

THE FLAXTON VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

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Introduction and Background

The Flaxton Parish Hall, now known as Flaxton Village Hall, was opened in October 1928.

The development of the Hall took seven years and was managed by villagers who formed several committees to run different aspects of the Project.

Mr John R Robinson was a prominent villager who presided over many of these committees and played a very active part in developing the Hall.

He also played an active part in local government in the area including holding the office of Chairman of the Flaxton Rural District Council which was disbanded in 1972 after a re-organisation of Local Government.

John's grandson, Brian Robinson, who currently lives in the village kindly loaned a hand-written minute book that John had kept during the time of the Project covering the period from 1922 until the end of 1928.

Purpose of this document

This document presents abridged transcripts from the minutes of the recorded meetings to provide an insight into the Project from inception to operation and, with some certainty, answers the original question posed by the Flaxton Community Hall Trustees– “Who provided the land for the Hall and who does the land belong to?”.

Content of the minutes

Every motion discussed by each of the committees usually includes a record of the proposer, seconder and the committee's vote on the motion. However, for brevity only the proposer is recorded herein. All motions can be assumed to have been agreed unanimously unless a split voting record is noted or if the motion was explicitly rejected. Some motions are rescinded by a later minute sometimes in the same meeting.

The handwritten notes, most recorded using a fountain pen, have been challenging to interpret. There are several gaps in their translation, but these do not detract from the overall story of the Project.

Two pages from the minute book are shown in Appendix I. These are from the record of the meeting in September 1928 when the opening ceremony was planned.

There are a few inconsistencies in the dates recorded for the meetings and the chronological sequence in which they appear in the minute book. These anomalies are noted at the appropriate point.

The 1928 Flaxton Parish Electoral Roll published in October 1928 helped to interpret the names of over 60 individuals recorded in the minutes and has been reproduced in Appendix II. The Roll contains the 170 names of those villagers over 21 years old who could vote. Interestingly, this was the first register produced following the July 1928 Equality Franchise Act when women were granted equal voting rights to men.

Several committee members are not recorded therein as they had probably left the village by this time, lived outside the village, died, or were simply too young or ineligible to vote.

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The 1928 Flaxton School photograph in Appendix III from villager Sheila Walker showed 41 children with their surnames which helped to interpret the handwritten surnames of their parents and relatives recorded in the minutes.

Project Timeline

A summary of the key events and their timing derived from the minutes is presented below.

March 1922

The Project to erect a Village Hall in Flaxton started on Saturday 4th March 1922 with a public meeting in the Flaxton School where the need for an Institute for the village was agreed.

A Working Committee was formed at the meeting and around thirty villagers were elected to the Committee.

A first task was to name the proposed building with “The Flaxton Recreation Room” winning the vote from “The Liberty Hall” and “The Flaxton Village Institute”. After much debate the building eventually opened as “Flaxton Parish Hall”.

The Working Committee set to work three days later and during March 1922 had established a Building Committee tasked with finding a suitable site and a Finance Committee responsible for raising funds. These two committees held their first meetings in the Schoolroom on 11th March 1922.

The minutes from these and later meetings suggest that the Building Committee had identified two sites, one at the Primitive Wesleyan Chapel next to The Kell, and the second, a field off York Lane owned by William Jackson.

The Primitive Chapel site was found to be too small unless more adjoining land could be purchased so Mr Jackson’s field was probably more in favour at that time. The owners of the Chapel and its garden were keen to sell the land as the Chapel had fallen into disrepair and eventually closed in 1925 and was then sold in 1930.

April 1922 to January 1928

The minute book then ‘leaps’ from March 1922 to February 1928 suggesting that for some reason the project went cold after a month of vigorous activity.

The Treasurer held a balance of £79 on 23rd February 1928 which suggests that some fund raising may have taken place in this unrecorded period. The Schoolroom appears to have been the main place where fund raising events were held.

February 1928

The Working Committee re-formed on 10th February 1928 as the General Purposes Committee with combined responsibility for the site, building and finance activities.

A Working and Ladies Committee was also formed to plan and run fund raising events with the first being a Whist Drive planned for Shrove Tuesday (12th February 1928).

The General Purposes Committee decided to set up a Bank Account and again started looking for a site and called a meeting with the Green Owners to see if they could lease land from them.

March/April 1928

The Working Committee reported making £8 18s 1d from the Shrove Tuesday Whist Drive and started organising a Whist Drive and Dance for Easter Week (Good Friday fell on 6th April 1928).

The General Purposes Committee reported that they had found four potential sites including one from a benefactor, a Mrs Holtby, who was considering offering a plot in a field occupied by her tenant Mr John Thomas Smedley. The Chairman was asked to meet with a Mr Brown (presumably a surveyor) who was going to value the plot of land which the Working Committee had suggested needed to be a square of 25 yards.

Mrs Caroline Tinsley Holtby (nee Casswell) who was born in 1844 lived at Lilling Hall on the outskirts of Flaxton and was the widow of Robert Holtby, a respected Solicitor and Gentleman who had run a Law Practice in York. Mr and Mrs Holtby had previously lived at Flaxton House.

Robert had provided The School House (now The Homestead) in Flaxton to accommodate a married couple suitable for positions of master and junior teacher at Flaxton School. He died in Bournemouth in April 1911 aged 71.

May 1928

Mrs Holtby confirmed that she was willing, with conditions, to let the Committee have a piece of land in Mr Smedley's field and asked that a Trust be formed to which the deeds could be conveyed. Trustees were elected and their names and occupations provided to Mrs Holtby's solicitor.

The land was purchased for £50. Curiously, the deeds were not signed until 16th October 1929. The selling and buying party were "The Holtby Trustees" (which included Mrs Holtby's daughter Margaret and son-in-law, Garnham Roper) and "The Club Trustees".

June 1928

Following the 'conveyancing' of the land measuring eighteen by twenty-seven yards, the Trust's building plot was enclosed by a low-cost fence.

Now knowing the plot's dimensions, the General Purposes Committee discussed the design and materials for the building and the appointment of a qualified architect to draw up plans.

The Chairman had estimated the cost of a 50' x 20' wooden building to be around £225. He had also been presented with a plan and estimated cost of £430-450 for a brick-built building, a construction type the Committee favoured ahead of a wood-built one, but only subject to being able to afford it.

Six General Purposes Committee members who became known as the bondsmen offered up £25 each as a surety for a £150 Bank Loan from the Midland Bank, York. One bondsman also investigated the possibility of a loan from a Building Society which was declined.

The bondsmen were given power to advertise in the press for tenders and to then accept a tender to have the building built.

July 1928

Three tenders were received and two of the tenderers, a Mr Pollard from Thirsk and a Mr Butler from Leeds, attended separate meetings of the bondsmen.

A tender for the sum of £290 to erect a wooden building was accepted from Mr Butler.

There is no mention of the third tender from a Mr Pearson of Sheriff Hutton.

The informal tender (presumably the one received earlier by the Chairman) for a brick-built building was discounted on cost grounds.

August 1928

There is no written record of the building work apart from a total payment of £369 7s to Mr Butler recorded in the 1928/29 accounts. This sum, however, included the cost of him making wooden forms (seats) with back rails which were ordered soon after the opening ceremony.

The Working Committee must have seen good progress on the building at this point as they turned to planning the content and timing of events for the opening ceremony.

September 1928

The General Purposes Committee met on 20th September and received the sad news of Mrs Holtby's death (12th September 1928, aged 83) and decided to write to her daughter, Jane Margaret Roper, and family to offer their sympathy; all marked by a standing silence.

The Committee then set a date and time of Wednesday 10th October 1928 at 2.30 pm for the Hall Opening Ceremony and finally agreed on "Flaxton Parish Hall" as its name.

The timing of the day and night's events and admission prices were agreed along with roles and responsibilities involving most if not all the Committee members. This included those who would provide whist and dance prizes, loan a piano, seek loan furniture and crockery from the church, build a shack hut, and perform key roles such as opening the ceremony, acting as door keepers and masters of ceremony for the different events etc.

October 1928

Final arrangements were made for the Opening Ceremony including begging a ham for the Public Tea and hiring some tables from Sheriff Hutton Memorial Hall.

There is no story of the Opening Ceremony itself. However, at the next General Purposes Meeting held on the Saturday after, a profit of £94 4s 1d was reported.

With this new capital available, an extensive Hall shopping list was prepared including a tea urn, tables and chairs, crockery, cutlery and a piano. The purchase of a piano at the right price proved to be a hard-fought undertaking.

The need for a caretaker was identified and his/her terms of employment were detailed including the weekly wage (which differed between Summer and Winter quarters). Pay rates for 'extras' requiring the caretaker to work overtime such as

Saturday dances were detailed. A villager, Mr Francis Tennant, was appointed from the four applicants.

The Hall devised a membership subscription model for which a quarterly pay in advance, seasonal, fee structure was established along with a very rigorous set of membership rules.

A programme for future events was also prepared.

November 1928

More events were organised, and two heating stoves were purchased. A committee was formed to purchase a billiard table which was acquired and then paid for in instalments.

Financial Accounts

November 1928 was the final entry in the minute book. However, a folded, typewritten set of accounts for the build and first year of operation of the Hall was found inside the minute book. These accounts are presented at the end of this document.

The accounts detail the expenditure for the building, fitments, staffing, and operation of the Hall between February 1928 and October 1929.

- I. In February 1928, the Treasurer held £79 comprising (assumed from minute references to be):
 - a. £25 donated by a committee member,
 - b. £40 loaned by two villagers,
 - c. £14 event proceeds.
- II. The Hall cost approximately £486 comprising:
 - a. £290 for the building,
 - b. £186 for the contents including heating stoves, tables and chairs, piano, crockery, cutlery and billiard table etc.
- III. The Hall income was approximately £440 comprising:
 - a. £244 from events such as dances, concerts, whist drives and teas,
 - b. £102 from the proceeds of the opening day,
 - c. £61 from member subscriptions (there were about 130 members based on the subscription rates),
 - d. £30 from billiards,
 - e. £3 from hire of the Hall and drums.
- IV. The Hall first year operating cost was around £83 comprising:
 - a. £57 for coal, newspapers, consumables, insurance etc.,
 - b. £26 for a secretary and caretaker.
- V. The build was partly financed by a £150 Bank Loan guaranteed by six committee members and possibly by further loans from villagers in addition to those held by the Treasurer in Feb 1928.
- VI. At the end of October, 1929 the balance of these loans was £122 comprising:
 - a. £39 owed on the Bank Loan,

- b. £83 owed to “Sundry Creditors” presumed to be villager loans.

The following section provides the minutes used for the event summary, along with the initial accounting statements.

Meeting Minutes

Public Meeting – 4th March 1922

Held in the Schoolroom, Flaxton

Mr W Wood in the Chair.

The subjects under discussion were: -

- i. The needs of the village of Flaxton from a social and educational standpoint.
 - ii. The needs of the village of Flaxton for a public building to be used as an Institute.
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- 1. Mr G Wilson proposed that an Institute be provided for the use of the village.
 - 2. Mr JR Robinson proposed that a building be erected 40' x 20' x 10' high, with dancing floor and provide a hall room 10' long.
 - 3. Mr RM Thompson then reported that he and Mr W Jackson and Mr JG Metcalfe had identified a site for a room 50' x 20' and that Mr Jackson had agreed to lease land to the South-West of the Wesleyan Chapel at a nominal rental.
 - 4. Mr RM Thompson proposed that a site in Mr Jackson's field adjoining Strensall Lane (now known as York Lane) be used on a lease of 99 years at a rental of 5 shillings per annum.
 - 5. Mr Wood proposed that Mr JR Robinson be elected Chairman of a committee to take forward the matter in hand.
 - 6. Mr Jackson proposed that 10 ladies and 10 gents form the committee with power to add (e.g. to grow the committee numbers as necessary).
 - 7. Mr RM Thompson proposed that Mr H Cordukes be elected Secretary.
 - 8. The poll: Ladies and Gents were elected to the committee. The following ladies and gents were elected on Committee:
 - a. Ladies
 - i. Mrs A Child
 - ii. Mrs D Cordukes
 - iii. Mrs M Robinson
 - iv. Mrs Piercy
 - v. Miss M Coward
 - vi. Miss S Coward
 - vii. Mrs MJ Metcalfe
 - viii. Miss E Marlow
 - ix. Mrs A Mills

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- x. Mrs Smedley
- xi. Mrs F Wilson
- xii. Mrs E Goodwill
- xiii. Mrs JE Lund
- xiv. Mrs E Dawson
- xv. Mrs B Jackson
- xvi. Miss JJ Edmond
- xvii. Mrs MA Foster
- xviii. Mrs M Snowball (added after a later meeting)

b. Gents

- i. Messrs W Lancaster
- ii. JR Snowden
- iii. G Wilson
- iv. JG Metcalfe
- v. J Cox
- vi. M Thompson
- vii. W Jackson
- viii. B Thompson
- ix. JW Goodwill
- x. R Howe
- xi. JT Smedley
- xii. JH Lund
- xiii. C Foster
- xiv. E Snowball (added after a later meeting)
- xv. Mr W Wood elected as Treasurer.

9. A committee meeting to be held on Thursday March 7th, 1922, at 7.30 pm.

Committee Meeting – 7th March 1922

Mr Robinson in the Chair.

Ladies Present

Mrs Child, Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Mills, Mrs Edmond, Mrs Piercy, Misses S and M Coward, Mrs Cordukes, Mrs Robinson, Miss Marlow.

Gentlemen

Mr Foster, Mr B Thompson, Mr Snowden, Mr Metcalfe, Mr M Thompson, Mr G Wilson, Mr Cox, Mr Lancaster, Mr Smedley, Mr Goodwill.

1. Mr B Thompson proposed that Mr and Mrs E Snowball be elected to the committee.
2. Naming of the Hall
 - i. Mr Child proposed that the building be called Liberty Hall
 - ii. Mr Lancaster proposed that the building be called the Flaxton Village Institute
 - iii. Mrs Cordukes proposed that the building be called the Flaxton Recreation Room

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Item iii (Flaxton Recreation Room) was carried unanimously (changed twice in later 1928 meetings and eventually being named Flaxton Parish Hall).

3. Mr B Thompson proposed that the Site and Building Committee be comprised of 5 members with Chairman and Secretary ex officio with power to vote.
4. On a vote by Ballot the following were elected to the Building Committee
 - i. Messrs W Jackson, W Wood, JR Snowden, C Foster, B Thompson.
5. Mr JR Snowden proposed that 6 persons, 3 ladies, 3 gents comprise our Finance Committee.
6. The following ladies were elected to the Finance Committee, Mrs Robinson, Miss M Coward, Mrs W Wood.
7. On a vote by ballot Messrs G Wilson, J Smedley, RM Thompson were elected (to the Finance Committee).
8. Mr B Thompson proposed that all Committees be empowered to add to their number.
9. Mr G Wilson proposed that the Building Committee meet and discuss plans, sites, costs and put views before Committee.
10. Mr W Jackson proposed that the Building Committee meet on Saturday March 11th, 1922, at 7pm.
11. Miss M Coward proposed that the Finance Committee meet at 7:30pm (on the same day e.g. Saturday March 11th, 1922).

Building Committee Meeting - 11th March 1922

Held in the Schoolroom

Present Messrs W Wood, JR Robinson, B Thompson, C Foster, JR Snowden, W Jackson.

1. Mr B Thompson proposed that Mr W Wood be elected Chairman of the Building Committee.
2. Mr Wood then detailed that along with JR Robinson and W Jackson he had been to see Mr Abel with a view to purchase land at the rear side of the Chapel.
3. He also had seen trustees of the Chapel who forthwith considered purchase of the Chapel along with an endowment for sum of £100 nett.
4. Mr JR Robinson moved that the site of the Primitive Chapel be approved if building land for extension purposes could be obtained.

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5. Mr Jackson then proposed that Mr Wood be empowered to enter into negotiations with owners and trustees of the Chapel with a view to purchasing the building and endowment for £100 nett.
6. Mr Thompson then proposed that Messrs Wood, Robinson and Jackson be empowered to meet Mr Abel on Monday 13th March 1922 with regard to purchase of adjoining land and also that the best bargain possible be obtained.

Finance Committee Meeting - 11th March 1922

Held in the Schoolroom

Present Mrs Robinson, Miss M Coward, Messrs G Wilson, W Wood, JR Robinson, RM Thompson.

1. Mr Wood proposed that Mr JR Robinson be elected Chairman of the Finance Committee.
2. Mr Wilson said that he and an anonymous friend were prepared to lend £20 each free of interest for the period of 2 years.
3. Mr RM Thompson proposed that collectors be appointed for the purpose of receiving subscriptions and that the secretary obtains collecting books for same.
4. Mr RM Thompson proposed that the following gentlemen be asked to collect, Messrs G Wilson, JR Robinson, JG Metcalfe, M Smedley, RM Thompson.
5. Mr JR Robinson proposed that the Secretary be empowered to call Finance Committee when necessary.
6. Mr Wood proposed that collections be added to Finance Committee and that the Secretary be entrusted to write to Major Brown for permission to collect subscriptions.

Building Committee Meeting - 15th March 1922

Mr W Wood in Chair.

Present Messrs W Jackson, JR Snowden, B Thompson, JR Robinson, J Smedley.

1. The Chairman reported the outcome of the delegates meeting with Mr Abel. Mr Abel was agreeable to the purchase of 16 to 18 feet from the garden of his property but recommended that Green Owners be interviewed first and that purchasing part of the garden be a secondary proposition. He also said that no objection would be made to the building on the South end of the Chapel.
2. Mr Jackson then proposed that purchase of the garden be treated as a secondary proposition and that a suitable letter be drafted asking Green Holders to sign an [enclosure? – minute says enclosed] agreement which was to be drawn up by the Secretary and Chairman.

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3. The agreement was to be to the effect that no opposition was to be given to the extension of the Primitive Chapel in a Southerly direction and that a nominal rental was to be paid for the land thus enclosed, each year.
4. Mr JR Robinson then called the attention of the meeting to the ruling by the Chairman of the General Committee that all recommendations by branch committees be submitted to General Committee before acceptance. It was therefore decided to call a General Purposes Committee Meeting for Saturday 18th March 1922 at 7 pm.

General Committee Meeting - 18th March 1922

Held in the Schoolroom

Mr JR Robinson in the Chair.

1. Mr B Thompson proposed that the site in Mr Jackson's field by viewed by the Building Committee for the purpose of selecting a suitable spot.

General Purposes Committee Meeting - 10th February 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

Others present included Messrs Smedley, JR Snowden, W Piercy, H Robson, B Metcalf, G Lucas, RM Thompson, B Thompson, W Jackson, C Cammidge, W Jackson, W Grice, W Howe, J Yates, S Coward, J Dunn, E Thompson, E Thurloe, C Gilling.

Madams C Cammidge, C Raper, JR Robinson, E Child, R Sturdy, H Robson, Matson, Dawson, Piercy. Miss M Coward and others.

1. The Chairman in the absence of the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were confirmed and signed.
2. He also read and gave a report of all the main business that had been transacted at the previous meetings.
3. On the motion of Mr RM Thompson, it was agreed that this meeting is in favour of erecting an Institute in the Parish of Flaxton as early as possible.
4. Mr RM Thompson proposed that Mr JR Robinson be elected Chairman for the incoming year.
5. Mr G Lucas proposed that RM Thompson be appointed Secretary.
6. Mr B Thompson proposed that Mr W Wood be re-appointed Treasurer of General Purposes Committee.
7. Mr Lucas proposed and it was decided to join the existing Finance Committee and Building Committee and call it the General Purposes Committee, the following comprising this Committee: G Wilson, J Smedley, W Jackson, W Wood, JR Snowden, C Foster, RM Thompson, J Dunn who was elected in the

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place of Mr RM Thompson, the Chairman and Secretary as ex officio, members with power to add.

8. [There is an illegible handwritten note about the future role of the ladies who had been on committees previously].
9. Working Committee. Proposed by Mr Lucas that we form a working committee as follows: Messrs C Cammidge, Dunn, A Matson, JR Snowden, G Wilson, W Piercy, L Thompson, John Smedley, R Thurloe, H Robson, W Howe and B Metcalfe. These were elected on block.
10. On the motion of Mr G Wilson, it was agreed to elect the following ladies onto a Ladies Working Committee: Madams Child, Robinson, Piercy, Sturdy, Robson, Matson, Cammidge, C Raper, J Snowden, White, Miss M Coward with power to add.
11. G Wilson proposed that the Secretary book the school for Thursday or Friday in Easter week.
12. G Wilson proposed that the Secretary call the General Purposes Meeting together at an early date to discuss the question of a site for the proposed building.
13. Mr Lucas proposed that the Ladies Committee and Working Committee stay behind after the meeting to discuss advisability of holding a Whist Drive ahead of the fast on Shrove Tuesday (e.g. before Lent).

Ladies and Working Committee Meeting – 10th February 1928

1. Mr JR Robinson was elected Chairman.
2. Ladies present Madams Child, Robinson, Piercy, Sturdy, Robson, Mistress Cammidge, Raper, T Snowden, Miss M Coward.
3. Gents present Messrs Cammidge, Dunn, Matson, G Wilson, W Piercy, L Thompson, H Robson, W Howe, B Metcalfe, Piercy.
4. It was decided to organise a Whist Drive to be held on Shrove Tuesday (21st February 1928) if the school was available on that date.
5. The following kindly offered to give prizes, JR Robinson, W Jackson, Sturdy, Piercy, Cammidge.
6. On the motion of Mr Cammidge, Messrs JR Robinson and Geo Wilson were elected MCs (Master of Ceremonies) for the Drive.

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7. On the motion of Mr Robinson, Metcalfe was asked to interview Mrs JH Lund and ask if she would be kind enough to let us have the use of her office for boiling water for the Drive.
8. Mr Cammidge proposed that the charge for admission be one shilling and sixpence with refreshments included. Drive to commence at 4.15 pm.
9. Mr Child proposed that Miss M Coward be elected Secretary of the Ladies Working Committee.
10. The following were elected to the Ladies Committee; Miss Farrow, Lund, Wilson, Thurloe, Edmond, Howe, Duffitt, Miss Snowden.

General Purposes Committee Meeting - 18th February 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

Present Messrs W Jackson, G Wilson, J Metcalfe, B Thompson, JR Snowden and Secretary (G Lucas).

1. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous Finance and Building Committees which were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
2. The Chairman read a letter from Mr C Foster resigning his position from the Building Committee.
3. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter sympathising with Mr Foster for his recent accident on behalf of the Committee and to thank him for his past service on the Committee.
4. Mr Jackson proposed that the Chairman be instructed by this Committee to interview Mr James Goodwill and ask him to stand on this Committee in place of Mr Foster.
5. Mr Jackson proposed that we open a Banking Account.
6. Arising out of the above proposal the question of the name in which the money should be placed in the bank was discussed. Mr Jackson gave detail of a motion that he would move at the next meeting of this Committee that the minute relating to the naming of the proposed building of the of the 7th of March 1922 be rescinded and that in place of that minute he would call the proposed building The Flaxton Institute.
7. Mr Jackson proposed that the question of the banking account should be left in the hands of the Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary and that they be given power to place it in which bank they think best.
8. Referring to Mr Jackson's notice of motion it was necessary to postpone the opening of a banking account until after the next meeting.

9. Mr Jackson proposed that the Secretary ask the two Green [Registrars] to call a meeting of the Green Owners with a view to the renting of a piece of land on the "Flaxton Green" for the purpose of erecting an Institute and that they allow JR Robinson and RM Thompson to attend as a deputation from this Committee.

Ladies and Working Committee Meeting - 17th March 1928

Presided over by JR Robinson.

Others present included Mr Piercy, Miss Edmond, Mr and Mrs Cammidge, Mr Howe, Mr Dunn, Mr Snowden, Mr Raper, Mr and Mrs Robson, Mr White, Mr Piercy and Secretary.

1. The minutes were read and signed. The Secretary read the Balance Sheet of the recent Whist Drive which showed a balance of £8 18s 1d.
2. The Balance Sheet was adopted.
3. Mr Cammidge moved that we have a Whist Drive and Dance on Thursday in Easter week in aid of the proposed Institute.
4. Mr Piercy proposed that we have a sale of all stuff that is given in the same night of the Drive and Dance.
5. It was decided to charge one shilling and sixpence for the Whist Drive and one shilling for the Dance, refreshments to be included in both events.
6. The Whist Drive to commence at 4.15pm.
7. The Secretary promised to play free of charge for the Dance.
8. The following promised prizes for the Drive; Mr Dunn, Mrs Snowden.
9. Masters of Ceremony JR Robinson and G Thompson for the Drive, W Piercy and Mr Matson for the Dance.
10. W Piercy proposed that Mr C Cammidge be elected door keeper for the Drive and Dance.

General Purposes Committee Meeting - 26th March 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

1. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were confirmed and signed.
2. Mr W Jackson moved that the minute of the 7th of March 1922 meeting relating to the naming of the proposed building be rescinded and that we call the proposed building "The Flaxton Institute".

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3. The question of sites was discussed. Mr Robinson stated that four sites had been offered for sale.
4. A letter was read from Mrs Holtby stating that Mr WH Brown was going to come and value a site in Mr Smedley's field and asked the Chairman to see Mr Brown.
5. George Wilson moved that this meeting stands adjourned until after Mr Brown has valued Mrs Holtby's site.

Note re Holtby: Caroline Tinsley Holtby, born in Osbournby, near Sleaford, Lincolnshire in 1844, was the widow of Robert Holtby (born in York on 22nd August 1839). Robert was a Solicitor described on the Internet as a York Gentleman. He had a work partner Alfred Procter (who sent the above-mentioned letter on behalf of Mrs Holtby) from their law practice at 5, New Street, York.

Robert died in April 1911 long before the letter was written leaving probate of £123,076.

Robert and Caroline married in 1873 and were living at Flaxton House at the time of the 1881 Census and at Lilling Hall in the 1891 Census.

Although Robert and Caroline were recorded in the 1911 Census as living in Bournemouth (where Robert died), Caroline was then recorded in later Electoral Rolls as living at Lilling Hall until her death on 12th September 1928, sadly, only 4 weeks before the Hall opening ceremony.

Robert and Caroline had a daughter, Jane Margaret born in 1873, who married a Mr Garnham Roper and lived in London. The minutes of the 20th of September 1928 General Purposes Committee Meeting show the Secretary being instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs Roper and Family.

In the 1871 Census Robert was recorded as an Attorney living with his parents at 39, The Mount in York, along with two of his siblings who were both Solicitors. His father John was also an Attorney!

Robert Holtby is said in "The Tom Smith Book" to have offered a house to "accommodate a married couple suitable for positions of master and junior teacher at Flaxton School". The house was then called The School House and has since been renamed The Homestead.

General Purposes Committee Meeting - 3rd April 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

Present Messrs W Wood, W Jackson, G Wilson, B Thompson and Secretary.

1. The minutes of the previous adjourned meeting were read and signed.
2. Mr Wood proposed that we ask Mrs Holtby to let us have 25 yards x 25 yards in Mr JT Smedley's field.

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3. Mr Wood proposed that we open a Current Account with the Parliament Street Branch of the Midland Bank in York.
4. Mr Wood proposed that we leave all the sites in abeyance until we have finished viewing Mrs Holtby's site.

General Purposes Committee Meeting - 19th May 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

Present Messrs Jackson, Thompson, Metcalfe, Wilson and Secretary.

1. The minutes were read and signed.
2. The Chairman read a letter from Mr Procter stating that Mrs Holtby was willing to let the Committee have a piece of land in Mr JT Smedley's field on which to erect an Institute on condition that the Committee undertake to make an independent pathway giving access to the building and not allow anyone to use Mr Smedley's entrance to the field.
3. Mr Jackson proposed that a letter be sent to Mr Procter stating that this Committee undertakes to provide an independent pathway to the Institute and we agree to not let any person use Mr Smedley's gateway.

General Purposes Committee Meeting - 31st May 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

Present Messrs B Thompson, Metcalfe, Wilson and Secretary.

1. A letter was read from Mr Procter asking the Committee to elect trustees for the purpose of transferring the deeds for the plot of land on which the Institute is going to be erected and to let him know the name and occupation of the persons elected.
2. Mr B Thompson proposed that the following gentlemen be elected trustees for the purpose of conveying the land; Mr JR Robinson, Mr G Metcalfe, Mr W Wood, Mr R Thompson and Mr G Wilson.
3. It was decided to enclose the site as soon as it is conveyed over to the trustees.
4. Messrs JR Robinson, Metcalfe and Secretary were instructed to purchase fencing as soon as the land was handed over at as low a cost as possible.

General Purposes Committee Meeting - 16th June 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

Present Messrs W Wood, W Jackson, G Wilson, B Thompson, J Snowden and Secretary.

1. The minutes were read and signed.

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2. The Chairman placed before the meeting plans and estimates for a wooden built Institute.
3. The cost for erecting a 50' x 21' building with two outside [areas] would be approximately £225.
4. Mr Jackson proposed that a 9" wall for foundations be [butted] around the building with two 4½ inch walls inside for supporting the floor.
5. Mr Wood proposed that we enclose the ground with 4 rails of external wood 4'6" high with [something] on the top rail.
6. Mr Wilson proposed that a small committee be appointed with power to give instructions to have the building erected.
7. Mr Jackson proposed that the following be elected: Messrs Wood, Robinson, Wilson and Thompson.
8. The following gathering were willing to stand as bondsmen for the Bank for £25 each. Each was to be only responsible for £25. Messrs Wood, J Avison, Robinson, Wilson, Metcalfe, Thompson.
9. Mr Wilson proposed that J Avison be co-opted to the General Purposes Committee.
10. Mr B Thompson proposed that the Chairman and Treasurer see the Bank Manager and arrange for a loan of £150.
11. Mr Wood proposed that we supply an architect to draw a plan with qualifications.
12. The question of a brick building was raised, and the Chairman informed the meeting that he had already had presented to him a plan with qualifications for a brick-built Institute and it was estimated that the approximate cost of everything [less] plastering would be £430 to £450.
13. Several members of the Committee spoke in favour of a brick building if only we could secure the money for the erecting.
14. Mr Wood thought the money could be obtained and he kindly promised to enquire into the matter.
15. The meeting was adjourned until Saturday 23rd June 1928 at 8 pm when Mr Wood promised to report.

Adjourned Meeting of the General Purposes Committee - 23rd June 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

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Present Messrs W Wood, Metcalfe, B Thompson, J Snowden, G Wilson and Secretary.

1. Mr Wood reported that he had made enquiries regarding a loan from a Building Society for the erection of an Institute at Flaxton. The Society would not advance money for this purpose.
2. Mr Wood stated that he would not be a bondsman for £25 but that he would give a further donation of £25 towards the building fund.
3. Mr Robinson thanked Mr Wood on behalf of the Committee.
4. It was decided that all the bondsmen together with Mr Wood should go and inspect the various Institutes.
5. Mr Snowden offered to stand in the place of Mr Wood as a bondsman for £25.
6. Mr B Thompson proposed that the bondsmen be given power to advertise for tenders in the Press for the erection of an Institute and that these gentlemen deal with the tenders and that they be given power to accept a tender and have a building erected.
7. Mr Wood was co-opted onto that committee.

Meeting of the Bondsmen - 14th July 1928

(Note that the minutes suggested the meeting was 14th August 1928, but this doesn't fit in with the date of other events and indeed the date of the adjourned meeting below.)

Mr JR Robinson presided.

Present Messrs W Wood, Metcalfe, J Snowden, J Avison, G Wilson, RM Thompson.

1. Tenders were read from:
 - a. Mr Pearson, Sheriff Hutton
 - b. Mr Butler, Leeds
 - c. Mr Pollard, Thirsk
2. Mr Pollard attended the meeting and explained to the committee his qualifications and plan.
3. Mr Avison proposed that we adjourn this meeting until 20th July 1928 at 8.30 pm and ask Mr Butler to attend to enable the committee to ask him questions on his qualifications.
4. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr [Johnson] and thank him for the plan and qualification he sent to committee for a brick building but tell him the committee could not see its way to raise the money required for a brick building.

Adjourned Meeting of the Bondsmen - 20th July 1928

1. Mr Butler attended the meeting, and it was agreed to accept his tender of £290 for the erection of a building.

Working Committee Meeting - 18th August 1928

1. This meeting was called for the arranging what times to proceed on the opening day.
2. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to have a Sale of Work, a Jumble Sale, a Public Tea, Whist Drive and Dance.
3. The arrangements of Sale of Work, Jumble Sale and Tea were left in the hands of the Ladies Committee.
4. Mrs Raper proposed that we commence with having American Teas (probably iced teas) to raise funds for the Institute.
5. Mrs Raper kindly consented to give a tea the following week.

General Committee Meeting - 20th September 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

1. Mr Robinson proposed that this meeting pays a note of sympathy for the relatives of the late Mrs Holtby.
2. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr and Mrs Roper and Family and extend to them the Committee's sympathy. The resolution was carried by each member standing in silence.
3. Mr Cammidge proposed that Mr Wood be asked to open The Building.
4. Mr Wood kindly consented to do so.
5. Mr Wilson proposed that we open the building on the 10th of October 1928 (a Wednesday).
6. Mrs Duffitt proposed that the opening ceremony be at 2.30 pm and that the Public Tea be at 3.30 pm.
7. Mr Wilson proposed that the Drive commence at 4 pm and Dance 10 pm.
8. On the motion of Mr Wilson, it was decided to erect a tent or shack hut.
9. Mr Snowden proposed that the tea be one shilling for adults and sixpence for children.

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10. Mr Wilson proposed one shilling and sixpence be charged for the Whist Drive, refreshments to be free.
11. Mr Smedley proposed that the charge for the Dance be one shilling and sixpence each and refreshments at [moderate] charge.
12. The following were elected Masters of Ceremony: Whist Drive – Messrs Wilson and Robinson, Dance – Messrs Cammidge and RM Thompson.
13. Mr Cammidge proposed that Mr Smedley and Mr Dunn be elected Door Keepers.
14. Mr Wood proposed that the Ladies Committee be employed to engage persons to help to washup pots etc.
15. Mr Wood kindly offered to lend his piano for the opening day.
16. Mr Wilson proposed we give 3 Gents prizes and 3 Ladies prizes at the Drive.
17. The following kindly offered to provide the prizes, Mr Robinson, Dunn, Wilson, Smedley and Miss Coward.
18. Mr Wilson proposed that the Secretary purchase 24 packs of playing cards.
19. Mr Wilson proposed that Mr and Mrs J Avison be added to the Working Committee.
20. Mr Wilson proposed that the minute of the 26th of March 1928 meeting referring to the naming of the building be rescinded.
21. Mr B Thompson proposed that the building be called Flaxton Parish Hall (carried unanimously *after two previous names had fallen by the wayside*).
22. The following were elected to be responsible for the erection of the hut: Messrs Snowden, Robinson, Jackson, Robson, Cammidge, Dunn, Wilson and Metcalfe. It was arranged for them to meet at the Parish Hall the following night to make arrangements for erecting the hut.
23. The question of drafting the Bills and advertising were left in the hands of the Secretary, also scoring cards and floor polish.
24. It was also agreed upon that the Secretary ask Mr Farrow for the loan of the Church pots, tables, forms and platform.
25. The next meeting of this Committee was arranged for the 4th of October 1928 at 4.30 pm.

General Committee Meeting – 4th October 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
2. Mr Wilson proposed that we hire 16 of the Sheriff Hutton Memorial tables for the opening day at a charge of 4d per table.
3. The Secretary was instructed to buy 1,000 one shilling and sixpence tickets to admit persons into the Drive and Dance.
4. Mr B Thompson proposed that we ask Mr Wood to present the prizes at the Whist Drive.
5. The question of obtaining a ham for the tea was considered. Miss Duffitt and Mr R Sturdy kindly offered to interview Mr PH Lockwood and see if he would give a ham and if they were not successful Mr Wilson and Mr Smedley were elected to purchase one from Wright and Sons of York.
6. The question of holding a Concert and Dance at an early date was discussed.
7. The Chairman and Secretary were asked to try and arrange with a concert party to come and give us a concert and it was decided to leave the question of having a dance over to the next meeting.
8. The next meeting was arranged to take place in ***The Parish Hall*** on Friday 12th day of October 1928.

General Committee Meeting - 12th October 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

1. The minutes were read and signed.
2. The Secretary read the Balance Sheet of the proceeds of the Opening Day which showed the sum of £94 4s 1d [clear].
3. Mr B Thompson proposed that we purchase the urn from Mr Wilson for 6 shillings and 6 pence.
4. Mr Wilson proposed that we obtain a price for making 8'6" forms from Mr Butler (with Back Rail).
5. Mr C Cammidge proposed that we purchase forms for the outside of the building.
6. Mr Wilson proposed that we purchase 40 chairs.
7. It was decided not to purchase any tables for the present - vote 11 for 14 against.
8. Mr Wilson proposed we purchase 100 cups and saucers and some plates, spoons etc.
9. Mr Cammidge proposed that we appoint a committee to purchase a piano.

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10. Mr Dunn proposed that we allow the committee £30 with which to purchase the piano.
11. Mr Guy proposed an amendment that we allow £40. The amendment was defeated by one vote.
12. The following were elected to the committee to purchase the piano; Messrs Cammidge, Metcalfe, Robinson, RM Thompson, Secretary.
13. The Chairman, Mr Wood and Mr Wilson were instructed to purchase the chairs, pots and forms.
14. It was agreed to arrange to hold a concert as early as it could be arranged by the Chairman and Secretary.
15. The following prices were fixed one shilling and sixpence, [married?] one shilling and ten pence, children sixpence and that the children be allowed to sit with their family.
16. Mr Cammidge proposed that we have a dance after the concert, price of admission one shilling.
17. Mr Cammidge proposed the previous minute be rescinded.
18. Mr Wilson proposed that the price be one shilling and sixpence for the Dance.
19. Mr Guy proposed that the same band be again asked to play.
20. It was decided that the members of Committee each make a few jellies for the Dance and not to keep them from the whole village.
21. The following were elected as Masters of Ceremony for the Dance. Messrs RM Thompson and C Cammidge.
22. It was agreed upon to give the washers up 6 shillings each.

General Committee Meeting - 15th October 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

1. The minutes were read and signed.
2. The Secretary gave a report of the piano committee's efforts to purchase a suitable piano for the sum of £30.
3. The committee had been offered by Greys of York for £45. This firm had offered to take £30 down and give one year's credit for the balance of £15. The Secretary along with Mr Guy and Mr Robinson asked the committee to allow them to purchase this piano and they would be responsible for organising six Saturday

night dances and supply the music free of cost and the proceeds would pay off the debt for the piano. This did not meet with the approval of the meeting.

4. Mr Wood proposed that the previous minute be rescinded restricting the committee to £30 and that we give the committee instructions to bid £35 for the instrument selected and then report to a further meeting.
5. Mr Metcalfe and Mr Bainbridge kindly presented the Parish Hall with six tea cloths.

General Committee Meeting - 13th October 1928

(Note this page in the minute book runs on from the later dated meeting (15th October 1928) so not sure if an error in the meeting date or just minutes being recorded out of sequence, perhaps if someone used a separate paper and then copied them into the minute book later.)

Mr JR Robinson presided.

1. The minutes were read and signed.
2. Mr Wison proposed that we purchase the following:
 - a. 9 dozen cups
 - b. 4 dozen teaspoons
 - c. 2 dozen dessert spoons
 - d. ½ dozen tablespoons
 - e. 3 dozen 4" plates
 - f. 3 dozen 5" plates
 - g. 1 bread knife
 - h. ½ dozen bone handled knives
 - i. 3 pint-kegs
 - j. 3 sugar basins
 - k. 1 enamel keg
 - l. 1 galvanised tin bath
3. Mr Wood proposed that we apply for a caretaker.

General Committee Meeting - 20th October 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

Present Messrs Thompson, Wood, Howe, Piercy, Snowden, Metcalfe, Wilson, Guy, Matson, Dunn.

Ladies: Child, Matson, Robinson, Guy, Edmond.

1. The minutes were read and signed.
2. The Secretary reported to the meeting that the lowest Messrs Grey would accept for the piano was £43.

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3. Mr Wood told the meeting that he had been to Messrs Grey to see the piano and had bought it a cost of £35 to the Committee and he himself having made up the balance.
4. Mr Robinson on behalf of the Committee thanked Mr Wood for his kindness.
5. The Secretary read applications from 4 persons for the caretaker's post.
6. Mr Metcalfe proposed that this Committee fix the price we are purposed to give for a caretaker and ask each applicant if he or she will accept the price fixed and they vote on the four persons by ballot at the next meeting.
7. Mrs Child proposed that the starting wage be six shillings per week in winter and three shillings per week in summer.
8. Mr Robinson proposed that all the following prices to include washing up:
 - a. Concert and Dance 5 shillings extra
 - b. Whist Drive and Dance 4 shillings extra
 - c. Concert 2 shillings extra
 - d. Whist Drive 3 shillings and sixpence extra
 - e. All night Dance 6 shillings extra
9. Mr Wilson proposed that all dances must close at 8.30 pm.
10. Mr Piercy proposed that the subscription ratio for Gentlemen's subs be two shillings and six pence for the two winter quarters 1st November to 30th April and one shilling and sixpence for the two summer quarters.
11. It was decided to take the following daily papers: Evening Press and Post, Herald and Daily Mail.
12. Mr Wood proposed that the Saturday night dances must close at 10 pm.

General Committee Meeting - 22nd October 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

1. The minutes were read and signed.
2. Miss Duffitt moved that the previous minute re Saturday night dances closing at 10 pm be rescinded.
3. Mr Wilson proposed that the Saturday night dances close at 10.30 pm.
4. On a vote by ballot Mr Francis Tennant (a villager) was elected caretaker by a majority of one vote.
5. Mr Cammidge proposed that we have a long night Young Ones Dance on 16th November 1928.

6. Mr Wilson proposed that the Secretary write to Mr Thompson and get his terms on his band of 4 artistes and if his price is shy of or less than Mr [Holibus?] to book him for this dance.
7. It was decided to commence at 8pm.
8. Mr Cammidge proposed that Mr and Mrs Borwick be asked to judge at the dance.
9. Mr B Thompson moved that Mr and Mrs Cameron be asked to attend failing Mr and Mrs Borwick.
10. Mr Cammidge informed the meeting that he had 4 prizes for the dance, and it was decided to ask Mr Child and Mr Guy if they would give 2 more prizes from the remains of the Fancy Stall.
11. Mr Matson proposed that the Secretary get some Skeleton Bills for advertising the various events.
12. It was agreed on the motion of Mr Thompson to charge two shillings for the Dance.
13. Mr Metcalfe proposed that we have a Whist Drive on the 30th of October 1928 at 4 pm and if anyone wanted to stay to dance afterwards to make a charge of one shilling. Price of Drive one shilling and sixpence refreshments included.
14. Messrs Wilson and Robinson were elected as Masters of Ceremony.
15. Messrs Wilson and Robinson offered two Gents prizes and Mr Piercy a fruit dish for Gents. Ladies Miss Coward and Mrs Child and Guy to buy two more prizes from the remains of this stall.
16. Mr Cammidge proposed that the Ladies pay a subscription of one shilling per quarter to be allowed the same privileges as the Gentlemen.

General Committee Meeting - 25th October 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

1. The minutes were read and signed.
2. The following rules were adopted on the motion of Mr Geo Wilson.
 - a. Members shall be men or women of not less than 14 years of age.
 - b. Candidates for membership shall be elected by the General Purposes Committee at any meeting at which 3 shall form a quorum.
 - c. Subscriptions for men shall be two shillings and sixpence per quarter for the two winter months commencing 1st November and ending 30th April, and one shilling and sixpence for the two summer quarters payable in advance.

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- d. The terms of the election of members who have lapsed in the payment of their subs shall be left to the discretion of the General Purposes Committee.
 - e. Ladies' subscription to be 1 shilling per quarter.
 - f. The General Purposes Committee shall have the power to make by-laws which shall have the force of rules which shall be posted in the spring.
 - g. The General Purposes Committee shall have the power to expel or otherwise deal with any member who is guilty of any act likely to bring discredit to the Parish Hall or refuses to be bound by its rules.
 - h. Any member damaging the property of the Parish Hall shall be held responsible for the damage and shall make good any such damages to the satisfaction of the General Purposes Committee.
 - i. The Reading Room shall not be open on Sundays.
 - j. No alcoholic drink shall be sold or consumed on the premises without the consent of the General Purposes Committee.
 - k. Visitors shall be admitted at a charge of sixpence per week or one penny per day on the introduction of a member who shall be responsible for payment to the Secretary.
 - l. No betting or gambling of any kind shall take place in the Reading Room.
 - m. Breaches of this rule shall be strictly dealt with by the General Purposes Committee.
 - n. The General Purposes Committee have power to close the Reading Room for [something] etc.
3. Proposed by Mr Jackson that the Secretary purchases 4 [?]
 4. Mr Matson offered to see if he could purchase a tariff from the LNER (Railway Sheet) for the entrance gate.

General Committee Meeting - 13th November 1928

Mr JR Robinson presided.

1. Mr Wilson proposed that we get a billiard table.
2. Mr Wood proposed that the Secretary should write Messrs Riley's' agent (Mr Howson?) agree to meet a small committee at an early date.
3. The following were elected to meet with the above Gentlemen Messrs JR Robinson, G Wilson and RM Thompson.
4. Mr Snowden and B Thompson offered to be door keepers at the next Saturday night dance.
5. A complaint was made about the dirty state of the Parish Hall and its contents. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Caretaker and draw his attention to the state of affairs and ask to remedy the grievance at once.

General Committee Meeting - 8th November 1928

Another meeting recorded out of sequence in the minute book.

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Mr JR Robinson presided.

1. The minutes were read and signed.
2. Mr Wood gave notice of motion that at the next meeting he will move that the previous minute relating to the Saturday night dances closing at 10.30 pm be rescinded.
3. Mr Cammidge proposed that the Secretary purchases two stoves.
4. Mr Piercy proposed that we accept Mr Porter's offer to bring a concert party to Flaxton on 5th December 1928.
5. Mr Wilson proposed that the prices be one shilling and sixpence, one shilling tax included and children sixpence each.
6. Mr C Avison proposed that we have a dance after the concert.
7. Mr Cammidge proposed that we engage the Lowe Band.
8. Mr Cammidge proposed that the option of buying a billiard table be left to The General Purposes Committee.
9. Mr Wilson proposed that the Secretary arrange for a Whist Drive and Dance about the 14th of December 1928.
10. Mr Wilson proposed that we purchase a drum for the Saturday night dances for 10 shillings.

This was the last record in the minute book apart from an A3 size typewritten copy of the accounts for the period 23rd February 1928 to 16th October 1929. These are presented in the next section.

First Year Accounts - 23rd February 1928 to 16th October 1929

Income

	£	s	d
By Balance in hands of Treasurer on the 23 rd February 1928	79	3	7
Sales of Goods (Fancy Stall)	2	13	6
Interest at Bank and money over-paid	-	13	6
Billiard results	30	6	3
Saturday night dances	£70: 3: 6		
Less for petty cash for whist tables, glasses, floor polish, music, paraffin and sundries as per account	£ 5:11: 2		
Dances, Concerts, Whist Drives etc.	139	16	6
Hire of Hall	2	18	-
Opening Day Proceeds	102	1	9
Subscriptions	44	16	2
Ladies' Teas etc.	37	4	5
Members Subscriptions	16	6	3
Hire of Drums	-	2	6
	520	14	9
Adverse Balance at Bankers	38	14	-
	559	8	9

Expenses

	£	s	d
Insurances	1	19	7
Lamps and Pots, etc.	8	14	-
Piano, Repairs and Tuning	35	18	6
Chairs	12	10	-
Gravel	3	8	-
E Butler. Cost of Hall	369	7	-
Doves, Stoves etc.	17	10	1
Papers	3	8	9
Stationery, Printing, Playing Cards etc.	7	18	-
Bank Charges and Cheque Books	2	1	6
Hire of Railway Sheet	-	5	-
Hire of Tables	-	4	-
Drums	4	-	-
Band for opening day	2	5	-
Cattley Ernests (Wood)	1	5	8
Stamps	-	5	6
Chapel Forms and Lamp	1	15	-
York Hospital	18	-	-
Rates	3	10	1
Secretary	10	-	-
Oil, Soap, Floor Polish and Sundries	7	3	9
Caretaker	16	8	6
Tea Urn	-	6	6
Piercy. Coals, Cinders and Carting	6	15	9
Billiard Instalments	24	8	7
	559	8	9

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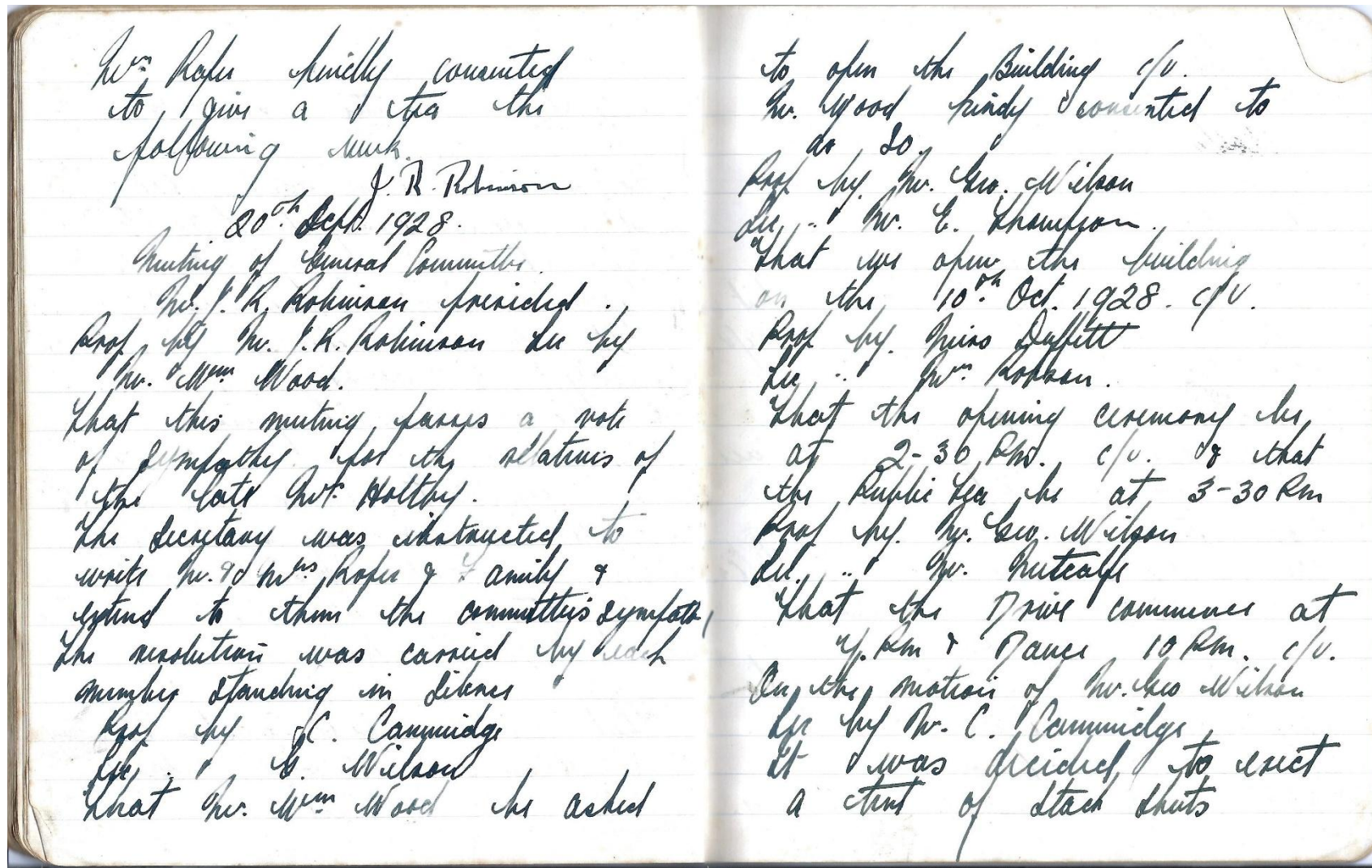
Liabilities

	£	s	d
Sundry Creditors	83	-	-
Unpaid Instalments on Billiard Table	15	11	5
Bank Overdraft	38	14	-
Balance of Assets over Liabilities	410	6	7
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Assets

		£	s	d
Building	500: -: -			
Less Depreciation (10%)	50: -: -			
		450	-	-
Contents	122: -: -			
Less Depreciation (20%)	24: 8: -	97	12	-
		<u>547</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>--</u>

Appendix I – Illustration from Minute Book Pages



Appendix II – 1928 Flaxton Parish Electoral Roll

Roll No	Basis of right to vote, HO = Husband's Occupation, O = Occupation, R = Residency	Committee Member?	Surname	Name & Forenames	Juror = J, Special Juror = SJ	Residence or Property occupied and abode of non-resident occupier. (Flaxton if blank)
116	O		Abbey	Jane		
117	R		Allan	Robert William		
118	R		Almond	Robert Arthur	J	Glebe Farm
119	HO		Almond	Susan Eveline		Glebe Farm
120	R		Anderson	George		
121	HO		Anderson	Laura		Birkers Farm
122	R		Ashton	Sedman		
123	O	Y	Avison	Elizabeth Hannah	J	
124	R	Y	Avison	John Charles		
125	O		Banks	Rachel Jane		
126	HO		Black	Eliza		
127	R		Black	John James		
128	R		Black	Reginald George		
129	R		Brabbs	James	J	Stugdale Farm
130	HO		Brabbs	Mabel Jane		Stugdale Farm
131	R		Brown	William		
132	O		Buckton	Annie Elizabeth		
133	R		Buckton	James Alfred	J	
134	R		Butler	Harold		
135	R	Y	Cambridge	Charles	J	
136	R		Cartwright	William Edward		Woodlands
137	HO		Cartwright	Elizabeth		Woodlands
138	HO		Cattley	Annie Elizabeth		Elm Tree Cottage
139	R		Cattley	Robert		Elm Tree Cottage
140	O	Y	Child	Ada		
141	O		Cooper	Mary		
142	O		Cox	Frances		
143	HO		Cox	Hannah		
144	R		Cox	Jepson		
145	R		Crowther	Thomas Frederick		
146	HO	Y	Dawson	Emilie		
147	R		Dawson	Tyson		
148	O		Drew	Lillie		
149	R		Duck	Frank		
150	R	Y	Dunn	Alfred		
151	R		Dunn	Hugh		
152	R	Y	Dunn	John		
153	R		Dunn	John Henry		The Hollies
154	HO		Dunn	Mary		The Hollies
155	R		Ellis	Thomas Frederick		
156	R		Esh	Arthur Richardson		
157	R	Y	Farrow	John Ellis		The Rectory
158	R	Y	Foster	Charles		
159	HO		Foster	Mary Annie		
160	HO		Fletcher	Elizabeth		
161	R	Y	Gilling	Charles William		

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162	HO		Gilling	Maria		
163	O	Y	Goodwill	Elsie		
164	R	Y	Goodwill	James William		
165	R		Gorwood	George		
166	HO		Gorwood	Susan Eveline		
167	HO		Grice	Lily		
168	R	Y	Grice	William		
169	R	Y	Guy	Vivian		
170	O		Hall	Amelia		
171	R		Hall	Charles		
172	HO		Harness	Anna Jame		
173	R		Harness	Charles		
174	R		Harrison	James		Stugdale Farm
175	R		Hartas	Robert		
176	R		Hawkin	Frederick William	J	
177	HO		Hawkin	Rose		
178	-		Heslop	John Thomas		Land (Lived Thornton-le-Clay)
179	R		Hicks	Reginald George		The Grange
180	R		Hill	Arthur Richardson		
181	HO	Y	Hodgson	Betsy		The Lodge
182	HO		Hodgson	Catherine		
183	R		Hodgson	John		
184	HO		Howe	Clara		
185	R	Y	Howe	Robert		
186	R	Y	Howe	William Harker		
187	HO	Y	Jackson	Betsy Helen		
188	R	Y	Jackson	William		
189	HO	Y	Lucas	Ada		
190	R	Y	Lucas	George		
191	HO	Y	Lund	Jane Elizabeth		
192	R	Y	Lund	John Henry	J	
193	HO		Kirby	Alice		Thornton Railway Gates
194	R		Kirby	Frank		Thornton Railway Gates
195	O		Mansfield	Agnes		
196	R		Mason	James		
197	R		Mennell	Cecil James		
198	R	Y	Metcalfe	John George Alonza		
199	HO	Y	Metcalfe	Mary Jane		
200	R	Y	Metcalf	Robert Bruce		
201	R		Mills	Edwin Arthur		
202	HO	Y	Mills	Annie		
203	R		Mills	John Alwyn		
204	R		Milner	Charles Edward	J	
205	HO		Milner	Hannah Mary		
206	R		Milner	John Goulden		
207	R		Mullinger	Thomas James Free		
208	R		Nelson	Joseph		
209	O		Nelson	Sarah		
210	R		Nelson	Wilfred		

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211	O		Nendick	Lilian		
212	R		Outhwaite	Herbert		Blacksmith's Arms
213	R		Pearson	George Purdy	J	
214	HO		Pearson	Lucy Annie		
215	R		Pepper	Albert William		
216	R		Pickering	Harold		Leckby House
217	O	Y	Piercy	Theresa		
218	R	Y	Piercy	Thomas William		
219	HO		Raper	Annie Elizabeth		
220	R	Y	Raper	Christopher		
221	HO	Y	Raper	Martha Anna		
222	R		Raper	William		
223	R		Renton	Charles		
224	R		Robins	Austin Joseph		Post Office
225	R		Robins	George		
226	R	Y	Robinson	John Robert	J	
227	HO	Y	Robinson	Mabel Annie		The Grange
228	R	Y	Robson	Harrison		
229	HO	Y	Robson	Sarah Helen		
230	O		Rowlay	Elenor		
231	R		Rowlay	Buttery		
232	R		Rowlay	Malcolm		
233	R		Rowlay	William	J	
234	HO		Saville	Rebecca Dennis		
235	R		Saville	Walton Henry		
236	R		Scarr	Francus Robert		
237	R	Y	Smedley	John Thomas	J	
238	HO	Y	Smedley	Rosanna		
239	HO		Smee	Catherine		
240	R		Smee	John Robert		
241	R		Smith	George		
242	R		Smith	George	J	Gennell Farm
243	HO		Smith	Mary		Gennell Farm
244	HO	Y	Snowball	Ann		Leckby Farm
245	R	Y	Snowball	Ernest	J	Leckby Farm
246	HO		Snowden	Annie Elizabeth		
247	R	Y	Snowden	John Robert	J	
248	R		Snowden	John Robert junior		
249	HO		Snowden	Lily		
250	R		Snowden	Tom		
251	R		Stannard	Dick Charles		
252	R		Stannard	Thomas Henry		
253	HO		Stead	Alice		
254	R		Stead	John Henry		
255	R		Stevens	Henry		The Bungalow
256	HO		Stevens	Lavinia		The Bungalow
257	R		Stevens	William Henry	J	The Bungalow
258	R		Stockton	William		
259	R	Y	Sturdy	Robert		

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Roll No	Basis of right to vote, HO = Husband's Occupation, O = Occupation, R = Residency	Committee Member?	Surname	Name & Forenames	Juror = J, Special Juror = SJ	Residence or Property occupied and abode of non-resident occupier. (Flaxton if blank)
260	R	Y	Tennant	Francis		
261	R		Tennant	Richard		
262	R		Tennant	Robert Barnatt		
263	R	Y	Thompson	Benjamin		
264	R	Y	Thompson	Ernest		
265	HO		Thompson	Marian		
266	R	Y	Thompson	Robert Maurice		
267	R		Thompson	Thomas Edomndson		
268	HO		Thornton	Mary		Flaxton Station
269	R		Thornton	Richard		Flaxton Station
270	R	Y	Thurloe	Ernest		Elm Tree Farm
271	HO		Thurloe	Florence		Elm Tree Farm
272	R		Thurloe	Henry	J	Elm Tree Farm
273	R		Thurloe	Richard William		Elm Tree Farm
274	R		Towse	Charles Fewston George		
275	R		Vokes	George		Red House
276	R		Walker	James		
277	R		Watland	John		
278	HO	Y	Wood	Mary		
279	R	Y	Wood	Wiliam	SJ	
280	HO	Y	White	Dorothy Mary Gladys		Woodlands Farm
281	R		White	Thomas		Woodlands Farm
282	HO		Wray	Ada Annie		
283	R		Wray	Robert Cusson		
284	R		Wray	William		
285	HO		Wiley	Mary Ann		

Appendix III – Flaxton School Photograph 1928



Back Row	E Cattley	A Goodwill	P Lockwood	V Lucas	M Dixon	J Almond	A Cattley	D Smedley				
Third Row	T Smith	R Dixon	G Wray	G Lucas	O Wilson	M Harness	A Matson	E Smith	C Hall	P Harness	B Hall	
Second Row	E Smee	B Smee	M Smee	K Wray	J Almond	B Smith	V Harness	D Cammidge	R Grice	J Wray		
Front Row	A Pickup	A Howe	C Robson	B Drew	P Guy	W Mullinger	W Thornton	A Lucas	W Grice	M Guy	R Pickup	J Binks