

## The early History of Winchester City Police Force

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### Introduction

This document was compiled using extracts from documents held in the Hampshire County Archives in Winchester, including W/B5/30/1 and W/C13/1. PC Epps original version may be viewed at the Hampshire Archives in Winchester. (Hampshire Archives reference TOP343/3/179). Hampshire Constabulary History Society also have a copy (Police Reference J.3 (146)).

This transcribed version is almost an exact copy. Where dates and spelling errors were identified in the original these have been corrected. PC Epps started to use 'Ditto' towards the end of the document. The amount extracted from the original Watch Committee minutes also reduces towards the end of the document. Those interested in the history of Winchester City Police may like to look out for a forthcoming publication by the Hampshire Constabulary History Society on this topic.

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To: Whom it may concern The following information has been obtained from the records from the library, Winchester. Also from the Watch Committee Registers, Duty Registers, Charge Books, of the Winchester City Police Force, dating as from 24 May 1832.

We are grateful to the Winchester City Corporation (Guildhall Records), for the loan of some of these ancient records without which we should have been unable to obtain such useful information

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Sir,

Records reveal that at a General Meeting of the inhabitants at The Guildhall, Winchester, on the **24 May 1832**, for the purpose of forming an efficient 'POLICE ESTABLISHMENT' for suppression of Vagrancy in the City, and the suburbs of Winchester.

In the Chair, The Mayor, Alderman BUTT resolved that it will be advantageous to the city and suburbs that a police force should be formed for the suppression of riots and mischief and the prevention of mendacity.

That a Committee of inhabitants be formed to draw up such plans as may promote the above desirable object.

A communication be made to the Commissioners of the Pavement for co-operation in connecting Police and ordinary watch in united system of operations.

That a subscription be raised for payment of expenses as Commissioners of Pavement are unable or not authorised to discharge by Act of Parliament.

The Committee appointed as follows: Dr CHARD, I EARLE, Rev. T. WATKINS, R H LEE Esq, Capt: NEVILL, Mr GARBETT, G R G RICKETTS, R LITTLEHALES Esq., Mr YOUNG, W SMITH Esq., Rev: I. RASHLEIGH, Mr C WELLS PRESTON Esq., Rev R S BARTER, to meet once a week.

The Mayor reported at a meeting of Committee **29 May 1832** that Commissioners of Pavement were willing to advance £100.00 for one year to assist carrying POLICE ESTABLISHMENT into effect.

Resolution agreed upon and that subscriptions be immediately entered into by inhabitants to defray expenses of ESTABLISHMENT, and solicit parishes: St Thomas, St John, St Lawrence, St Maurice, St Michael, St Peter Colebrook, St Bartholomew Hyde and St Mary Calendar.

Also that a request be immediately made to the Bishop of Winchester, the Dean and Chapter, the College, Mayor and Corporation, members of the city and county for subscriptions. (A list of subscriptions follows in the Minutes)

At a meeting of the Committee held at the Guildhall, **28 July 1832** ..... resolved Robert BUCHANAN, being recommended by the Commissioners of London Police as a competent to undertake the Duty as Inspector of intended establishment be selected to fill that situation at the weekly sum of £1.00

The following persons having produced testimonials to the satisfaction of this meeting, be appointed (7) Policemen and recommended to the Commissioners of Pavement for approval:-

Robert BUCHANAN .....Inspector

- (1) James Finch
  - (2) Thomas Ellery
  - (3) William Steadman
  - (4) William Masters
  - (5) William Scorey
  - (6) Thomas Leach
  - (7) John Browning
- As Policemen

At meeting of Committee, **23<sup>rd</sup> October 1832** – received from repeated complaints against policemen Thomas Leach, for drunkenness and other misconduct. Committee feel it their duty to recommend to Commissioners of Pavement, his immediate dismissal, he be suspended that day, pay discontinued.

At meeting of Committee, **24 November 1832** , a vacancy having occurred in Police Establishment (resignation of William Steadman), that James WEBB, on recommendation of her Grace the Duchess of Buckingham, be elected.

Meeting of Committee, **22 December 1832**. Present:- R LITTLEHALES Esq, resolved application be made to Commissioners of Pavement for portion of the money voted for support of Police.

Meeting of Committee , **2 February, 1833**. Present the Mayor Mr Edwards, resolved the Police Committee having received a report that several men belonging to the Establishment do not avail themselves of privilege of sleeping in the House taken by Committee for their accommodation. Resolved, that Inspector BUCHANAN, be requested to give immediate NOTICE, that unless they return and sleep there as usual they will be immediately discharged.

Meeting of Committee **1 June 1833**, that Inspector BUCHANAN be reprimanded for his misconduct and be allowed to retain his situation on promise of amendment.

Meeting of Committee, **27 July 1833**, resolved that a year of the Police Establishment having expired the several gentlemen who volunteered their services for collecting subscriptions last year be again requested to undertake the same for the ensuing Year. (List of subscriptions follows in the Minutes)

At Meeting of Committee, **19 November 1833**, to inquire into various charges against the Police.

Resolved. All lists of subscriptions of last Year that can be collected shall be printed.

That Policeman John BROWNING's pay be reduced 2/- per week for one month, for his misconduct and gross prevarication.

On motion of Doctor CHARD, seconded by Capt: NEVILL, that Mr. BAILEY, shall receive £5 per annum for services as secretary to the Committee. That a letter be written to the Police Establishment for a new inspector.

Meeting of Committee, **25 November 1833**, resolved Mr BUCHANAN, having tendered his resignation that application be made to commissioners of London Police, for their recommendation of another competent person to fill his situation. William SHEPPERD, late of 'A', or Whitehall Division of Metropolitan Police, joined the Winchester Police Force, on Monday, 22 December 1833.

### POLICE FORCE

William SHEPPARD	SUPERINTENDENT
Richard ASHFORD	POLICE CONSTABLES No. 1
Thomas HOWLES	No. 2
George DUMPER	No. 3
William MASTERS	No. 4
William SCOREY	No. 5
Uriah ASHFORD	No. 6
John BROWNING	No. 7

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### WINCHESTER POLICE CHARGE BOOK

**2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1833** .....Charles H BENNY Esq., Mayor

Henry Simonds, charged by George DUMPER, Beadle, with begging in High Street. Reprimanded by C V BENNEY Esq, and discharged

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 1833.** Christopher Helme. Charged by Christopher Huddleston, with embezzling various sums of money belonging to his employer a Omnibus Proprietor, London, and further stated a Reward of £100 was offered for his apprehension. Remanded by H LITTLEHALES Esq., for examination on 9<sup>th</sup> instant, finally discharged, Mr John ROE, of Bayswater, refusing to prosecute.

Meeting of Committee, **9<sup>th</sup> December, 1833.** The Superintendent William SHEPPARD, having reported William SCOREY and Uriah ASHFORD, on Thursday night last, been found in a state of

intoxication...resolved that each of the Policemen be fined £1 per week for three weeks, but in contrition for the offence that if no complaint be made against them in three weeks the same be remitted.

**Charge 19<sup>th</sup> December, 1833**

William Sweetingham, charge by William SHEPPERD, Inspector, with stealing plate, money and other property, belonging to Capt. BUSHY, South Front, Southampton. Committed for trial at the ensuing sessions at Southampton (Transported for Life).

**Meeting of Police Committee. 10<sup>th</sup> January, 1834.** Resolved various complaints having been made against William SCOREY, that he forthwith be discharged from the Police Establishment.

That a Committee be appointed to make extracts from the London Police Regulations Bill, for general information of the Police. Also that on all future occasions when any Policeman shall be discharged he shall only retain such clothing as he has been in possession of for one full year. That a general Notice be given to this effect to Policemen.

**Charge 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1834**

Charles DAY, charged by Ianes BECKETT, of Compton, with stealing from his person on the highway 19/7d, in money and silver watch etc., committing a violent assault while in company with a prostitute named Selina BURCH. Committed for trial at ensuing Assizes. Guilty...Death recorded. To be transported for Life. Inspector William SHEPPERD

**Charge 13<sup>th</sup> February 1834**

Thomas ROLFE, charged by William BROWNING, of Worthy, stealing turnips property of Thomas COURTNEY. Committed to County Bridewell, 3 months and to be twice whipped. Inspector SHEPPERD.

**Charge 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1834**

Martha MORRELL, found wandering in High Street, (sick), having no means to procure lodging. Taken to Police Station by Inspector W SHEPPERD. Following morning sent to London by Burnett's Waggon, the sum of 5/- was paid for her conveyance and 2/- gave her for subsistence on the Road by Order of Mayor.

**Charge 16<sup>th</sup> May 1834**

James HEMMING, a Deserter from the Royal Marines, charged by Major MARSHALL, Royal Marines, Portsmouth, with stealing two gold watches, eleven silver table spoons, three silver forks, one gold guard chain and £5.15s.6d. in money. Sent to Portsmouth by Order of Mayor and Magistrates. Committed for trial by the Mayor of Portsmouth. (Guilty to be Transported for the term of 7 years) William SHEPPERD, Inspector of Police and Edward WYATT Constable, Bishops Waltham, HANTS.

Charge 1<sup>st</sup> July 1834

George HICKMAN, charged by Jacob ROWE, Hyde Street, stealing from his person in Cathedral churchyard, one silk handkerchief. (Committed for trial ensuing County Sessions, Guilty, 7 years Transportation) Inspector SHEPPERD.

Charge 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1834

Charles CANNONS, charged by Mr Farley, Clerk to Mr Justice PATTERSON, with stealing from Judges Lodgings, 2 greatcoats, 2 umbrellas (Committed for trial by the Mayor, ensuing City Sessions. Guilty 6 months imprisonment) I KELLOW-High Constable.

At a Meeting of GENERAL MEETING of the INHABITANTS, subscribers convened by the Mayor, holden **28<sup>th</sup> August 1834**, to consider the propriety of transferring the balance of money raised for the payment of Special Constables, in 1830, to the funds of the Police Establishment Resolved sum of £36.9s.3d, remaining of the fund be transferred to the Police Establishment.

Following a Police Committee Meeting of the **19<sup>th</sup> September 1834**, with regard to inadequate Funds of Police Establishment – General Meeting of Inhabitants, convened by Public Notice, to consider the present finances of this Establishment Resolved that applications be made to for subscription to commence 29<sup>th</sup> September 1834, in advance for ensuing year. The subscriptions be collected and paid in the Gentlemen solicited for the purpose to the Bank of Messrs. Deane & Littlehales, before the end of October next.

Charge 8<sup>th</sup> October 1834. Ellen Macdonald, charged by John Herolet, of Twyford, Constable, with attempting to drown herself at Twyford, also for attempting to destroy herself whil ein the Police Station. Sent to Lainston Lunatic Asylum. Sir Thomas BARING Bt. W SHEPPERD Inspector.

Charge 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1834. Henry TAYLOR and Richard DUGDALE, charged by Sarah DOWSE, Soberton, Hants, with stealing in dwelling house £3.15s.0d. (Committed for trial, County Sessions. Dugdale acquitted Taylor guilty, 6 months). Police Officers William SHEPPERD, and C W ROBESY, Constable, Soberton.

Charge 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1834. Maria HEATH, charged by Has. Bridger, Esq, with stealing from dwelling house, one £5. note of the Bank of Messrs. Knapp & Co, NO. 2316. Committed for trial ensuing City Sessions. (Guilty Transportation for Life) William SHEPPERD Inspector)

Charge 8<sup>th</sup> June 1834. Mary Ann TAYLOR, charged by Sarah FIELDER, Spread Eagle Passage, wilfully throwing vitrol ofer a silk dress. (Fined 40/- and 5/- costs in default was committed for the space of 2 months to City Bridewell). Inspector SHEPPERD.

Charge 4<sup>th</sup> July 1834. Eliza GUNTHORP, charged by P C No. 2 Daniel JACKSON, with exposing her person in the Cathedral churchyard, in company with a male person. (Discharged by Sir S R JARVIS, with reprimand)

Charge 12<sup>th</sup> June 1835. James George, an apprentice, charged by John DUKE, Boot & Shoe Maker, High Street, with neglecting his work. (Committed for trial at ensuing City Sessions – acquitted.

Charge 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1835. Charges Allen and Daniel Cox, charged by Mary Ann Harding, of Christchurch, with attempting to steal a black silk bag at Magdalen Hill Fair, from the person. (Committed to the County Bridewell for space of one month) P C William Rice.

At a Meeting of the Police Committee, at the Guildhall, **22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1835.** Resolved that from repeated complaint against the conduct of Jackson, the Committee feel themselves bound in Justice to the Institution to discharge him forthwith. Also that Jones having tendered his resignation that same be accepted.... Also that SAWKINS and BROWNING, having produced testimonials, be elected to succeed JACKSON AND JONES.

BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER. At a Meeting of the Town Council held The Guildhall, in said Borough, **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1836,** for the purpose of appointing a Watch Committee and other matters. Following gentlemen appointed a Watch Committee... The Mayor, John YOUNG Esq., Alderman GODWIN, Alderman FINDON, Alderman PEIRCE, Mr MAYO, R LITTLEHALES Esq., Mr A KNIGHT, Mr H Barnes, Mr PARMINTER, Mr ARROWSMITH.

At a Meeting of the above Committee held at the Guildhall, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1836. (Chairman John YOUNG Esq.) Resolved... that present Inspector William SHEPPERD, and following policemen William MASTERS, Richard BONE, John BROWNING, James BROWNING, William RICE and William SAWKINS, having expressed their willingness to serve, be continued in their respective offices and to attend at The Guildhall, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> instant to be sworn in as Special Constables for the said Borough, also a Notice be inserted in Hants Chronicle, of any person being desirous of contracting for the clothing of the Police for present Year should make application to Town Clerk, on or before Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1836. The tender shall be opened by the Committee and patterns expected to be produced at that time of the articles contracted for.

That the following persons be named and desired to attend on 15<sup>th</sup> instant to be sworn in as Constables for the Borough for year ensuing:- Henry DOSWELL, High Street (Confectioner), John Lloyd CURRELL, Square, (Hair Dresser), John COLES, Cheesehill Street, (Corn Merchant), Edward Easter, Saint Faith (Baker).

That the number of Police be increased for the present 6 to 7 exclusive of the Superintendent.... That Mr YOUNG and Mr LITTLEHALES, be deputed to wait on County Magistrates to ascertain on what terms per week they will receive prisoners committed by Borough Justices in the Gaol and County Bridewell.

MEETING OF WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 1836**. The Mayor have made a report that County Magistrates were willing to contract with the Borough Magistrates at a weekly charge that same be taken into consideration hereafter. Mr Alderman PIERCE, having proposed and Mr R KNIGHT, seconded that the salary of the Inspector of Police shall be increased to £1.8s.0d. per week exclusive of clothing the same to be recommended to the Council for their approval. Also William SAWKINS, be appointed Sergeant or Assistant to the Inspector of Police, and that it be recommended to the Council to allow him a salary of 15/- per week exclusive of clothing. That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare Rules or Regulations of Police in that same may be fully considered at next meeting of Committee.

MEETING OF WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **28<sup>th</sup> January 1836**.

The tenders for supplying the Police with clothing having been opened resolved that Mr Courtney's tender be accepted he undertaking to provide the same according to the patterns delivered and at the following prices:- The Superintendent, £9, Policemen £7.17s. and finding that's according to the London Police Regulations. That the regulation of the Police now be read be approved and the salaries recommended to the Council for adoption.

BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING, Guildhall, **15<sup>th</sup> February 1836**.

Resolved that Petition now read requesting his Majesty to continue the Quarter Sessions be ingrossed and transmitted to Privy Council for his Majesty's assent and that the present City Seal be affixed to the same and signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Council. Also the usual clothing for the Beadle and Crier with additional of a pair of trousers and boots to the Beadle be provided by Mr HUMPHREYE. Also the Police staffs shall be painted with a Royal Crown surmounting the City Arms with the Letters 'W R' and 'W P' and that the procession staffs be repaired all of which are to be done at a cost of 5/- each.

WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING, **13<sup>th</sup> June 1836**.

Resolved... That Inspector SHEPPERD, having made a charge against Thomas HOLDAWAY, one of the policemen of Establishment of being much intoxicated on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> instant, this being his second

offence that if any charge whatever is again preferred against him, that the Mayor, be authorised to dismiss him immediately.

**WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING, Guildhall, 12 December 1836.**

The Inspector having represented that the present number of policemen were insufficient for the Establishment... Resolved that an additional Policeman be appointed and that an extra sum of 1/6d be allowed to the three married men who lodge out of the Station House, lieu of lodging and fuel and also half a bushel of coal to each of the policemen resident in the 'Station House' to be delivered there at. Also that Mr COLES, the City Surveyor, be requested to form plans and make an estimate of the expenses for converting the City Bridewell into a Police Station and Engine House, in order that the Committee, may be prepared today, same before next Council Meeting.

John Young..Mayor

**CITY OF WINCHESTER, MEETING OF WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1836.**

Resolved that plan now submitted by Mr COLES, Surveyor, to COMMITTEE, for converting City Bridewell, into a Police Station and Engine House be recommended for adoption to next Council Meeting, and Mr COLES estimate for converting the Bridewell, amounting to £51.8s. and the sum for making the Engine House, amounting to £58.10s. be put before Council for their consideration. Also that John HARRIS having been Establishment in addition to the present number.

**CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING OF WATCH COMMITTEE, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1837.**

A complaint having been made against Richard BONE, one of the Police, in allowing a prisoner to escape after apprehending him on warrant. That he be reprimanded for his negligence.

CHARGE 13 December 1836. George SAGER, charged by John HORDER, Lodging House Keeper, Deangate, with stealing a Copper Pott, committed by I YOUNG Esq., for trial ensuing Borough Sessions. (Guilty 12 months imprisonment).

CHARGE 13 February 1837. Thomas SOUTHWELL, charged by Peter LIGHT, Lower Brook Street, stealing a shovel from off the railway, near Worthy. Committed by William NEVILLE Esq., for trial at ensuing Assizes. (Guilty one month imprisonment and once whipped).

Robert WHITE, from Wilts, Charged by Benjm. CHARROTT, Toll Collector, of the Parish of Saint P's. with and endeavouring to wade the Toll and not allowing the wagon which was loaded to be weighed and committing an assault. Fined £2.3s. and costs, by Richard LITTLEHALES Esq., P C W RICE, No. 5.

**CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING OF WARCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, 10 July 1837.**

The Mayor having reported the death of the late Sergeant to Police, proposed that one of Police Establishment should be appointed... BROWNING, MASTERS and RICE, were named and on a division William RICE, was elected Sergeant of the Police to supply vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr SAWKINS.

**MEETING OF WATCH COMMITTEE, Friday, 11 August 1837.**

Mr SHEPPERD, having made a complaint against Richard BONE, being intoxicated on his rounds on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1837, the Committee having heard evidence in support of charge which being considered contradictory... Resolved said Richard BONE, be cautioned against repetition of said charge.

**CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Wednesday, 4 January 1838.**

Resolved. The estimated expenses of an effective Fire Engine with necessary accessories as sent by Mr BRAITHWAITE, having been read amounting to £130... That it is the feelings of the Committee that application be made to Public Bodies, The Dean & Chapter, College and County Finance Committee, to subscribe towards purchasing so desirable an object... Also the four single men shall henceforth be allowed 6 cwt of coals instead of 5 during the winter months Michhas: to Lady Day and the married men out of the House, 2/0- instead of 1/6d during same period.

**CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 1838.**

Mr RICE, one of the policeman, made a complaint that Inspector SHEPPERED, was in the constant practice of degrading him, whilst on duty. Resolved... no substantial case has been made out by RICE, and that he having tendered his resignation as Sergeant of Police that the same be accepted, and that John BROWNING, be selected to fill the vacancy.

John V EARLE Esq., Mayor

**BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Tuesday 8 May 1838.**

The Mayor having reported the Fire Engine as ordered by Council, was arrived and he had been present when same was tried and exercised and it appeared to work satisfactorily. The Committee bet to recommend to Council, in order to render the same beneficial to the Police and public. That an Engineer being a mechanic conversant with machinery be appointed to take care of engine and hose, to grease and air dry the same when exercised. Also that names of householders with their places of residence be entered at 'Station House', for purpose of exercising said Engine one a quarter and to attend at all fires, they being allowed 2/6d each. Also the Engineer, be allowed £2 per annum for purpose of greasing, oiling and keeping Engine in repair.

The Committee also beg to state that the Magistrates of the County of Southampton, at their last Sessions voted the sum of £50 towards expenses of the Engine.

John V EARLE Esq., Mayor

**BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING OF WATCH COMMITTEE, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1838.**

Resolved.. That it be recommended next Meeting of Town Council, that a Director be appointed to superintend and regulate the Fire Establishment. Committee requested Mr ARROWSMITH, to undertake the same which he has consented to do so. 24 names were accepted for men as volunteer Firemen.

**BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1838.**

Mr SHEPPERD, Inspector of Police, having made a complaint against James CROSS, one of the policemen for having on Saturday last 13<sup>th</sup> instant violently assaulted him at 'Station House' and with a general disobedience of order and other misconduct, and the Committee having enquired into complaint, resolved the said James CROSS, be discharged this being third complaint against him.

**CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1839.**

Resolved. Mr RIDER, be again recommended to Council to be appointed High Constable of the said City for year ensuing. Also Committee recommend to Commissioners of the Pavement, that Fire Plugs be introduced in the most convenient places in said City Borough, for supply of water in case of fire.

**MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1839.**

Committee having opened tenders for supplying clothing to Policemen having inspected same .. resolved Cloth No. 1, Mr HUMPHREYS, tender to accepted amount £5.14s. including one Body Coat, two pair of trousers, two pair of boots and hat. The Superintendent's clothing to be £6.16s. exclusive of embroidery.

**CITY OF WINCHESTER, MEETING OF WATCH COMMITTEE, Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 1836.**

The following was found written in the centre of Watch Committee Minutes.

For the purposes of forming an effectual Police Establishment and for suppression of Vagrancy in said Borough, following resolutions were agreed to:-

1<sup>st</sup>. That six men approved by the Committee shall be recommended to the Council at weekly salary of 13/- each as a night and day Police.

2<sup>nd</sup>. That one other person be employed as Superintendent of the whole at a weekly salary of £1.8s.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Also that one other person shall be appointed a Sergeant as assistant to the Superintendent at the weekly salary of 15/-.

- 4<sup>th</sup>. That of these six including the Sergeant shall come on duty on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, and continue until 31<sup>st</sup> March, at 9 in the evening and go off duty at 6 in the morning, and shall come on duty on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, and continue until the 30 September, at 9 o'clock in the evening and go off duty at 5 o'clock in the morning.
- 5<sup>th</sup>. That the remaining person who shall form the Day Police conjointly with the Beadle, shall come on duty a quarter of an hour before the night Police go off duty and continue on duty until the Night Police come on.
- 6<sup>th</sup>. That a 'Station House', be appointed to which the Inhabitants shall constantly have access in case of necessity and that the Superintendent, chosen by the Watch Committee, be in attendance at night to receive the Reports of the Police and other charges.
- 7<sup>th</sup>. That the Police go there rounds according to the direction of the Watch Committee.
- 8<sup>th</sup>. That each Policeman be furnished with a short staff and rattle.
- 9<sup>th</sup>. That the whole of the Police shall make their appearance at the 'Station House', in such a manner as the Watch Committee direct and report to the Inspector the state of the Borough.
- 10<sup>th</sup>. That the Police individually shall see that the Beer Shops situate in their Division or Beat are closed at their proper hours and that any Publicans keeping their houses open at improper hours shall be reported.
- 11<sup>th</sup>. That every Policeman shall exercise his authority with calmness and forbearance.
- 12<sup>th</sup>. That if any or either of the Police shall be found tippling or in a state of intoxication or in any way neglecting his duty it shall be the duty of the Inspector to report him to the Mayor.
- 13<sup>th</sup>. That if either of the Policemen shall at any time accept of any thing in the shape of Bribe or Present directly or indirectly so as to induce him to neglect his duty he shall be immediately discharged.
- 14<sup>th</sup>. That should any man excuse himself from duty upon plea of illness he shall upon such plea produce a certificate in writing from some Medical Person to that effect to the Superintendent for him to lay the same before the Watch Committee who will suspend his pay until he can resume his station, and the same pay shall be appropriated to the appointment of another person to perform his duty for the time he continues ill.
- 15<sup>th</sup>. That Policemen who are off duty are to consider themselves liable to be called on at all times and must prepare themselves when called on at the shortest notice.
- 16<sup>th</sup>. Every man on the Establishment will be required to sleep at the Station House.
- 17<sup>th</sup>. Every man dismissed from the service or who shall before he quits the service deliver up every article of dress and appointments which have been supplied him and if any such articles have been in the opinion of the Mayor and Committee improperly used or damaged a deduction from any pay due to the party shall be made sufficient to make good the damage.
- 18<sup>th</sup>. He shall not use nor allow to be used any button or badge of his office except while he belongs to the Police Service, and at all times shall conform himself to all the Regulations which may be made from time to time for the good of the service.

MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Wednesday 20 November, 1839.**

The Superintendent of Police mentioned Charles HOLDAWAY, lately elected policeman having been discharged by the Magistrates for repeated intoxication and being frequently off his Beat and that Edward PITTER, another policeman had resigned thereby occasioned two vacancies in Establishment. Three applicants appeared Charles BRICE of East Stratton 22 years, Geo. PRIOR 25 and William PINK 25 years, Twyford. Resolved.. George PRIOR, and William PINK, be appointed.

Charles MAYO, Mayor

CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1840.**

Committee having proceeded to inspect cloth and tenders for clothing of Police. That tender of Mr. HUMPHREYS be authorised to supply the Superintendent, with like articles, the cloth to be superior quality and body coat made as frock coat instead of the present shape now worn, he having undertaken to furnish same for sum of £8.9s.0d.

Charles MAYO, Mayor

CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1840**

Inspector reported only 3 efficient Policemen to do duty, MASTERS, having been for sometime indisposed and two policemen PRIOR AND pink, ON BEING REMONSTRATED WITH BY Inspector for misconduct represented they could do better by working in the County, and gave notice that they should leave the Service last Saturday week and left accordingly... Resolved vacancies occasioned by resignation be filled, fresh appointments and that advertisement be inserted in the Winchester Paper (2 Single Men). Also that the 'Station House', be white-washed and grate repaired. The County Magistrates having reported the County Constabulary Police Force, were inefficient to apprehend some railway men at Warren Farm, applied to the Mayor, for permission to increase the County Force, by allowing the City Inspector and some of the Borough Establishment to assist them, permission was accordingly given and with such assistance the Police succeeded in apprehending several of the railway men and brought them to the Borough 'Station House'.

Alderman FINDON, Chairman

WINCHESTER POLICE DUTY BOOK 1840 TO 1845

An account of the Duties performed by the Winchester Police

**1840** January 1<sup>st</sup> DAY DUTY, from 10 o'clock A.M. until 9 o'clock P.M. No. 5 (In reading this we find that No. 5 refers each day to the only Police Constable who was on Day Duty. This was taken in turn each day

by the number of men in the Establishment. Should the number of men be so short parading for Night Duty, the Day Duty shift was taken off). During the Day, the BEADLE, was on duty, but in time the BEADLE'S Duties were dispensed with, this from records I have read being George EUMPER, who was in later years appointed a Police Constable and on occasions was Acting Police Sergeant.

Night Duty. The men went on duty at 9 o'clock p.m. and were dismissed at 6 o'clock a.m.

No. 1	Beat	Police Constable	No. 8
No. 2		No. 3	
No. 3		No. 4	
No. 4		No. 6	
No. 5		No. 7	

The men were all correct on duty during the night.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31 1840, the duties were written in the Duty Register as above. The only variation being of the 5 Constables paraded for duty each day they were allocated a different Beat number.

17<sup>th</sup> February 1840. The men all correct except PC George PRIOR, No. 6 reported to F FINDON and R KNIGHT Esqs, for neglect of duty. (Reprimand)

29<sup>th</sup> March 1840. Police Constable William MASTERS, No. 4, ill and incapable of duty. Duties worked with four constables until PC returned to duty on 5 April 1840. (Up to date it appears out of 6 constables they took it in turn to work from 10 a.m. until 9 pm.

18<sup>th</sup> April 1840. Police Constable No. 8, George PRIOR, has his number changed to No. 2.

20<sup>th</sup> April 1840. PC Wm. PINK, No. 5 Leave of Duty this night.

1<sup>st</sup> May 1840. Change of Duty. The men dismissed 5 a.m. Duties now 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> May 1840. George PRIOR No. 2 and William PINK, No. 5. Left the Police Force. See Defaulter.

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1840. Day Duty suspended till further Order by Order of the Mayor and Magistrates, and the two vacancies not to be filled up at present.

5<sup>th</sup> May 1840. Police Constable William MASTERS, No. 4, Ill and incapable of duty. Returned to duty 19<sup>th</sup> instant.

CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, ADJOURNED MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, **Thursday 21 May 1840.**

Resolved.. that Thomas HINTON, of Itchen Abbas, and Henry PRATT, of Garden Hill Farm, Easton, be appointed Policemen of Borough, in room of PRIOR and PINK. Application having been made by the Policemen for an increase in salary on account of dearness of bread and provisions. That it be recommended to Council, that salary of Superintendent be raised 2/- per week and remainder of Police who have served in the establishment two years and upwards one shilling per week.

Charles MAYO, Mayor

DUTIES 24<sup>th</sup> May 1840. Henry BATT, No. 5 and Charles ALLEN, joined the Police Force, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1840. See defaulter Book.

21<sup>st</sup> July 1840. PC Allen No. 5 leave 2 days.

11<sup>th</sup> August 1840. PC Wm. RICE, No. 7 Ill and incapable of duty. Returned on 17<sup>th</sup> instant.

29<sup>th</sup> August 1840. Henry BATT, PC No. 2 and Charles ALLEN No 5 resigned. William HARDING and William WARREN, joined.

CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1840**

That in future the Policemen resident out of the 'police house' be allowed coals instead of money now paid in lieu thereof. That William WARREN, be appointed in room of Edward MARSH, who was elected last MEETING and discharged improper conduct.

Charles MAYO, Mayor

DUTIES 5<sup>th</sup> September, 1840. P.c. C.R. No: 6 BONE. Ill incapable of duty. Returned 6<sup>th</sup> instant.

10<sup>th</sup> September, 1840. Police Sergeant BROWNING. Ill incapable of duty. P.c. Wm: MASTERS, Acting Sergeant.

1<sup>st</sup> October, 1840. Change of Duties. Men went on duty 9 o'clock P.M. Dismissed 6 o'clock A.M.

3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1840. P.c. Wm: MASTERS No: 4. Ill incapable of duty.

7<sup>th</sup> November, 1840. P.c. Wm: HARDING No: 2. Relieved off duty..ill.

16<sup>th</sup> November, 1840. P.c. Wm WARREN No: 5. Drunk absent from his Beat 2 Hours.. Defaulter Book.

19<sup>th</sup> November, 1840. Sergeant John Browning. Ill incapable of duty. P.c. Wm: MASTERS, Acting Sergeant.

2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1840. George DUMPER, appointed Extra Constable on account of illness of John BROWNING. Isac PAIN, appointed Extra Constable, in consequence of illness of Sergeant BROWNING and Wm: MASTERS.

CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING OF WATCH COMMITTEE. Guildhall, **3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1840.**

Inspector reported that Policemen BROWNING and MASTERS, were ill with a fever at 'Station House', and others unwell.. Resolved. George DUMPER, be appointed a Policeman of Borough and said George DUMPER, was sworn in to act as Special Constable accordingly. That he be paid 15/6d., per week.

Chas. WOOLDRIDGE.. MAYOR.

DUTIES.

16<sup>th</sup> January, 1841. P.c. Isac PAIN, sick. Incapable of duty.

20<sup>th</sup> January, 1841. P.c. HARDING, sick incapable of duty. Returned 21<sup>st</sup> instant.

24<sup>th</sup> January, 1841, P.c. James BROWNING No: 3, sick, incapable of duty. Returned on 25<sup>th</sup> instant. P.c. Wm: MASTERS, ditto.

27<sup>th</sup> January, 1841. P.c. Isaac PAIN. Departed this life at CRAWLEY..An Extra Constable.

CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, **23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1841.**

Resolved Mr. HUMPHREYS, tender..supply 2 pair trousers, 2 pair boots, body coat and hat to each of policemen at £5.10s, from cloth marked C/11879, be accepted, and an additional sum £1. 10s., be allowed for the clothing of the Superintendent.

It be recommended to Council, that present Bell at Police Station, be sold and another provided of louder sound.

Chas. WOOLDRIDGE.. MAYOR.

DUTIES.

8<sup>th</sup> March, 1841. P.c. Wm. WARREN, dismissed. Defaulter Book.

22<sup>nd</sup> March, 1841. P.c. James BROWNING, returned to take over Day Duty until more recovered. extra Constable George DUMPER, appointed in place of Wm: WARREN No: 5. P.c. James BROWNING, taking his Regular duty from 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1841.

5<sup>th</sup> April, 1841. P.c. No: 7 Wm: RICE. Drunk on Day Duty. Reported to the Mayor.

24<sup>th</sup> April, 1841. P.c. No: 7 Wm: RICE, drunk on duty.

29<sup>th</sup> April, 1841. P.c. No: 7 Wm: RICE. Taken before Watch Committee.

CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING OF WATCH committee, Guildhall, **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1841.**

Mr. SHEPPERD, Superintendent of Police, having made a charge against William RICE, of being in a very intoxicated and dirty state Sunday morning last 3 o'clock and said William RICE, confirmed he was in state represented and expressed his contrition..That his pay be withheld for 3 days for which he was suspended by the Mayor, amounting to 7/- and that he be cautioned of any further Complaint be made against him and substantiated he be discharged.

Chas. WOOLDRIDGE.. MAYOR.

DUTIES.

24<sup>th</sup> August, 1841. P.c. Wm: HARDING. Drunk and incapable of duty. See Defaulter Book.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING, Guildhall, **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 1841.**

Great complaints having been made in consequence of deficiency of supply of water in Upper Brooks, from which Stream Water should be supplied in case of Fire. Resolved. that the Town Clerk immediately write to Commissioners of Pavement calling attention to subject and requesting they will immediately atke necessary steps for sufficient and constant supply of water.

Chas. WOOLDRIDGE. MAYOR.

DUTIES.

1<sup>st</sup> October, 1841. Change of Duties. Men dismissed 6 A.M.

15<sup>th</sup> October, 1841. Police Sergeant BROWNING, resigned. P.c. William MASTERS, promoted to rank of Sergeant. (See Occurrence Book)

31<sup>st</sup> October, 1841. P.c. R. BONE. Ill incapable of duty. Returned 4<sup>th</sup> November, 1841.

CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1841.**

John BROWNING, Sergeant of Police Establishment, having been appointed Turnkey to County Bridewell and consquently tenered his resignation. Resolved..William MASTERS, be appointed Sergeant of the Establishment. That Henry PITTER, be appointed a Policeman, in place of John BROWNING.

Chas. WOOLDRIDGE.. MAYOR.

DUTIES.

2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1841. P.c. No: 7 William RICE. Ill incapable of duty. Returned on 7<sup>th</sup> instant.

21<sup>st</sup> December, 1841. P.c. No: 2, HARDING. Ill incapable of duty. Returned on 24<sup>th</sup> instant.

11<sup>th</sup> January, 1842. Police Sergeant William MASTERS. Ill incapable of duty. P.c. No: 5, George DUMPER, Acting Sergeant. MASTERS returned 22<sup>nd</sup> instant.

22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1842. P.c. William HARDING. The worse for drink weh for duty.

10<sup>th</sup> February, 1842. P.c. No: 5, George DUMPER. Ill incapable of duty.

CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1842.**

Resolved..Messrs: Humphreys, tender to supply Police with:- Great coat, Body coat, 2 pair trousers, 2 pair boots, Cape and Hat for the sum of £7.10s.6d each policemen, Cloth No: 2, and an additional sum of £1.10s. be allowed for clothing of Superintendent. Also sum of 1/6d., per pair be paid Clothiers to furnish the boots of superior quality. Also Mr. ARROWSMITH, Director of Fire Brigade, be fully authorised to make use of the Fire Engines of the Borough at all times when rquired either within or and without the limits of the Borough.

W.W. BULPITT..Mayor.

DUTIES.

20<sup>th</sup> April, 1842. P.c.No: 6, BONE. Reported to Mayor, by William BURTON. Defaulter Book.

1<sup>st</sup> May, 1842. Change of Duties. Men dismissed 5 o'clock A.M.

1<sup>st</sup> July, 1842. P.c.No: 6, BONE. Reported to Watch Committee. Defaulter Book, Dismissed from Police Force to leave on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

15<sup>th</sup> August, 1842. P.c. No: 7, reinstated by the Watch Committee.

14<sup>th</sup> September, 1842. P.c. No: 2, HARDING, received a fracture in the leg and incapable of duty. Returned

11<sup>th</sup> October, 1842.

2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1842. Change of the duties. The men dismissed 6 A.M.

6<sup>th</sup> October, 1842. P.c. No: 4, PITTER. Leave on account of death of his wife.

18<sup>th</sup> October, 1842. Police Sergeant MASTERS. Ill incapable of duty. P.c. No: 5 George DUMPER, Acting Sergeant. MASTERS returned 10<sup>th</sup> November 1841.

26<sup>th</sup> October, 1842. P.c. Wm: No: 7, RICE. Drunk while on duty. Defaulter Book.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING OF WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1843.**

That Mr. COURTNEY'S tender to supply Police with: Body coat, 2 pair trousers, also 2 pair boots and hat for the sum of £5.7s.6d., each policmentbe accepted. That his tender to supply the Superintendent, with frock coat, 2 pair trousers, 2 pair boots and hat for the sum of £7.12s.6d be accepted. That he be allowed an

additional body coat this year in consideration of his long services but that such allowance is not to be considered a precedent.

C.W. BENNY..Mayor.

#### DUTIES.

1<sup>st</sup> May, 1843. Change of Duties. The men dismissed 5 A.M.

24<sup>th</sup> September, 1843. Police Constable No: 4, Henry PITTER. On leave two nights, by permission of the Mayor.

#### CITY BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING OF WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **26<sup>th</sup> September, 1843.**

Resolved that that a mattress, 2 pair of blankets and a coverlid, be provided for the prisoners in case of remand to 'Station House'.

Committee having inspected Police Station, and found same unsatisfactory as to cleanliness and that Pig Styes had been erected in rear of the building causing an accumulation of soil. That same be removed forthwith and that the Mayor, give instructions for the white-washing and cleansing of the Station and for repairs to stone-work at the entrance.

C.W. BENNY..Mayor.

#### DUTIES

1<sup>st</sup> October, 1843. Change of Duties. Men dismissed at 6 A.M.

2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1843. P.c. Wm: HARDING, No: 2. Reported to Mayor by Mrs. THOMPSON, of Winnal for neglecting his duty. (Reprimanded. 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1843. P.c. No: 3, I. BROWNING. Ill and incapable of duty. Returned 5<sup>th</sup> instant.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 1844.

P.c. No: 5, George DUMPER. Ill incapable of duty. Returned 5<sup>th</sup> instant.

29<sup>th</sup> January, 1844. P.c. No: 7 RICE. Ill incapable of duty. Returned 31<sup>st</sup> instant.

4<sup>th</sup> February, 1844. P.c. No: 2, Wm: HARDING. Ill incapable of duty. Returned 9<sup>th</sup> instant.

9<sup>th</sup> February, 1844. Police Sergeant MASTERS. Ill incapable of duty. P.c. No: 5, George DUMPER, Acting Sergeant.

#### CITY & BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1844.**

Mr. HUMPHREYS, tender to supply Police, with: Greatcoat, Bodycoat, 2 pair trousers, 2 strong pair Wellington boots, hat and oil-skin cape for sum of £7.6s.6d., each policemen be accepted..Also the Superintendent with like clothing and articles allowing 2/- extra for boots for sum of £9.9.6d. including devices and buttons be accepted. That 7 bands (without buckles) be provided for use of Police.

C. SEAGRIM..Mayor.

#### DUTIES.

9<sup>th</sup> March, 1844. P.c. No: 4 PITTER. Sick and incapable of duty. Returned 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1844.

1<sup>st</sup> May, 1844. Change of duties, dismissed at 5 A.M.

7<sup>th</sup> August, 1844. P.c. No: 4, Pitter, on leave for one night.

18<sup>th</sup> August, 1844. Police Sergeant MASTERS, on leave by order of Mayor. P.c. No: 5, DUMPER, Acting Sergeant. MASTERS, returned 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 1844.

1<sup>st</sup> October, 1844. Change of Duties. Men dismissed at 6 A.M.

6<sup>th</sup> October, 1844. P.c. No: 6 BONES, on leave for this night.

1<sup>st</sup> December, 1844. Police Sergeant MASTERS, ill and incapable of duty. P.c. No: DUMPER, Acting Sergeant.

7<sup>th</sup> December, P.c. No: 6 BONE, sick invapable of duty.

9<sup>th</sup> December, 1844. Chas. COLLINS, and William LEVISON, Extra Constables in the places of MASTERS and BONE. BONE returned 16/12/44 MASTERS 18/12/44.

20<sup>th</sup> January, 1845. Extra Constable LEWISON, discharged.

27<sup>th</sup> January, 1845. Police Sergeant MASTERS, leave for this night. DUMPER, Acting Sergeant.

#### CITY & BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1845.**

Mr. HUMPHREY'S tender to supply Police with Body coat, 2 pair trousers, also 2 pair of strong Wellington boots and hat for the sum of \$5.5s.0d each policeman be accepted. That his tender to supply the Superintendent of £6.16s.0d., be accepted.

Chas. MAYO. Mayor.

#### DUTIES.

30<sup>th</sup> April, 1845. P.c. No: 4 HARDING, reported to Mayor, for being the worse for drink (liquor) while on duty. Reprimanded.

24<sup>th</sup> May, 1845. Men dismissed 5 A.M.

22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1845. P.c. No: 5 DUMPER, Acting Sergeant in absence of the Inspector. Returned 30<sup>th</sup> July, 1845.

19<sup>th</sup> August, 1845. P.c. No: 6 Richard BONE, reported to Watch Committee, Defaulter Book. P.c. No: 3, BROWNING. Ill incapable of duty, returned 23<sup>rd</sup> instant.

1<sup>st</sup> October, 1845. Change of duties. men dismissed at 6 A.M.

4<sup>th</sup> October, 1845. Police Sergeant MASTERS, ill incapable of duty. P.c. No: 5 Dumper, Acting Sergeant. Returned 11<sup>th</sup> instant.

16<sup>th</sup> October, 1845. P.c. No: 4, Henry PITTER, ill incapable of duty. returned 22<sup>nd</sup> instant.

DUTY BOOK FINISHED 31/10/1845.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 1845.**

Resolved.. Charles COLLINS, be appointed as an additional police officer during next three months and then discharged.

The Inspector of Police having reported that the Force had discharged their duty to the entire satisfaction of the Inhabitants of the Borough.

Resolved.. that it be recommended to the next Meeting of Council, that the sum of £2, be paid to the Inspector of Police, 15/- to the Sergeant, and 10/- to each policeman for their conduct on the occasions.

Henry BARNES..Mayor.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1847.**

Resolved that Charles COLLINS, be appointed Police Constable in the room of William RICE, resigned. Also it be recommended next Council Meeting, the Police Station, be painted, whitewashed and the locks oiled according to specifications.

C.R. THOMAS..Mayor.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1847.**

Testimonials as to character having been produced by Thomas HAWKINS, he be appointed Policeman for said Borough. Also that the Beadle, be desired to attend the Mayor and Magistrates on Monday, next to be sworn in as a policeman to assist the police in performance of their duty.

That application having been made by Mr. SHEPPERD for increase in salary an account of performing Billeting Duty, that same be considered at next meeting of Committee. That DUMPER, the Policeman, be appointed Sergeant, during temporary absence of MASTERS, being unable to resume his duty; that

DUMPER, be appointed to act as an assistant Sergeant until next Quarterly Meeting at 2/- per week extra pay.

C. SEAGRIM..Mayor.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1847.**

That the sum of £5, be recommended to the Council, to be distributed amongst the Police, with the exception of the Superintendent and Hawkins and the newly appointed Constables, for extra duty performed in consequence of a casual decrease in the force.

C. SEAGRIM..Mayor.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **5<sup>th</sup> January, 1848.**

Resolved the policemen be issued with new armlets. Also Beat recommend by Superintendent SHEPPERD, be adopted for the future. That it be recommended next Council Meeting that DUMPER, one of the policemen be appointed an Assistant Sergeant with additional salary of 2/- per week.

Also that it be recommended that a gratuity of £2.2s. be given Mr. SHEPPERD, as Billeting Master for past services and one guinea per annum for the time to come as long as such services are performed by him.

C. SEAGRIM..Mayor.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **17<sup>th</sup> April, 1848.**

Testimonials as to character having been produced by George LEACH, William HEWARD, Frederick COXE, and John FACEY. That Frederick COXE, be appointed a policeman in room of Walter DUGAY, discharged after appearing before the Watch Committee, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1848, for being guilty of intoxication and other charges fully substantiated.

C. SEAGRIM..Mayor.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, **9<sup>th</sup> May, 1848.**

A charge made against Richard BONE, for misbehaviour as a Policeman, in going into the house of Mrs. KING, in which GILGARNY lived and accusing him of Felony. The Committee proceeded to investigate the charge and found upon examination that no such accusation had been made. Another charge having been brought against him for having pressed a man by the name of BUNCE, to go and treat him in a Beer Shop kept by BEALE, in Gaol Street, this charge having been gone into and BUNCE, not appearing to support it the COMMITTEE discharged the complaint.

C. SEAGRIM..Mayor.

**7<sup>th</sup> November 1848.**

That William HEWLETT, having presented satisfactory testimonials of character be appointed policeman of said Borough, for the usual Winter months.

ditto.

**29<sup>th</sup> January, 1849.**

Resolved Samuel NORRIS, be appointed an Extra Policemen in room of Thomas Geulett. Also William HARDING, be appointed a Sergeant in room of George DUMPER. That the Superintendent, be supplied with a key to ring the bell at the Guildhall, in case of Fire. Also that the Town Clerk, be desired to advertise for tenders for the Clothing of the Police and separate one for their Boots and Shoes.

Charles March Deane, Mayor.

**15<sup>th</sup> March, 1849.**

Resolved.. Mr. Talmmadges tender to supply the Policemen and Superintendent with articles of clothing for sum of £9.15s. be accepted. Also that Mr. WATSON'S tender for supplying the Superintendent and policemen with boots be accepted at following prices:- Wellington boots for Superintendent 20/- . Ditto for the men 19/- per pair. Ankle boots for the men tipt and nailed by a Tipping Smith 13/- per pair  
Also the Superintendent be allowed an additional Body Coat this year the same to be made as a dress coat.

Ditto.

**CITY & BOROUGH OF WINCHESTER, MEETING WATCH COMMITTEE, Guildhall, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 1849.**

Resolved that it be recommended to next Meeting of Council, that a days pay be allowed to the Inspector and all the policemen for their extra duty on the occasion of Prince Albert's visit to the City.

Ditto.

Ditto.. **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1849.**

Resolved James CARTER, be appointed a Policeman in the room of Henry FAYLE, appointed a Night Constable in the room of James CARTER, appointed as above. The said James CARTER and William TOMLIN, were respectively sworn in to act as Special Constables accordingly.

Edward C. FAITHFUL, Mayor.

Ditto. **6<sup>th</sup> March, 1850.**

Resolved.. That William TOMLIN, be appointed a Policeman in room of William Thomas Yeulett, appointed a Police Constable for the County of Southampton.

Ditto.

**Ditto. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1850.**

Resolved.. That Mr. WATSON'S, tender for supplying Wellington boots at 19/- per pair for the men, 20/- per pair for the Superintendent, be accepted. Also Mr. Humphrey's tender for supplying the Policemen with articles of clothing amounting to £5.8s., be accepted, also for the Superintendent amounting to £7.16s., be accepted. That a greatcoat and cape be supplied for the Extra Policeman when required. Also that half a dozen of Lamps be supplied by Mr. HAYES, to the Superintendent, for the use of the Police

Ditto.

**Ditto.. Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1850.**

A memorial having been presented to this Committee by William MASTERS, Sergeant of Police Establishment on his being compelled to resign that Office on account of ill health, praying that in consideration of his having performed the duties of his Station, for eighteen years, and no complaint having been recorded against him, a gratuity might be given him on his leaving the Force..Resolved that it be recommended to the next Meeting of Council that the sum of Seven Pounds be given to him as a gratuity for past services, and also in consideration that during that period he had suffered several times from injuries inflicted in the execution of his duty... William DOLLERY, having presented most satisfactory testimonials as to character.. Resolved that he be appointed a Policeman of Special Constable, for said City, was sworn to such act accordingly. Also that Charles COLLINS, be appointed Sergeant of the Police in the room of the said William MASTERS, resigned.

Ditto.

**Ditto. Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1850.**

Resolved.. That it be recommended next Meeting of Council (Town), that a Penny Rate, be made on the City for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Police Establishment for the ensuing Quarter. Also that George LEACH, having produced satisfactory testimonials be appointed an Extra Policeman for the Winter Quarter, he was thereupon sworn in.

Ditto.

**Ditto.. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1851.**

Resolved that the following Bills be recommended to next Meeting of Council to be paid out of the Watch Rate:-

Mr. M. FILER Junr: for repairs at Police Station 1849 £8. Ditto repairs 1850. £2.4s.6d.

The Proprietors of Gas Works for lighting same for Midsummer to Christmas last. £4.10s.

Mr. Geo. Gunner, oil etc for the Police during 1850. £4.19s.6d.

Mr. John Langan, for repairs at Police Station. £1.4s.

The proprietors of Water Works, one Quarters Rent of Water to Police Station, due 21<sup>st</sup> December, last. £1.

Mr. Henry Arrowsmith, for mending window. 2/-. Total. £22.0.0d.

That it be recommended to next Meeting of Council, that a Watch Rate of three farthings in the Pound, amounting to sum of £125.5s.9¼d. , be raised towards the payment of expenses of the Current Quarter.

Charles SEAGRIM..Mayor.

**Ditto.. Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1851.**

That Mr. MITCHELL'S tender, for Superintendent's clothing and hat amounting to sum of £5.17s, also for the men amounting to sum of £3.5s., be accepted.. Also that Messrs: Chas. Green & Sons, tender for supplying Wellington Boots @ 16/- per pair for Superintendent and 14/6d., per pair for the men be accepted. A complaint having been made by the Superintendent against Fredeick COXE a policeman for being intoxicated whilst on duty. Ordered that COXE'S pay be stopped for 4 days amounting to 8/- and that in case of its happening again the Mayor have power to immediately discharge him without calling a Meeting. A complaint having been made by the Superintendent against George LEACH, an Extra Constable for the Winter months for misconduct whilst on duty. That his pay be stopped for 3 days and that he now be reprimanded.

Ditto.

**Ditto.. Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1851.**

Resolved the following bill to be recommended to next Meeting of Council, to be paid out of Watch Rate, Mr. H.J. MITCHELL, for Police Clothing £37.7s. That it be recommended at next Meeting of the Council, that Watch Rate of three farthings in Pound amounting £123.3.10 ¾d., be raised towards payment of expenses of the Current Quarter..Also that George LEACH be appointed a Policeman in room of James CARTER, resigned, being strongly recommended by the Superintendent.

Ditto.

**Ditto.. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1851.**

Resolved that that it be recommended next Meeting of Council, that the Sergeant's pay be increased 2/- per week.. Also that the Town Clerk, be requested to write to Mr. Mayne, one of the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, desiring him to recommend a fit person to succeed Mr. SHEPPERD, the late Superintendent who has resigned his office.

Ditto.

**Ditto.. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1851.**

Resolved that Mr. Henry Hubbersly, having been highly recommended by Mr. Mayne, one of the Commissioners of Metropolitan Police, and having produced most satisfactory testimonials as to ability and

character, be appointed Superintendent, of the Winchester Police Force, in place of Mr. SHEPPERD, resigned.

Ditto.

**Ditto.. Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1851.**

Resolved following bills be recommended to next Meeting of Council to be paid Watch Rate:-

Mr. H. ARROWSMITH, Plumbers work at Police Station... £.5. 10s. 6d.

The Proprietors of Gas Works, lighting same Christmas to Midsummer £4. 10s. Mr. Edward Godwin, for Coat and Trousers for the Beadle etc., £4. 2s. The Proprietors of Water Works, One Quarters Rent of Water to Police Station, 25<sup>th</sup> March, last. £1.0.0d.

Ditto.

**Ditto.. Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1851.**

Resolved William TAYLOR, having produced very satisfactory testimonials be appointed Policeman in place of Frederick COXE, discharged, to his age being within period prescribed by this Committee, or thereabouts.

Also that ten new constables truncheons like those in London, prescribed for the Police Establishment and purchased at the proper House in London.

Ditto.

**Ditto.. Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 1851.**

Resolved following bills be recommended to next Meeting of Council be paid out of Watch Rate:-

Mr. Chas, Fielder, repairs and alterations at Police Station. £19. 19s. 4.

Ditto repairing Fire Engine. £1. 2s. Mr. C. GREEN, for policemen's boots £15. 9s. Mr. H. J. MITCHELL,, for clothing for the new Superintendent, including greatcoat etc. £12. 12s. 6d. Mr. Richard Tebay, painting at Police Station, £12.18s. 7d. The Proprietors of the Water Works, half a years rent of water to Police Station, due 29<sup>th</sup> September, last. £12. Total £63. 11s. 5d. Also it be recommended next Meeting of Council that a Watch Rate of one penny in the Pound, amounting to sum of £164.5s.2½d., be raised towards the payment of expenses of Current Quarter.

At this Meeting William Taylor who was appointed Policeman last Meeting of Committee, attended and was sworn in.

Ditto.

**CITY OF WINCHESTER, MEETING OF WATCH COMMITTEE, Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1852.**

Resolved following bills be recommended to next Meeting of Council, to be paid out of Watch Rate:- Mr. N. WARREN, for printing Morning Reports Charge Sheets and binding latter etc., supplied afresh on the new

Superintendent taking office. £6. 6s. 6d. The Proprietors of Gas Works for Lighting Police Station, from Midsummer to Michaelmas last. £2.5s. Mr. John Hayes, ironmonger for articles supplied for work at Police Stn: £3. 2s. 1d. Messrs: E. & R. Godwin, for repairing chairs and supplying new blinds at Police Station, £1. 16s. 6d.

Mr. H.J. GILLINGHAM, for repairing stone pier at Police Station 10/9d.

Mr. W. Humphreys, for repairing greatcoat. 2/-. Total.. £14. 2. 10d.

Also that it be recommended at next Meeting of Council, that a watch rate of one penny in the Pound amounting to £164.5s.2½d., be raised towards the payment of expenses of the Current Quarter. Also it be recommended at same Meeting of Council, that the Town Clerk, be desired to advertise for Tenders for the Clothing of the Police, and a separate one for their boots.

Edward Faithfull..Mayor.

**Ditto.. Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1852.**

Resolved that Superintendent, be requested to write to Mr. MAYNE, for him to recommend a man as Policeman for the Winter Months and on such recommendation the Mayor have the power of appointing such policeman.

Ditto.

**Ditto.. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1852.**

Resolved the following bill be recommended to be paid out of the Watch Rate. Mr. Wm. Tanner, for binding Police Gazette and stationary 9/3d.

Ditto.

**Ditto.. Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1853.**

Resolved that it be recommended to the Council, that no fresh Beadle, be appointed in the place of George DUMPER, deceased. That it be recommended to the next Meeting of Council, that Extra Policeman be appointed in case of the office of Beadle being abolished.

W. Barrow Simonds Esq., mayor.

**Ditto.. Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1853.**

Resolved.. Out of some 12 applicants.. that the said Henry CLARD, be appointed a Policeman or Special Constable for the said City.

W. Barrow Simonds Esq., mayor.

**Ditto.. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1853.**

The tenders for Clothing the Police. Resolved.. that Mr. Mitchell's tender for Superintendent's clothing and hat as per pattern, amounting to £5. 17s. 6d., also for the men amounting to £3. 15s., be accepted. Also Mr. Watson's tender for supplying Wellington boots at 18/- per pair Superintendent, and 17/- per pair for the men be accepted.

Ditto.

Ditto.. **3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1853.**

resolved a complaint having been made by the Inspector against Richard BONE, one of the policemen for improperly taking a woman into custody and having used insulting language to the Sergeant on duty and other charges, and there having been several complaints heretofore made against him. resolved that said Richard BONE, be dismissed.

The Superintendent, having represented to this Committee, that Samuel NORRIS, on account of his having received an injury whilst discharging his duty as a Policeman in this Establishment, and consequently his inability to perform all the services required. Resolved.. That it be recommended to next Meeting of Council, that he be allowed 5/- per week, for three months and at the expiration of that period to take his case into further consideration.

Ditto.

Ditto.. **23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1853.**

Resolved that John UNDERWOOD, having produced very satisfactory testimonials be appointed a policeman in place of Richard BONE.

A memorial having been presented to this Committee, from the men employed in the Police Force, stating that in consequence of the increase in the price of provisions they wished some additional increase to their salary.

Resolved.. That it be recommended to the next Meeting of Council, that all policemen who shall have been in the force two years and upwards shall receive the sum of 16/6d., per week, instead of 15/6d., as now given them, being an increase of 1/- per week.

Ditto.

Ditto.. **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1853.**

Resolved .. A memorial having been presented to this Committee, from the Sergeants employed in the City Police Force, stating that their present rate of wages was in sufficient to meet the wants of their families and soliciting and increase to their present pay.

Resolved..That it be also recommended to the next Meeting of Council, that in consequence of the long services of the said Sergeants their pay be raised from 18/6.d, to £1., per week.

Ditto.

Ditto.. **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1853.**

A memorial having been presented to this Committee, from the men employed in the Police Force, stating that in consequence of the increase in price of provisions they requested an additional increase of 1/6d., per week to their present pay. resolved..That it be recommended to the next Meeting of Council, that all men who may have been in the force two years and upwards receive the sum of 18/- per week, instead of 16/6d., as at present allowed.

Resolved.. That John GALE and James STRATTON, be appointed as Policemen during Winter months with express understanding that at the expiration of that time the most efficient shall be elected as a permanent Policeman and should either of them wish to leave the force before that time he shall give one months notice of his intention to resign.

Ditto.

Ditto.. **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1854.**

Resolved the following bills be paid out of Watch Rate:-

Gas Co., - lighting Police Station, Michas: - Xmas.	£2. 5s. 0d.
G. Gunner, lamp oil for the Police.	5.10s. 0d
Martin Filer, repairs to Police Station.	19s. 3d.
James Rumbold, Repairs at Police Station	6.10s. 6d

Total:- £15. 4. 9

That it be recommended to next Meeting of Council, that a Watch Rate of 1d. in the £ amounting to sum of £163. 14. 4 ½d., be raised towards expenses for current quarter.

Chas R. ROGERS.Mayor.

Ditto.. **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1854.**

Resolved that Mr. WATSON'S, tender for supplying Wellington boots at £1., per pair for Superintendent, and 18/6d., per pair for the men be accepted.

Mr MITCHELL'S, tender for Clothing. Superintendent, one great Coat, one Hat, one Frock Coat, one Cape, two pair of trousers pattern 4, £9.10.6d. For the men one great coat, patter NO:1, one body coat, two pair of trousers pattern 2, one hat and cape. £5. 15. 6d., be accepted.

#### PETITION AGAINST CONSOLIDATION.

City of Winchester – At a Meeting of the Consolidation of Counties and Borough Police Committee, held at The Guildhall, **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1854**...Resolved.. that following Petition be immediately engrossed and forwarded to each of the City Members and that the Mayor be authorised to affix City Seal thereto.

To the Honorable The Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Winchester, in Council assembled. Sheweth..That your petitioners have seen with the greatest regret a Bill brought into your Honorable House, entitles a Bill to render more effectual the Police in Counties and Boroughs in England and Wales. That the Bill in question as affecting Cities and Boroughs is based on evidence wholly of an ex parte character given before a Select Committee of your Honorable House, by interested Chief Constables of Counties County Magistrates, or persons favourable to their particular views on the question on which inquiry none of the Cities or Boroughs so largely affected by such evidence were heard.

That your Petitioners regard the Bill in question as an unconstitutional interference with the privileges of Boroughs and subversive of the independence and right of self government secured to them by the Municipal Corporations Reform Act, as it will practically place the entire control of the whole police of the Kingdom in the hands of Her Majesty's Home Secretary.

Yours Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House, will refuse to sanction any measure which shall interfere with the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporations in reference to the appointment management and control of their police as now established by law.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray etc.

Given under the Common Seal of the said City this fourteenth day June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Chas. R. Rogers, Mayor.

Resolved.. The Following letter be immediately forwarded to each of the City Members signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Committee.

Winchester, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1854.

Sir,

A Meeting of the Council of this City was held a short time since to take into consideration that proposed alteration in the Police Force of the Kingdom.

At that Meeting the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to – Resolved unanimously.. That it is the opinion of this Council that the Consolidation of Counties and Boroughs Police of this Kingdom would be an infringement upon the principle of Municipal Self Government and this Council therefore resolve to oppose any such measure for such consolidation.

Also that a Committee consisting of the Mayor, Mr. Alderman FAITHFUL, Mr. Richard ANDREWS, Mr. Charles WOOLDRIDGE, Mr. Harry WOOLDRIDGE, Mr Alderman VENTHAM, and Mr. Charles WRIGHT, be appointed for the purpose of preparing a petition to Parliament against the adoption of any

such measure and to take such further steps as to such Committee shall seem conducive to give effect to the foregoing resolution.

In compliance with these Resolutions and carrying out the power delegated to them the Committee have prepared a Petition to the House of Commons against the passing of the Bill now introduced by Lord PALMERSTON.

The feeling was unanimous in the Council, that this Bill is a most unconstitutional measure that it is a stepping stone to further interference and eventual suppression of Self-Government in Boroughs, a system which is justly looked upon by most people as conducing to liberty and good order and we can venture to say that this feeling is entertained by a vast majority of the right judging of our Citizens.

A Public Meeting has been called in pursurance of a Requisition most respectably signed and there is not the slightest doubt but that similar Resolutions to those passed in the Council will be unanimously passed at such meeting as we venture to say upon no occasion have stronger expressions of dissatisfaction been expressed than as regards the measure in question. We therefore hope that your opinions are such as we entertain upon this question and we look with great confidence to your advocating our views when the enclosed Petition is presented by you to the House.

I am Sir, on behalf of the Committee,  
your obedient Servant,

Chas. R. ROGERS..Mayor.

Sir,

J.B. EAST, Bart. M.P.

I. B. CARTER Esq, M.P.

Also resolved.. That the following letter be immediately forwarded to each of the members for the Northern Division of the County, signed Winchester 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1854.

Sir,

I beg to enclose Copy of a letter which has been forwarded to Sir J.B. EAST, and M. CARTER, the members for our city which will explain to you the feelings of the Council and I may say of the vast majority of the Citizens of Winchester respecting the Bill for rendering more effectual the Police in Counties and Boroughs in England and Wales.

The Committee feel that as Winchester, is in the Division of the County which is honored in having you as its Representative, they may with propriety ask of you to take the matter of the proposed abolition of their City Police, into your serious consideration and they venture to hope that you will arrive at the conclusion that no valid reason can be given to justify such a step.

I am Sir on behalf of the Committee, your obedient servant.,

Chas. R. Rogers. Mayor. Melville Portal Esq

Charles Shaw Lefevre M.P.

Melville Portal Esq. M.P.

City of Winchester. Watch Committee Meeting, Guildhall, **Monday 3/7/1854.**

For the purpose of filling vacancy in Police Establishment. Testimonials as to character and ability having been produced by John EVANS.. Resolved that he be appointed a Policeman in place of William STURT, who was not duly qualified he being below the usual standard of height.

Ditto.

Ditto **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1854.**

Resolved the following bills be paid:- (Out of Watch Rate)

John HAYES, for Lamps for Police.....	£1. 2. 3d.
William TANNER, for stationary Police.....	1. 5. 2d.
Fire Brigade 2 months salary due 1 <sup>st</sup> instant.....	3. 1. 0.
Henry ARROWSMITH, for refixing water closet.....	11. 3.
Henry WHITE, repairs at Police Station.....	3.18. 4.

£9.18. 0.

Ditto **Tuesday.1<sup>st</sup> May 1855.**

Resolved.. The Superintendent of Police, reported to Committee, the necessity in his opinion of substituting a permanent man in place of the Winter man so that services of latter would not be required.. Resolved.. it be recommended to next Meeting of Council, that permanent man be substituted in lieu of Winter man. Town Clerk be authorised to advertise for one policeman in lieu of STRATTON, resigned.

John VENTHAM. MAYOR.

Ditto. Meeting of Fire Brigade Committee, held at Police Station, **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1855.**

Mr. Samuel VENTHAM, having informed Committee, that the water was turned off at the Water Works, every night at about 8 o'clock and in case of fire it was entirely in the discretion of the Company to turn the water on or not and that the water would not be turned on without an order from him or one of the proprietors as no remuneration was allowed them for same. Resolved.. Mr. VENTHAM, be requested to ascertain from the proprietors of Water Works, what sum they would require per annum to allow the water to be turned on in every case of Fire and whether there would be any objection to each policeman carrying a Latch Key about him so that in case of fire during the night he might admit himself into the Water Works, and after been instructed so to do, turn the Water on himself at the Works, so that no time should be lost. That Mr. Henry ARROWSMITH, be authorised to order a Portable Engine which could be carried by two men and placed in any room in case of Fire and which the Committee, think would be very useful. The cost being about £3.

Ditto.

Ditto. **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 1855.**

The proprietors, of Water Works, through Mr. Samuel VENTHAM, intimated they would be willing that a supply of water and use thereof be always ready in every case of Fire upon the Council, paying them the sum of £10, per annum.. Resolved.. That it be recommended to next Meeting of Council, the acceptance of such offer which Committee consider very liberal.. The Committee have also satisfaction to state that Proprietors of Water Works, are willing that proper instruments for turning on the Water should at all times be available to the Police in case of Fire, and that they should be provided with a key so as to gain admission to Water Works, premises and so be able to turn on the Water to mains without the necessity of calling their Servant to do so. The Proprietors of the Water Works, nevertheless depending on the Council entrusting the proper use of such keys entirely to the control of the Superintendent of Police.

Charles WOLDRIDGE. Mayor.

Ditto. **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1856.**

That it be recommended to next Meeting of Council, that the system hitherto adopted by the Policemen of receiving Christmas Boxes be in future discontinued and that an additional Salary be recommended in lieu thereof.

Resolved that Mr. WATSON'S, tender for supplying the Wellington Boots @ 20/- per pair for the Superintendent and 19/- per pair for each of the men be accepted. That Mr. Thomas Ruff's tender for clothing be accepted. For Superintendent:- one Greatcoat, one Hat, one Frock Coat, two pair of Trousers,

one Cape, for sum of £9. 9s. For the men:- one Greatcoat, one Body Coat, two pair of Trousers, one Hat, one Cape for the sum of £6. 2. 6d

Cas. WRIGHT. Mayor.

**Ditto. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 1856.**

The Watch Committee, beg to report to the Council, that by the new Police Act, which have now received the Royal assent, all fees and enolluments hitherto received by Police Constables are abolished and as they will be lessers by the change, the Committee, consider that a fair equivalent or compensation should be made to the Police for the loss which they will necessarily sustain by the abolishment of their fees by this Act. The fees of the City Police average about 1/8d., per week each man (including Christmas Boxes) while those of the Superintendent last year amounted to £23. 4. 2d. The Committee, have ascertained that the salaries of our City Police as compared with those of the neighbouring County and Towns are much below them. They therefore think it desirable for the efficiency of the Force, that their wages should more nearly assimilate with the wages of the Police in neighbouring Towns. They therefore recommend that the following sums be paid to the Police.

Superintendent.            £2. 0. 0d.

Sergeants.                1. 2. 0.

1<sup>st</sup> Class Constables.        1. 0. 0.

2<sup>nd</sup> Class "                17. 0. per week for the first after they have joined the Force and 18/- afterwards.

Ditto.

**Ditto. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1856.**

To revise assessment to the City and Watch Rate.... Resolved.. That it be recommended to the next meeting of Council, that the undermentioned parishes and places be in future assessed to the City and Watch Rates namely:-

	CITY RATE.	WATCH RATE.
St: Mary Kalendar	3474	3474
St: Faith	5341	5341
St: Michael	1904	1904
St: Thomas	14684	14684
St: Bartholomew-Hyde	3338	3338
St: Swithun	774	774
St: Peter Cheesehill	1600	1600
St: Maurice	5441	5441

St: John 2024 2024  
 Milland 853 853  
 Chilcomb 312. 10. 6. 312. 10. 6.  
 St: Lawrence 1898 1898  
 Winnall 260 260  
 Week 1632 1632  
 St: Peter Colebrook 1470 1470  
 Extra parochial places viz:- 1500 1500  
 Close 580 580  
 College 200 200  
 Wolvesey 20 20  
 Elizabeth Meadow Wharf 120 120  
 College Mill 90 90  
 St: Cross extra parochial meadow Messrs: Goldfinch, The Rev. Archibald Neil Campbell Machacklam 45  
 45  
 St: Cross 100 100  
 £47660. 10. 6 £47660. 10. 6

Ditto.

Ditto.

**Tuesday. 4<sup>th</sup> November, 1856.**

Resolved.. That it be recommended to the Council that an Extra Policeman be appointed so that the parish of St. Faith including St. Cross may be regularly watched.

Ditto.

Ditto.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1857.**

The Mayor informed Committee, a complaint had been made against Sergeant COLLINS, by Mrs. PEARCE, of the Three Tuns Inn, for that he had obtained from her in his public capacity of Police Sergeant a Musical Box, of the value £10, alleging the same to have been the property of his daughter and also using threats to induce the said Mrs. PEARCE, to give him the said Box, and the Committee, having examined several witnesses on the subject and giving the case their greatest consideration are of the opinion that the said Sergeant COLLINGS, should forthwith tender his resignation which he accordingly did.

Charles Wright Chairman

Ditto.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1857.**

To appoint Police Sergeant and Constable. Mr. Budden proposed and Alderman KELSEY, seconded and Resolved.. That John EWEN, one of the Police Constables be prompted to and appointed Police Sergeant in the room of COLLINS, resigned. Also that James Yates, be appointed Police Constable in the room of John EWEN, promoted, subject to his producing satisfactory testimonials to the mayor and passing the usual medical test.

Ditto.

chester City Police Force, taken in 1902 at Abbey  
The city had its own force from 1832. Its  
task was to deal with the problems caused by  
within the city. The force remained a separate  
til it amalgamated with Hampshire in 1943.  
w: far left is PC Wadmore; second from right is  
awney; *Front row, third from right is PS Jeliff.*

