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LOCAL AND DISTRICT ECHOES.

I believe it was Mr. John Treadwell who, at a meeting of the County Council, described the reports of the Sanitary Committee as "historical records." Most certainly the title applies to the reports which have been sent round very recently. They actually give summaries of the reports of the Medical Officers of Health for the two years 1893 and 1894. These have also been issued a report of a visit of Mrs. Cheadle, of London, to North Bucks, on what is termed the work of the Health Missioner. Surely North Bucks does not need to go to London for information as to the work of the two ladies. The question is, as with Technical Education generally, whether the results bear any proportion to the expenditure.

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The Band of the Royal Bucks Hussars has, during the past week, been abolished, the members being offered the privilege of retaining their position in the respective squadrons to which they are attached. It appears that the cost of maintaining a regimental band has been very considerable, and that in all probability a band will in future be specially engaged for the annual permanent duty each year. The summary abolition of the band has naturally caused no little comment.

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A regrettable case of suicide has occurred at Poundon. An old man named Elisha King, aged 70 years, has been in the habit of living by himself in one of the cottages built "on the waste" in that part of North Bucks, and which belongs to the Aylesbury Rural District. He latter is to pay a quit rent for the ground to the Lord of the Manor. King was in receipt of 3s. 6d. per week from the parish, and was "looked after," as it is termed, by a neighbour. He had of late suffered from gout, and this it is thought must have affected his brain to such an extent that in a fit of temporary insanity he cut his throat. The poor old man would doubtless have been better cared for in the Workhouse, but it is evident that the thought of giving up his old home, "his own property," as he termed it, was abhorrent to him.

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Application is being made by means of a memorial to the County Council for the retention of extra policemen who have been stationed in the parishes situate along the route of the new railway. It is to be hoped, in the interests of good order and that the protection of persons and property, that the proper authorities will be granted; but too much may easily be made of the disturbance caused by the navvies. It is possible to magnify small breaches of the law into large constitutional disorders and defiance of the law. The works are daily nearing completion, and by the exercise of a little good-tempered leniency and firmness combined, it may be found possible to maintain fairly good order under admittedly difficult circumstances, without providing any serious outbreak of violence by rash or ill-considered measures.

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Mr. W. A. Perkins died at Padbury last Friday, leaving a widow and one child. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. S. Perkins, C.A., who died in August. The deceased represented the Padbury Division on the Buckingham Bench for three years, and was also a Member of the Padbury Parish Council. He was only thirty-five years of age, but he had latterly suffered from ill-health. Only a few years since both his father and himself were leaders in the political and social life of the village; but in less than three months both have been removed from the scenes in which they played such active parts.

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The death is announced of Mr. James Connor, which occurred at Cheltenham on Monday. I believe the deceased was a native of Aylesbury. For some years he resided at Buckingham, first conducting a tailoring business on the Market-hill, and later becoming the proprietor of the Swan and Castle Hotel, which he left to go to an hotel at Cheltenham. Whilst in Buckingham Mr. Connor held the position of Quartermaster in the Yeomanry, and he was further connected with the district by his marriage with Miss Chapman, of Westbury.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lambton generously entertained the drummer boys of the Coldstream Guards to a luncheon at Redfield previous to their match with the Wycombe United Football Club. This was the after the game gave both teams a substantial tea. A remarkably enjoyable evening followed, until the Guards left Redfield in the directions of the railway time table.

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It is strange that a town like Winslow should have, for the last 130 years, been without a flour mill. According to Mr. Clark's "Hist. of Winslow," it probably possessed two as far back as 1326, as he records a dispute between the Abbot of St. Alban's, as Lord of the Manor, and the Mill, because they did not get their corn ground at the Lord's mill. That there were two in later years is certain—the Old Mill, situate somewhere at the rear of Mr. Jno. Ingram's in the High-street; and the New Mill, situate in Mill Knob (more correctly Mill Knoll) to which a road was almost direct by the Windmill Inn. This mill appears to have been, with four others in the neighbourhood, leased for 21 years by Princess Elizabeth, very fierce storm in 1760. From that date up till a few days ago there has been no mill in the town. The Old Mill had probably ceased to exist for some time before 1760.

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There certainly is an impression abroad at Winslow, whether well-founded or not, that the town is hardly receiving fair play at the hands of the District Council; and I should not be surprised if it finds vent ere these lines are in print, as a parish meeting is fixed for Thursday.

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I understand that there has been a "kicking" affray between some of the railway men at Quainton, and that one of the injured persons is hardly out of danger yet. Next week the police proceedings will probably furnish more news on the subject.

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The Winslow Bench appear to be determined to do their best to stop the practice of dragging children about for begging purposes, judging by their sentencing an offender to six weeks' hard labour in what did not appear on the face of it to be a very aggravated case.

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I note that a writer in last week's *Queen* speaks of Whitchurch as being "famous for its noble Early English Church." I was under the impression that Whitchurch Church was of the same type of architecture as Winslow, North Marston, and various others in the neighbourhood, but I see that Sheahan's *History of Bucks* describes it as "Early English, very much altered." Perhaps some of your readers can enlighten me further.

May I make a suggestion, viz., that a capital lecture might be got up on Buckinghamshire Churches, and if illustrated by lantern slides so much the better. Of course, in a brief note like this, it is impossible to enumerate the Churches which have special features connected with them, but amongst the number would be beautiful Hillsoden (in which Sir Gilbert Scott saw enough to write a lecture on), fine old Norman Stewkly and Wing; to say nothing of the grand old Churches at Aylesbury, Marsh Gibbon, and many others in the southern part of the county.

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SWANBOURNE.

(BY ARTHUR CLEAR.)

The history of this parish contains many features of interest connected with its early owners, Danish, and Norman possessors. It is one of the few places in North Bucks having a Danish name—derived either from Sweyn, King of Denmark, who died in England A.D. 1014), or more probably from Suen, standard bearer to Edward the Confessor, who held one of the manors of this parish. It is also mentioned as forming part of the landed possessions of Harold—last of the Saxon Kings. After the Norman Conquest the principal manor here was held by William I., and for a long period formed a large part of the royal domains, no record of its alienation being found until many generations afterwards; in the reigns of Henry II. and John, at first the principal manor of Swanbourne was granted to the Abbot of Woburn, Beds, by one Hugh Wake, and Bernwelle, Lord of his wife, who made a conveyance of "All my lands and rights, all the tithes and all services of my men of Swanbourne and Mursele, with the Church of the town of Swanbourne, to the Abbot of Woburn and his successors for ever." an Inquisition taken at Berkhampstead, Herts, Anno 28th, Edw. I., 1299, connected with the affairs of that royal manor, it is recorded that Ralph De Wafon held Swanburn Co. Bucks, by a Knight's Fee of 40s. The common yearly fine for the "VII" of Swanburn was 3s. 1d. the "VII" of Salden 2s., and the "VII" of Hyde, in Mursele, 1s.

Sohol Endowment.—Swanbourne was named Sir John De Molyns, lord of many manors in Bucks, who held lands in Swanbourne in the reign of Edward III. Thomas Molyns, Knt., died seised of his estate here about the same period, and in 1403 one Nicholas Tresham, Knt., died seised of "Wilmore."

Monumental inscriptions and memorials in the church principally copied from "Lipscomb's Bucks," 1847:—

Brass in chancel, removed from a slab, now affixed to the north wall of the chancel [now lost, 1895]—"Here lieth the body of William Newman, 1798, aged 84 years, a good man. And Isabel also, his trusty wife. Her life was to lovyd and all his life, Anno 1798." William dyds the nothe to say ye xvi. day of June, ye next month to May, in the year of owere Lorde ymmortall, ye whiche owte Christ Jesu, the Charitie And all that this shall leave [read] or so say the Amen for charyte."

Monumental brass now in the floor of chancel—"Here lyeth ye bodye of Robert Addames, and his wyf of Swanbourne, in the county of Bucks, who died the 13 of April, and was buried the 14 of April, 1616. The survivors to John Addames, Thomas Addames, and Annes Addames.

Another brass now in the floor of the chancel has a coat of arms, surrounded by a wreath, and a female woman in the dress of the period and the figures of three children. Also the following inscription:—"Here lyeth buried ye bodie of Thomas Adams, of this parish, Yeoman, and Freeman of London, who had to wife Elizabeth, & had by ye 4 children, viz., Robert and Thomas, Alice and John. He departed this life ye 17 of October, 1625."

Behold in him the fickel state of man,
Wch hides herselfe in ye disguise of ease
In prime of youth by bloody threes was slaine
In Lieuenstone, wch ye Scots gained that state.
O crosse death, yet God turnes all to best.
Wch ye Scots knowe, wch ye Scots knowe.

On a slab in the north aisle—"To the memory of Mr. Thomas Deverell, who departed this life the 20th day of January, anno Dom. 1654—

"Tis, as you see, nought but the spoyles of death,
God's high commaunde, I must yeilde my breath
Prescribd we had of hand, but none of breath;
All one day dyeing, yet not one day death
I was the world's acquaintance in my time;
Acquainted and but one enhabitant we live;
I had my part, as thou perhaps has time;
In wealth I was, and so, perhaps, was thou
I yielded up my reckoning when I died,
When wealth and all thy reckoning Christ's blood supplied."

"Mary, wife of Thomas Deverell, jun., died August 24th, 1775, in the 35th year of her age—

"In Christ lyfe, with Christ dyed, with Christ was born
A long affliction with a soul resigned;
Thy' hope was stedfast, thy' faith did firmly restore
In Heav'n we trust fallicity sho'll find
If in prosperitie to our sufferings here
Almighty God dose give eternal rest;
Wch ye Lord Jesus's certaine hope gives to her
Is, without doubt, superlatively blest."

On a mural monument in the aisle—"Underneath ye bodie lyeth ye body of Thomas Deverell, of this parish, gent, and Ann, his wife. He was the only son and heir of Thomas Deverell, Esq., and left two daughters and co-heirs of Thomas Cook, of Long Marston, in the county of Hertford, gent. He was ye only daughter of William Sheldon, of Coddington, in this county, gent. He died on ye 27th of August, 1690, in the 56th year of his age, and she died on ye 8th of October following, in the 24th year of her age, both of them, husband, having lived together in matrimony ten months.

"He left behind him six sisters, co-heirses of his estate, viz., Sarah, married to Mr. Thomas Dagnel, of this parish, gent; Alice, to John Carter, citizen of Westminster; Elizabeth, to Nicholas Gataker, of London; Mary, to George Jennings; Sarah, to Mathias Dagnel, of Aylesbury, stationer; and Ann, to Thomas Fosten, of Bucks, yeoman, at whose joint charge this monument was erected.

"Mary married to Nicholas Gataker, of London, gent, Can charm gale Death, or stay his cruel hands,

Upon a stone slab now, (1895), lying in the floor of the tower is the following inscription:—"Here lies the body of Mr. Francis Askew, distiller, of London, who departed this life the 20th day of December, 1716, in the 53rd year of his age.

"Farewell my friends, farewell my earthly stage
Of fading pleasures in his youthful age;
But he, so dutiful, so loyal, so good,
Ev'en while our loss is his eternal gain,
Resolves to bear his sufferings here to raise
To God his homage, and due songs of praise,
All outward ills, the stroke of Death, and pain,
Did he with patience and with faith sustain;
I but resigned his body to the grave
Monldering to dust, to the Resurrection day.
Tis all that live, to Death's cold sleep shall pay."

"Also John, son of Robert Adams, gent, who departed this life Jan. 5th, 1750; aged 19 years."

"To the memory of Elizabeth, wife of the Rev. Mr. Samuel Foster, Vicar of this Parish, who died Sept. 25th, 1740, in the 72 year of her age. Also Samuel Foster, son of the Rev. Mr. Samuel Foster, who died June 5th, 1757, aged 78 years."

"Beneath lies the body of Mr. Francis Foster, grandson of the late Reverend Mr. Samuel Foster, Vicar of this parish. Also Mary, wife of Mr. Francis Foster, daughter of Mary Adams, daughter of William and Mary Deverell, and relict of John Adams, Lord of this Manor, who died Feb. 7th, 1775, aged 3rd, 1760, aged 30." Arms—A chevron raire between three mullets, impaling quartering. On and 3, a lion rampant.

"Beneath this stone lies interred the body of Elizabeth, wife of John Adams, of Letterworth, on the Northamptonshire side, daughter of Thomas Davenirce, in ye county of Northampton, gentleman. She departed this life the 27th day of Feb., in the year of our Lord 1758, in the 65th year of her age."

On a mural monument in the Chancel—"Near this place lies the remains of Mr. Jno. Ingram, late of the Prior Moiety of this Manor, who died April ye 14th, 1754, aged 54 years." Arms—Quarterly, abbreviated was a constant Churchman, a good master to the poor, a sincere friend to those who wished well to the Church of England, great mutine. Crest—On a wreath, a griffin's head, erased, ermine. Motto—"Ne Cedas Malis." Underneath, of Letterworth, by his last will, ordered this monument to be erected to the memory of Robert Adams, and Elizabeth his wife, by whom he had two sons and two daughters; John, who married Mary, daughter of William Deverell, gentleman, died without issue; Robert, Joanne, and Mary, who all died unmarried. Also, Robert, brother of Robert W. Ingram, married, daughter of Roger Adams, of Little Horwood, by whom he had two sons and one daughter; Matthew, who married Jane, Mary, daughter of Thomas Adams, Attorney-at-Law, died without issue; John, who settled at Ulverscroft, in the county of Leicester, married ..... by whom he had one son, Thomas. Matthew, who died in the 20th year of his age, at Fort St. Davis, in the East Indies, and was buried in the English burying ground there. Elizabeth, the wife of John Adams, died 21 March, 1758."

On another mural tablet of white marble:—"To ye memory of Mary, daughter of Robert Adams, of this parish, and a faithful wife to her husband, who departed this life of the small-pox, in London, Jan. the 10th, 1775, in the 19th year of her age, whose body lies beneath interred, we trust for a glorious resurrection—

"Whom though not angel nor in heaven shall she,
If virtuous found, with angels equal be;
Here lyes a proof yt youth nor age can be
Defence enough against mortality."

On a mural monument on the south side of the nave:—"Near this place lie the remains of Mr. John Deverell, Lord of the Prior Moiety of this Manor, who died Sept. 21st, 1784, aged 68 years; and of Mary, his wife, who died March 12th, 1787, aged 65; also Mary, daughter of the above John Deverell, who died in May, 1774, aged 29 years; and also of three daughters of the same, viz., Mary, who lived in wedlock with Thomas Gataker, late of this parish, gentleman, who died in 1775, and lies interred under a large slab in the spacewag; and Elizabeth and Sophia, who both died in their infancy."

On a table of white marble, over the south door of nave:—"In memory of Anna Marie, relict of William Penn, gent., of Pasleepery, Northamptonshire, died November 28th, 1776, aged 76."

Arms—Gu, three stirrups in pale Or.

On a small stone in the floor of the nave:—"Beneath this stone resteth the body of Mary Ann, daughter of William and Mary Matthews. She departed this life of the members of the Fremantle family.

The following list of benefactions and charities belonging to the parish of Swanbourne, is copied from boards affixed in the Parish Church:—

Poor Land.—This consists of nine acres and thirty-seven perches, set apart by Award of Commissioners appointed under an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of King George III. (1791-2), intituled an Act for dividing and enclosing the common fields, meadows, &c., in the parish of Swanbourne. This land is held in trust by the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overseers, for the use of the poor.

Church Land.—Set apart by the said Commissioners to the Churchwardens as trustees. The annual rent to be applied towards the repairs of the parish church. This consists of three acres, three roods, and thirty-seven perches.

Parish Clerk's Land.—One rood of land lying in Earl Stanhope's Estate in Hogston Parish, left to the Parish Clerk of Swanbourne, and enumerated in the Divisions. This is an ancient bequest and the history uncertain.

School Endowment.—Sum of £200 left by the late Mr. William Godwin, who died 1706, and Mr. Nicholas Godwin, who died 1714, and now charged upon Holden Farm, the property of William Selby Lowndes, Esq. Twenty boys to be educated free, twelve from the parish and eight from Stowe Barton, a cottage belonging to the School."

School Endowment.—£200 invested in the three per cent. consols, in the joint names of the Right Hon. Sir Thomas F. Fremantle, Bart., Rev. James Niven, A.M., vicar of Swanbourne, and Thomas F. Fremantle, Esq. This sum (one fifth part of a bequest of one thousand pounds) left by the Rev. James Niven, of Shipton, Yorks, who died in 1852, and the interest is applied towards the support of the Boy's School in this parish.

The village yet retains some good examples of ancient domestic architecture, although many have been pulled down during recent years, among them being the quaint rustic Vicarage, and a rare old building immediately opposite the south porch of the church, with its once open high pitch roof and black timbered gables, which, if not of some work, probably at the time of Henry VIII., long the residence of the Deverell family, of those remaining may be noticed the modernised farmhouse at the entrance of the village from Winslow, known as the "Grange," this place was formerly occupied by the old influential Deverell family; another farmhouse in Smithfield End formerly had an antique sundial. The house now used as the village Post Office is a good specimen of herringbone brickwork. On the east side of the church is a fine example of a Domestic Gothic, the house was built of stone with mullioned windows, and porch with obsolete arches, and is known as "Abbey Farm" House, which dates from about the time of King James I. formerly belonging to the Fortescue family, is a dull heavy building, if not remarkable for beauty; there is another ancient building at the east end of the village, known as the Manor House, which, if not of much more antiquity, the church register commences with the year 1538; the lands of the Manor, at the time, value of £200 per annum, with 32 acres of glebe land, now held by the Rev. Wm. Miles Myres, A.M., Rural Dean. There are two good Public Elementary Schools in the village. The Baptists have a modern chapel situate in the main street, and the Primitive Methodists a small building in Nearton-end. The churchyard being considered full, an additional burial ground has been recently opened, mainly by subscriptions.

Swanbourne House is a spacious modern mansion built of white brick, the seat of Lord Cottesloe, who is Lord of the Manor.

There is a station on the Oxford Branch of the London and North-Western Railway, about a mile from the village.

The area of the parish is 2,510 acres. Like so many other rural parishes, the population has gradually diminished. As before mentioned, in 1801 there were 329 inhabitants, in 1871 538; but by the census of 1891 only 428, with 97 inhabited houses.

BUCKINGHAM.

COUNTY COURT.—At this court on Monday, seven plaints were entered, and there was a number of judgment summonses. Many of the cases were adjourned for the attendance of Mr. Neal's agent. On Mr. Neal's amendment being put only himself voted against the motion. In the minority were Councillors W. Hodges, J. B. Hodges, Wilks, Jones, Phillips, and Mead; Councillor Clarke and the Chairman being neutral. Commander Neal said there was a persistent set to deprive Winslow of its share of the Highway Rate. Councillor J. B. Hodges denied this, saying they came there to do their duty to protect, and to do justice to poor simple people. Commander Neal said they did not get their share in the expense of the highways or anything else, and he should ask the Council to consider the advisability of doing so.

EAST CLAYDON.—A letter from the Chairman of the East Claydon Parish Council was read, calling attention to the bad state of the footpath near the Botolph Claydon well, and also of the footpath leading from Botolph Claydon to East Claydon Church.—Mr. Wise was asked to attend to the latter matter, the first of the nuisances was allowed to stand over.

THE MINUTES.—The Council were engaged for about three-quarters of an hour in deciding whether the minutes of the Parish Council should be signed directly they were read, or after the business arising from them had been gone through.—The Chairman contended that, on the initiative of Councillor W. Hodges at a previous meeting, he was bound to sign them at once.—Councillor Hodges contended that the Chairman had misunderstood his remarks.—Commander Neal said he had moved the matter for next business and leave the matter in the Chairman's hands, which Councillor Jones seconded.—Deference was made to the Bye-laws by Mr. Willis said according to his reading of them the minutes should be signed when confirmed.—Hodges then moved that the minutes be signed according to the Bye-laws, which Councillor Mead seconded.—On the being put to the meeting the ayes were equal, Councillors W. Hodges, Mead, J. B. Hodges, and Jones voting for the amendment, Councillors Wilks, Jones, Phillips, and Pitkin on the other.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

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There was no business of importance before the Board.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

WINSLOW MARKET-SQUARE.—A letter from Messrs. E. and H. Small, of Buckingham, solicitors to Mr. W. Selby-Lowndes, was read, stating they had advised Mr. Lowndes to sell his rights to the Market-square to the Council, and enquiring whether Mr. Willis said he had sent a copy of this letter to the Winslow Parish Council for their consideration, and if not, he would do so. Mr. Willis said the Council of Mr. Bulloch) stating that the Council approved of the proposal to purchase the Lord of the Manor's rights, and trusted that this Council would be able to arrange satisfactory terms. He had written to Messrs. Small to ask that the strict terms were, but had not at present received any answer.—Councillor W. Hodges said the Lord of the Manor's rights were not worth a farthing, as it would take all the tolls to keep the Square in repair. He thought the Lord of the Manor had no right to compel him to pay the Council undertook to keep the Square in repair.—Commander Neal thought that would be hardly fair, as the Squire gave up his tolls for the past, and made a good market of it, saying every man who had stock to sell a good name. They should not therefore be now to a penny in buying his rights. As the tolls on the Market-square, they were levied with a view to keep the stallholders in order more than anything else, and they cost about £1 to collect. He thought if they were offered the Square at a reasonable sum they should accept it.—It was agreed to adjourn the matter to the next meeting.

SANITARY POWERS FOR PARISH COUNCILS.—Councillor Phillips brought forward the motion of which he had given notice, to the effect that the Council grant the Winslow Parish Council the Sanitary Powers of a Parish Council, and that the Clerk be instructed to write the Parish Council to a limit not exceeding £5, with the addition of the following interference, the stipulation sewers, which are under the superintendence of the District Council. He explained that this was really giving Parish Councils the same powers as were possessed by the old vestries.—Mr. Willis said there was a minute already giving the Sanitary Inspector power to expend £5 without consulting this Council, and after some conversation the subject was allowed to drop.—Councillor Clarke suggested obtaining a copy of resolution, which was agreed to, and Mr. Wise was asked to purchase one if the price did not exceed £5.

ALLEGED VERNEY JUNCTION ENCROACHMENT.—A letter from the County Council Surveyor was read stating that although the Highway Committee were not satisfied that there was not an encroachment, this Council need not fear losing the grant so long as they saw that the road was made, and to a minimum width of 30 feet.

ALTERNATION OF SANITARY AND HIGHWAY BUSINESS.—Commander Neal moved, and Councillor East seconded, that the Council take its Highway and Sanitary Business in that consecutive manner, instead of on the same day, as at present.—Councillor W. Hodges proposed, and Councillor Wilkins seconded, an amendment that the Council go on with the business as at present.—Messrs. W. Hodges, J. B. Hodges, Wilks, Pitkin, Mead, Jones, and Clarke voted for the amendment, being a majority of the Council, so that it was carried.

GYMNASIUM FOOTPATH, WINSLOW.—A letter was read from Mr. Kitto, of the High School, Winslow, asking attention to the bad state of repair of the field path leading from the High-street to the Little Horwood road. The road past the Gymnasium to the first gate consisted of about 30 yards of thick mud and deep water. A few loads of gravel or ashes would put matters right, and remove a great nuisance.—Several Councillors remarked that this was a common for the Parish Council, and it was agreed to leave it in their hands.

WHADDON BRIDGE.—Mr. Wise reported various small matters in connection with the road and the bridge forming the boundary between Whaddon and Hitchley. He stated that the Newport Pagnall Council offered to share the cost of the repairs.—Mr. Wise estimated these at about £24, and it was ultimately decided that the Council accept the offer and repair the bridge.

CHURCH-STREET, WINSLOW.—Mr. Wise said Mr. George had called his attention to the state of the road leading up past his house, and he should like the Council to tell him who was to repair it. It was one of a number of short pieces of road in Winslow.—Councillor Neal said the surveyors had repaired it for many years.—In reply to a question, Mr. Willis said it was the road just opposite the Congregational Chapel, and went past Dunkley's house right up to the Church gates, the top part being pitched.—Councillor W. Hodges proposed that they decline to do anything; if it was done he, Mr. Hodges, knew the way up to his fields to be put in repair.—Councillor Mead seconded the proposition.—Councillor East said the District Council road, and he should propose that it be put in repair, and if it was done, he, he should propose at the next parish meeting to call on the County Council to compel this Council to do it.—Commander Neal said he was a parish representative. On Mr. Neal's amendment being put only himself voted against the motion. In the majority were Councillors W. Hodges, J. B. Hodges, Wilks, Jones, Phillips, and Mead; Councillor Clarke and the Chairman being neutral.—Commander Neal said there was a persistent set to deprive Winslow of its share of the Highway Rate.—Councillor J. B. Hodges denied this, saying they came there to do their duty to protect, and to do justice to poor simple people.—Commander Neal said they did not get their share in the expense of the highways or anything else, and he should ask the Council to consider the advisability of doing so.

HAST CLAYDON.—A letter from the Chairman of the East Claydon Parish Council was read, calling attention to the bad state of the footpath near the Botolph Claydon well, and also of the footpath leading from Botolph Claydon to East Claydon Church.—Mr. Wise was asked to attend to the latter matter, the first of the nuisances was allowed to stand over.

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