

PARISH COUNCIL

Naburn Parish Council was installed by a Parliamentary Act of 1894 and taking over from whatever form of Parish Meeting previously held. On its formation it took over the duties of Overseers, who up till then had been the Church Wardens and had been responsible for the collection of Rates and the Poor Law Acts.

The formation must have been looked forward to, as 17 candidates stood for 11 seats. The Reverend G B Palmes was the first Chairman with the Headmaster, Mr Woodhouse as Clerk. Mr Richardson, Gill Rudding and Mr Atkinson, Naburn Grange were appointed Overseers with Mr Woodhouse as Assistant Overseer who was 'empowered to do all the duties of an Overseer' and to be paid £25 per annum. Any precept of money required by the Parish Council came from the Overseers, £15 in May and £10 in January 1896. The Parish Council also took over the Poor Houses in Moor Lane. These were in poor repair and a 'disgrace to the Village'. A sub-committee was formed to inspect them and report back on repairs needed. These Poor Houses were a constant cause of nuisance and expense to the Parish Council until finally demolished when the District Council bungalows and houses were built in 1937.

__Rents __	1894 - 1918	£165.19.19
__Repairs	1894 - 1918	£158.15.10 barely paying their way.

In 1896 these rules for letting Poor Houses were adopted.

1. These houses to be for the poor of the Parish
2. Each tenant shall sign a declaration of rent (1 shilling per year) and of tenure (1 months notice)
3. If let for accommodation to any other person, such person shall sign declaration of Rent (£4 per year) and of tenure (to quit at one months notice)
4. All sub-letting prohibited

When it was formed, the Parish Council consisted of land owners and farmers but by the early 1900's was becoming much more democratic with Leafs, Hodgson, Crofts, Hope and Bartram mentioned.

SEWAGE WORKS

The sewage works were built around this time and the Parish Council received £11.10.00 from York Corporation in part compensation for damage to the York Road during the building in January 1896. In February they received a further £35.10.00 for damage to the road, which seems to point out that road repairs then were a Parish expense. By June 1896 Mr Potter (District Councillor) was asked to complain to the District Council about the stench from the sewage works and in October 1896 Escrick Rural District Council were asked to take further steps to "suppress the nuisance" caused by the works and a petition was sent.