

NEWPORT PAGNELL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

DIAMOND JUBILEE

1894-1954

A Record of Activities

FOREWORD

To commemorate their Diamond Jubilee, this Council considered it appropriate to issue a record of their activities during these sixty years and Mr. E. Stapleton, who has been associated with the Council for 50 years (the last 14 as Clerk) very kindly consented to undertake this task.

In thanking Mr. Stapleton for his work, I should also like to congratulate him on making this history so interesting and informative and I am sure it will be read with great benefit by a large circle.

During these years much has been done for the well-being of the Community and the standard of living has been considerably raised, not only from a health point of view, but also in the matter of comfort and improved housing conditions.

I would like to call attention to the debt the inhabitants owe to the Councillors who have laboured during this time, some of them for very many years with no other reward than to serve their day and generation, to make Local Government the success which in this area it certainly has been.

Also in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee, a plaque inscribed with the names of the Chairmen since 1894 has been hung in the Council Chamber.

H. BLOUNT, Lt.-General,
CHAIRMAN.

7, Station Road,
Newport Pagnell.
13th October, 1954.

CHAIRMEN OF THE COUNCIL

- 1894 JOHN R. WILMER
- 1904 THE REVD. J. T. ATHAWES
- 1915 GEORGE TAYLER, J.P.
- 1925 LT.-COL. J. WILLIAMS, M.C., C.A.
- 1928 FRANCIS W. COALES
- 1933 THOMAS JORDAN, J.P.
- 1934 LT.-COL. JAMES P. WYNESS
- 1951 LT.-COL. N. B. C. BYAM-GROUNDS
- 1953 LT.-GEN. H. BLOUNT, D.S.O.

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**LIST OF ELECTED RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS 1895
WHO WERE ALSO GUARDIANS BY VIRTUE OF THEIR OFFICE**

also

Population Figures

PARISH	NAME	1891 POPULATION	1951 CENSUS POPULATION
Astwood	George Brighty	187	113
Bletchley	Rev. William Bennitt	456	*3432
Bradwell	Robert Wylie	} 2915	} 519
and	Isabella Edward		
Bradwell Abbey	Rev. K. C. Bailey		
Brickhill, Bow	William Hartwell	464	420
Brickhill, Great	James Curtis	522	470
Brickhill, Little	Rev. W. B. Banting	312	369
Broughton	Samuel Syratt	122	108
Cold Brafield	George B. Whitworth	80	82
Castlethorpe	Joseph Pike	441	501
Chicheley	William Whitnall	180	120
Clifton Keynes	James West Scorer	170	102
Emberton... ..	William Hawkins	505	409
Fenny Stratford	Henry Samuel Smith Thomas George Kirby Edward Martin Holdom	} 2614	} *5443
Gayhurst	Joseph W. Townsend	97	67
Hanslope	John Rose	} 1489	} 1092
	George Simpson... ..		
Hardmead	Rev. Joseph Tarver	90	105
Haversham	William Scott	224	714
Lathbury	John Wilson Adkins	146	112
Lavendon	Robert Battams	654	581
Linford, Great	Rev. S. H. Williams	481	366
Linford, Little	George Tayler	70	With Haversham
Loughton	Rev. J. T. Athawes	348	366
Milton Keynes... ..	John Taylor	207	175
Moulsoe	Joseph E. Whiting	214	221
Newport Pagnell	John R. Wilmer Joseph C. Coales William B. Shakeshaft Alfred Bullard	} 3788	} 4377
Newton Blossomville	Alfred E. Skevington	191	144
Newton Longville	David Young	415	601
North Crawley	James H. Hatton	622	487
Olney	J. C. Hipwell	} 2399	} 2337
and	Thomas Longland		
Olney Park	Thomas Biggs	10	9
Petsoe Manor		—	—
Ravenstone	William G. Eyles	300	206
Shenley Church End	Rev. Edgar A. Milne	180	196
Sherington	Wellesley Taylor	566	501

Simpson	T. E. Rowland	727	*771
Stantonbury		29	18
Stoke Goldington	E. Smith	767	398
Tyringham & Filgrave	Jas. C. H. Robinson	155	159
Walton	David Cook	93	110
Warrington	Joseph Howson	69	58
Water Eaton	Philip Coleman	241	*1273
Wavendon	Frederick W. Down	1281	235
and	William H. Inwood		624
Woburn Sands		—	1495
Weston Underwood	William Stephen Stewart... ..	325	
Willen	Henry W. Whiting	86	
Woolstone, Great	William Lenton	80	141
Woolstone, Little	Arthur E. Harris	83	
Woughton	Rev. F. F. Field	208	163
Rural District Population in 1931		12743	
Rural District Population in 1951 Census		13823	
*Bletchley Urban District Population, 1951 Census... ..		10919	

LIST OF COUNCILLORS 1954

PARISH OR PARISHES	MEMBER FROM	COUNCILLOR
Astwood and Hardmead	1947	G. Williams
Bradwell and Bradwell Abbey	1948	R. G. Bellchambers
Bow Brickhill	1953	N. Gurney
Little Brickhill	1930	Col. J. P. Wyness
Broughton and Milton Keynes	1952	J. R. Powell
Cold Brafield	1950	M. Farrer
Castlethorpe	1951	H. F. Dolling
Chichley and Sherington	1934	Col. N. B. C. Byam-Grounds
Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville	1950	W. F. Finn Kelcey
Emberton and Pctsoe Manor	1950	A. Lyon
Gayhurst, Stoke Goldington, and Lathbury	1954	H. J. Simpson
Hanslope	1933	R. Eakins
"	1940	W. Beesley
Haversham and Little Linford	1954	H. W. Tarrant
Lavendon	1943	J. H. Green, J.P.
Great Linford and Stantonbury	1950	Miss S. K. A. Uthwatt
Loughton	1936	E. Gurney
Moulsoe	1943	R. O. Sharpe, J.P.
North Crawley	1954	Mrs. V. M. Hatton
Olney and Olney Park	1937	S. W. Lord, J.P.
"	1946	H. J. Osborn
"	1928-1949	
"	& 1953	A. Crouch
Ravenstone and Weston Underwood	1946	J. S. Goss
Shenley Church End	1949	The Revd. Peter Hemming, M.A.
Tyringham cum Filgrave	1952	Mrs. M. Konig, O.B.E.
Walton and Woughton	1941	Gen. H. Blount, D.S.O.
Warrington	1952	W. E. Jarvis

Wavendon	...	...	...	...	...	1939	...	...	...	...	...	J. B. Bell
Woburn Sands	...	...	...	...	...	1943	...	...	...	...	...	C. Hutton
"	...	...	...	...	...	1952	...	...	...	...	...	J. B. King
"	...	...	...	...	...	1952	...	...	...	...	...	G. F. Wesley
Woolstone cum Willen	...	...	...	...	...	1952	Sir Philip Wombwell, Bt., M.B.E.					

CLERKS TO THE COUNCIL

1894	Charles W. Powell	1939	E. Stapleton
1914	C. H. Glanville	1955	R. W. Dunbabin

OFFICES OF THE COUNCIL

For many years the administrative work of the Council and the Guardians was carried out in one room in the offices of Mr. Charles W. Powell, Solicitor, etc., and he was also Clerk to both authorities. The offices were at No. 87, High Street, Newport Pagnell, now occupied by Messrs. Gambell & Skinner.

The Surveyors had separate offices, one at Olney and one at New Bradwell.

Later these authorities rented the first floor of No. 60, High Street, Newport Pagnell from the Urban District Council, and in 1926 the Council purchased No. 7, Station Road, Newport Pagnell, from Miss Church for £1,000 and converted the private residence into offices. The Council then erected the new Council Chamber in the gardens.

Before the construction of the new Council Chamber, the meetings were held at the Board Room of the Poor Law Institution, now the Renny Lodge Hospital. The books for the meetings were conveyed to the meeting place in tin boxes in the Guardians' hand truck, by two men inmates, one named Branson who had one leg, and the other an old soldier named Ingram. There was much competition for this job from the institution because it gave the men a trip to the town, with 6d. each a time for their trouble, which they spent before returning.

The old thatched cottage and shop adjoining the offices was purchased by the Council in 1947 from Mrs. Shedd and the new Rating Department was erected. There is room for further extension on the flat roof of the Rating Department.

COUNCILLORS WITH LONG RECORDS OF SERVICE

JOHN R. WILMER.—The first Chairman of the Council and also of the Board of Guardians. Served prior to 1894 and continuously until his death in 1904. One of the outstanding stalwarts in Local Government.

THE REV. JOHN T. ATHAWES.—Served from 1894 to the date of his death in 1915, was Chairman of the Board of Guardians and Rural District Council and was always a prominent member of both authorities. A Latin scholar and frequently opened the meetings with Latin quotations.

GEORGE TAYLER, J.P.—First elected in 1888 for Little Linford. Served as Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Board of Guardians for many years. Only ceased to be a member of the Council in 1933 on losing his qualification under new legislation. A life time given to works for the public good.

LT.-COL. JAMES WILLIAMS, M.C., C.A.—First elected Councillor for Emberton and Petsoe Manor in 1911. Served the Council from that date to his death in 1952. Served as Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the Housing Committee, Public Health Committee and was also a County Alderman. Was Father of the Council's housing schemes and gave his whole time to public works for 41 years.

FRANCIS W. COALES.—A Councillor from 1909 to 1933 and also on the Board of Guardians. Was Chairman of the Council for 5 years and for many years Chairman of the House Committee of the Guardians. Always gave much public service and rode his horse to the meetings. Always maintained that the outside of a horse was good for the insides of a man.

THOMAS JORDAN.—Who represented Newton Longville, was elected in 1915 and served until the parish was transferred to the Winslow Rural District in 1934. Was Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the Guardians Committee, with many years as Chairman of the Highways Committee. Fine record of public service.

LT.-COL. JAMES PETER WYNESS.—Elected a Councillor for Little Brickhill in 1930 and has served on the Council ever since that date. Was Chairman of the Finance Committee for six years and Chairman of the Council for 17 years. Gave good service in many other directions and piloted the execution of the first Regional Water Supply scheme for the district. Chief Billeting Officer during the war. An able administrator.

LT.-COL. N. B. C. BYAM-GROUNDS.—Elected a Councillor in 1934 and represented Chicheley and Sherington ever since and is still a valuable member. Has served as Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the Public Health Committee, and Vice-Chairman of the Housing Committee. Was A.R.P. and C.D. organiser during the war and gave his full time to these services. Was also a County Councillor and carries out many other voluntary public services.

LT.-GEN. H. BLOUNT, D.S.O.—General Blount is the present Chairman of the Council. He was first elected to the Council in 1941 under the then war powers and has continued to serve ever since. Was elected Chairman in 1953 and serves on most of the Committees of the Council and on the Birchmoor Water Supply and Drainage Committee. Has given public service in many directions for 12 years and is a capable head of the many functions of the Council.

MAJOR FRANK E. ALLFREY.—Served from 1910 to 1934. Was Chairman of the Sanitary Committee, Chairman of Finance Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Council and other Committees. Gave many years of service for the public good.

MAJOR DENIS H. FARRER.—Councillor for Cold Brafield from 1911 to the date of his death in 1945. Served as Vice-Chairman of the Highways Committee and carried out many services for the good of the district. Presented a housing site to the Council and land for highway improvements.

JOHN C. TARVER.—Served as a Councillor from 1907 to 1923. Was Chairman of the Public Health Committee and the Birchmoor Drainage and Water Supply Joint Committee. Gave exceptional work for the public health services. An energetic member who introduced many reforms.

ERNEST D. SYKES.—Elected in 1925 and served until his death in 1952. Was Vice-Chairman of the Council and served with distinction on most of the Committees of the

Council. Was a County Councillor for Bucks and an Alderman. Always gave valuable advice on Contracts for the Board of Guardians and the Councils on which he served. An outstanding record of public service. A gifted local preacher.

ALFRED E. TOMLIN.—Elected in 1922 and served until 1949. A long period of service both on the Council and the Joint Committee. Always endeavoured to keep Committees in a happy frame of mind.

WILLIAM B. TOOGOOD, J.P.—Served from 1914 to 1943 and was always a valuable member and did much good work for the parish and district.

EDWARD RICHARDSON.—Councillor for Castlethorpe from 1900 to 1923 and from 1934 to 1942 when he died. 31 years service as a Councillor and he was a regular attendant at meetings.

RICHARD EAKINS.—Elected a Councillor in 1933 and has given valuable service ever since. Regular attendant, valuable services during the war as Billeting Officer and carried out much work for the Parish Council.

JOHN CHARLES HIPWELL.—Elected in 1884 and served until 1937, a wonderful record of public service, especially with the old Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.

JOSEPH WILLIAM MANN, J.P.—Elected in 1913 and served until 1937 and was prominent in all the works undertaken by the Council and the Board of Guardians.

THOMAS LONGLAND.—Served from 1894 to 1912 and was Chairman of the Public Health Committee.

STANLEY W. LORD, J.P., C.A.—Elected in 1937 and has served ever since. Has served as Vice-Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the Public Health Committee and Housing Committee Vice-Chairman and in many other ways. Much good work not only for the parish but the Rural District and County. Is Chairman of the Newport Pagnell Petty Sessions and a County Alderman. During the war was Assistant A.R.P. Controller and organised many works for the War Effort. An outstanding record of public service.

ALBERT CROUCH.—Elected in 1928 and gave good services until defeated at a Poll in 1949. Again re-elected in 1953. Served as Chairman of the Finance Committee for many years and also Vice-Chairman of the Rating Committee. A regular attendant, good work for the Finance Committee and also for the Water Supply for Olney and surrounding areas. According to the records he liked contested Elections.

HUGH J. OSBORN.—Elected in 1946 and has continued as a valuable Councillor ever since.

THE REVD. A. M. BERRY.—A Councillor from 1934 to 1952. Always a valuable member for Woolstone and Willen. A regular attendant at meetings.

JAMES B. BELL.—Elected in 1939 and has served ever since. Chairman of the Finance Committee. Was Food Controller during the war. Serves on many Committees and has always taken an interest in works for the benefit of the community. Gives much time to Local Government and at the time of writing these notes is still the Finance Chairman and gives much time to this important work.

EDMUND GURNEY.—First elected in 1936 and has served ever since. Elected Chairman of the Housing Committee in 1950. Carries out many works for the public good not only for Loughton, but the District as a whole. Much housing progress made during his Chairmanship.

JESSE HERBERT GREEN, J.P.—Elected a Councillor in 1943 and has served ever since. Is Clerk to the Parish Council at Lavendon. His eleven years service is much appreciated.

THE UTHWATT FAMILY.—This family have represented Great Linford and Stantonbury since 1899 :

1899	William F. E. A. Uthwatt	1932	William W. R. E. A. Uthwatt
1921 & 1945	Gerard T. A. Uthwatt	1950	Miss Stella Uthwatt

All these were valuable members of the Council during the past 55 years. Miss Uthwatt was the first Lady Member of the Council and has given valuable service. The family carried out a water supply scheme for Great Linford and in recent years handed it over free of charge as a public supply.

FIRST LOANS RAISED BY THE BOARD OF GUARDIANS ACTING AS THE
RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY

WATER SUPPLIES

YEAR						
1887	... ..	£4000	at 3½ per cent. for	... ..	Newport Pagnell Town	
1892	... ..	£5412	at 3½ per cent. for	... ..	Fenny Stratford Town	
1892	... ..	£1160	at 3½ per cent. for	... ..	Bletchley	
1892	... ..	£ 616	at 3½ per cent. for	... ..	Simpson	
1893	... ..	£1654	at 3½ per cent. for	... ..	Fenny Stratford Town	
1893	... ..	£ 368	at 3½ per cent. for	... ..	Bletchley	
1893	... ..	£ 180	at 3½ per cent. for	... ..	Simpson	
1894	... ..	£ 350	at 3½ per cent. for	... ..	Woughton	
1894	... ..	£ 70	at 3½ per cent. for	... ..	Bletchley	
1894	... ..	£ 292	at 3½ per cent. for	... ..	Fenny Stratford Town	
1894	... ..	£ 188	at 3½ per cent. for	... ..	Simpson	
1894	... ..	£ 220	at 3½ per cent. for	... ..	Walton	

EARLY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL LOANS

1900	... ..	£6100	at 3¼ per cent. for	... ..	Bradwell Sewerage
1902	... ..	£2400	at 3¼ per cent. for	... ..	ditto
1909	... ..	£9584	at 3½ per cent. for	Woburn Sands Sewerage and Water	

WORKS EXECUTED BY THE COUNCIL

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The parishes of Olney, Woburn Sands, Sherington, Little Brickhill, Weston Underwood and Milton Keynes are served by main sewerage and sewage disposal schemes. Several other parishes have sewerage disposal schemes in parts of the village.

The Contract for the Bow Brickhill sewerage and sewage disposal scheme has been let, and schemes for Bradwell and Emberton will shortly be commenced. The Council's Engineers are now working on details for schemes at Hanslope, Lavendon, Castlethorpe and Shenley and Loughton.

WATER SUPPLIES

The first water supply scheme carried out was that for Newport Pagnell town in 1887. The supply was from a well at Ash Hill, Newport Pagnell and a water tower was erected over the same. This supply was taken over by the Urban District Council when formed in 1897, and continued to supply the Town for very many years and is still in use. Lathbury Parish was served by this supply.

The Fenny Stratford water supply scheme was carried out during the years 1892 to 1894. The parishes supplied were Fenny Stratford, Bletchley, Simpson, Walton and Woughton. The supply was from Great Brickhill, which parish was also supplied, and Little Brickhill was added.

The supply was taken over by the Fenny Stratford Urban District Council on its formation in 1895. The parishes of Great Brickhill, Little Brickhill, Walton and Woughton remained in the Rural District and continued to receive a supply. Hanslope scheme was carried out in 1911 from a well in Wood End Lane with water tower over the same.

This is still in use to-day.

The Council is a Statutory Water Undertaking for the whole of the Rural District and most of the parishes now have a piped supply.

In 1936 mains water was only available in Hanslope, Lathbury, Little Brickhill, Wavendon, Walton, Woughton and Woburn Sands.

During 1936-40 the Council carried out a comprehensive scheme to bring piped water to most of the area. The northern area is supplied with water from the Council's works at Overbrook, near Olney, which was developed in 1936. The southern area is supplied from the Birchmoor Source, owned and managed jointly with the Ampthill Rural District Council.

These works were first constructed in 1911, only to supply the adjoining parishes, but were extensively developed in 1936 and from that date they supplied an area in the two districts. There are also a few separate parish supplies.

In 1953-54 the Birchmoor Source has been considerably improved with new boreholes and source works, and a new one million gallon reservoir constructed at Bow Brickhill Hill.

The Council now have in course of construction a new Regional Scheme under which larger mains are being laid throughout the area. The 1936 scheme was largely a domestic supply but since that date very many farms have taken a supply and the existing mains found to be incapable of giving a permanent supply. A link is to be made between the Olney Source and the Birchmoor Source, and the supply extended to Filgrave.

The total capital expenditure on the construction of water supply works to 31st March, 1954, was £138,625.

HOUSING

The Council have spared no efforts to erect as many new Council Houses as the Ministry will allow and they frequently pressed the Ministry for larger allocations.

At the 31st August, 1954 they had erected 748 new Council Houses in the district and these houses have main water supply and electricity and many have proper drainage facilities :—

8	At Loughton in 1914 cost £1,729.
95	Under the 1919 Act cost £101,320.
108	Under the Housing Act 1924 cost £38,570.
84	Under the 1930 and 1936 Housing Acts cost £31,570.
12	Under the 1938 Housing Act.
441	Post War houses under the Housing Act, 1936.
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And 34 more are under construction.

The total capital expenditure on the construction of houses and appurtenant works to 31st March, 1954, was £752,348.

The Council also encourage Private Enterprise which has made a large contribution to the needs of the district. Subsidies and grants of various kinds have also been given.

The time has now come when Private Enterprise is making a bigger contribution to the provision of houses, and the Council's own programme has been reduced.

The Ministry are now concentrating on the repair of existing houses as needed repairs were postponed owing to the war.

145 unfit houses have been demolished under the Housing Acts since 1931.

Chicheley	16
Hanslope	9
Lavendon	18
Great Linford	22
Olney	18
Sherington	13
Weston Underwood	9
Wavendon	6
Various other parishes ...	34

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Demolition Orders have been made for 36 other houses but the actual demolition is not yet complete.

THE COUNCIL'S POST WAR HOUSES WERE ERECTED BY THE FOLLOWING FIRMS :

CONTRACTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS	HOUSES ERECTED
Mr. W. Crouch, Olney	96
Messrs. W. T. Revitt, Olney	80
Messrs. C. Hutton & Co., Woburn Sands	64
Messrs. McCulloch & Lett, Emberton	52
Messrs. T. H. Bird & Sons, Old Bradwell	48
The Standard Construction Co., Bedford	32
Mr. H. Mason, Jnr., Newport Pagnell	20

Messrs. H. A. West & Co., Newport Pagnell	14
Messrs. Garner & Son, Bletchley	16
Messrs. H. W. Mason & Son, Newport Pagnell	10
The Hedley Construction Co., Haversham	8
Mr. S. Brandon, North Crawley	6
Messrs. Howard & Mason, Ltd., Olney	4
Mr. F. A. Read, Cranfield	2
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HOUSING

The following list gives in each parish at 31st August, 1954.

PARISH	NUMBER OF COUNCIL HOUSES LET	NUMBER OF COUNCIL HOUSES IN COURSE OF ERECTION
	LET	NUMBER OF COUNCIL HOUSES BEING ERECTED
Astwood	4	4
Bradwell	24	—
Bradwell Abbey	—	—
Bow Brickhill	19	—
Little Brickhill	26	—
Broughton	—	—
Cold Brayfield	—	—
Castlethorpe	24	—
Chicheley	16	—
Clifton Reynes	—	—
Emberton	28	—
Gayhurst	—	—
Hanslope	52	—
Hardmead	12	—
Haversham cum Little Linford	6	—
Lathbury	8	—
Lavendon	51	6
Great Linford	10	12
Loughton	19	—
Milton Keynes	12	—
Moulsoe	22	—
Newton Blossomville	15	—
North Crawley	24	—
Olney	118	6
Olney Park	—	—
Petsoe Manor	—	—

Ravenstone	8	—
Shenley Church End	16	—
Sherington	48	—
Stantonbury	—	—
Stoke Goldington	38	—
Tyringham cum Filgrave	—	—
Walton	—	—
Warrington	—	—
Wavendon	62	6
Weston Underwood	12	—
Woburn Sands	54	—
Woolstone cum Willen	12	—
Woughton	8	—
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	748	34

THE NATIONAL SAVINGS MOVEMENT

This movement has been supported throughout the years by the Council and also by the Local Committees and Group Secretaries who have rendered much assistance to the country in providing funds not only for the war effort but also over the years for National and local requirements. The Committees have encouraged the people to save and they responded magnificently.

During the war years special efforts were made by the Local Committees and they received whole-hearted support from the inhabitants to assist the war effort.

The following is a record of the special National Savings Appeals and gifts during the world war 1939-1945.

June, 1940.	Spitfire Fund, free gift to the nation by the Newport Hundreds and Wolverton	£5,800
May, 1941.	War Weapons Week, raised and invested in the Newport Pagnell Urban and Rural Areas	£202,000
Feb., 1942.	Warships Week. "H.M.S. Whaddon" adopted	£160,000
June, 1943.	Wings for Victory Week	£180,000
May, 1944.	Salute the Soldier Week	£185,000

About two-thirds of the total was raised in the Rural District.

Mr. Waldock, the Manager of Barclays Bank, Ltd., Newport Pagnell, took the leading part in organising these weeks, with the assistance of the local groups and special Savings Committees for entertainments, parades, etc.

The Savings Campaign is still being well supported in the area.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT

YEAR	RATEABLE VALUE OF DISTRICT	GENERAL RATE IN £ FOR YEAR	PRODUCT OF RATE
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
1954	66,155	25 2	243 12 5
1952	62,140	22 8	246 13 5
1947	61,290	18 0	243 14 10
1942	59,406	10 8*	245 19 0
1937	55,980	9 7*	226 15 0

*Special Rates extra which varied in the Parishes

YEAR	ASSESSABLE VALUE OF DISTRICT £
1927	89,994
1922	101,935
1917	118,446
1912	141,461

Although these figures are correct care should be used in comparison, as owing to the many changes in method of calculation, Grants, Refunds, De-rating and the pooling of Special Expenses, a misleading picture may be obtained. There is, however, no doubt that the rates are now at a high level and there is no hope of any decrease unless the Government give an increased Grant to the Bucks County Council.

HIGHWAYS SURVEYOR'S REPORT, 1901

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Fifth Annual Report and Return, showing particulars of estimated and actual expenditure on district roads under my control for the year to March, 1901. The total mileage of macadamised roads in the district repairable by the Rural District Council stands at 105 miles 7 furlongs 3 yards. In November last the Council was called upon to take over four new streets in the parish of Bradwell, viz. : St. Mary Street, St. James Street, St. Giles Street and Queen Anne Street. I made a careful inspection, and reported that the construction and widths of same were in conformity with the Council's Bye-laws and might be taken over from the vendor and dedicated to the public, with the exception of the rain-water pipes discharging on the paths. The Committee resolved to adopt the report, and the vendor has since made the required provisions for conveying all rain-water under paths. These four streets add 717 yards to the above mileage. The total expenditure during the year amounted to £3,414 15s. 11d. compared with £3,174 9s. 9d. for the previous year, and is made up as follows :—Manual labour £755 1s. 3d., team labour £571 16s. 9d., materials £1,095 9s. 10d., tradesmen's bills £50 15s. 9d., improvements £131 12s. 4d. The estimated expenditure was £3,473 14s., which includes an additional sum authorised by the Highways Committee for steam rolling. The estimated expenditure for the current year is £3,575, which has been submitted to the Highways Committee and accepted. During the year the sum of £20 5s. 2d. was received and paid to the Treasurer which included payments by the Grand Junction Canal Co. for maintenance of surfaces over their bridges ; contribution by Mr. Farrer, Brayfield, towards path improvement at Newton Blossomville ; contribution by the Newport Pagnell Urban District Council towards erection of new foot bridge between Chicheley and Newport ; stallage fees, North Crawley ; allotment rents, Clifton Reynes. The net cost of maintenance per mile, after deducting the above receipts works out at £32, compared with £30 2s. for the previous year. It will be observed that a slight increase has taken place in the expenditure, which is partly due to a resolution of the Highways Committee, who concurred with the County Surveyor in his recommendation to increase the expenditure on maintenance rather than decrease it, as he questioned whether eventual economy would result in the latter. There has also been a decided increase in the rate of wages of labourers employed ; at the same time I have in most parishes, or where possible, selected better labour, men that have a special aptitude for the work. I find the practice of employing incapable old men at small wages is far from economical, and is a plan that cannot be too strongly condemned ; their employment tends to waste of money, both in shape of wages and materials. The system of consolidating the road material by steam rolling has been in operation for two years, and has, I believe, not only given satisfaction to the Council, but also to the travelling public. In my opinion the maintenance has been very much improved by the use of it,

and it has increased the cost at present but very little. During the year the roller worked 102½ days at a total cost of £107 12s. 6d., being hired of the Oxfordshire Steam Ploughing Company at the rate of 21/- per working day. The tenders accepted by the Highways Committee for the supply of granite were those of Ireland and Knight, Stubbs and Brown, and the Enderby and Stoney Stanton Granite Co. The total quantity used was 4,300 tons broken to 1½ ins. and 2 ins. gauge, including 200 tons of Workhouse hand-broken. A considerable quantity of small granite (broken) was used for some of the village streets, for roads having but moderate and light traffic, where roller could not be used; also for Spring repairs. Slag was also used for some of the second-class roads. The Contractors supplied very satisfactorily, both in quality of material and delivery. In addition to the ordinary maintenance and repairs, the following works and improvements were carried out:—New culvert under Little Crawley road; camp shedding bank, Loughton brook; paving Wood Street, Bradwell; new retaining wall to brook at Stoke; new footbridge over Chicheley Brook (as I pointed out that there appeared to be a joint responsibility on the part of this Council and the Newport Pagnell Urban, the Urban Authority resolved to combine with this Council in carrying out such work); erection of guard rails, Hanslope road; arches repaired, Walton and Milton road; erection of posts and footpaths, Olney; extensive footpath and construction of approach road to Post Office and Schools, Castlethorpe; extensive alteration to bridges carrying footpath between Brayfield and Newton, concreting centre of raised path, fixing posts to divert horse traffic, and fixing notice boards (the late G. D. Farrar, Esq., of Brayfield House, very generously contributed £6 towards the expense of this improved path); fixing gullies and connecting to sewer for intercepting storm water at Bow Brickhill. Hedge cutting has been done to a much greater extent, rendering considerable benefit and improvement to the roads. Upwards of 50 notices to cut hedges have been sent out during the year. During the year 11 permits for excavation for laying water and gas services were issued; the filling in and repairs of such excavations have received better attention than in former years. I collected the Clifton Reynes Charity Allotment rents. The whole is now in occupation. Two plots changed hands during the year. Two cases of encroachments on roadsides, have been reported during the year. I have found it difficult to get the surfaces over railway bridges, carrying roads over the Midland and London and North Western Railway Companies' lines, kept properly repaired, and have in several instances found it necessary to draw the attention of the Companies to the bad state of same. In my report of November last I stated that the Midland Co. repudiated their liability with regard to maintaining the cutting of the hedges on approach roads to their bridges. The Company repair the road surfaces within the parapet walls, but not the approaches thereto. These in the past were repaired by the parish surveyors. At the same time the Companies are liable. There are eight of these bridges in the district, some of which have very long approach roads. In my opinion the Companies should not be called upon to repair such roads, but should agree to make an annual payment to this Council for such repairs. I would point out that during the whole of the six years working of the scheme, the County Surveyor has not in any case found it necessary to make any deductions from the grants for non-compliance with the rules and regulations but has granted good additional sums for improvements and special work carried out by this Council. In conclusion, I respectfully beg to thank you gentlemen, for the assistance and courtesy received during my tenure of office as your Surveyor of Highways.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

WILLIAM H. SMITH.

March, 1901.

**Dr. W. W. E. Fletcher's Report to the Local Government Board upon the
Sanitary Circumstances and Administration of the Newport Pagnell Rural District
26th SEPTEMBER, 1912**

After inspecting the whole district and making his full report upon the same, Dr. Fletcher made the following recommendations :—

1. The district council, having regard to the population and the large area of the district, and to the important, responsible and continually increasing duties of the medical officer of health, should consider the question of increasing his salary to a sum more commensurate with the value of his services than that of £120 per annum at present received by him.

2. The district council should provide, either by themselves, or in combination with one or more neighbouring authorities, a properly-equipped hospital for the isolation of residents in their district suffering from infectious disease.

3. The district council should pay greater attention to water supplies in those parts of the district where the supplies are known to be inadequate, or of doubtful quality, or even actually polluted. When wells are condemned as supplying water unfit for domestic use, such wells, whether private or public should be permanently closed and rendered unavailable to everybody ; they should not be left accessible as is the condemned public well at Emberton.

4. The district council should carry out the duties imposed upon them by the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders. They should enforce registration of all cowkeepers and purveyors of milk and should insist on the observance of the " Regulations " which they have recently adopted.

5. The district council should refrain from constructing their sewer outfalls in such a manner as to discharge crude sewage into rivers and water-courses.

6. The district council should maintain their efforts to secure the abolition of the remaining privy-cesspits and privy-middens, and the substitution therefore of water-closets, pail-closets, or other satisfactory closets.

7. The district council should take such steps as may be necessary to secure and maintain proper housing accommodation in the district ; in particular, all existing houses should be put into good habitable repair.

WILFRED W. E. FLETCHER.

ELECTIONS OF COUNCILLORS

Soon after the passing of the Local Government Act 1894, Polls for the Election of Councillors took place in the following parishes :

Bletchley	Rural District and Parish Councillors
Bradwell	Parish Councillors
Castlethorpe	Parish Councillors
Fenny Stratford	Rural District and Parish Councillors
Hanslope	Rural District and Parish Councillors
Lavendon	Parish Councillors
Newport Pagnell	Rural District and Parish Councillors
Newton Longville	Rural District Councillor
North Crawley	Parish Councillors
Olney and Olney Park	Rural District and Parish Councillors
Sherington	Rural District and Parish Councillors
Simpson	Rural District and Parish Councillors
Wavendon	Rural District and Parish Councillors

SOME POLLS IN SMALL PARISHES

During my term of office I remember Polls being held for the election of a Rural District Councillor in the following small parishes :—

Walton. Population 83 and as there was no public building at which the Election could be held, the Poll was held in one of the cottages. About 35 voters in all.

Broughton. Population 86. Poll held in the School room. About 35 voters in all.

Willen. Population 57. Poll held in the School room. About 28 voters.

The Polls were open from 12 noon to 8 p.m. and the Presiding Officer and Clerk were not busy.

Moulsoe 133 Voters and 99 per cent. of those available recorded their votes.

Another Election I remember was at Olney when there was a combined Election for three Rural District Councillors and eleven Parish Councillors. There were 33 candidates for the Parish Council and the Count took a long time and after midnight there was a recount because number 11 and 12 on the list for Parish Councillors had equal votes and number 11's election was decided by the Returning Officer declaring the first name out of the Policeman's hat to be elected.

At an Election in the Simpson schools, there was a great gale and the first voter did not turn up until the Poll had been open for four hours. When evening came there was no lighting and candles had to be purchased from a shop about a mile away.

At Woburn Sands there was an electricity cut and the Staff worked in the dark for about an hour, except for a few candles rapidly obtained.

One third of the Rural Council retire each year and the Parish Council Elections are held every three years.

During my term of office the most Polls have been held at Olney as most Elections are contested.

Under the Local Government Act, 1894 Rural District Councils were formed and they took over the duties previously performed by the Board of Guardians acting as Rural Sanitary Authority with increased powers. This Council also took over the management of Highways in succession to the Parish Surveyors.

Mr. John R. Wilmer, of Newport Pagnell, was the first Chairman and Mr. Chas. W. Powell, Clerk. Mr. G. W. Branson was Inspector of Nuisances and his salary was £180 per annum and that of the Surveyor of Highways £100 per annum. Dr. M. M. Hailey was the first Medical Officer of Health, salary £100 per annum.

A special Committee was set up to deal with all Highway matters.

In the early days the work of the Council consisted of dealing with complaints and abatement of nuisances and the repairs of district Highways. Also the setting up of parochial Committees with sanitary scavenging powers in the larger parishes. The registration of dairymen and cow keepers. Water supply and repairs of Parish pumps. Infectious diseases, Waterworks and Bridge Repairs.

AREA OF THE DISTRICT AND CHANGES

The Rural District consisted of 48 Parishes which included New Bradwell, Fenny Stratford, Bletchley, Simpson, Newport Pagnell, Great Brickhill, Newton Longville and Water Eaton which were however, later formed into Urban Districts or added to other Rural Districts.

Wavendon Parish at that time included Woburn Sands.

May 21st, 1895. The Fenny Stratford Urban District Council was formed for Fenny Stratford and Simpson.

July, 1897. Newport Pagnell Urban District was formed.

August, 1897. Bletchley Parish transferred from Newport Pagnell Rural District to the Fenny Stratford Urban District.

July, 1918, New Bradwell transferred to the Wolverton Urban District.

August 9th, 1906, Bucks County Council Order. Wavendon Parish divided into two parishes viz :—Wavendon and Woburn Sands as from 31st March, 1907.

April 1st, 1914, Bucks Review Order. Great Brickhill, Newton Longville and Water Eaton were transferred to other districts.

NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL'S MINUTE BOOKS

- July 2nd, 1895. Hanslope Parish Council ask for an enquiry into the water supply of the parish. Engineer appointed to make a report and trial bore made.
- June 30th, 1895. Pollution of the rivers at Newport Pagnell reported and proceedings threatened.
- July 31st, 1895. Proceedings against a man at Stoke Goldington for not notifying his child as suffering from an infectious disease.
- September, 1895. London schoolchildren sent to the district on holiday and they are first inspected for infectious diseases.
- October 8th, 1895. Lamp posts erected at Hanslope.
- October 12th, 1895. Sanitary conditions at New Bradwell very bad. 274 people sign petition.
Walton, Woughton, Great Brickhill, Little Brickhill and Fenny Stratford supplied with water.
- March, 1896. County Council asked to take over the maintenance of public roads in the district and the reply was that they had no power.
- May, 1896. Mr. W. H. Smith appointed Surveyor of highways for the district.
- June, 1896. Dead fish in the river at Newport Pagnell. River pollution also complained of.
- June, 1896. Waste detection meters for the water supply of Newport Pagnell considered.
- September, 1896. Tenders for water supply works at Bow Brickhill. £78 accepted.
- April, 1897. Drainage complaints from Hanslope, Horse Pond at Hales Folly Farm.
- May, 1897. Sewerage scheme for Newport Pagnell, approved. Engineers Messrs. D. Balfour & Sons.
- June, 1897. 60th Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen. Congratulatory messages sent.
- July, 1897. Mr. Tyringham thanked for enclosing the road in Tyringham Park at his own expense.
- July, 1897. Complaints made of engines travelling at an excessive speed on the highways. Owners reply that the offence shall not occur again.
- August, 1897. Wind Motor for Newport Pagnell Waterworks discussed.
- September, 1897. Medical Officer of Health complains of the water supply at Woburn Sands.
- October, 1897. The Cyclists' Touring Club complained about hedge clippings being allowed to remain on highways.
- October, 1897. Balfours instructed to prepare a water supply scheme for Wavendon for £21, to merge into commission.
- October, 1897. Lomax & Co. will prepare a scheme for Bradwell Sewerage, fee 40 guineas to merge into commission if scheme carried out. Not accepted. Balfours to prepare a scheme for £21.
- February, 1898. Balfours submit Bradwell Sewerage Scheme.
- February, 1898. Overseers of North Crawley to be summoned if they do not pay up their precept.
- March, 1898. Two houses closed under the Housing and Working Classes Act at Loughton.
- April, 1898. First record of plans of new houses being approved.

- April, 1898. Proposal to take the sewage from Newport Pagnell in the direction of Sherington Bridge.
- June, 1898. Proceedings to be taken against Mr. William Uthwatt of Great Linford unless he removes the nuisance at the Kennels.
- July, 1898. The Duke of Bedford asks for particulars of the water supply proposals on his land.
- August, 1898. Complaints of pollution of Mrs. Gardner's ditch, Water Lane, Sherington. Trial well sunk on Duke of Bedford's Land (£150). It proved unsuccessful and not in the position suggested by Balfours.
- September, 1898. Street naming of Stantonbury introduced.
- October, 1898. Apply for sanction of the Local Government Board to borrow £4,500 for the Bradwell Sewerage Scheme.
Mr. Higgins to sink a well at Astwood for £24.
- November 17th, 1898. Local Government Board enquiry fixed for Bradwell Sewerage Scheme.
Mr. Lee's tender of £69 14s. 4d. for Newton Longville Water Supply accepted.
- December 14th, 1898. Miss Willison to be paid quit rent of 5/- per annum for allowing the well to be sunk on her property at Newton Longville.
- January, 1899. Mr. Lee's tender of £57 18s. is accepted for the construction of a sewer at Bow Brickhill.
- June 14th, 1899. Mr. Francis Littleboy appointed treasurer of the Council in place of Mr. Francis Bassett resigned.
- July 26th, 1899. Insanitary condition of Chapel Street, Woburn Sands reported.
- August, 1899. Diptheria reported at a Wavendon laundry. £1 aweek to be paid to the proprietor not to carry on his trade during the infection.
- August, 1899. Further loan of £1,500 for Bradwell Sewerage Scheme. Sanitary condition of Woburn Sands unsatisfactory. Joint Committee between the Woburn Rural District Council and the Newport Pagnell Rural District Council suggested.
- December, 1899. Engineer to be called in to prepare scheme of sewerage and water supply for Sherington. Messrs. Balfours terms of 5 per cent. accepted.
- February, 1900. Local Government Board asked to form a district for Woburn Sands Sewerage and Water Supply.
- March, 1900. Agreements for Sewage Disposal Land, and Easements at Bradwell agreed to. All this year there has been trouble at Sherington about Water Lane ditch and Mrs. Gardner's Water supply.
- April, 1900. Woburn is proposed to be transferred to the Ampthill district before the formation of a new district.
- May, 1900. Conference with the Ampthill Rural District Council at Woburn Sands re sanitary condition at Woburn Sands.
- June, 1900. Areas to be served in the proposed scheme agreed. Balfours appointed engineers.
- August, 1900. Byelaws sealed as to new streets and buildings, nuisances and slaughter-houses.
Balfours scheme for Sherington Sewerage Scheme adopted. Cost £1,650.
- September, 1900.—J. Barlows' tender of £6,750 for Bradwell Sewerage Scheme recommended for adoption.
- December, 1900. Council's attention drawn to the discovery of Arsenic in beer. Inspector to obtain samples.
During this time various suggestions were under consideration about the provision of an Isolation Hospital for infectious diseases.
- April 3rd, 1901. Mr. George L. Gibson appointed District Auditor.
Slow progress reported with Bradwell Sewerage Scheme.
Enquiry re Sherington Sewerage Scheme to be held at the White Hart Inn, Sherington.

- April 17th, 1901. Finance Committee, Highways Committees, and Sanitary Committees appointed.
Side streets at Woburn Sands reported to be a disgrace.
Council decide to apply for powers to enable the work to be done. Local Government Board refuse.
Precepts were signed for special expenses in 16 parishes.
- April 24th, 1901. Inquiry held into the Sherington sewerage scheme. No opposition from the parish.
At nearly every meeting about this time reference was made to claims for damages for the pollution of a ditch at Sherington, called Mr. Gardner's Claim.
- June 12th, 1901. Mr. C. H. Glanville appointed assistant clerk at £5 per annum subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.
- July 24th, 1901. Longslade site chosen for well sinking subject to the consent of the Duke of Bedford. York & Lowke to do the well for £216. Sewerage scheme also adopted by a Joint Committee of the two Councils concerned.
- September 4th, 1901. Streets at New Bradwell taken over by the Council.
- October 2nd, 1901. Water used in the Cock Inn Yard, Olney, to be analysed because there had been typhoid fever.
- October 16th, 1901. Mr. Pidgen to be paid £4 per annum for collecting the special sanitary rate for Bradwell.
- November 13th, 1901. The Chairman reported that the Clerk and Inspector were absent from the meeting in consequence of the trial at Northampton re Mrs. E. Gardner (Sherington Claim) and the Minute Book was at the trial and could not be produced at this meeting.
- November 15th, 1901. Difficulties in getting Contractors to complete the Bradwell Sewerage Scheme reported.
- November 27th, 1901. A Smallpox Hospital is to be provided. Site in Little Woolstone. The Council were asked to join the R.D.C. Association but the letter was ordered to lie on the table.
- December 11th, 1901. Roadmen have a full week's pay for Christmas week. 2d. each extra per day for 2 weeks granted.
Mr. W. H. Smith, the Highway Surveyor, was surcharged 2/3d. in connection with these payments as the legality was questioned by the Local Government Board.
- December 27th, 1901. A case of smallpox was reported at the Common Lodging House, Newport Pagnell. Removed to Isolation Hospital at the Workhouse. Eleven inmates in the Common Lodging House to be in quarantine for 15 days and paid board and lodging and compensation.
Tents purchased to be erected in Little Woolstone Lane for a Smallpox Hospital. Cost £63.
Council lose action, Gardner v. Council, and were ordered by the judge to pay £50 and £71 costs.
- January 8th, 1902. Clerk of Works at Bradwell sewerage. Complaints of his intemperate habits. He promised better behaviour in future.
- March, 1902. Railway saloons purchased for smallpox hospital. Smallpox Committee appointed.
- April, 1902. Tender of the Canal Company for taking the sewer under the Canal at Bradwell accepted (£427).
- June 25th, 1902. Dr. M. M. Hailey resigns as Medical Officer of Health owing to ill health.
- June 25th, 1902. House in East Street, Olney, to be leased for the Foreman Scavenger. Supplementary loan of £2,400 to complete Bradwell Sewerage Scheme. Work not proceeding satisfactorily.
- July 23rd, 1902. Two more cases of smallpox at Newport Pagnell. Taken to the Woolstone temporary hospital. Also two at Great Linford. Water from the Longslade

- well analysed. Depth 51 feet. Ordered to sink deeper.
 Doctor Digby-White appointed Medical Officer of Health.
- October 15th, 1902. Bradwell Sewerage Works completed. Clerk of works given a satisfactory testimonial.
- October 29th, 1902.—Further loan of £2,400 for Bradwell Sewerage.
- November 12th, 1902. Another trial well sunk at Longslade.
- November 26th, 1902. Request the County Council to take over the North Crawley Road as a main road. (It is still not a main road).
 Mr. G. W. Branson, Inspector of Nuisances granted gratuity of £100 and satisfactory testimonial.
- Many entries about this time of compensation paid to people for goods and clothing, etc., destroyed in typhoid cases.
- January 21st, 1903. Area to be divided into two sanitary inspector's districts viz.: Bradwell and Olney, with an Inspector for each.
- February, 4th 1903. Outbreak of enteric fever at Little Brickhill, which raised the question of the provision of an Isolation Hospital for Infectious Diseases.
- February 18th, 1903. Mr. H. J. Thomas appointed Inspector of Nuisances for the Bradwell district and Mr. J. C. Nicholls for the Olney District. Offices to be provided in both places.
- March 4th, 1903. Port Medical Officer of Southampton reports that a Mr. G. F. White had arrived on the Steam Ship Assaye. As cases of small pox had occurred on the boat the case to be watched as Mr. White was going to Chapel Street, Woburn Sands.
- March 18th, 1903. Plans passed for Convent and School at Olney.
 Site for Sewage Works near Woburn Sands to be purchased.
- July 1st, 1903. Results of Longslade well disappointing. Geologist to be consulted. Insufficient water for the combined districts.
- June 10th, 1903. Illness of delegates attending a Baptist Association Meeting at Olney reported. Water supply suspected.
- July 22nd, 1903. Bore for water to be made on another site near Woburn Sands if Duke's permission can be obtained.
- August 5th, 1903. Minutes are in the hand writing of E. Stapleton who commenced work as a Junior in February of this year.
- September 2nd, 1903. The Duke's agent agrees to the Council's making a 6ins. bore at Birchmoor Farm.
- October 14th, 1903. Contract for Hanslope Parish Scavenging let at £48 per annum (Mr. John Brownsell).
 The expenses of the Council at this date were £2,500. General Expenses and £1,129 special expenses per half year.
- November 28th, 1903.—The Local Government Board grant Urban Powers under Sections 25 and 26 of the Public Health Act, 1875. Penalties for building house without drains and unauthorised building over Sewers and under Streets.
- November 11th, 1903. Aspley Guise boring for water reached 80ft. deep.
- January 20th, 1904. Smallpox Hospital Joint Committee set up under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1894.
- February 17th, 1904. Highways estimates approved at £3,700 per annum.
- March 16th, 1904. Highways-Committee will purchase stone to be broken by Tramps at the Workhouse.
- April 27th, 1904. Mr. J. R. Wilmer resigns as Chairman and the Revd. J. T. Athawes, of Loughton, was appointed Chairman. Mr. George Tayler, Vice-Chairman.
 Proceedings taken for selling unsound meat against Mr. Walter Kayes.
- June 8th, 1904. Agreement with Mr. W. Cox for use of well at Shenley.
 Water at Birchmoor to be analysed and a shaft, 5ft. in diameter and 43 feet deep, to be sunk.

- July 20th, 1904. Special Drainage District suggested for the Woburn Sands portion of the parish of Wavendon.
- October 26th, 1904. $2\frac{1}{4}$ acres of land near Bleak Hall, Woughton, to be purchased for a Smallpox Hospital.
- November 9th, 1904. Provisional order to be obtained for the compulsory purchase of two acres of land at Sherington for Sewage Disposal Works.
- November 23rd, 1904. Birchmoor well gives a yield of 240,000 gallons per day or 110,000 gallons in excess of the amount required. Considered very satisfactory.
- January 4th, 1905. Woburn Sands joint water scheme to go forward and a site for a reservoir obtained. Drainage scheme put on the basis of rateable value of the area in two districts.
- March 1st, 1905. New byelaws for nuisances and new streets and buildings approved.
- March 15th, 1905. Water Elevator fixed over the well at Shenley Church End.
- April 12th, 1905. Mr. Robert Wylie thanked for his valuable services as Chairman of the Highways Committee for the past 10 years.
- May 10th, 1905. Dr. Stevens reports that the action of the Birchmoor Water on lead is almost nil.
- May 10th, 1905. Sewer outfall tank at Park Road, Hanslope to be constructed. Cost £15.
- May 24th, 1905. Outbreak of Smallpox at Fenny Stratford.
- July 5th, 1905. Sherington Provisional order confirmed by Parliament.
- August 2nd, 1905. Large quantities of dead fish reported on the Banks of the River Ouse at Lavendon Mill, causing nuisance. Later reported as abated.
- August 30th, 1905. Outbreak of Smallpox amongst navvies.
- September 13th, 1905. New tumbler carts purchased for £21 10s. od. each for the scavenging.
- September 27th, 1905. Samples of water from Olney reported quite unfit for drinking purposes.
- October 11th, 1905. Terms of lease with the Duke of Bedford re Birchmoor Water under discussion.
No letters are to be considered at meetings if received after the Monday before.
Insufficient water supply reported at Astwood.
- November 8th, 1905. Rural District Council decide to join the Rural District Councils' Association.
- November 22nd, 1905. Mr. Scorer complains of pollution of the river at Olney by Sewage from the town.
Medical Officer of Health reports that there is less sewage in the river at Olney than in 80 per cent. of the wells in Olney and the sample is a fair river water.
- January, 1906. Pollution of river at Olney referred to several times. Engineers called in to make a report for a sewerage scheme. Mr. J. Chadwick and Messrs. Balfour & Sons.
- March, 1906. Wavendon to be divided into two parishes viz :—Wavendon and Woburn Sands in respect of the Special Drainage District :—Result of Poll : For 113, against 12. Many legal notices were served about this time for new drains, water supply to premises and for failure to send in plans for new buildings.
- May, 1906. Cottage to be erected for the caretaker at the Smallpox Hospital. Cost £173 7s. od.
- December 19th, 1906. Encroachments on the Highway at Bow Brickhill Road and Theydon Avenue, Woburn Sands to be removed.
Modified Sewerage Scheme for Sherington adopted and forwarded to Local Government Board.
- January 2nd, 1907. Bucks County Council supply copy of the map of the new parishes of Wavendon and Woburn Sands.

- February, 13th, 1907. Petition for two Rural District Councillors for Woburn Sands supported. Council allow sand and stone to be used privately from the parish sand pit for repairs to Theydon Avenue, Wood Street, Chapel Street and Russell Street, Woburn Sands. Charge 2d. per load. Ratepayers thought this charge too high.
- March 27th, 1907. Council fixed a fine of 1/- on any Councillor failing to accept office within a month of election.
Proceedings taken for chimney fire at New Bradwell.
- April 24th, 1907. Mr. J. C. Nicholls the Inspector, granted £4 for supervising the carrying out the sewer extension at Newton Blossomville.
- November 6th, 1907. Draft Agreement for Lease of Birchmoor well site and reservoir site for Water Supply approved.
Woburn Sands Sewage Disposal Site terms of sale approved.
- December 18th, 1907. Beesley, Son & Nichols offer to prepare a Water Supply Scheme for Hanslope for £10 10s. od.
- January 15th, 1908. Mr. C. H. Glanville resigns as Assistant Clerk to the Council with effect from March 25th, 1908.
- February 12th, 1908. Stoneground Church Hollow, Bow Brickhill let to Mr. A. West at £1 per annum.
- May 20th, 1908. Aylesbury Rural District Council ask this Council to support protest against constantly increasing expenditure of the Bucks County Council. No order made thereon.
- July 15th, 1908. Messrs. Wilford Bros. tender for the reconstruction of the Orchard Mill Bridge, Great Brickhill accepted. £108 13s. od.
- October 21st, 1908. Local Government Board Inquiry held at Woburn Sands on the 16th October, 1908, and owing to the great opposition to the Sewerage and Water Supply Scheme, the Inquiry had to be adjourned until November 17th next.
- November 4th, 1908. Contract signed with Mr. R. D. Batchelor for preliminary works of water supply at Hanslope.
The Annual Statement of Accounts were printed for £4 15s. od.
- May 19th, 1909. 27 tenders were received for the water supply, sewerage and sewage disposal for Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath and Woburn Sands.
John Lants tender of £20,580 accepted.
Mr. William Strachan appointed Clerk of Works. £4/4/- per week.
- June 30th, 1909. Contract with John Lant sealed. Also Duke of Bedford Lease for Water Supply Site and water rights, Birchmoor.
- September 22nd, 1909. Local Government Board suggest district should be divided into three areas with three Inspectors but the Council do not support this. Local Government Board deferred case for one year.
- October 6th, 1909. Compulsory Clauses of the Land Clauses Act to be put into force to acquire lands at Sherington for the Sewage Disposal Site. Notices to treat served.
- May 4th, 1910. Arbitrators cannot agree on the price of Sherington Sewage Disposal Site, etc., and an Umpire had been appointed, F. J. Crow, of Dorking, to hear the case. Arbitration held at Swan Hotel, Newport Pagnell on the 19th May, 1910. Arbitrator to make an award.
- July 11th, 1910. Local Government Board sanction loans for Hanslope Water Supply, £3,760, £650 and £403.
- August 24th, 1910.—Messrs. Beesley, Son & Nichols appointed Engineers for the Hanslope Water Supply Scheme.
- September 21st, 1910. Arbitrators award received for Sherington Sewage Disposal Site land and easements :—
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| For $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land and injurious affection | £647 10s. od. |
| 664 yards of sewer and three manholes | £142 11s. od. |
| All costs and Umpires Cost | £61 14s. 3d. |

- All would be a charge on the Parish of Sherington.
- October 19th, 1910. Loans raised for Hanslope Water Supply, £4,813.
Contract with the Staveley Coal and Iron Company Limited signed for the Hanslope Water Supply Works, £3,793 19s. od.
1911. The Hanslope Waterworks in Wood End Lane were opened by E. H. Watts, Esq., and he was presented with a gold key for the purpose. Dinner at the Watts Arms.
- January 11th, 1911. Agreement with Lord Dartmouth for the purchase of the Olney Sewage Disposal Site sealed.
- January 25th, 1911. Regulations under the Dairies, Cow Sheds and Milk Shops order, 1885, adopted as from 1st April, 1911.
- February 22nd, 1911. Bucks County Council issue an order for three Councillors for Woburn Sands.
Pumping Station site at Olney purchased from Miss E. Freeman for £400.
- April 5th, 1911. Sherington provisional order and arbitration costs reported to be £271 16s. 10d. re Sherington sewerage and sewage disposal.
- June 28th, 1911. Mr. E. Stapleton appointed assistant clerk to the Council at a salary of £10 per annum. The appointment to take effect on the 30th June, 1911.
- July 12th, 1911. This Council's share of the cost of construction of Longslade well £214 12s. 1d. to be special expenses on the Parish of Woburn Sands.
His Grace the Duke of Bedford opens the Water Supply Reservoir on Bow Brickhill Hill before a distinguished gathering. He afterwards entertained the delegates.
- July 26th, 1911. Overseers of four parishes to be proceeded against for not paying over the calls made upon them.
- October 4th, 1911. Joint Committee formed under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1894 to manage schemes of water supply and sewerage for the parishes of Woburn Sands, Aspley Guise and Aspley Heath.
- November 1st, 1911. These schemes were reported to be complete and were carried out for a sum very near to the Engineers estimate. Cost £21,259. Engineering fees and land extra.
- January 24th, 1912. Death of Mr. H. J. Thomas, Inspector, reported. A temporary officer was appointed.
- February 7th, 1912. Dr. Fletcher, a Medical Inspector of the Local Government Board makes an inspection of the district.
- April 17th, 1912. Council decided to send an agenda to each Councillor at least three days before each meeting. This had been refused many times previously owing to the expense involved.
- May 29th, 1912. Dr. Fletcher recommends two Inspectors for the district with a Clerk and an office in Newport Pagnell.
- June 26th, 1912. Contract with Messrs. Henderson & Wilson to carry out the Sherington Sewerage Scheme sealed.
- July 10th, 1912. Conveyance of Sherington Site and Easements for the Sewerage Scheme sealed.
- July 24th, 1912. Mr. W. J. Budds appointed Inspector for the Bradwell district. Salary £200 per annum. Rising to £240 in 8 years.
- September 4th, 1912. Olney Sewerage Scheme loans raised £12,250.
- March 5th, 1913. Council protests against the proposal to remove the Assizes from Aylesbury to London. Better train services to Aylesbury requested.
- July 9th, 1913. Army manoeuvres take place in parts of the area.
Mr. John Pikesley, jnr., was appointed as collector of special and other rates (Woburn Sands).
- August 20th, 1913. Committee set up to consider the Council's policy for housing under the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909.

- September 3rd, 1913. Council intend to occupy the Bradwell Parish Pound which belongs to them as successors of the Surveyors and Highways.
Byelaws for tents, vans and sheds sealed.
Proposal to erect working class cottages at Loughton introduced.
Houses, if erected, should be let at such rents as are not in competition with the existing rents in the parish or locality.
- October 1st, 1913. Mr. J. C. Nicholls appointed as Clerk of Works to finish off the Olney Sewerage Scheme.
- October 15th, 1913. A competition for plans for new houses to be erected at Loughton was organised and a site was purchased, 1 acre, £100.
- January 7th, 1914. Mr. A. W. Wilson's design gained first prize for these houses.
- January 21st, 1914. Twelve people ask for houses at 3/6 per week at Loughton.
- February 4th, 1914. Mr. W. J. Budds allowed to supervise the sewers and sewerage disposal works under the control of the Statutory Joint Committee.
- February 18th, 1914. Rapidly increasing nuisance caused by hoards of Gipsies and other van dwellers camping and squatting by the road on the sites reported and powers to control them asked for.
- February 18th, 1914. Olney Sewerage scheme cost £3,150 more than estimated and a supplementary loan is to be applied for.
- March 4th, 1914. Death of Mr. C. W. Powell, the Clerk of the Council reported.
Mr. E. Stapleton appointed Clerk pro-tem, at the rate of £110 per annum, and he also was appointed to conduct the forthcoming elections.
- March 18th, 1914. Local Inquiry ordered into the Council's application to borrow £1,510 for the Loughton Housing Scheme.
- May 27th, 1914. Eight houses to be erected at Emberton.
Many different methods of filling the Clerkship of the Council were debated at this time.
- June 10th, 1914. Mr. C. H. Glanville appointed Clerk to the Council and Mr. E. Stapleton assistant clerk.
- July 22nd, 1914. Messrs. French & Co's contract £1,375 10s. for the Loughton Housing scheme sealed. These eight houses cost £225 each, all costs included, and were the first houses erected by the Council.
- August 12th, 1914. Local Government Board say Council's activities must be kept efficient during war time, and they had a suitable reply.
- September 30th, 1914. Wavendon ask for houses.
No nominations received in the election for a Councillor for Shenley Church End.
- October 28th, 1914. Hanslope ask for houses to be erected. Six are to be erected.
- March 3rd, 1915. Private Street Works Act, 1892 to be adopted to make up streets at Woburn Sands.
- March 17th, 1915. Council decided to increase the wages of the roadmen by 1/- per week for each man.
- April 14th, 1915. Standing orders were adopted and 200 copies were printed at a cost of £1 8s. 6d.
The Revd. J. T. Athawes relinquished the office of Chairman and was presented with a chair, a reading stand, and a purse of gold, and an illuminated address. He held the Office of Chairman of the Council and Guardians for 11 years.
- April 28th, 1915. Mr. Geo. Tayler elected Chairman, and Mr. J. C. Sutton Vice-Chairman.
- April 28th, 1915. A Notice of Motion was given that the office of Chairman should not in future be held for a longer period than three years. This was ruled out of order.
- July 21st, 1915. National Registration Act, 1915. Council have to make a Register of all persons between 15 and 65 and issue certificates of registration. 15,000 issued. The enumerators were all volunteers.
- August 4th, 1915. Anniversary of the declaration of war. National Anthem sung at the meeting.

- October 13th, 1915. Treasury ask for economy in the use of gold coin.
- November 10th, 1915. A local recruiting appeal committee was set up.
- December 8th, 1915. Duke of Bedford agrees to forego his claim for compensation for wayleaves on payment of 1/- per annum.
- January 5th, 1916. Monthly meetings to be held during the war.
- January 19th, 1916. A War Agricultural Committee was set up.
- February 2nd, 1916. Mr. Stapleton called up for war services.
- May 5th, 1916. Water Supply Reservoir, Bow Brickhill to be divided owing to the growth of green weed.
- July 19th, 1916. Brickhill's Joint Scavenging scheme introduced. Six parishes to be scavenged for £189 per annum. Horse purchased for £75.
- September 13th, 1916. Messrs. W. E. and J. Pebody's steam whistle at Olney much too loud and prolonged. Reduced sound asked for. Old whistle reinstated later.
- July 18th, 1917. Council protest against the proposed closing of Loughton railway siding.
- August 22nd, 1917. Local Food Control Committee appointed. Mr. A. Crouch was a member of this Committee and is still a Rural District Councillor.
- October 10th, 1917. Housing programme for 263 houses was adopted.
- November 7th, 1917. Mr. Joseph Short appointed executive officer Food Control Committee.
- Fir trees sold from the Woburn Sands Parish Sand pit for £57 10s. to Mr. Joseph Smith.
- April 24th, 1918. Parochial Sanitary Committees re-appointed for the larger parishes. These Committees did useful work at this time for the local scavenging schemes and Parish Sewerage and Sewage Disposal schemes.
- June 14th, 1918. Local Inquiry held into proposals :—
- (1) for the conversion of the Stratford and Wolverton Rural District into an Urban District.
 - (2) for the formation of a new Urban District to comprise the parishes of Wolverton and Bradwell.
- July 28th, 1918. Order of the Bucks County Councils constituting an Urban District, comprising the Stratford and Wolverton Rural District and part of the Parish of Bradwell north of the towing path and canal of the Grand Junction Canal Company.
- December 4th, 1918. Council place on record their thankfulness on the successful termination of the war. Appreciation was expressed to the following who served with the colours :—Col. F. E. Allfrey, Capt. D. H. Farrer, Capt. J. Williams, The Rev. W. H. Davis, L/Sgt. E. Stapleton.
- December 30th, 1918. Mr. E. Stapleton released from the Army this day and reported for duty immediately.
- April 23rd, 1919. Death of Mr. Robert Wylie reported. A note of the appreciation of his services as Chairman of the Highways Committee and a member of the Council and Guardians recorded.
- Housing schemes become urgent and a Housing Committee with executive powers was set up to deal with Officers, acquisition of sites and the other urgent matters.
- A Housing Site at Moulsoe was presented to the Council by Lord Lincolnshire. The gift was accepted with many thanks.
- June 18th, 1919. Dr. Digby White resigns as Medical Officer of Health on taking whole time appointment with the Bucks County Council.
- Dr. C. H. F. Bailey appointed in the first instance in a temporary capacity.
- August 13th, 1919. Council consider the time has not yet arrived when they should ask for payment of their out of pocket expenses in attending meetings.
- September 10th, 1919. Dr. Bailey appointed Medical Officer of Health with effect from the 1st October, 1919.
- The Little Linford Road, Newport Pagnell to Little Linford adopted as a Public Highway. This took effect from the 23rd November, 1921.

- November 5th, 1919. Survey of Housing requirements completed.
Mr. C. W. Brown, Quantity Surveyor and Mr. W. B. Stonebridge, Architect, engaged.
265 houses to be proceeded with and the remainder required to be considered at a later date.
- December 3rd, 1919. Well sunk at North Crawley Housing Site (£200). J. I. Boswell, Esq., presented the Housing Site to the Council.
- March 24th, 1920. Contract let for 14 houses at Woburn Sands, Messrs. Chas. Sinfield & Son, £13,749.
- May 19th, 1920. Motor Ambulance scheme for North Bucks instituted.
- June 16th, 1920. Loans of £37,375 raised for Housing schemes.
- October 6th, 1920. Unemployment reported in Olney and schemes for relief considered.
- December 1st, 1920. Motion re the heavy burden imposed by the Education Act, 1918 passed. Council ask to suspend further expenditure until the State financial position is more satisfactory.
- December 29th, 1920. Further Housing Loans were raised amounting to £19,616.
- February 23rd, 1921. Circular submitted from the Ministry as to the need of economy in expenditure. Following motion was adopted :
That a reply be sent that the Council consider the circular impudent having regard to the fact that the Council have practised economy for years and have never favoured the spending of public money recklessly. In the opinion of the Council there is need of economy in all Government Departments including the Ministry of Health and that the sooner a rigid system of economy is inaugurated in these departments the better it will be for the country.
- March 23rd, 1921. Unemployment at Olney reported to be acute. Road work suggested.
- April 20th, 1921. Further housing loans raised amounting to £29,660.
- June 15th, 1921. Housing programme ordered to be curtailed.
- July 13th, 1921. Death of Councillor W. F. E. A. Uthwatt reported.
- September 7th, 1921. Tender for the hire of steam roller and man accepted at 36/- per day. Mr. John J. Martin.
- November 30th, 1921. Ouse Drainage Board submit schemes for relief of unemployment. River Works, costing £21,177.
Motion to repair Cowper Street, and Newton Street, Olney, under the Private Street Works Act, 1892 defeated.
- December 28th, 1921. Mr. W. J. Budds resigns his appointment as inspector.
- February 22nd, 1922. Mr. T. Casstles appointed.
- May 17th, 1922. Highway Works and Sanitary Services introduced for men on unemployment relief work.
- August 9th, 1922. Council support application by rural postman to have a Saturday half holiday.
Westview 114½ acres taken from Bradwell and added to the Wolverton Urban District as from 1st April, 1923.
- December 27th, 1922. Consent to cover in the water reservoir at Bow Brickhill agreed to. Estimated cost £1,500.
- December 27th, 1922. Council enter into an agreement with the Bedford Rural District Council to send cases of infectious diseases to Oakley Isolation Hospital.
- October 3rd, 1923. Application made to put in force the Private Street Works Act, 1892, to repair Theydon Avenue, Chapel Street, Wood Street, Russell Street, Vicarage Street and Station Grove, Woburn Sands.
- January 28th, 1924. A subsidy scheme for the erection of new private houses introduced.
- April 16th, 1924. Ministry grant powers for 20 subsidies for private houses to be issued.
- April 30th, 1924. Little Brickhill sewers and sewage disposal works offered to the Council as a gift and same was accepted.
- June 11th, 1924. Details of Private Street Works at Woburn Sands settled. Chapel

- Street excluded from the scheme because it is only built up on one side.
- November 26th, 1924. Mr. W. A. Foll to extend the water main from Woburn Sands Station along Cranfield Road, to the Parish Boundary. Council to repay one-third of the cost.
- December 17th, 1924. More lump sum subsidies for the erection of private houses granted and loans raised for the purpose.
Houses with less than 3 bedrooms not to be considered.
- April 22nd, 1925. Mr. Geo. Tayler resigns as Council Chairman. Col. James Williams elected by 23 votes to 11.
- May 13th, 1925. Objections to Woburn Sands Street apportionments to be determined by the justices.
- June 10th, 1925. Justices at Fenny Stratford confirmed the apportionments.
- October 28th, 1925. Loughton lane ditch to be piped in.
- December 23rd, 1925. Land Charges Act, 1925 submitted. Registers ordered to be set up. Ministry sanction loan of £2,860 for making up the Private Streets at Woburn Sands. Agreement with Bletchley Urban District Council to supply water to Walton and Woughton for 10 years at 1/6d. a thousand gallons.
- February 17th, 1925. Work commenced on the streets at Woburn Sands.
- April 28th, 1926. The proposal to erect overhead electric cables in Olney High Street, objected to.
- April 28th, 1926. Ten old cottages at Great Brickhill purchased. Mr. T. H. Bird to repair same.
- June 23rd, 1926. Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, submitted.
Major Farrer presents the Council with 1½ acres of land for housing purposes at Newton Blossomville.
- August 18th, 1926. Three houses to be erected at Newton Blossomville. £1,290 10s.
- October 13th, 1926. Overseers of the Poor abolished and Rural District Council become responsible for the collection of rates and the making of valuation lists.
Council purchase 7, Station Road, Newport Pagnell, for offices, for £1,000, and decided that whole time rating clerk be engaged. Mr. E. Stapleton designated Assistant Clerk and financial officer of the council. Assistant Overseers to be compensated for loss of office.
- November 10th, 1926. 77 applications were received for the post of rating assistant and Mr. F. H. King was appointed.
- December 8th, 1926. Col. F. E. Allfrey and Sir Everard Duncombe appointed on the North Bucks Assessment Committee.
Council protest against the proposed expenditure by the Bucks County Council of £74,000 on new buildings for their staff.
- January 5th, 1927. Rating Committee appointed. Decided that the new Valuation lists should come into force on the 1st April, 1929.
- March 30th, 1927. Mr. F. H. King designated to prepare Jury List.
- April 27th, 1927. Repayment of cost of Street Works carried out at Woburn Sands can be spread over 5 years.
The first General and Special Rates were sealed by the Council.
Contracts for 9 houses at Lavendon sealed. £4,110 and 12 at Newton Longville £4,341. March 25th, 1927. Motor Ambulance is being stationed at Olney.
- September 14th, 1927. Clerk given authority to execute documents not under seal as agent for the Council.
- November 9th, 1927. Messrs. J. R. Eve & Son and Mr. P. C. Gambell appointed to value property and prepare new valuation lists, £2,750.
- December 7th, 1927. Agreed to purchase 20 poles of land at Wavendon from Mr. J. Coaley as a tip for night soil. (£30).
- February 29th, 1928. Rating Officer given instructions to recover rates by proceedings.

- The Highway estimated expenditure at this date was £10,000 per annum.
- Outbreak of smallpox reported. Mr. Nicholls allowed to continue as superintendent of the hospital.
- March 28th, 1928. Wavendon Housing site purchased from Mr. H. Whiting, 2 acres, £300.
- April 25th, 1928. Grants made for the Improvement of Houses under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1936.
- June 20th, 1928. Council agree to pay £5 5s. per week for a smallpox case taken to Bedford Smallpox Hospital from Hardmead.
- January 30th, 1929. Draft valuation list on deposit.
- February 27th, 1929. Council protest against the proposed closing of the County Court at Newport Pagnell.
- March 27th, 1929. Joint Fire Brigade Committee to be set up. Newport Pagnell Urban and Rural Districts.
- May 22nd, 1929. Local Government Act, 1929 referred to and County Council draft scheme submitted.
- December 4th, 1929. Six Councillors nominated to serve on the Guardians Committee. On the abolition of the Board of Guardians, this Council purchased their office furniture.
- January 29th, 1930. Deed of grant of Lathbury water supply sealed.
- March 26th, 1930. Representative appointed to serve on the County Town Planning Committee.
- Mr. W. H. Smith, Highway Surveyor, and Mr. L. S. J. Tucker and Miss Bell, Clerical Assistants taken over by the Bucks County Council. Bucks County Council take over the repair and maintenance of District Highways.
- Bucks County Council commence the review of County Districts and a Special Committee was appointed for the purpose.
- July 16th, 1930. Application made for the admission of Council's Officers to the Bucks County Council Superannuation Scheme.
- Grant made to rating officer to purchase car.
- August 13th, 1930. Local Government and other officers Superannuation Act, 1922. Agreement for admission of officers approved with effect from the 1st April, 1931.
- August 13th, 1930. The review of the County Districts took up much time of the Council with proposals and counter proposals.
- September 10th, 1930. Nine ratepayers excused payment of rates on the ground of poverty.
- October 8th, 1930. Electricity installed in certain Council Houses.
- December 3rd, 1930. Sale of Little Brickhill sand pit for £100.
- May 20th, 1931. Council consent to the purchase of house, Duke Street, Aspley Guise for £650.
- June 17th, 1931. Joint Board to purchase and take over Grove Isolation Hospital.
- September 9th, 1931. Messrs. Taylor and Wallin to be engaged to prepare report for the Olney and Lavendon water supply scheme.
- October 7th, 1931. Financial crisis in the country. Officers agree to an abatement in their salaries.
- December 2nd, 1931. Wavendon Surveyors Allotment vested in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands.
- February 24th, 1932. Difficulties with well sinking for the Olney houses reported. Application for the formation of the North Bucks Joint Hospital Board.
- March 23rd, 1932. Trial Bore at Long Lane, Olney, proved very disappointing. Trial holes being sunk at Overbrook.
- April 20th, 1932. Long Lane Site abandoned.
- June 15th, 1932. Mr. Frank Peters appointed head scavenger at Olney.
- July 13th, 1932. Mr. F. W. Summerford's tender of £715 for extension of the Wavendon Water Supply accepted. 3ins. main Lower End and Cross End.
- September 7th, 1932. Tender of Mr. J. C. Tarry accepted for eight new houses at Little Brickhill. £2,358.

- November 2nd, 1932. Writ served upon the Council by Mr. Parris of Lavendon re Lavendon Brook Pollution.
- December 28th, 1932. Borings at North Crawley to go to 120 feet for Water Supply.
- January 25th, 1933. British Legion ask the Council to adopt a works programme to relieve unemployment.
Taylor and Wallin to prepare Sewerage Scheme for Hanslope.
- February 22nd, 1933. Olney Water Supply bore at Pastures Farm down to a depth of 120ft., test pumping to be carried out.
- March 22nd, 1933. Council decide to prepare planning scheme.
- May 17th, 1933. Bedford County Council suggest that Woburn Sands should be transferred to Bedfordshire.
This was rejected and a proposal made to transfer Aspley Heath and a part of Aspley Guise to Bucks.
- July 12th, 1933. Appeals made to owners to take advantage of grants under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926 to re-condition houses. Many took advantage of this appeal.
- September 6th, 1933. Housing Act, 1930 Slum Clearance programme adopted. 85 new houses to be erected to rehouse 425 people living in bad houses.
- November 29th, 1933. 19 trial holes for Water Supply opened at Weston Underwood and Engineers instructed to prepare scheme for the Ministry.
- January 24th, 1934. Agreement with the Bedford Rural District Council for Hospital patients to be determined as from 31st December, 1934.
- April 1st, 1934. Under the Bucks Review Order, 1934, the Parishes of Great Brickhill, Newton Longville and Water Eaton were transferred to other districts as from this date. The following were made Civil parishes: Haversham cum Little Linford, Woolstone cum Willen.
The new Council Chamber was later erected, mainly from proceeds received for compensation in these transfers.
- April 18th, 1934. 13 demolition orders were sealed at this meeting. Many others followed afterwards.
- May 16th, 1934. Olney Water Supply Scheme may be extended for other parishes and the pumps enlarged.
- July 11th, 1934. Birchmoor Water Supply should be used in Newport Rural and the joint areas. Also Wootton should have a supply.
- September 5th, 1934. Water Supply Scheme for the whole of the district to be enquired into.
Land at Weston Underwood for water supply to be purchased compulsory. Order sealed on the 19th September, 1934.
- November 14th, 1934. Comprehensive water supply scheme for the district adopted, subject to substantial contributions from the Government under the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1934.
Many new housing sites were purchased during the year.
- March 20th, 1935. Pedestrian Crossings introduced.
- April 17th, 1935. Contracts were received for the Nos. 1 and 2 Contracts for Olney Water Supply.
- May 29th, 1935. Water Supply Contracts, Olney. Tenders received from The Patterson Engineering Company for £2,678, accepted.
- June 12th, 1935. Emberton Sewerage Scheme estimates £5,150 adopted.
- September 4th, 1935. A.R.P. Committee appointed.
Tenders received for 12½ miles of water main and Long Lane reservoir and pumps.
- October 2nd, 1935. J. R. Hardman's tender accepted for water supply extension. Contract No. 6, Woburn Sands section. £24,375.
- October 16th, 1935. Council subscribe £20 towards the Newport Pagnell and District Ambulance.

- December 18th, 1935. Olney Parish Council wrote with reference to the acquisition of the Market Place at Olney.
- January 20th, 1936. Alderman G. E. Brown presided at a conference of the two Councils when the future constitution of the Joint Committee was considered. Alderman Brown gave the best part of his life time to Local Government work and he was held in high esteem by the two Councils.
- April 15th, 1936. The Chairman congratulated Mr. J. C. Hipwell on his long service on the Council, which extended over a period of 52 years.
- April 15th, 1936. An endeavour is to be made to obtain an increase in the £8,000 water supply grants promised by the Ministry.
- April 29th, 1936. Trial wells sunk at Castlethorpe for a Water Supply Source.
- May 27th, 1936. Gravel Pit close at Woburn Sands to become a recreation ground.
- June 10th, 1936. Mr. T. H. Bird's tender of £1,034 accepted for the erection of Council Chamber and Offices at 7, Station Road, Newport Pagnell.
- July 20th, 1936. Mr. Gasson appointed waterworks chargineman.
- August 5th, 1936. The Olney Waterworks at Weston Underwood were opened by Lady Bowyer. Col. J. P. Wyness, J.P., the Chairman of the Council explained the scheme to the large gathering present and Lady Bowyer and Mrs. Wyness were presented with bouquets and silver trays suitably inscribed as mementoes of the occasion by Mr. Harry W. Taylor, the Consulting Engineer.
- January 20th, 1937. First record of the purchase of 30cwt. Bedford lorry for scavenging, £213.
- February 17th, 1937. Seats to view the Coronation were offered to the Council, £2 each.
- March 3rd, 1937. 2,750 medals purchased for school-children, £23.
- March 31st, 1937. The Duchess of Bedford is reported missing.
Message sent to the Duke expressing the deep sympathy of the Council. The Duchess will be long remembered in the district for her good work and for her help in alleviating suffering and sickness.
- April 15th, 1937. New Council Chamber and Surveyors Offices used for the first time.
- May 19th, 1937. To commemorate 53 years service with the Council and Board of Guardians Mr. J. C. Hipwell was presented with a silver salver inscribed:—Presented to Mr. John Charles Hipwell as a token of respect and appreciation of his services from 1884 to 1937 by the members and officers of the late Newport Pagnell Board of Guardians, the Newport Pagnell Rural District Council and the North Bucks Guardians Committee on his retirement, May, 1937. The presentation was made by Mr. Francis W. Coales, Chairman, and Mr. Hipwell returned thanks.
Water Tower proposed on Cross Albans Hill. County Surveyor has no objection to the same.
- November 24th, 1937. Walter Clare of Olney, one of the Council's employees engaged on water services, killed at Moulsoe Turn whilst returning from work. Insurance company will not admit liability. Later the insurances were transferred to another office.
- January 5th, 1938. L.M. & S. Railway claim for repayment of overpaid rates, £8,021 reported to be correct.
- January 5th, 1938. Resolved that whenever a stop cock is put in, same shall be sealed and any person other than the Council's officers breaking that seal shall be deemed to have committed an offence against the Council's regulations.
- February 2nd, 1938. Mr. J. R. Hardman slow in completing his contract for the water supply for Woburn Sands area.
Mr. J. F. Hopkin resigns as sanitary inspector, having been appointed to a similar position for the Newport Pagnell Urban District Council.
- March 16th, 1938. Bucks County Council took over responsibility of erecting direction signs on public footpaths.
Plans of the new clock tower to be erected at Filgrave by F. A. Konig, Esq., submitted

- to the Council. Tower is designed by Sir E. Lutyens and the Chairman congratulated everyone concerned on a wonderful piece of work.
- May 25th, 1938. Mr. A. J. Wiffen resigns as captain of the Olney Fire Brigade and his resignation was accepted with regret from the end of the quarter.
- August 31st, 1938. Mr. Glanville announced his retirement as Clerk of the Council on the 19th January next.
He served 24 years as Clerk and 7 years as Assistant Clerk to the Council and a resolution of appreciation was passed.
- September 28th, 1938. Risk of war and a scheme for the evacuation of London school-children is to be drawn up. A.R.P. to be speeded up. Col. N. B. C. Byam-Grounds in charge of the A.R.P. Col. Wyness chief billeting officer.
- November 9th, 1938. Messrs. J. Garrard & Allen ask if the Council can now supply water to the village of Cold Brayfield.
- December 21st, 1938. Deep snow and blizzard, Chairman of the Council late in arriving. Some did not arrive.
Mr. E. Stapleton appointed Clerk to the Council with effect from 1st February, 1939.
- January 4th, 1939. Tenders received for the Castlethorpe and Hanslope extension of the district water supplies. A. Graham & Sons £9,249, accepted.
- January 18th, 1939. Ministry rule that there is no provision in general law requiring a Rural District Council to advertise a vacancy in the office of Clerk of the Council.
- March 29th, 1939. Evacuation of London. Conference held at Aylesbury. District to receive evacuees.
- June 21st, 1939. Tenders received for the Hanslope Sewerage Scheme. The work was cancelled owing to the war.
- August 2nd, 1939. Warrants for billeting officers received. 200 blankets purchased. Councillors work as billeting officers.
- September 6th, 1939. Food Control Committee set up.
- October 11th, 1939. Problem children reported to be among evacuees.
Receiving authorities and householders thanked for their services in receiving evacuees.
- October 11th, 1939. Bridge between Haversham and Wolverton swept away by floods. Temporary foot bridge requested.
- November 22nd, 1939. Lathbury Park annexe proposed as a sick bay for evacuees. Not proceeded with after enquiries.
- March 13th, 1940. Time table received of arrival of trains at rail heads with evacuees. Diphtheria cases and dirty and verminous children reported among arrivals. The reception and billeting of London evacuees proved an exceptionally heavy task. Olney received a large influx of women and children and many did not remain but returned home.
Medical inspection of children before being sent out pressed for.
- June 19th, 1940. Mr. Dunbabin joins the air force.
Mr. A. G. Pointer, aged 17, appointed to take his place for the duration of the war. Hostel for difficult children set up in High Street, Olney, Mr. J. C. Nicholls superintendent.
- July 3rd, 1940. Tyringham Cottage requisitioned for a nursery school from Sussex.
- December 4th, 1940. Tyringham House now used as a maternity home for cases from East End of London.
- December 18th, 1940. Community Centre opened at the Duke of York, Olney. Miss Coke organiser.
- January 29th, 1941. Reported that Mr. Nicholls would resign as from the 31st March next and Mr. Fred Lockwood was appointed as the new Temporary Sanitary Inspector.
- March 12th, 1941. Mr. J. C. Nicholls thanked for his long services extending over 38 years in this area.
- May 21st, 1941. The Old Brewery at Olney converted to an air raid shelter.

- June 18th, 1941. Rose Cottage, Berrills Court, Olney, requisitioned for evacuees. Several other houses were also requisitioned later.
- July 16th, 1941. Twelve evacuees returned home from Lavendon as they complained about the lack of food in country districts.
- August 27th, 1941. Property adjoining the Cock at Olney purchased by the Council. Old house later demolished on the site.
- September 24th, 1941. Ministry of Supply will requisition all unnecessary iron and steel railings for use in foundries to help the war effort.
- October 8th, 1941. Large war exercise held in the area. Claims for damages to property by tanks, etc., promptly met.
- October 22nd, 1941. Dig for Victory campaign introduced.
- April 8th, 1942. Letter from Mrs. Wass thanking all concerned for the kind attention given to her two children over a long period at Emberton under the evacuation scheme.
- May 6th, 1942. Salvage drive introduced. Miss G. Fraser, of Tickford Park, gave years of work in the collection of salvage.
- July 29th, 1942. The Government made an appeal to farmers and farmworkers to do more than they had ever done to increase the food supplies of the country. Complaints were made that occasionally there was no beer in the villages for rural workers and members of the council stated that visitors and Troops coming into the district prevented a proper supply for residents. Decided to make representations calling for a better distribution of beer.
- August 26th, 1942. Mr. J. B. Bell resigned as Food Executive Officer owing to ill health. Mr. Bell was thanked by the Council for his 3 years excellent work in difficult circumstances in this troublesome time.
- October 7th, 1942. County Invasion Committee held a conference with this Council's Invasion Committee. Schemes of mutual help and assistance discussed. Mortuary accommodation was earmarked in the district.
- October 21st, 1942. Community aid to China fund. Council support the appeal for funds for the people of China.
Olney team won the N.A.L.G.O. Silver Cup in the A.R.P. First Aid Competition. Six teams competed.
- November 18th, 1942. Bletchley Park was used during the war by the Foreign Office and Gayhurst House, Chicheley Hall, Walton Rectory and other large houses for the employees. Council were also asked to billet employees in the district.
- January 13th, 1943. Completion of the Castlethorpe and Hanslope water supply extension reported. Cost £8,110.
- January 27th, 1943. Prisoner of war camp to be erected near Perry Lane, Sherington for 70 Italians for agricultural work.
Battle dress to be purchased for the A.R.P. Wardens. Cost to the Council about 1d. rate.
- April 7th, 1943. Councillor C. Hutton elected on the Joint Committee at Birchmoor in the place of Mr. W. B. Toogood.
Mr. F. H. King presents to the Council a Muster Roll of the Newport Garrison dated 1647. John Bunyon was in the Garrison at the time and his name appears on the roll.
- May 19th, 1943. Reported that waste by Government Departments at Bletchley Park and Woburn Abbey will have diverse effect on the Wings for Victory Week. To be reported to the Information Conference at Oxford.
- June 2nd, 1943. Four war-time agricultural houses to be erected at Chicheley.
- December 29th, 1943. Contract sealed for the purchase of 17 acres 4 poles of land at Birchmoor from the Duke of Bedford for Water Supply purposes.
Council's officers to prepare electors' lists for the district.
- February 9th, 1944. Haversham Manor destroyed by fire. Council's sympathies sent to Mr. G. Randall.

- Four new houses at Chicheley ready for occupation. These were erected before the end of the war for agricultural workers.
- March 8th, 1944. Councillor J. B. Bell elected a County Councillor.
- Fire at Olney tannery. Fire services congratulated on saving much of the premises.
- March 15th, 1944. Council prepare post-war housing programme for 400 houses. They hoped to erect 100 in the first year after the war.
- April 5th, 1944. Mr. W. E. Blizzard reports on the Olney Water Supply.
- May 31st, 1944. Air Ministry to sink well and improve the Olney Water Supply. Supply for R.A.F., Roade, required.
- May 31st, 1944. Council to accept Great Linford Water Supply as a gift.
- June 14th, 1944. Council to acquire Mr. Randall's water supply at Haversham.
- August 23rd, 1944. Resolution to pool special expenses (except lighting). Adopted as from 1st April, 1945.
- October 18th, 1944. The Invasion Committees were disbanded.
- March 7th, 1945. Education Act, 1944. Scheme of Divisional Administration discussed. N.E. Bucks Joint Rodent Committee representatives appointed.
- April 4th, 1945. The resumption of the usual method of the election of Local Councillors will be resumed on the 15th April. During the war they were elected by resolution of the Council under emergency powers.
- May 2nd, 1945. Home Office state that when the day on which the cessation of organised resistance is known :—V.E. day and the day following will be public holidays. The news would be announced on the wireless at 9 p.m. and H.M. the King will speak to his peoples throughout the world. The Church bells will be rung and Churches opened for services on V.E. day, which should be observed as a day of thanksgiving and prayer and parades may be organised. Civil Defence Services may be disbanded. Wire received operate "London Return Plans." It was noted that some householders had looked after the same evacuees since September, 1939.
- May 10th, 1945. Councillor E. Gurney elected County Councillor for Bradwell division.
- June 13th, 1945. Enquiries to be made as to the use of the Lathbury Gravel Pits for a Water Supply.
- The Olney Evacuees Club is to be closed.
- Council agree to the war-time sirens at Olney and Woburn Sands being used for fire purposes.
- June 27th, 1945. Ministry of Health send a message to the Council expressing warm thanks for all the work which the authority has done since the outbreak of hostilities and for their contribution to the victorious conclusion of the war in Europe.
- July 25th, 1945. Mr. R. Dunbabin will be reinstated on his demobilisation.
- The following message was sent from the Prime Minister of Ontario to Col. J. P. Wyness, J.P., Chairman of this Council :—"Without undue optimism I do feel that this country is at the beginning of a period of tremendous expansion as a result of the productive energy let loose by the war. I am very hopeful that we will get a number of young people to come here after the war, particularly those from the armed forces who have had contact with our men. Thanking you for your greetings from a lovely part of England to Ontario. George Drew."
- The erection of new post-war council houses commenced with four at Hanslope and four at Castlethorpe.
- Other schemes quickly followed.
- September 5th, 1945. Council took over Great Linford water supply with effect from 1st October, 1945.
- September 19th, 1945. Ammunition huts were erected in all parts of this district during the war and the suggestion is now made that some of them would make good bus shelters.

December 5th, 1945. Programme of Capital Expenditure prepared for the next three years :—

420 Houses	£363,000
Sewerage Schemes	£93,397
Scavenging & Public Conveniences	£3,025
Water Supplies	£20,000
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- January 23rd, 1946. Royal Air Force works at Overbrook reported complete. Yield 14,000 g.p.h.
- February 20th, 1946. Victory celebrations will take place on June 8th, 1946 which will be a public holiday. Councils can incur reasonable expenses.
- March 6th, 1946. Mr. E. W. Ashley retires from the Council and he was thanked for his services, especially for his good work as billeting officer during the period of the recent great war.
- March 20th, 1946. Serious shortage of labour on the farms. National recruiting campaign for the Women's Land Army is supported. 30,000 recruits required.
- April 3rd, 1946. Many cases of food were received from the Colonies and distributed to old and needy persons. This is repeated many times.
- April 17th, 1946. Prime Minister makes an appeal for everyone's assistance to his campaign to prevent the wastage of food.
- May 1st, 1946. Willen Vicarage destroyed by fire.
- July 24th, 1946. Housing Architect advertised for.
- September 18th, 1946. Mr. G. R. Price appointed with effect from the 1st November next.
- September 29th, 1946. Bow Brickhill army camp occupied by squatters and the Council took over the same for temporary housing accommodation.
- April 30th, 1947. Air Ministry waterworks at Olney purchased for £632.
- May 28th, 1947. Mr. Hainsworth, Engineering Inspector of the Ministry makes a Water Supply survey.
- Party of 20 schoolchildren from Bradwell attend the meeting.
- They asked intelligent questions and were later photographed in the garden of the Council Chamber.
- June 25th, 1947. Council considered the ammunition huts in the district should be now removed and the roads in Bow Brickhill woods re-opened to the public.
- August 20th, 1947. T. W. H. Watkiss, Deputy Clerk, resigns with effect from the 1st September, 1947. Has a similar appointment with the Warwick R.D.C.
- September 3rd, 1947. Disastrous fire in the Woods at Woburn Sands. The reservoir was run down.
- October 1st, 1947. Wooden watermains unearthed at Sherington.
- The companion markings or joint numbers in Roman Numerals are clearly visible.
- Laid probably from Croft End to a basin on the Knoll.
- The pipes were sent to the County Archaeological Society at Aylesbury.
- November 12th, 1947. Gravel Workings at Great Linford to be extensively developed.
- November 26th, 1947. Fire Service Act, 1947 passed. County Council to take over administration of Fire Brigades.
- January 7th, 1948. Site for new reservoir at Bow Brickhill to be purchased.
- February 4th, 1948. Great Gale and Floods reported. Council support the Lord Mayor's National Distress Fund.
- March 3rd, 1948. Cowper's Alcove at Weston Underwood to be handed over to the National Trust, but they would not pay the expenses of repair. Later the Bucks County Council took same over.

- March 31st, 1948. Mr. G. R. Price, Housing Architect resigns with effect from the 31st July, 1948. Mr. K. Travis was appointed in his place.
- April 14th, 1948. Engineer of the Joint Committee at Birchmoor to be also Clerk for twelve months.
- June 9th, 1948. The Government Evacuation Scheme will close down on the 5th July, 1948.
- November 10th, 1948. Reported that Stanton Low church is falling down. The attention of the County Council was drawn to the state of dilapidation at this very ancient church which is not now used and in view of the historic and architectural interest of the same, can they take any action towards its preservation as an ancient monument or otherwise.
- November 24th, 1948. Bletchley U.D.C. supplied with water from Birchmoor during the troubles they are experiencing with their water supply.
- December 8th, 1948. Under the National Assistance Act, 1948 this Council take over the responsibility for the burial of the dead where there is no-one else responsible for the same. This duty at first was with the old overseers of the parishes then with the relieving officers and now on the abolition of the Poor Law comes to the local councils. Endeavours made to appoint a whole time staff executive engineer to prepare sewerage and water supply schemes, but without success.
- January 5th, 1949. The Clerks of the two Councils concerned were requested to attend all meetings of the Birchmoor Joint Committee or send a deputy and this has been done ever since.
- February 2nd, 1949. Water levels at the Cowper Mill, Olney discussed many times before and after this period. Council ask for the water to be kept up to the normal summer level.
- February 2nd, 1949. Woughton smallpox hospital to be sold.
- June 8th, 1949. Death of Mr. Francis W. Coales reported.
Haversham water supply purchased from Mr. Giles Randall.
- July 6th, 1949. Birchmoor Sewerage Scheme adopted, estimated cost £50,000.
- July 20th, 1949. Messrs. Lemon & Blizard appointed consulting engineers for the Council's water supply scheme. This scheme is called the Backbone or Regional Scheme.
500th house erected by the Council completed.
Haversham fields estate Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works to be acquired by the Council from the liquidators of Messrs. Gilbert Cole, Ltd.
- August 31st, 1949. Trial borehole for water supply to be sunk at Ravenstone (£252).
- September 14th, 1949. Birchmoor Water Supply scheme £72,250 adopted.
- November 23rd, 1949. Council decide to encourage the Naming of Streets and Numbering of houses and many villages adopted schemes.
- January 18th, 1950. Scheme submitted for the extension of the Water supply to Warrington.
- February 1st, 1950. Mr. W. Grainger presented to the Council a site for the Sewage Disposal for the parish of Weston Underwood. Mr. W. Stewart gave free easements for the pipe. Mr. Durbridge carried out the legal work free of cost. Many owners made contributions towards the cost and Mr. Lockwood carried out the scheme for the village, all of which was a wonderful piece of public health work at low cost.
A Public Convenience is to be erected at Woburn Sands.
- February 15th, 1950. The Haversham Fields Estate Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works were conveyed to the Council.
- February 6th, 1950. The Birchmoor Water Supply and Drainage Joint Committee was re-constituted under section 91 of the Local Government Act, 1933 and Standing Orders adopted.
- March 29th, 1950. The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949 reported upon.

July 5th, 1950. Lavendon ford to be removed.

September 6th, 1950. Surveys of footpaths and bridle ways to be made.

October 4th, 1950. At a well attended opening ceremony of the new housing estate at Milton Keynes, the Land Steward of the Merchant Venturers Society of Bristol stated that he would assist in the provision of a Sewerage Scheme for the village. They originally promised to contribute £500 towards the cost, but increased this to £575, which was the amount of Messrs. T. H. Bird & Sons tender submitted this day. The Society were thanked for their public spirited action.

November 1st, 1950. Messrs. Geo. Stow & Co. Ltd's tender of £5,030 9s. for sinking the new borehole at Birchmoor accepted.

December 6th, 1950. Death of Mr. F. Lane reported to the Council. Mr. Lane was for many years reporter for "The Bucks Standard" newspaper, Newport Pagnell. He attended the meetings for a long time and was well known to the members and officers of the Council as an exceptional reporter.

Olney, Dagnall Road Housing Site to be acquired by Compulsory Purchase, 4.49 acres.

February 7th, 1951. The Chairman reported that Mr. E. Stapleton had completed 40 years' service as an officer of this Council and congratulated him. Mr. Stapleton suitably replied and in his turn congratulated Col. J. P. Wyness on his 50 years' service in the public interest.

Bow Brickhill reservoir site conveyed to the Council, also the Yardley Hastings Road Olney Booster Site.

March 7th, 1951. Two thatched cottages opposite the White Lion Public House at Stoke Goldington purchased and repaired by the Council.

Proposal to use Tyringham House as a mental colony opposed by this Council.

Public Inquiry fixed into the proposal to erect a public convenience and shelter on the Market Square, Olney. The Council won this appeal.

Festival of Britain. Council decided to hold a Council House Garden Competition, and Councillors Wyness, Goss and the Rev. Hemming gave prizes. Mr. A. S. Brimley, of 65, Moores Hill, Olney, gained first prize, £3.

May 2nd, 1951. The Newport Pagnell and District Savings Committee presented an aircraft log book to the Council. The Aircraft was Typhoon 1BMN 714 and this is displayed in the Council Chamber.

A motion to open the meetings with prayer was defeated. 6 voted in favour and 9 against.

August 1st, 1951. A link water main with the Bucks Water Board at Shenley Church End is to be put in hand.

September 12th, 1951. Contract sealed for the erection of the Olney Public Convenience and Shelter. Site of the Olney Public Convenience sold by the Olney Parish Council to this Council for 1/-.

October 24th, 1951. Messrs. Lemon & Blizard reported on six Sewerage Disposal Schemes. The first grant was made of £247 9s. towards the improvement of a house at Lavendon. Others follow.

November 13th, 1951. Death of Alderman E. D. Sykes. Members stood in places as a silent tribute to an old colleague.

December 5th, 1951. Site of Sherington Hostel purchased by the Council. The Council converted the hostels into temporary dwellings for 10 years.

January 16th, 1952. Mr. V. D. Joll of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government attended the local inquiry into this Council's application to borrow £129,700 for their Regional Water Supply Scheme and many Councillors and Officers attended to give evidence of the need of the scheme. The scheme was approved.

January 30th, 1952. This Council support protests against closing of the Cheddington Railway Branch Line to Aylesbury.

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- February 11th, 1952. Death of His Majesty King George VI reported. Council send message of sympathy and of their loyalty to the new Queen and the Royal Family.
- February 13th, 1952. Dangerous road crossing at Loughton reported to the Minister of Transport. After deputations to London it was later decided to construct a new by-pass road for Loughton.
- New Bye-laws made and adopted under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.
- March 12th, 1952. Birchmoor Water Supply Contract No. 9, Pumping Main to the new reservoir. Tender of £22,757 11s. 9d. A. H. Busby, Ltd., accepted.
- Later, owing to difficulties of entering into Contract, the next tender of Messrs. Biggs, Wall & Co. Ltd., of £23,158 6s. was accepted and they carried out the work.
- May 7th, 1952. A plan for the possible evacuation of London was considered at the County Hall, Aylesbury.
- June 12th, 1952. Col. J. Williams M.C., C.A., died at Bedford and a message of sympathy was sent to Miss Williams.
- July 2nd, 1952. A Link watermain between Ampthill supply and this Council's supply near Moulsoe Old Wood was decided upon and the tender of Messrs. Topham Thornton, Excavators, Ltd., £3,993 was accepted.
- For years the Council has been pestered with complaints about the water supplies in the Astwood area and this link will provide an adequate supply.
- August 27th, 1952. Guarantee Agreement signed re the Shenley Link Water Supply from the Bucks Water Board.
- For years the Council have been concerned about the water supply to farms and this link will give an adequate supply.
- August 27th, 1952. Motion to ask the Bucks County Council to set in motion the necessary procedure for making up Chapel Street in Woburn Sands.
- October 22nd, 1952. Internal fencing for Council Houses adopted. This proved a thorny subject until it was eventually carried for internal fencing to be provided in new estates. Council agree in principal to the sale of Council Houses.
- November 17th, 1952. Mr. W. R. H. Gilling appointed Sanitary Inspector with effect from this date.
- November 19th, 1952. Council decided to purchase and present medals to schoolchildren as a memento of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
- January 6th, 1953. Mr. Thomas Casstles retires after 31 years service with the Council. Members and Officers presented him with a wrist watch suitably inscribed, in appreciation of his excellent services as Sanitary Inspector and Housing Surveyor. He also gave many years voluntary service to the North Bucks Ambulance. Mr. Casstles returned thanks and referred to the many years of happy association with members and staff.
- February 11th, 1953. Mr. A. Crouch elected Councillor for Olney to fill a casual vacancy and he was unopposed.
- Lord Mayor of London opens Flood Distress and Tempest Fund. The Chairman made reference to the sad loss of life and extensive damage caused along the East coast by the breaking up of the sea defences causing major flooding and also to the loss of life at sea. The nation responded promptly to this appeal by sending consignments of clothing and cash and this district did their share in supporting the Lord Mayor's Fund.
- May 27th, 1953. Lt.-Gen. H. Blount, D.S.O., was elected Chairman of the Council and Lt.-Col. N. B. C. Byam-Grounds was thanked for his services as Chairman during the past two years.
- June 2nd, 1953. Coronation Day. The following telegram was sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: "The Newport Pagnell Rural District offer a dutiful expression of their loyalty to Her Majesty with earnest wishes for a long reign of peace and happiness." The parishes arranged their own festivities, but it was unfortunate that the day turned out very wet.

- June 3rd, 1953. Joint Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works at Birchmoor. The tender of H. C. Janes, Ltd., of £53,223 was accepted. These are new Disposal Works for Woburn Sands, Aspley Guise and Aspley Heath and provision is made so that other adjoining parishes may be treated at these works.
- July 1st, 1953. New Building Bye Laws were sealed.
Council sell the first Council house at Bow Brickhill.
- July 29th, 1953. Messrs. Geo. Stow & Co's tender of £9,979 accepted for No 6 Borehole and certain improvements for No. 5 Borehole, Birchmoor.
Mr. Gasson, Water Manager at Olney, suspended from all duties and later he submitted his resignation after a surcharge by the District Auditor.
- November 4th, 1953. Contract sealed with Messrs. Lindum Lincoln, Ltd for the Birchmoor Water Supply Source Works, £45,155.
- December 16th, 1953. Haversham Manor Estate Sewage Disposal Works and Sewers were accepted as a gift by the Council with effect from the 1st January, 1954.
- February 10th, 1954. The Clerk and Finance Officer addressed a meeting of the North Crawley Women's Institute on the subject of "What do we get for our rates?" Later they also attended other parishes in a similar way. The meetings proved both helpful and interesting.
- April 7th, 1954. The Bow Brickhill Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme presented and Mr. Rolls appointed Resident Engineer.
Dr. C. H. F. Bailey resigns as Medical Officer of Health after 35 years service with the Council. Dr. Bailey's services were always appreciated by the Council.
- May 5th, 1954. Tender of the Hadsphaltic Construction Co., Ltd., £17,630 accepted for the Bow Brickhill Sewerage Scheme.
Bradwell and Emberton Sewerage Schemes are being proceeded with.
- June, 1954. A ceremony was held at the Birchmoor Source Works for the laying of the foundation stones by Councillors C. Hutton & W. Blackburn. The Rev. Peter Hemming, M.A., conducted the prayers.
- June 30th, 1954. Myxomatosis (Rabbit Disease) reported in the district.
- July 14th, 1954. Are Woburn Sands to have brickworks? A local inquiry into the subject was held on the 27th July, 1954, and it lasted two whole days. The Institute at Woburn Sands was hardly large enough to accommodate the people attending.
- August 11th, 1954. Mr. J. J. Longhurst, the Waterworks Foreman at Olney resigns.
- August 25th, 1954. Council accept a tender from Messrs. Wimpey & Co. of £119,254 for their Regional Water Supply Scheme and the work commenced on the 11th October, 1954.

In concluding this record, I desire to express my appreciation to all the Members of the Council under whom I have served and my best thanks to all the Officers and Staff who have always co-operated with me and have given willing service to the Council and the inhabitants of the area.

It has always been my aim to encourage the junior members of the staff and many of them have later obtained important posts in other areas and some promoted by the Council to responsible positions in the service of this Council and they are still giving good service.

I think this record shows that there is little wrong with Local Government and there is little need for any drastic reform or re-organisation of the Local Government system, although much ink has been spilt in recent years on the subject.

E. STAPLETON.

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