

A Parish meeting was held (according to notices duly published) in the Old Sunday School Room on Saturday the 17th day of April 1897, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening.

Mr. Samuel St. Southey, Chairman of the Parish Council in the Chair and also present about 24 Electors.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Mr. Kalsjohms and }
 Seconded by Mr. Partridge }

That the Electors of the parish of Willand assembled at a Parish meeting seeing that the Highway Rate for the said parish has risen from one penny in the pound in 1894, to $7\frac{1}{2}$ under the Liverton Rural District Council, heartily approve of the Local Government Highways Bill now before Parliament, and being anxious that it should become law, propose that a petition be sent to the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled, praying that their Honourable House may pass the said Bill with a view of relieving the Rate payers of the burden of this unjust, and unnecessary increase in the rate.

It was proposed by Mr. Tracey and }
 Seconded by Rev. W. C. Copleston. }

That in lieu of the original resolution with regard to sending a petition to the House of Commons a memorial be sent to the Liverton Rural District Council recognising the efficiency with which the roads have recently been maintained; but in view of the strong local dissatisfaction, owing to the enormously increased Highway rates strongly urging upon the Council the

necessity of a largely diminished expenditure.

On the Resolutions being put, to the meeting I voted in favour of the second, and I in favour of the first, and the Clerk was instructed to send Copies thereof to the Fiverton Rural District Council.

The meeting considered in what way it was desirable for the Parish to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and after various suggestions had been made. On the motion of Mr. W. H. James seconded by Mr. W. Brown the following Messrs were appointed a Committee to collect subscriptions and to make arrangements for meetings in order to decide the question, namely, Revd. H. C. Copleston, Col. Morris Jones, Mr. H. C. Tracey and Messrs. J. V. J. Partridge, C. W. Balgobins, J. Payne and J. W. Tucker.

All Mrs. Jones

Chairman