EASTBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

PROPOSED NEW HOUSES ON THE MARSH.

THE RESIGNATION OF INSPECTOR GOLDSACK.

COUNCILLOR MITCHELL AND THE SANITARY COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of the Town Council was held on Saturday afternoon in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall. In the absence of the Mayor (Alderman G. Paulden) the chair was occupied by Deputy Mayor (Alderman W. E. Morelock) presided. There were also present Aldermen C. B. Wallis, H. W. Keay, R. Strange and Mr. Jas. Ingham, and the following Councillors:

West Ward—W. H. Bull, H. Crook, T. B. Rowe, Dr. Hayman, and J. Harding.

St. Mary's Ward—G. F. Chambers, J. A. Skinner, W. Pocock, J. Walsh, J. C. Pearce, and R. Colgate.

East Ward—R. G. Job, R. Dobs, J. T. Wenham, and J. Easter.

Central Ward—J. C. Towner, M. Martin, G. Brown, W. Francis, and O. Mitchell.

The officials present were the Town Clerk (Mr. H. W. Fovargue), the Borough Surveyor (Mr. E. M. Gloyne), the Building Surveyor (Mr. Oswald Peters), the Borough Accountant (Mr. Oswald Flint Jones) and the Town Clerk's chief clerk (Mr. Sibrs Newnham).

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCES.

The Town Clerk presented a list of the members' attendances at the Council and Committee and Sub-Committee meetings during the year:

	Summoned.	Attended.
The Mayor	13	8
Alderman Morelock	13	12
" Paulden	13	10
" Haine	13	12
" Gatehouse	13	12
" Keay	13	10
" Wallis	13	12
" Strange	13	12
" Sutton	13	12
WEST WARD.		
Councillor Job	13	10
" Easter	13	9
" Job	13	11
" MacQueen	13	11
" Wenham	13	11
" Wood	13	10
WEST WARD.		
Councillor Burt	13	11
" Bull	13	12
" Harding	13	12
" Hayman	13	12
" Rowe	13	12
" Simmons	13	12
CENTRAL WARD.		
Councillor Brown	13	10
" Francis	13	12
" Martin	13	12
" Martin	13	12
" Mitchell	13	12
" Towner	13	12
ST. MARY'S WARD.		
Councillor Chambers	13	12
" Colgate	13	12
" Foran	13	12
" Pocock	13	12
" Skinner	13	12
" Walsh	13	12

Councillor J. T. Wenham asked why the list had not been published before.

The Town Clerk replied that it was usually presented at this meeting.

Councillor O. Mitchell—I move that the summary just read be printed in the Gazette's *Gazette*.

Councillor H. Crook—The Press no doubt will take notice of it.

COUNCILLOR MACQUEEN.

The Town Clerk intimated that Dr. MacQueen was unable to be present.

The Deputy-Mayor—I am sorry Mr. Councillor Mac-Queen is away on account of illness in his family, and I am sure we all sympathise with him.

THE LATE MR. H. EVENDEN.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. W. H. Evenden, thanking the Council for their kind feeling of condolence with the family of the late Mr. Henry Evenden.

THE RAILWAY STATION CARSTAND.

Councillor J. A. Skinner—Can the Borough Surveyor tell the public when it is possible for him to put down an addition to the carstand near the railway station. At the present moment it is in a dreadful state.

The Deputy-Mayor—I am afraid you are out of order, Mr. Councillor Skinner. All questions must be addressed to the chairman of a committee.

BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Buildings Committee contained the following:—

The following plans comply with the Bye-laws, and the Committee recommend the Council to approve the same, viz:

David Smith (F. G. Cooke, architect, J. Peerless, builder), alterations and additions, St. Terminus-road.

E. Roberts Jones (H. Spurrell, architect), addition to "Dunrobin," Upperton-road.

Dr. W. Melville (G. Crisford, architect), addition to "Dalsheen," Silverdale-road.

J. Kelsey (E. E. Humble, architect, W. and J. Newman, builder), addition to "Malwood," St. Leonards-road.

Mrs. Hall (H. E. Booth, architect, G. W. Scott, builder), house, Silverdale-road.

J. Martin (J. Bot, architect, J. Martin, builder), addition to house, Gaudick-road.

Lady Paine (H. Spurrell, architect), addition to "Lady Paine's House," Willingdon-road.

Mrs. Hall (A. A. Oakley, architect, A. Blackman, builder), eight cottages, Sidney-road.

G. Gausden (A. Chester, architect, G. Gausden, builder), one house, Green street road.

G. Gravett (G. Gravett, architect, G. Gravett, builder), one house, Royal-parade.

E. Cornwell (O. Mitchell, architect, E. Cornwell, builder), three houses, Addingham-road.

J. Vinall, jun., builder (E. Vinall, architect), Mr. Fredericks, one house, Southbourne-road.

The Provident Institution and Committee of Y.M.C.A. (C. Crisford, architect), submitted the following plan and recommend the Council to approve of the same:—Subject to the Council being satisfied that the sewer will be diverted and the ground made good, no objection to the erection of a temporary building for a period of two years, on the site shown on the plan, for the purpose of a mission hall, subject to the Council being satisfied that the building will be removed at the end of the period, and the ground made good, and the Council to be empowered to grant a further period of two years if the building is found to be in good condition, and the Committee recommend the Council to grant the same.

The Committee considered the following plans and recommend the Council to disapprove the same for the reasons hereafter appearing, viz.:

C. F. Dennis, builder, alteration and addition, 23, Terminus-road: plan bending to corners (no special resolution below).

(H. Spurrell, architect), 27 houses, Leaf-street, Ashford-road; plan of road not yet approved.

(O. Mitchell, architect), 4 houses, Marsyn terrace; insufficient air space.

W. Baldwin (O. Mitchell, architect), addition, "Monte Carlo," St. Aubyn's road; insufficient thickness of walls.

J. Vinall, jun., builder (E. Vinall, architect), pair houses, Carlisle-road; no plan or section given.

W. and M. Hookham, builders (O. Mitchell, architect), pair cottages, Springfield-road; no air space within 5 ft.

Plans of Alterations at 21, Terminus-road.—A letter was read from Messrs. J. Dupuis and Son objecting to the proposed alterations, (1) as they would exclude light and air from his premises, (2) the air space would be reduced, (3) the works have been commenced before the deposit of plans, (4) the party wall is being built upon a foundation which is of insufficient strength, and (5) generally as regards (1) that the Committee do not interfere as between party and party, (2) that the air space be increased to comply with the Bye-laws, (3) the builder be requested to offer any explanation he may think fit to make for commencing the work without 5 ft. of depositing plans, but without prejudice to the Council's right to take any proceedings against him for the same, (4) that the Building Surveyor inspect the wall and if Mr. Dupuis's contention be correct require the erection of a proper wall in accordance with the Bye-laws.

No. 2 Montague-terrace.—A plan of a proposed alteration to the roadway at the junction of Montague-terrace and Terminus-road, showing the owner, Mr. H. H. Simmons, would give up about 14 square yards or 15 feet superficial of his land for widening the road, in consideration of the Committee agreeing to his extending the present building forward to the extent shown upon the plan. It was resolved that the plan be approved.

W. E. MORELOCK, Chairman.

The Deputy-Mayor, in moving the confirmation of the proceedings, said the new bye-laws formed on the principles of those made by the Local Government Board, still the difficulties the Committee had had to contend with had been very great.

Councillor Harding seconded.

The Deputy-Mayor said they had in no case wished to inflict more than was absolutely necessary. Nine on those who had been occupied in building operations within the borough. As for the rejection of Messrs. Hodson's plans for a block of cottages in Springfield-road, the feeling of the Committee was that the peculiar position of the ground was such that if by-and-bye anyone should wish to build more than two houses on the land with those plans they would be in a very unfortunate position. He was sorry for the strictness that was absolutely demanded in the bye-laws. He would suggest that the plan for the proposed alteration at 1, Montague-terrace should not be passed.

Councillor J. C. Towner seconded, and the motion was eventually agreed to.

THE "INTERESTED PARTY" QUESTION AGAIN.

Councillor Crook asked whether when there was only a quorum and one of those members happened to be an interested party in the business the proceedings of that committee were legal?

The Town Clerk—I think the proceedings are strictly legal. The statute does not say the interested member shall not attend.

Councillor Crook—I take it that if there is no other business transacted there is not a sufficient number of members.

Councillor Wenham—Don't heat about the bush. Out with it.

Councillor H. Duke—Who are you referring to?

Councillor Crook—If you want to know I am referring to the minutes. I do not mind going to the Chai mat. If you have any quarrel to pick you can do it after.

The Deputy Mayor—Please address the chair.

Councillor Crook—I want to know what I do. It is needless to ask me because there is only one place in the agenda where such an instance applies.

The Town Clerk said it was not the business of any that members should be interested under his statement. It was directed to it.

Councillor Crook—I think this is a very unfair insinuation on Councillor Mitchell.

The Deputy Mayor—Order, please. There has been a question asked. I do not think I can allow it to be said there has been any insinuation against a member of the Council. Otherwise I would have stopped the member when he put the question. So far as I can remember since the town has been governed, there have so many occasions been members of committees where a quorum only has been present, and they have carried out the business, and the Council, feeling that they were all powerful, have confirmed the proceedings of what they have brought proper, and thrown them out when they did not think proper.

Councillor Crook—Councillor Duke has taken the liberty of suggesting that I wished to throw blame on a certain member of this Council. That is not my object at all. I simply asked for information in order that the business we had before us then in order that the business might be properly carried out by the Council. As a member of the Highways Committee, I was present at the meeting when the Buildings Committee recommended the Buildings Committee to pass these plans, and I am quite of opinion that the plans should be approved.

AN ALLEGED UNSUITABLE SITE.

Councillor Wenham called attention to the rejection of Mr. Spurrell's plans (on behalf of the Provident Institution of Y.M.C.A.) for 27 cottages in a new road to lead out of Ashford-road.

Spurrell's plans were for cottages, and he had been debating in his own mind whether the time had not arrived when the Council should begin to come to the rescue by providing them. (Hear, hear). He would a thousand times rather see a man go and carry out the work himself, but rather strongly if unreasonable objections were put in the way of the erection of cottages on a certain site. He would say (on behalf of the Medical Officer of Health) that he might be read in order that they might know what the Medical Officer and his staff were in many respects bound to do. (Hear, hear.)

The Deputy-Mayor said the Buildings Committee could not pass these plans because the plan of the road had not yet been approved. Further he thought the Committee had been wise in realising the need for more buildings for the working class, their most strong wish was that they should be in opposition to any buildings which were not to be erected in such a way as to secure a probability of health for the working people who would live in them.

Councillor M. Martin—Hear, hear.

The Deputy-Mayor—I have shown out several plans during the past year, plans which technically we could not object to; but we did feel that the Council ought to be in no way the parties of the working classes we must use our utmost endeavours that no houses should be built which are in many respects insanitary dwellings. (Hear, hear.)

Councillor Duke said that personally he did not see any objection to the plan, and spoke out rather strongly at the time.

Councillor Wenham said he was quite as much in favour of sanitary dwellings as the Chairman.

The Deputy-Mayor—In fact you, sir, and you did not know anything about the site when you had it, and this why I was bold enough to say what I did.

Councillor Wenham said he had not done with it yet.

Subsequently the matter came up again in the proceedings of the Highways and Drainage Committee.

Councillor Wenham asked for the production of the report of the Medical Officer of Health on which he believed these cottages were condemned.

Alderman Keay—We never had a report, and I therefore cannot state what it is.

Councillor Wenham—Perhaps you will be good enough to tell me what you have in definitely stated that this road is not allowed to be passed. I understand the Artizans' Dwellings' Company propose to spend about two or three thousand pounds in a new broad street in which they intend to erect twenty-seven cottages.

Alderman Keay said the plan of the proposed road did not comply with the bye-laws and was sent back to be amended.

Councillor Duke—I can say this, that the Buildings Committee were very anxious that it was distinctly told us in the Buildings Committee that the Highways Committee would not approve of the road because of the report of the Medical Officer of Health. (No). He had reported that if houses were built there it would be injurious to health. I entered my protest against that, and then it was stated that the main sewer in Ashford-road was too small. I then protested against that, and then it was stated that the main sewer in Ashford-road was too small. I then protested against that, and then it was stated that the sewer large enough, and not for anyone who happened to have a piece of ground there to be polluted and not allowed to build a house.

Councillor Mitchell stated that in the case of a new street the Council could let any party proposing to make it so and in a plan to be approved by the Surveyor. He was prepared in this case on reliable authority—indeed he had it from the architect—that the gradient required was 1in. in 10ft. It would be impossible to make a road with a gradient in a hilly district. We had miles of main sewers with no such gradient.

Alderman Strange said he hoped he had made out the statement of the Chairman of the Highways Committee in reference to the Medical Officer of Health. The plan was simply thrown out because it did not comply with the bye-laws.

Alderman Keay said that Mr. Councillor Duke had evidently put into the mouth of the Medical Officer what really came from several members of the Highways Committee who were of opinion that the site was totally unfit for building upon.

Councillor Wenham—Why built?

Alderman Keay—I simply tell you. If you like you can go and see for yourself. The architect thought very well of the site, and information required is.

Councillor Duke stated that at the Buildings Committee the Deputy Mayor referred to the Medical Officer having made a report.

The Deputy-Mayor—I beg pardon, I distinctly deny that I knew of any report.

Councillor Duke—It was mentioned.

The Deputy Mayor—I didn't know anything about it. I don't know anything about it now.

Councillor Wenham—I understood you to what bye-laws were infringed, and surely it ought to be easy for the Chairman of the Highways Committee to answer it.

Alderman Keay—If you give me time to find it out.

Alderman Strange—Where is this ground? Is it in the district that was formerly occupied by Mr. Jas. Mr. Peerless as a building yard? ("Yes.") Do you mean to say there are members of our Corporation who would really wish to make a suitable site for artisans buildings?

Councillor Towner—It is a *cul de sac*.

Councillor Duke—They are going to make a new road.

Councillor Wenham—I am one of the members who would recommend that site. Why not? Why not? Why not? Why not? Why not? Why not? Why not?

Alderman Strange—They are bad enough.

Councillor Wenham—Why are they bad?

Alderman Strange—Because the chairman.

Councillor Wenham—I was addressing the chair when I was interrupted.

Alderman Haine (indicating Alderman Strange)—This one I mean.

Councillor Wenham said the statement that the drains were not sufficiently large was a damning statement against the Corporation. He was surprised and was no reason why the owners of that property should not be allowed to build upon it.

Alderman Strange—Certainly not.

Councillor Wenham said they did not pretend to build upon the site in question in the upland districts, which would drain down into this very place.

The Deputy-Mayor—I am sorry, Mr. Councillor Wenham, that you have gone out of order in speaking a second time.

Councillor Wenham—It is not the first time.

The Deputy-Mayor said he did not interfere on account of the somewhat outrageous remarks of Mr. Alderman Strange, which were highly quite out of order.

Councillor Wenham—I am quite used to these out of order.

Alderman Strange—I am quite used to being out of order.

Alderman Keay stated that section 105 required that plan of a new road to give the names of the owners of the land, the size and number of the intended building plots, and the height, class and nature of the buildings. The information was not given. The architect knew what was required.

The Deputy-Mayor—This was a question that ought to have been talked at in all directions and have quite an hour.

Councillor Dr. Hayman observed that he was not inclined to vote for these plans unless the drainage was wrong. If they were passed ago Councillor Colgate said they would regret having this low lying ground, and the crisis passed the Surveyor to the station, built upon. The buildings were put up for the benefit of the people, who owned the property. After a short discussion he said then it was said the town was to blame; Eastbourne was wrong; the drainage was wrong. If they were going to put a large number of houses on the lowest part of Eastbourne the drainage scheme for that particular district ought to be thoroughly considered by the Surveyor, the Medical Officer of Health, and all interested.

Councillor Martin (warmly)—I don't think Dr. Hayman has quite grasped the situation and what proposed. I feel my Councillor Hayman and Mr. Councillor Colgate to prove that it is not a healthier district than several other portions of the town. I am quite willing to submit it to the test. I don't think it right for a gentleman to come here and say that way.

Councillor Dr. Hayman—I said nothing about the health.

The Deputy-Mayor—They have a perfect right to give their own opinions.

The matter then dropped.

MR. GREYETT'S PLAN.

Alderman Keay moved that Mr. Greyett's plan be sent back to the Buildings Committee.

Alderman Strange seconded.

Alderman Keay said the Finance Committee had left the matter in the hands of the chairman (Alderman Strange) and the Town Clerk with power to act.

Alderman Strange stated that some delay had been occasioned through the agreements not being in order. Mr. Greyett's plans were in the Town Clerk's hands to be.

The Town Clerk, being appealed to by the Alderman, said he was not quite sure that he was right so far as it goes. I don't say anything with regard to the first part of your observations.

Alderman Keay—I wish to vote to it to formally disprove the plan. This will not prevent its being re-submitted.

HIGHWAYS AND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Highways Committee contained the following:—

Stationing of Bye-laws.—A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Jenkins complaining of "Sunset" the Operator of the Electric Theatre, Terminus-road, Eastbourne, in the Grand Parade at night during a heavy rainfall. It was stated that the Bye-laws do not provide that such conduct must not be repeated.

Mr. Councillor Wenham said that Mr. T. Tickner and Mr. A. A. Dixon, complaining of the flooding of their premises in Ashford-road, in the heavy rainfall, wished to attend to and report.

Alderman Strange—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on the flooding of the sewers on the 16th July which he had given to the Highways Committee. It was resolved that the further consideration of the subject be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, that the flooding in that part of the Town, that is the Ashford-road district, be reported to the Council, and brought up the recommendations thereon.

Alderman Strange moved the adoption of the report from Mr. Leonard Tetley, Clerk to the Eastbourne Rural Sanitary Authority, dated the 14th July, 1905, and the letter from the Clerk to the Sanitary Authority, dated the 1st inst., and addressed to Mr. Francis Thomas, and the letter from Mr. Francis Thomas, and the letter from Mr. Francis Thomas, and the letter from