderman Druitt proposed as an amendment that all reference to the town hall buildings should be deleted. He did not understand what power the County Council had in the matter, and he disapproved of a mortgage on the Town hall buildings. Mr. Edward Davis seconded.—The Mayor then put the amendment, for which voted Alderman Druitt and Messrs. E. and G. Davis, and the remaining members against.—The recommendation was then put as a substantive resolution and carried by twelve votes to three.

PLANS.—The plans of a dwelling house in Addiscombe road, deposited by Mr. W. Walden, and a plan of a dwelling house in Fairfield, deposited by Mr. F. Jenkins were passed as in accordance with the building bye-laws.

SOPER'S LANE SEWER.—The Sanitary Committee recommended that a ventilating shaft should be erected near the Cross Keys inn, the owners consenting to the erection, and also one at No. 9 Bargates, on paying of an acknowledgment of 2s. 6d. per annum, and the removal of the same on three months' notice.—The Sanitary Committee recommended that the owners should be asked to amend their proposal so as to make the required notice six months, and in the event of their agreeing to erect the shafts. —All the recommendations were adopted.

BUILDING AT THE REAR OF HIGH STREET — The Sanitary Committee recommended that the building at the rear of Mr. T. H. Barnes' premises in High street should be removed, as it was not in accordance with the byelaws.—It was resolved to adopt the Committee's recommendation.

MORE POWER DESIRED.—The Sanitary Committee applied to the Council to give the committee authority to issue all notices and to take action in order to enforce the building byelaws.—Mr. Newlyn in moving the adoption of the Committee's recommendation, and in reply to a question, said that the committee wished to have the power granted them to issue notices to stop builders starting building operations until plans had been deposited with the Council. In other towns persons who commenced buildings before plans were deposited, fines were inflicted, and he thought that the same penalties should be in force in this borough.—After a short discussion it was agreed to grant the committee power to issue notices of disapproval of plans contrary to the byelaws.

SEWERAGE.—A letter was read from Mr. Lomax, consulting engineer, stating that in the event of the original scheme being abandoned his commission for having prepared the plans and specifications would be 1½ per cent. on the estimated cost of £22,999.—On the proposal of Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Newlyn, it was agreed to accept the terms and refer the mode of payment to the Finance Committee.—A letter was also read from Messrs. Sharp and Symonds asking the Council to pay the expenses of the trustees of the Crouch hill site in obtaining a valuation. The committee recommended that the expenses should be paid, if they did not exceed ten guineas, but Mr. Lemon, who had been engaged to value the land, estimated his fees at something over £30. The committee's recommendation was set aside and the expenses guaranteed.—The Town-clerk said that the estimated cost of the new scheme was £27,940, and that the Council would doubtless pass a resolution asking for the sanction of the Local Government Board to borrow that amount.—The Council agreed to the Clerk's suggestion, and it was so carried.

TRAMWAYS.—The Town-clerk produced a plan which the engineer of the Tramway Company had sent to him showing the terminus of No. 2a line to be opposite the southern corner of the Town Hall premises.—It was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Tucker that the Borough Surveyor should prepare a plan showing the terminus as agreed to by a representative of the Company as the most suitable place for the terminus to be placed.

TENDERS FOR QUARTZITE.— The following tenders were received for the supply of quartzite: Sandell Bros., 14s. per ton; Fry Bros., 14s. per ton; Road Maintenance Supply Co., 14s. 2d. per ton; and the Quartzite Co., 13s. 9d. per ton.—It was agreed to accept the lowest tender.